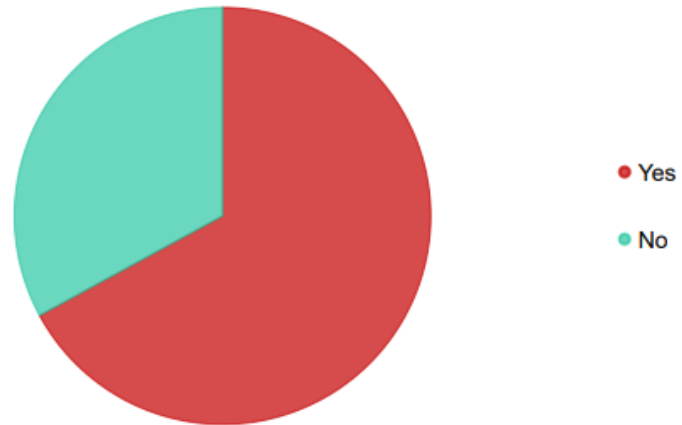


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The Proposed Development of Additional Car Parking in the Ballycastle Seafront Area

Question 1.1 Have you experienced parking difficulties in the seafront area of Ballycastle?



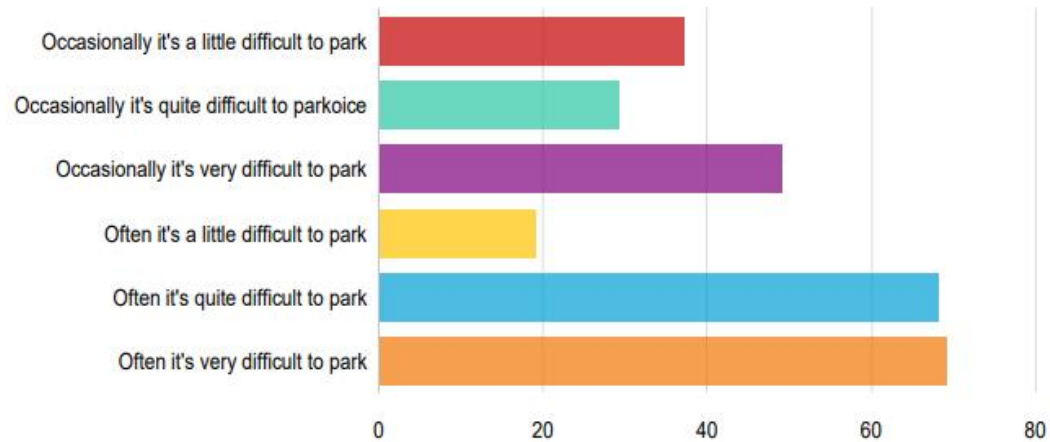
Answers	Count	Percentage
Yes	271	67.08%
No	133	32.92%

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If yes, please select the option that best describes your experiences:

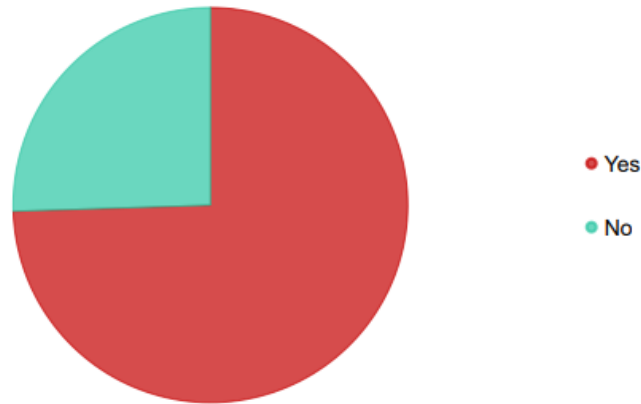


Answers	Count	Percentage
Occasionally it's a little difficult to park	37	9.16%
Occasionally it's quite difficult to park	29	7.18%
Occasionally it's very difficult to park	49	12.13%
Often it's a little difficult to park	19	4.7%
Often it's quite difficult to park	68	16.83%
Often it's very difficult to park	69	17.08%

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Question 1.2 Have you experienced traffic congestion issues in the seafront area of Ballycastle?



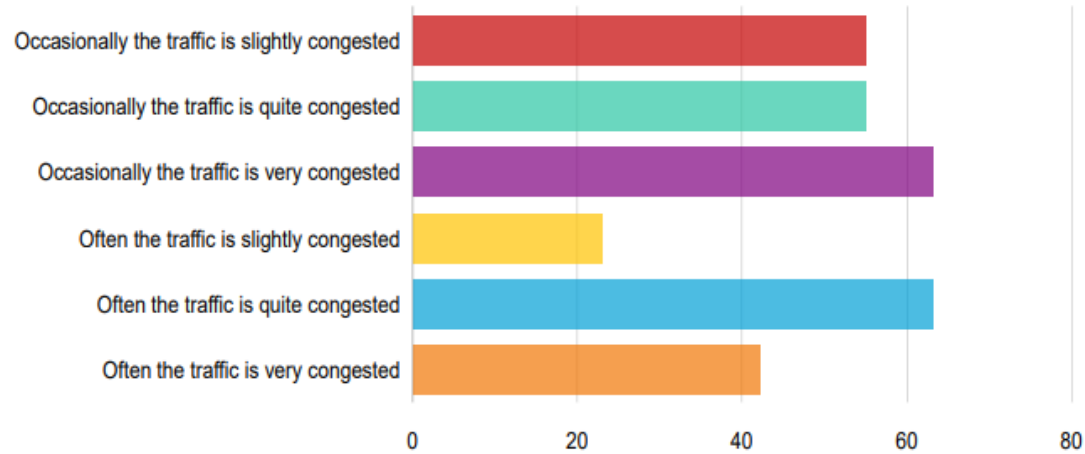
Answers	Count	Percentage
Yes	301	74.5%
No	103	25.5%

