

Local Plan Streamlined Survey Spring 2021

Analysis of answers to open question 32

“Is there anything else you would like to say?”

This survey was particularly aimed at gathering the views of younger people.

How many extra comments were made?

- 176 people made extra comments at the end of the survey.
- Many of these comments covered more than one issue.
- To assist with analysis, these comments were broken down into 237 single issue comments.
- These were then sorted into comments applicable to each topic paper
- They were then further divided into subjects within that topic in order to identify trends as to which issues respondents commented on most.

Format of analysis

- This document will show graphs of which subjects were most commented on within the topic paper categories and give two representative quotes per topic. For those topics which received fewer comments on this occasion, quotes and graphs will only be provided when it is relevant to do so.
- A graph will also be provided showing which topics attracted the most comments.

Topics alphabetically

- Climate Change
- Health and Wellbeing
- Heritage and Built Conservation
- Housing
- Landscape, Biodiversity and Nature Recovery
- Minerals and Waste
- Recreation and Tourism
- Shops and Community Facilities
- Spatial Strategy
- Supporting Economic Development
- Trails (in the previous survey this topic attracted a lot of comments, these comments have been analysed separately for that reason)
- Transport
- Utilities



Additional Topics

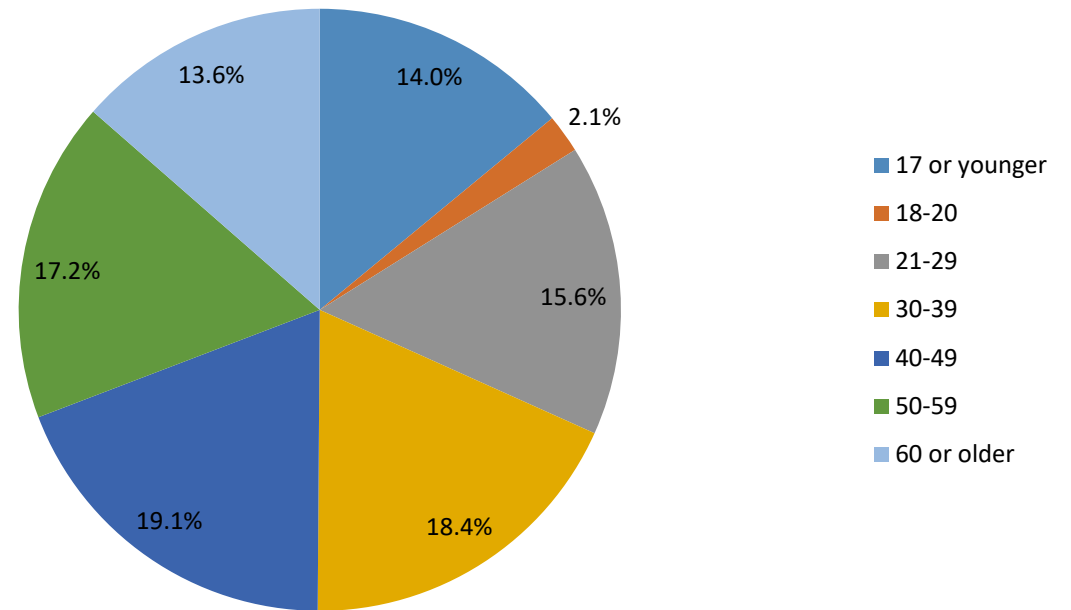
- Not all of the comments fitted into the topic paper categories. These comments have been split into 3 additional categories:
 - Planning Process
 - Opinion of PDNPA
 - Opinion of Survey

Age of Respondents

This survey was particularly aimed at younger people

16% of respondents were under the age of 29.

What age are you?



16 comments were made by respondents aged 17 or under, such as

Create separate lanes on the Monsal trail and Tissington trail etc. for walkers as the path is not wide enough for cyclists on both sides as well as walkers and horses.

