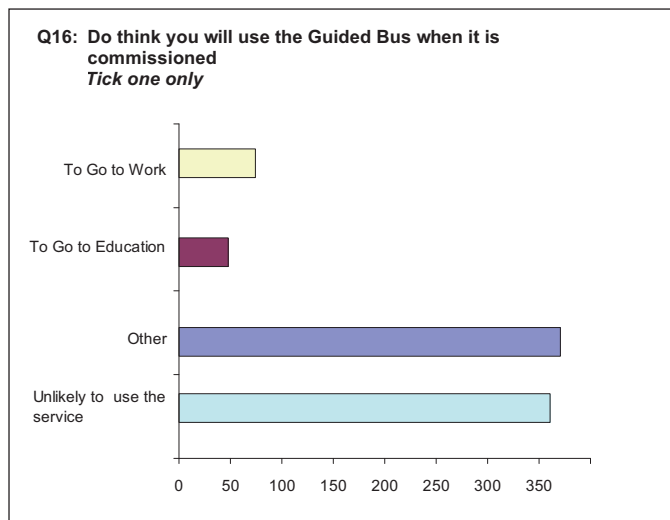


Table 12



*"It can only be a white elephant ..."*

*"It will turn the village into a car park ..."*

*"It will improve access to St Ives and Cambridge"*

Table 13

Q18 What will be the impact of the Guided Bus on the village?	
Increased parking, traffic & congestion	174
Detriment to environment & wildlife	36
Poor access from Boxworth End	28
Reduced bus service	25
Unwanted eyesore, waste of money	20
Level of fares & service?	24
Increased crime, vandalism, ASB	7
Loss of walks	4
Disturbance & noise	3
No cycles allowed on bus	3
Increased Council tax	2
Light pollution	1
Urbanisation	1
Flood risk	1
Too many street signs	1
Little/ no impact	9
Improved access to Cambridge/ St Ives	69
Reduced traffic on A14 & in village	32
Increased house prices, commuters	11
Benefit	5
Fuel saving	1
Safer	1
Safer cycleway	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>459</b>

parking facilities for heavy goods vehicles are needed to prevent parking problems on the Fen Drayton Lakes road (91%) and at Buckingham Business Park (60%).

78% of Questionnaire respondents and the Women's Institute see speeding as a problem and think the speed limit is appropriate; 60% consider the traffic calming measures ineffective.

The Guided Bus prompted more responses than any other question: see Tables 12 and 13.

About 58% of people think they will use the Guided Bus. Many fear that it will mean increased parking and traffic, will lead to reduced bus services elsewhere and will be detrimental to wildlife and environment. Most intending users say they will walk to the Guided Bus stop, but some will drive and park nearby. A significant number express concerns about the level of service and fares.

Others think it will improve access to Cambridge, St Ives and other places, reduce traffic and increase house prices.

Many people think facilities for cyclists are reasonable, and those who disagree point to the need for cycleways to Buckingham Business Park and from Swavesey to Longstanton. People noted that the Guided Bus maintenance track will provide a safe cycle route, but that cycles will not be carried on the bus.

People consider that roads in the village are not adequately maintained, but think the pavements are in better order, except where drainage is poor. Both roads and footpaths are generally considered to have adequate lighting.

## 2.16 Village communications

Over 90% of respondents say The Meridian is the best source of information about Swavesey, followed by word of mouth, notice boards and shop windows. Opinion on the need for a Parish Council information point is split evenly.

Young people want more information about Swavesey Action for Youth, sports and activities, by email or newsletter.

*"The Meridian is excellent. Long may it flourish."*