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If yes, please select the option that best describes your experiences:



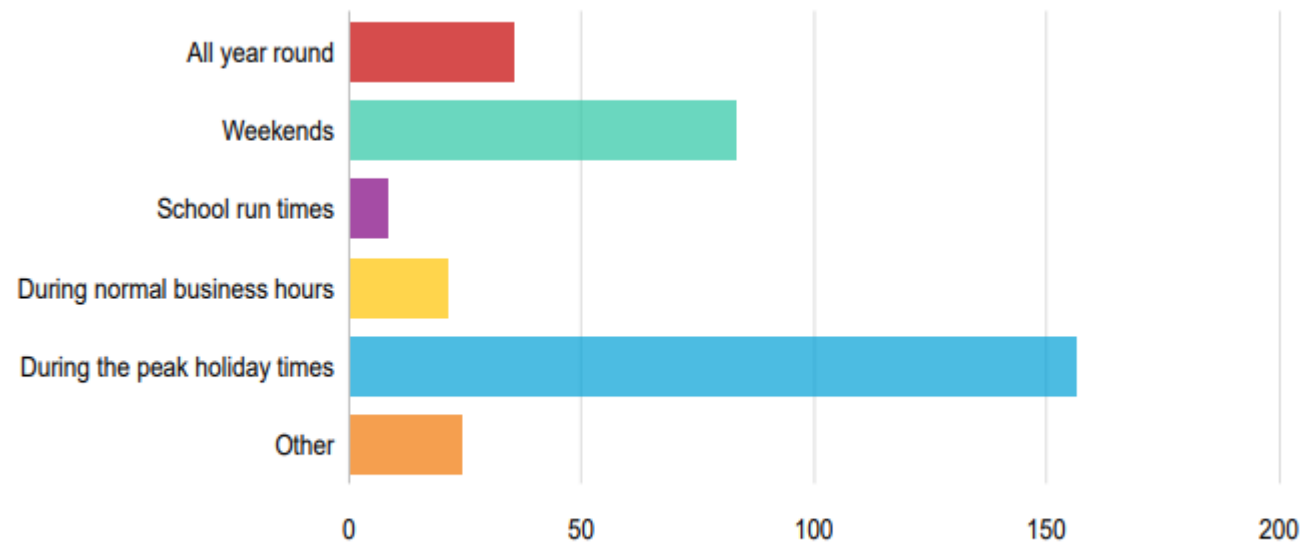
Answers	Count	Percentage
Occasionally the traffic is slightly congested	55	13.61%
Occasionally the traffic is quite congested	55	13.61%
Occasionally the traffic is very congested	63	15.59%
Often the traffic is slightly congested	23	5.69%
Often the traffic is quite congested	63	15.59%
Often the traffic is very congested	42	10.4%

Answered: 301 Skipped: 103

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Question 1.3 If you have experienced any difficulties, when was it most frequent?



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Or other, please give details – summary of the key points from the additional responses received

Difficulties occurred at the following peak times:

- Weekends and holiday periods.
- Summer season (May–August), especially in good weather.
- Bank holidays and busy days.
- Lammas Fair.
- Markets at the seafront.

Some difficulties are also caused by:

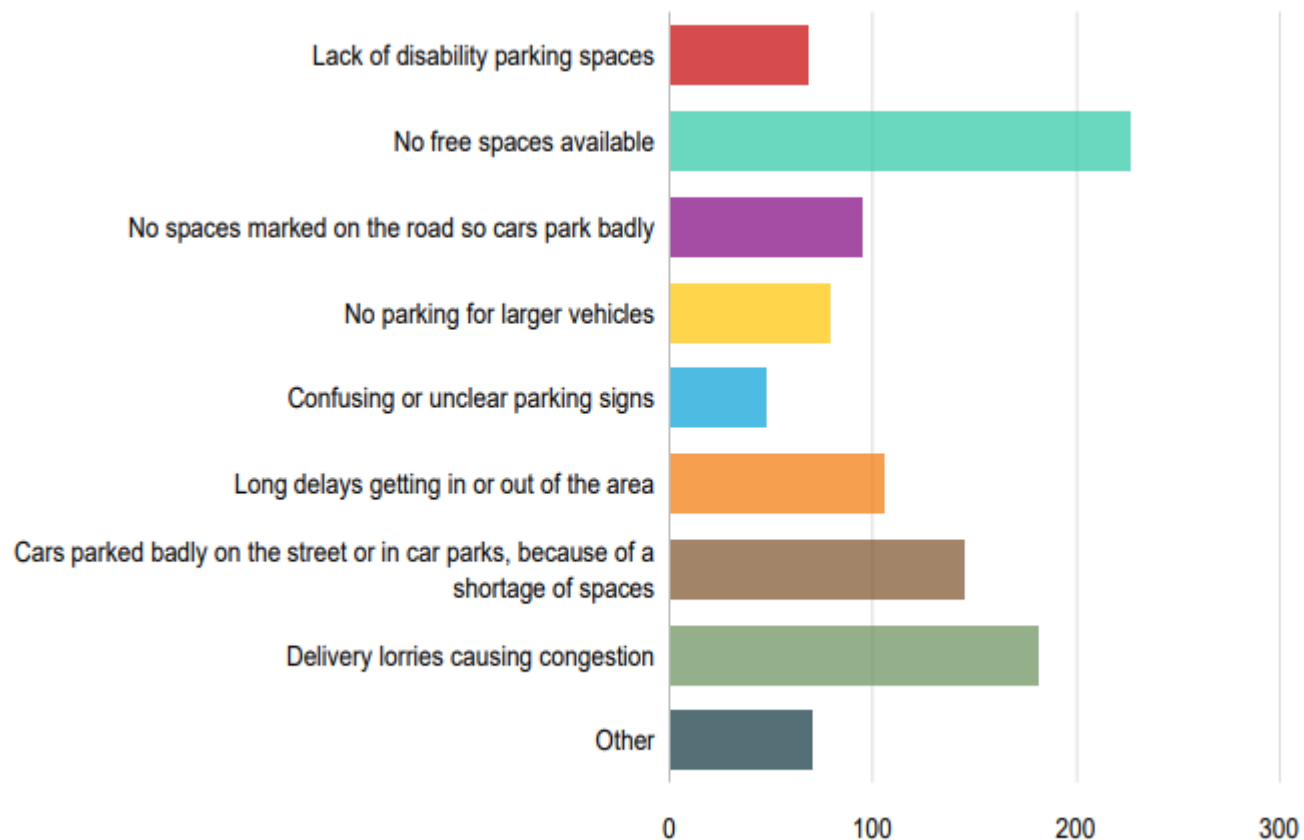
- Roadworks near car parks.
- Busy pedestrian crossings.
- Deliveries to businesses.
- School run traffic on Quay Road and Beechwood Avenue.

Traffic is often at a standstill during these times.

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Question 1.4 Please can you tell us what parking and traffic problems you have encountered at the seafront area of Ballycastle, select all that apply



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Percentage answers to this question:

Answers	Count	Percentage
Lack of disability parking spaces	67	16.58%
No free spaces available	226	55.94%
No spaces marked on the road so cars park badly	94	23.27%
No parking for larger vehicles	78	19.31%
Confusing or unclear parking signs	47	11.63%
Long delays getting in or out of the area	105	25.99%
Cars parked badly on the street or in car parks, because of a shortage of spaces	144	35.64%
Delivery lorries causing congestion	181	44.8%
Other	69	17.08%

Answered: 338 Skipped: 66

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Campervans/Motorhomes:

- Taking up multiple spaces.
- Parking overnight in normal bays and at the seafront.
- Lack of designated motorhome parking and chemical toilet facilities.
- Excessive numbers during peak season and events (e.g., Lammas Fair).

Motorbikes:

- Parking on footpaths and zebra crossings.
- Blocking pedestrian access, forcing prams and wheelchairs onto the road.

Zebra Crossing at Seafront:

- Causes major tailbacks, especially on busy days.
- Suggested replacement with traffic lights for better flow and safety.

Poor Parking Practices

- Cars taking up more than one space.
- Parking on double yellow lines and “Keep Clear” zones.
- Lack of marked bays outside shops.

Delivery Lorries & Buses

- Lorries causing congestion near McLister’s.
- Buses blocking Marine Hotel corner, forcing traffic onto wrong side.

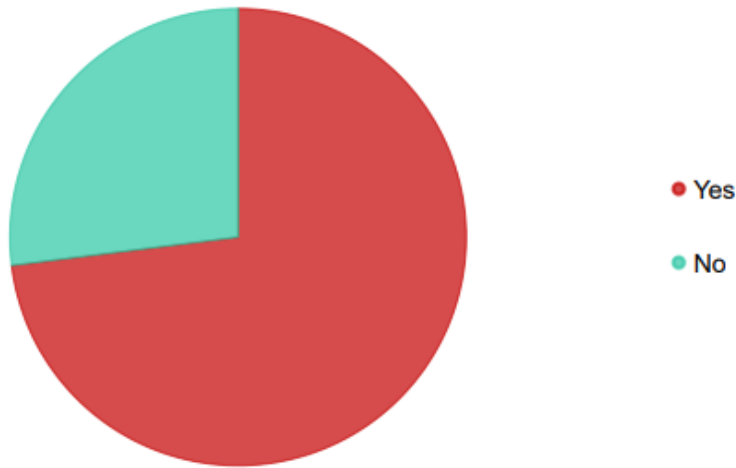
Other Issues

- Potholes and poor road conditions.
- Lack of mother-and-child parking.
- Complaints about parking charges and fines.
- Visitors unaware of alternative parking areas.
- Cars reversing into seafront road from lower North Street.

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Question 2.1 Are you in favour of additional car parking in the seafront area of Ballycastle?