We should make looking after the environment No1 priority over almost everything.

Try and prevent the filling in of green areas (fields and parks) within parks as traffic is becoming an increasingly large problem around the small towns (congestion and dangerous driving/parking).

We need more dog poo bins around and also human rubbish bins around.

24 comments were made by respondents aged 18-29 such as:

Disappointed there was not more focus on improving biodiversity, rewilding, stopping heather burning, ending driven grouse Moors, reintroduction of wildlife, reduction of sheep and cattle. The Peak District is still shamefully lacking in wildlife but very little focus on this.

Farming/ farmers are the key to a thriving, beautiful Peak District National Park - not second homes, barn conversions. The only new shops allowed should be farm shops selling own or very local produce.

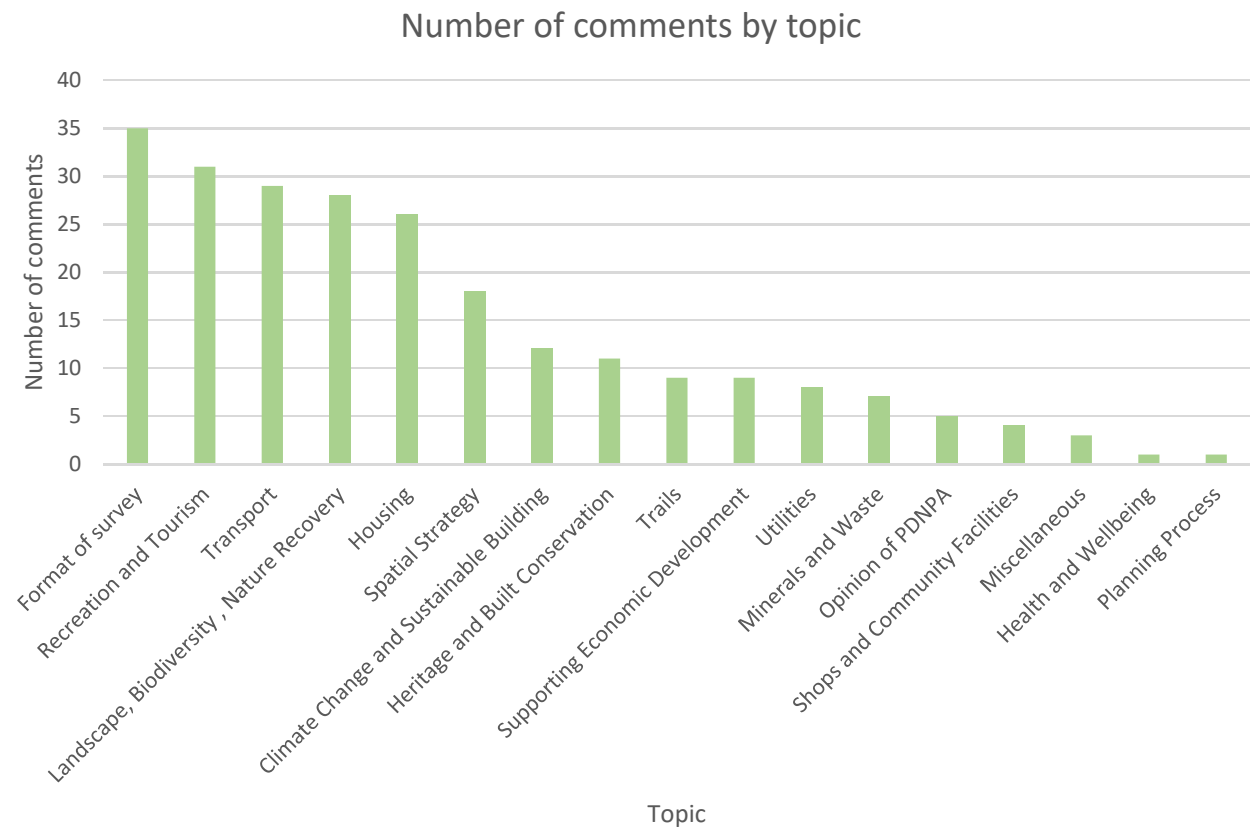
Too many homes being used as second homes or holiday let's making it impossible for young families to buy!! We need a variety of shops instead of just charity shops and outdoor shops. Something for the locals would be much appreciated.

