

Table 9 What businesses wish to see

Improvements in traffic flow at the A14 and reduced congestion in the village, especially near the Primary School	61%
Improvements in security, visible policing and street lighting	43%
Improved catering and facilities on Buckingway Business Park	29%
Improved public transport and cycle paths for employees and apprentices	18%
Better control of parking and resulting rubbish at Buckingway Business Park	6%
More meeting facilities, and facilities for the young	8%

this report. Nonetheless, farmers generally gave similar responses to other respondents about urban development and floodwater management.

2.14 Community safety, law and order

66% of respondents always feel safe in the village; another 32% feel safe sometimes, and some respondents specifically added “most of the time”. Overall this indicates a high perception of safety in the village: see Table 10. Young people are concerned about bullying and intimidation, and they and adults both mentioned the Green and High Street as places where they feel anxious, especially in the evenings.

While 52% categorise Police presence as adequate or better, the other 48% class it as poor; Police Community Support gets very similar ratings. 40% of respondents want an increased Police presence and better Police response to reported incidents: see Table 11.

The Neighbourhood Watch is seen as useful by 71%, but some feel it should be more active and better publicised.

34% of respondents call for more action on anti-social behaviour, loitering, vandalism, under-age drinking and drugs, speeding, and unlawful settlement; 9% call for more youth facilities and greater parental control of young people.

2.15 Transport, roads and road safety

90% of respondents use their cars for business and work, social and leisure purposes, and shopping. Most do not share car use, though some do so for social and leisure use and shopping.

The bus service is the main mode of transport for only 6% of respondents (compared with 80% who mainly use their cars). Even walking scores higher (9%), but for respondents without cars (including young people and the Over 50s) it is essential. The main problems cited with the bus service are inconvenience, longer journey times, restricted hours and no service to the desired destination. The bus service is used principally for leisure and shopping trips.

Questionnaire respondents, Swavesey Surgery, the Over 50s and the Women’s Institute comment that the lack of bus service in Boxworth End makes life particularly difficult for non-drivers and those with mobility problems, and taxis do not compensate for the shortcomings of the bus service. (Since the questionnaires were returned, the Number 15 service has been rerouted through Boxworth End; its performance should be monitored.)

Respondents think that parking could be better organised in High Street (86%) and in Market Street (74%), and in Middle Watch at particular times. They believe overnight

Table 10

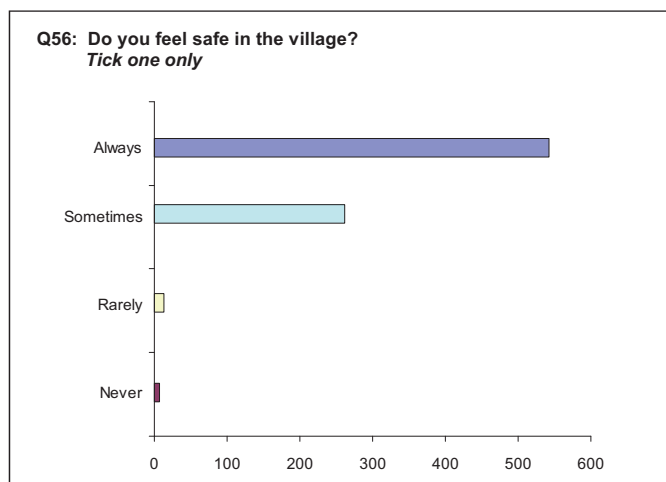


Table 11