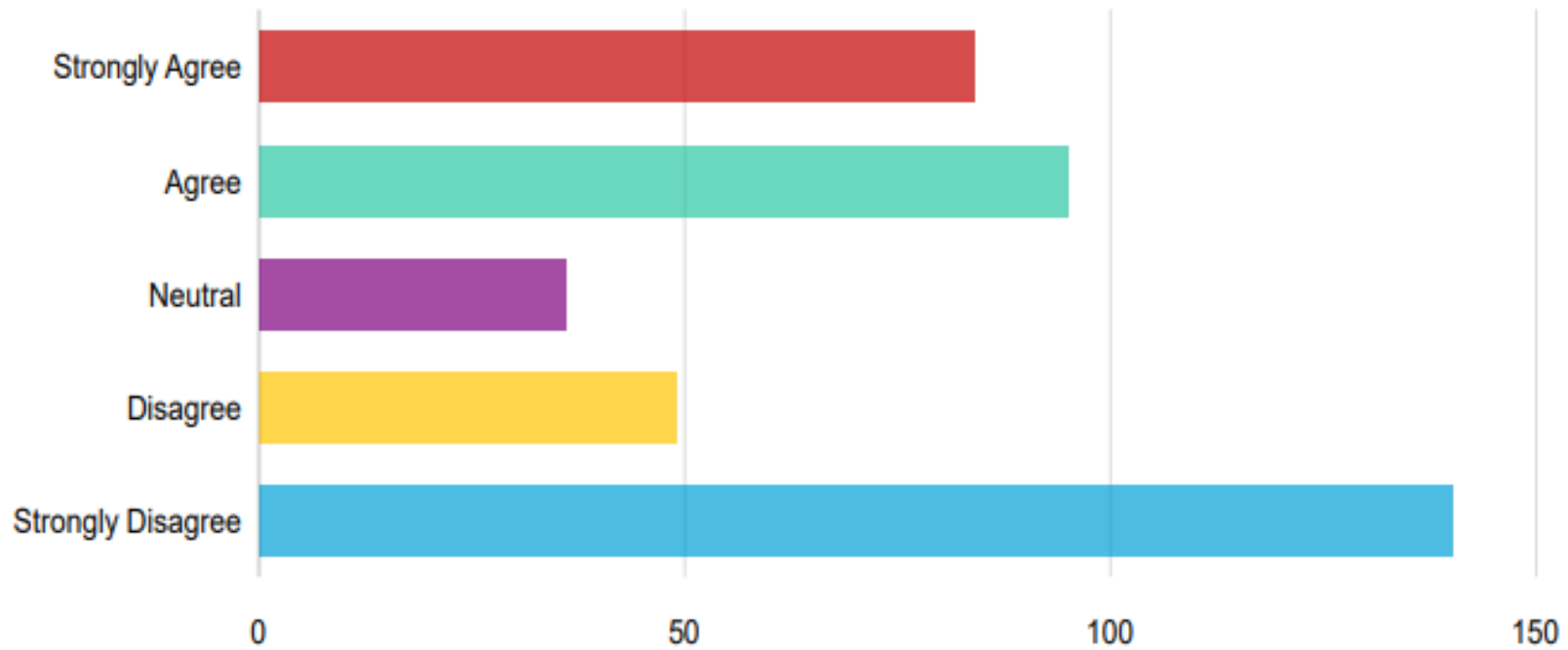
Yes	295	73.02%
No	109	26.98%

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Question 2.2 How do you feel about the plan in the drawing to expand public parking in the area to the rear of Sheskburn House?



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Percentage answers to this question

Answers	Count	Percentage
Strongly Agree	84	20.79%
Agree	95	23.51%
Neutral	36	8.91%
Disagree	49	12.13%
Strongly Disagree	140	34.65%

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Or other, please give details – summary of the key points from the additional responses received

Strong Opposition to Demolition

- Strong opposition to demolishing Sheskburn House, while some support parking expansion only if Sheskburn remains intact.

The foremost alternative solutions suggested

- Use green field behind Sheskburn for additional parking instead of demolishing the building.
- Improve existing car park layout, remove shipping containers, and mark parking spaces clearly in the Ballycastle area.
- Install better signage and VMS (Variable Message Signs) to direct drivers to available parking.
- Provide campervan facilities with amenities to free up spaces.
- Consider park-and-ride options.

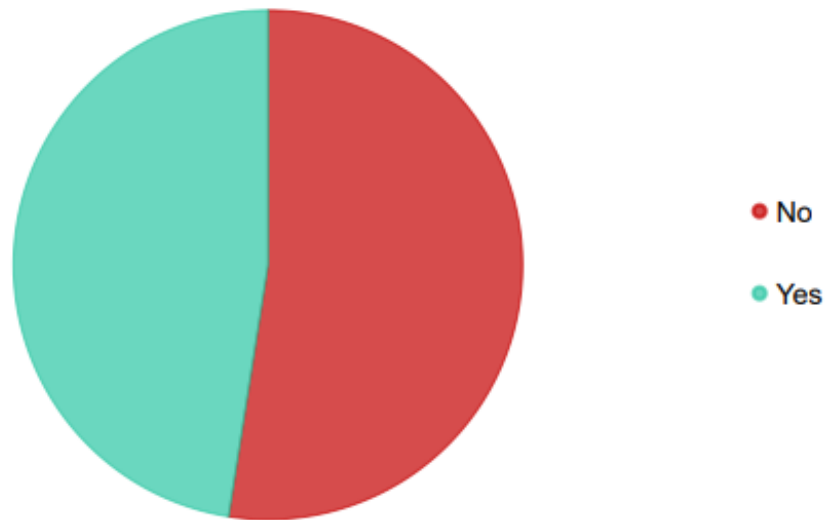
Concerns

- Residents argue year-round community needs outweigh seasonal tourist parking.
- Parking benefits mainly visitors and seafront businesses, not wider town economy.
- Suggestion to repurpose gym for community meeting space rather than demolish.
- Loss of green space and wildflower meadow.
- Increased traffic, noise, and congestion in residential areas.
- Impact on privacy and property values for nearby homes.
- Comments reference Climate Act obligations and need for sustainable transport solutions.