The peak district is a beautiful landscape and natural haven for much wildlife. To bring in too many new developments may jeopardise this if done thoughtfully and structurally.

Overall Comments by Topic – all respondents

The topics that were most popular related to:

- The format of the survey
- Recreation and Tourism
- Transport
- Landscape, Biodiversity and Nature Recovery
- Housing



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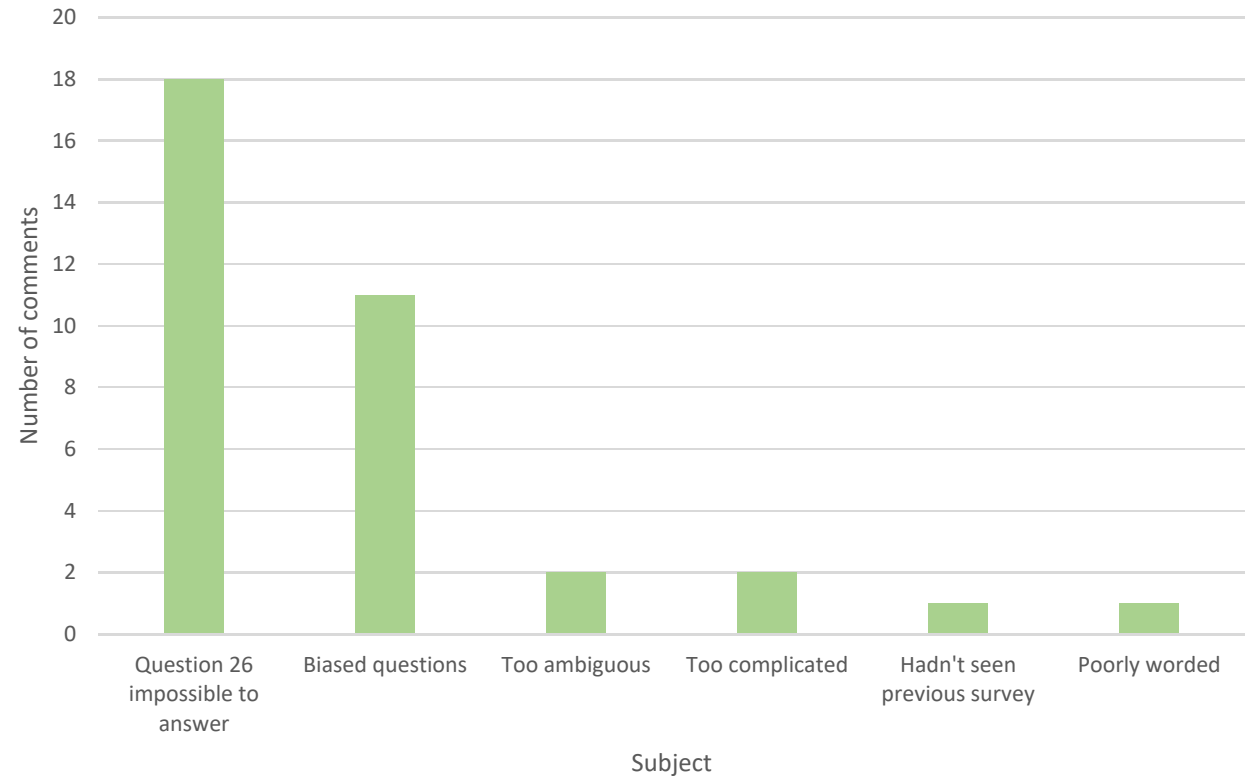
The issue that was of most concern was Question 26

“Given the increased demand for water from new developments in areas surrounding the national park we believe we should continue to resist new reservoirs being built, rather than allowing new ones to be built. Do you agree?”

Question 26 doesn't even make any sense, should we allow new reservoirs to be built or should we continue to resist them? agree/disagree. Well which one are we agreeing with?

Some of these questions are very poorly designed meaning that it isn't possible to give an accurate answer to an ambiguous question . If this level of ineptitude is indicative of the way in which the PDNP conduct their business it does not bode well for the future.

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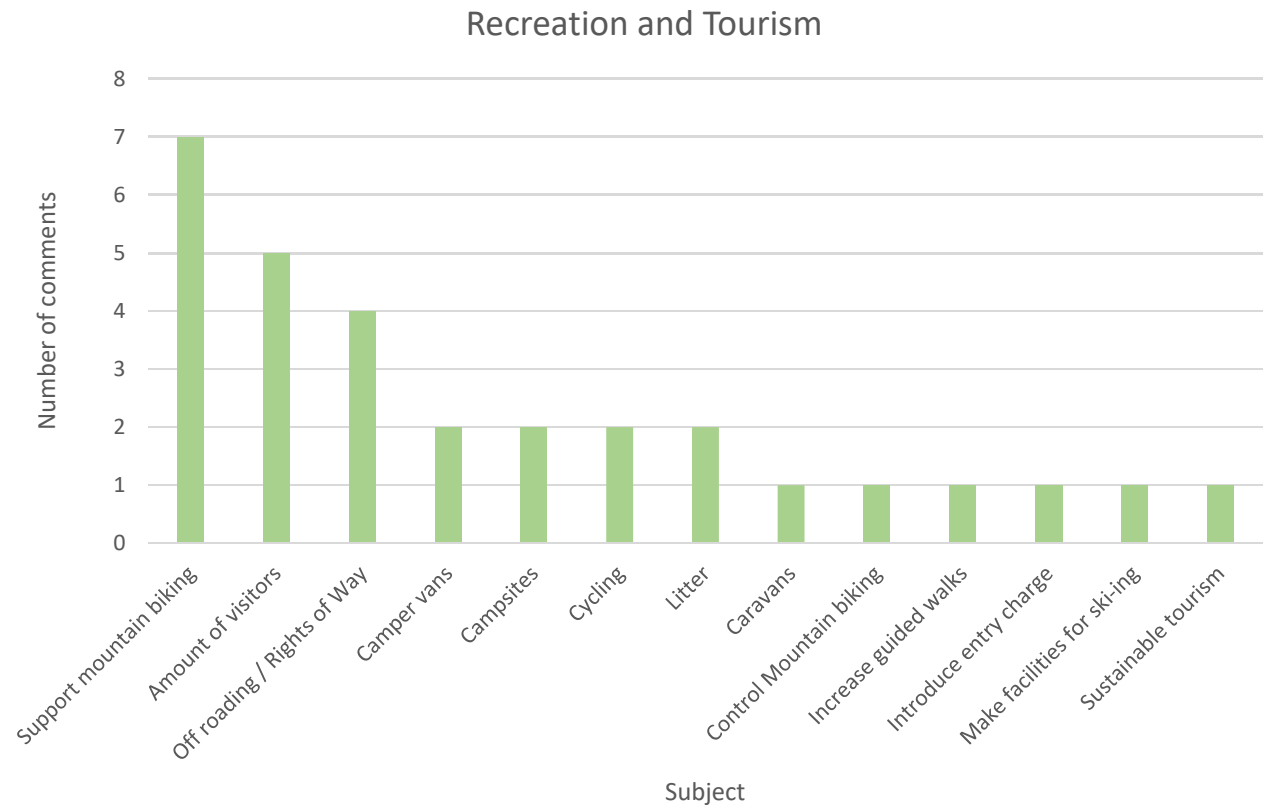


Recreation and Tourism

The subjects that received most comments were: supporting mountain biking, and the amount of visitors

“The Peak District national park is a beautiful place. It’s meant to be shared by all, but the walkers and ramblers seem to get what they want and the likes of Mountain bikers don’t . More rights of way need reopening up before they are lost and brushed under the carpet because certain groups don’t like it anymore.”