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Question 2.3 Do you believe the additional parking will add economic benefit (e.g. more visitor spend, more jobs, more successful businesses) to the Town?



Answers	Count	Percentage
No	212	52.48%
Yes	192	47.52%

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Or other, please give details – summary of the key points from the additional responses received

Alternative Solutions

- Include park-and-ride systems,
- Multi-storey car parks in central areas,
- Better signage for existing car parks,
- And designated campervan facilities.

Concerns About Location & Impact

- Proposed site seen as too far from main shopping streets.
- Benefits limited to seafront businesses.
- Seasonal demand means spaces may lie empty for much of the year.

Community Priorities

- Strong opposition to demolishing Sheskburn, which hosts vital community activities. Residents want transparency and protection of local services.

Strategic Concerns / Support for Parking

- A belief parking alone won't revive the town centre or create jobs.
- Lack of investment and sustainability issues highlighted.
- Some believe easier parking will encourage visitors to stop and spend money, but others argue benefits are minimal.
- Parking does not guarantee economic growth; revitalization of Castle Street and town centre is needed.

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Question 2.4 Are there any other alternative options you would like to suggest that could ease the traffic and parking issues in the seafront area of Ballycastle?

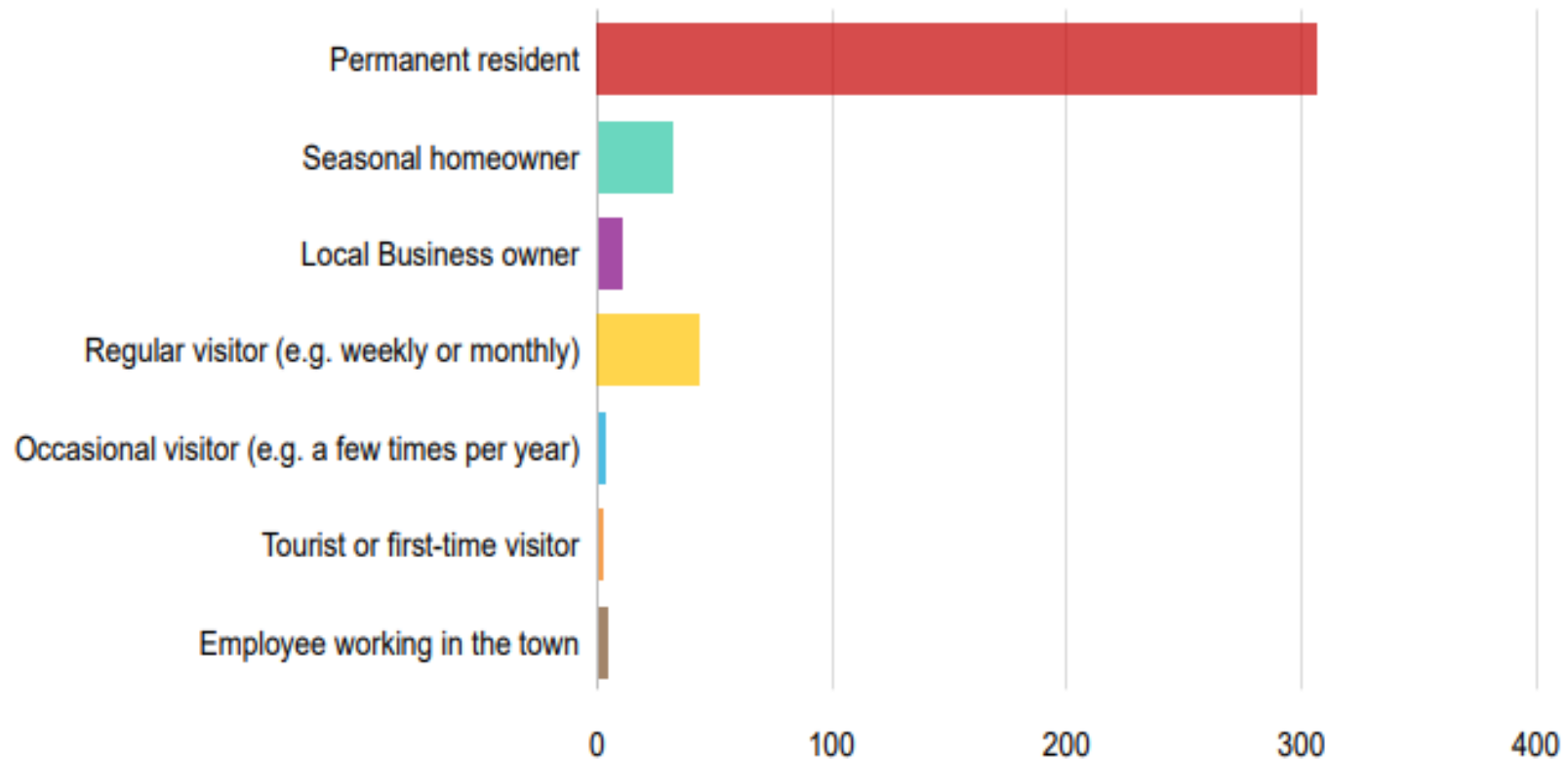
Summary of the key points from the additional responses received