“Too many tourist cars polluting the air and too many cyclists, sort it out. Please :)”



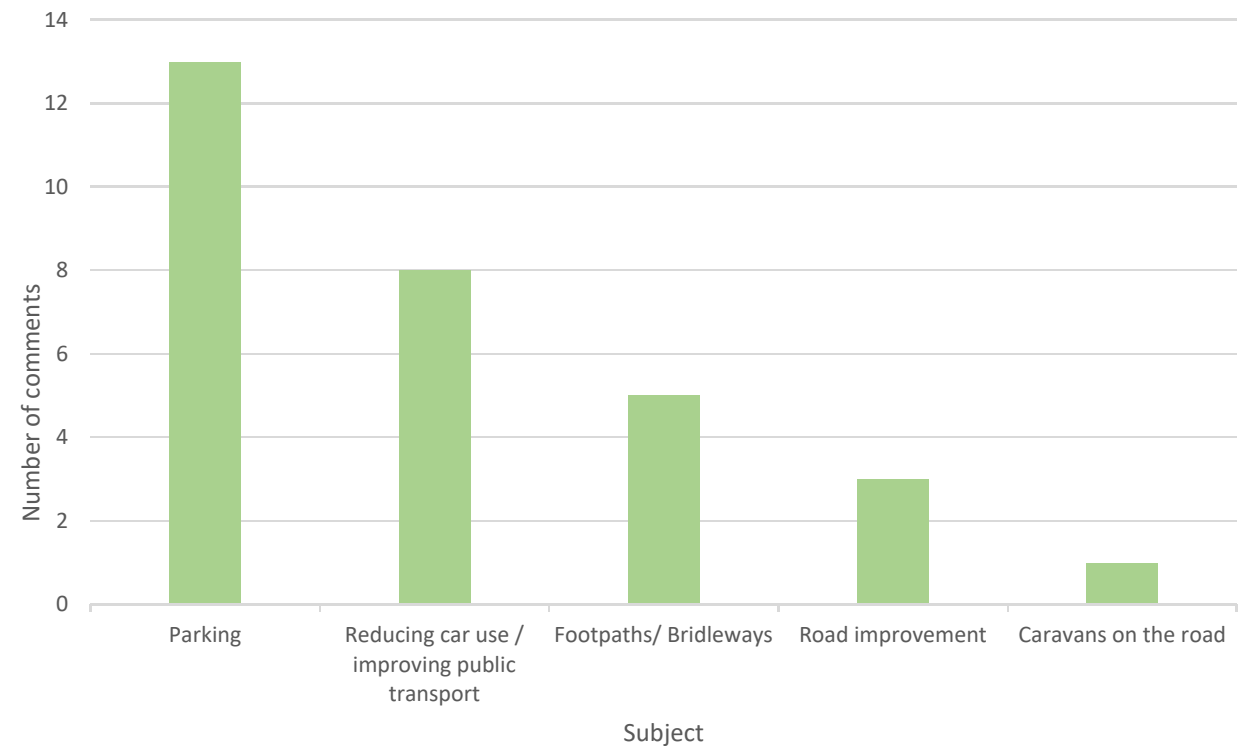
Transport

The subjects that received most comments were: Parking, and Reducing car use/ improving public transport.

“Inadequate provision for parking for tourists make the roads dangerous and impassable - seems to be too much encouragement of tourists without the infrastructure to support them. Also high traffic on roads especially during summer and when events such as at Chatsworth causing delays when attempting to commute to work and high air pollution.”