- Remove or reduce parking charges to encourage visitors, ease congestion, and support local businesses.
- Introduce seasonal park-and-ride with shuttle services from town outskirts (e.g., school car parks on weekends) to manage peak traffic and reduce pressure on seafront areas.
- Improve signage and implement VMS technology to direct motorists to existing underused car parks and maximise current capacity.
- Expand motorhome and coach parking outside town, work with caravan parks/landowners, and introduce charges for campervans to prevent free occupation of multiple spaces.
- Improve public transport connectivity, including more frequent rural buses, evening/weekend services, and promotional incentives; explore long-term rail feasibility.
- Review and optimise existing sites:
 - a) Redesign Sheskburn Car Park, remove containers, and use greenfield areas behind Sheskburn for extra spaces without demolishing essential facilities.
 - b) Explore additional sites (e.g., Quay Road expansion, old Manor House site, Barnardos site) and consider multi-storey options where feasible.
- Traffic flow and enforcement measures:
 - a) Restrict deliveries to early mornings/evenings and use rear access where available.
 - b) Remove reverse-out parking on seafront.
 - c) Enforce no roadside parking on Quay Road and ban campervans from Mary Street.
 - d) Issue tickets for double parking and improve enforcement for illegal or inconsiderate parking.
- Encourage town centre footfall by promoting existing car parks, improving towpath links to Fairhill and Ann Street, and revitalising neglected assets (e.g., Bay Café, old amusement site).
- Long-term strategic measures:
 - a) Consider bypass options to divert through-traffic.
 - b) Explore compulsory purchase of derelict sites for redevelopment into parking or community spaces.
 - c) Investigate multi-storey car park feasibility and improved bike parking facilities.

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Question 3.1 Which one of the following best describes you?



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Percentage answers to this question:

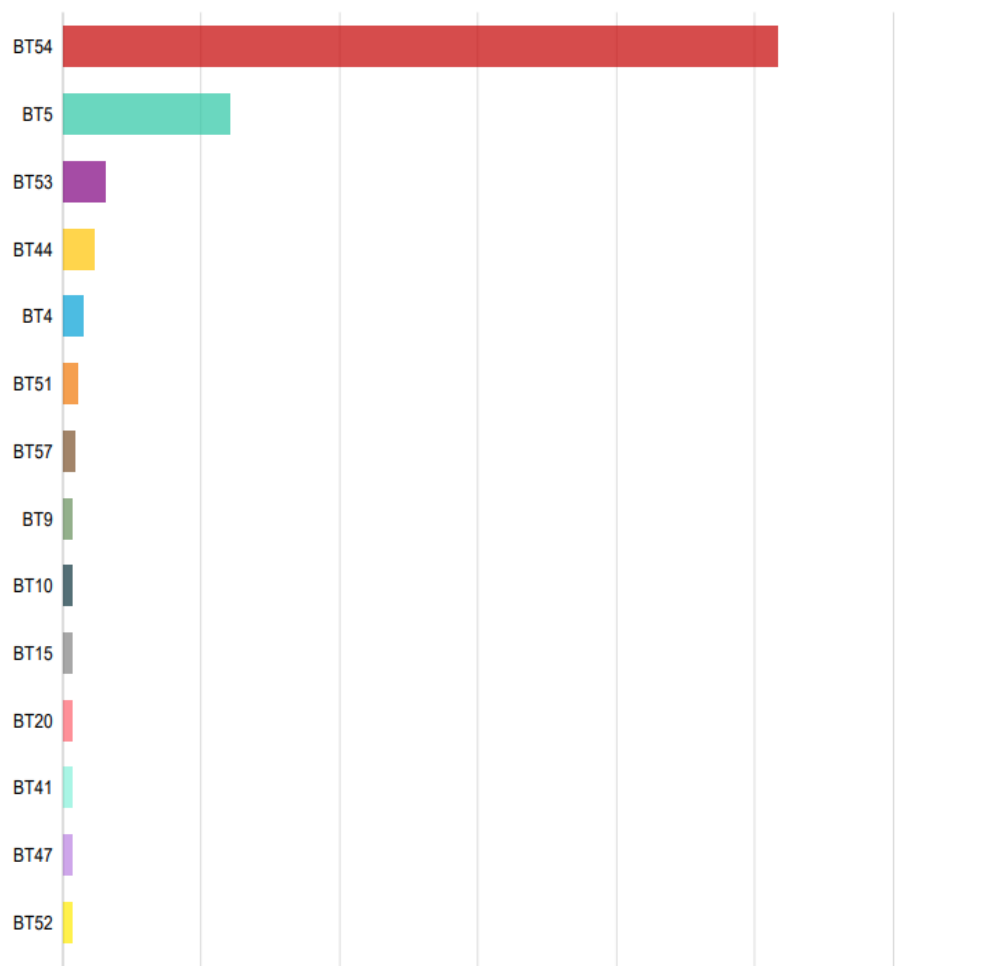
Answers	Count	Percentage
Permanent resident	306	75.74%
Seasonal homeowner	31	7.67%
Local Business owner	10	2.48%
Regular visitor (e.g. weekly or monthly)	43	10.64%
Occasional visitor (e.g. a few times per year)	3	0.74%
Tourist or first-time visitor	2	0.5%
Employee working in the town	4	0.99%

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Question 3.2 Please select the first 4 digits of your home post code:



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Full %list of postcodes who responded

Answers	Count	Percentage
BT54	258	63.86%
BT5	60	14.85%
BT53	15	3.71%
BT44	11	2.72%
BT4	7	1.73%
BT51	5	1.24%
BT57	4	0.99%
BT9	3	0.74%
BT10	3	0.74%
BT15	3	0.74%
BT20	3	0.74%
BT41	3	0.74%
BT47	3	0.74%
BT52	3	0.74%
BT1	2	0.5%

BT17	2	0.5%
BT23	2	0.5%
BT39	2	0.5%
BT2	1	0.25%
BT6	1	0.25%
BT7	1	0.25%
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BT12	1	0.25%
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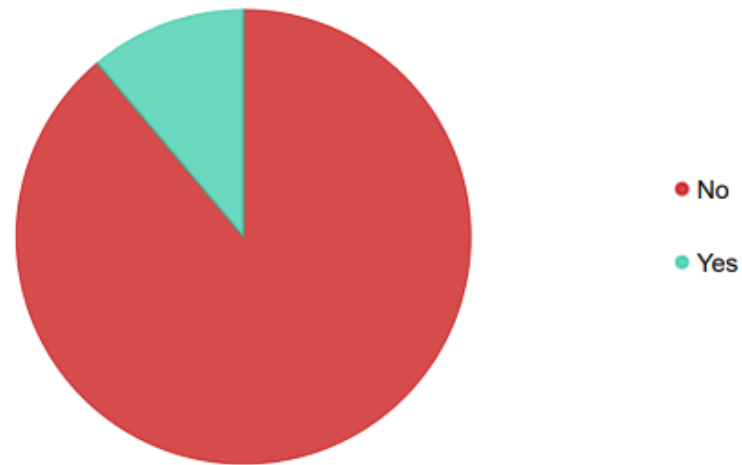
BT93	1	0.25%
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Question 3.3 Are you a second homeowner in the town, please select the first 4 digits of your second home postcode?



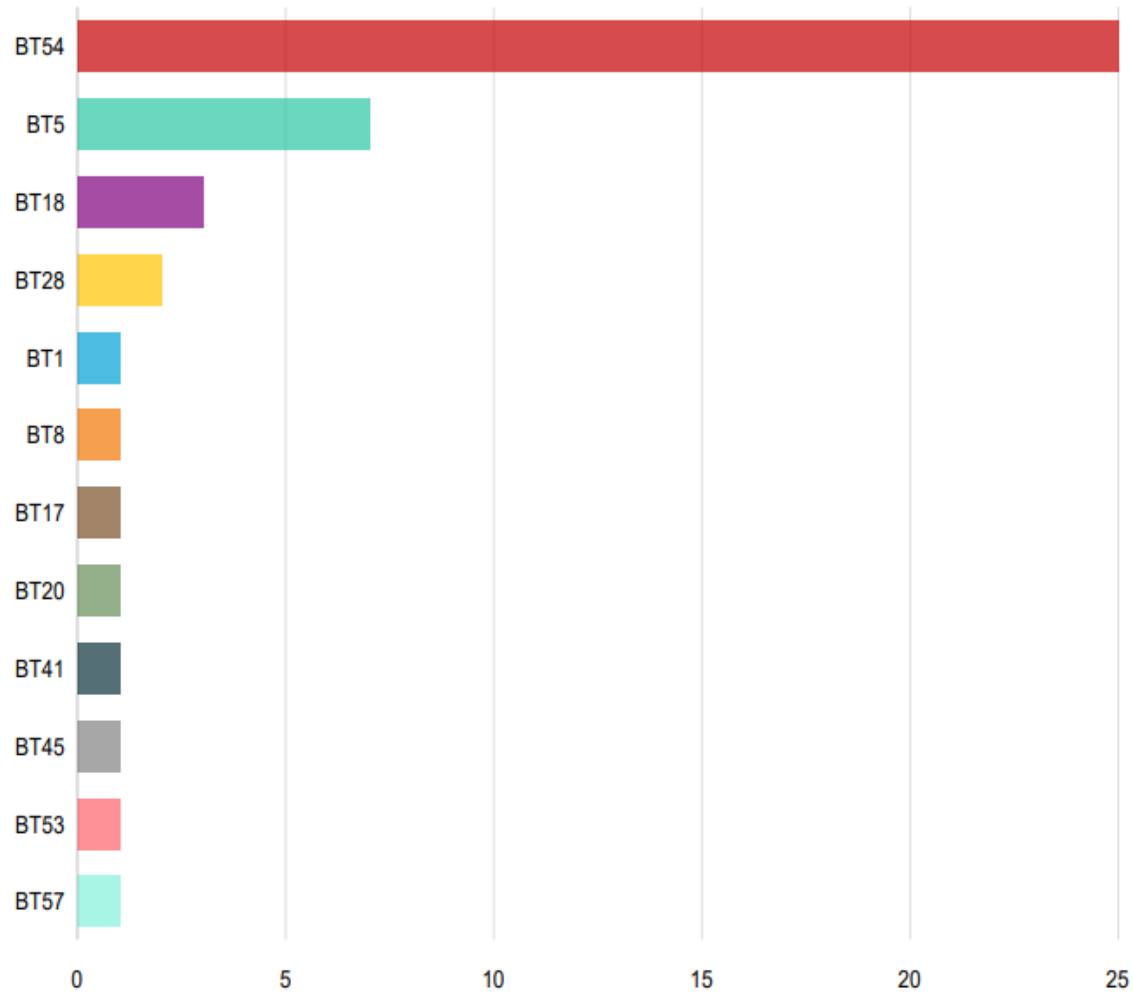
Answers	Count	Percentage
No	359	88.86%
Yes	45	11.14%

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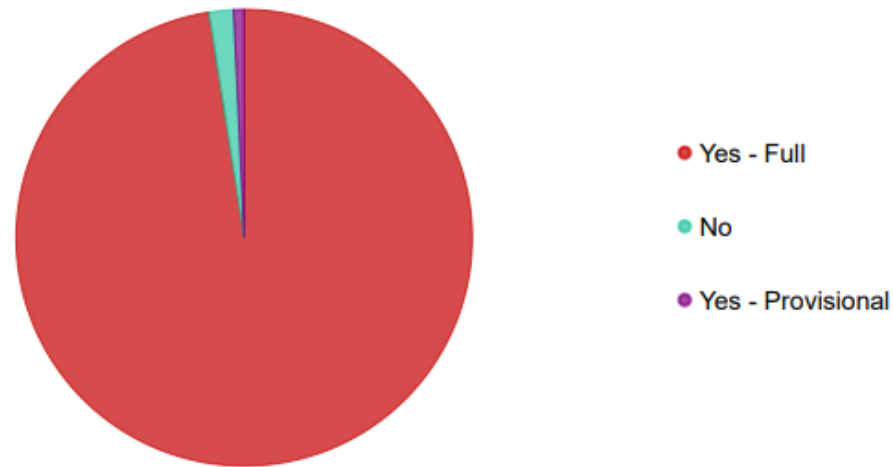
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Question 3.4 Do you have a driving licence



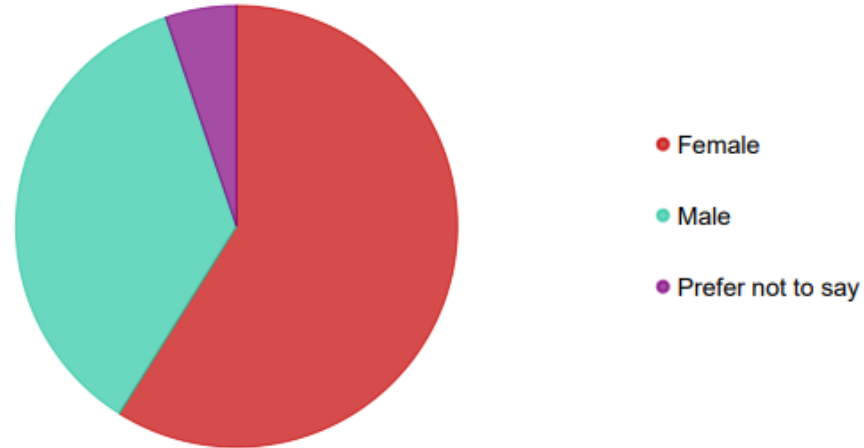
Answers	Count	Percentage
Yes - Full	394	97.52%
No	7	1.73%
Yes - Provisional	3	0.74%

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Question 3.5 Please select (m/f/prefer not to say)



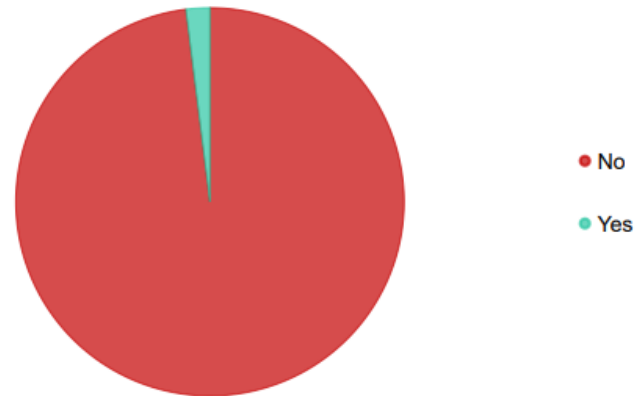
Answers	Count	Percentage
Female	238	58.91%
Male	145	35.89%
Prefer not to say	21	5.2%

Answered: 404 Skipped: 0

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Question 3.6 Are you answering for an organisation?



Answers	Count	Percentage
No	396	98.02%
Yes	8	1.98%

Answered: 404 Skipped: 0

Named groups – Swimrise (Ballycastle swim group) :

All who use Sheskburn:

Glens & Dalriada u3a Environment Group:

u3a, GLENS, Dalriada

- 126 on our what's app group

- 100s

- Around 25, 10-12 of whom are active members

- numbers 300 & growing