“The Peak District desperately needs better and more frequent public transport; many services only run every 2 to 3 hours (e.g. Sheffield to Fairholmes) and that's just useless. I hate going by car, but sometimes it's the only viable option. That said, bus fleets should be electric where possible to reduce pollution.”

Transport Comments by Subject

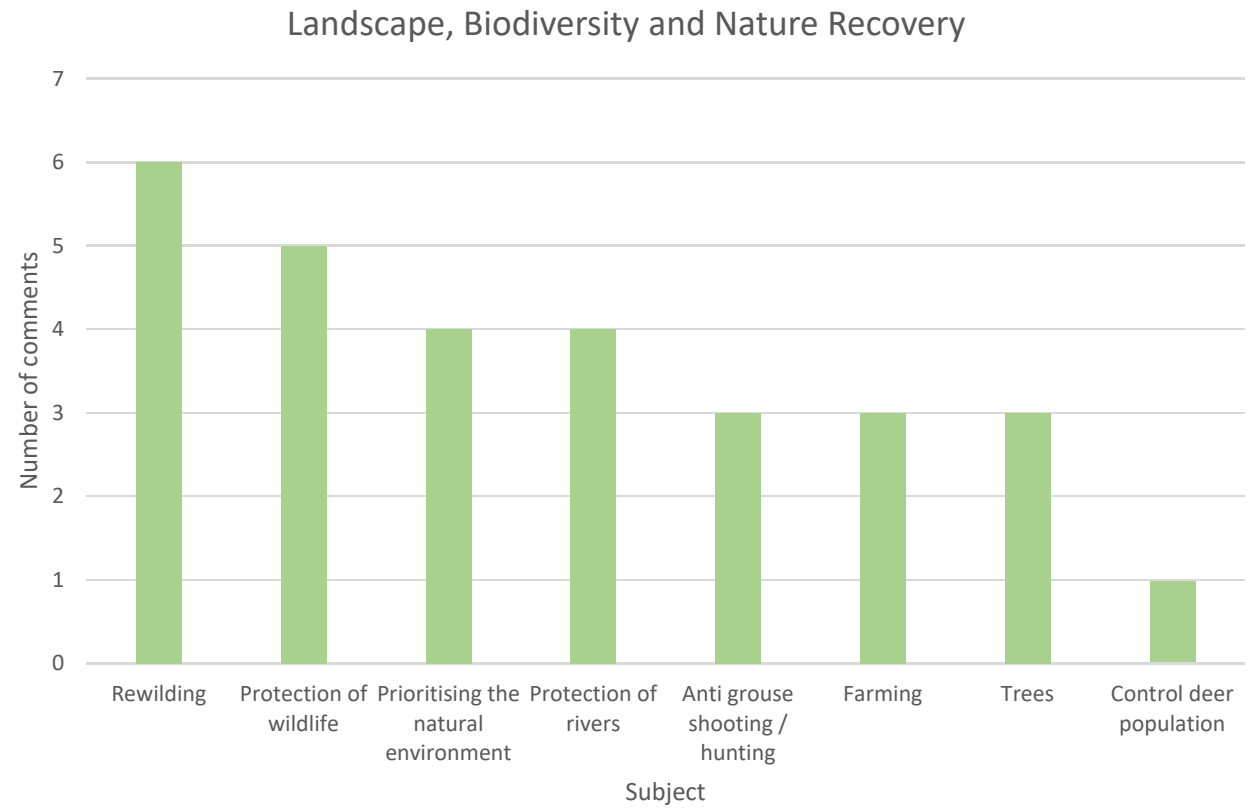


Landscape, Biodiversity and Nature Recovery

The subjects that received most comments were: Rewilding, and Protection of wildlife.

“There should be more encouragement, understanding of regenerative farming practices and rewilding programmes to make farming economies and overall countryside more profitable and resilient”

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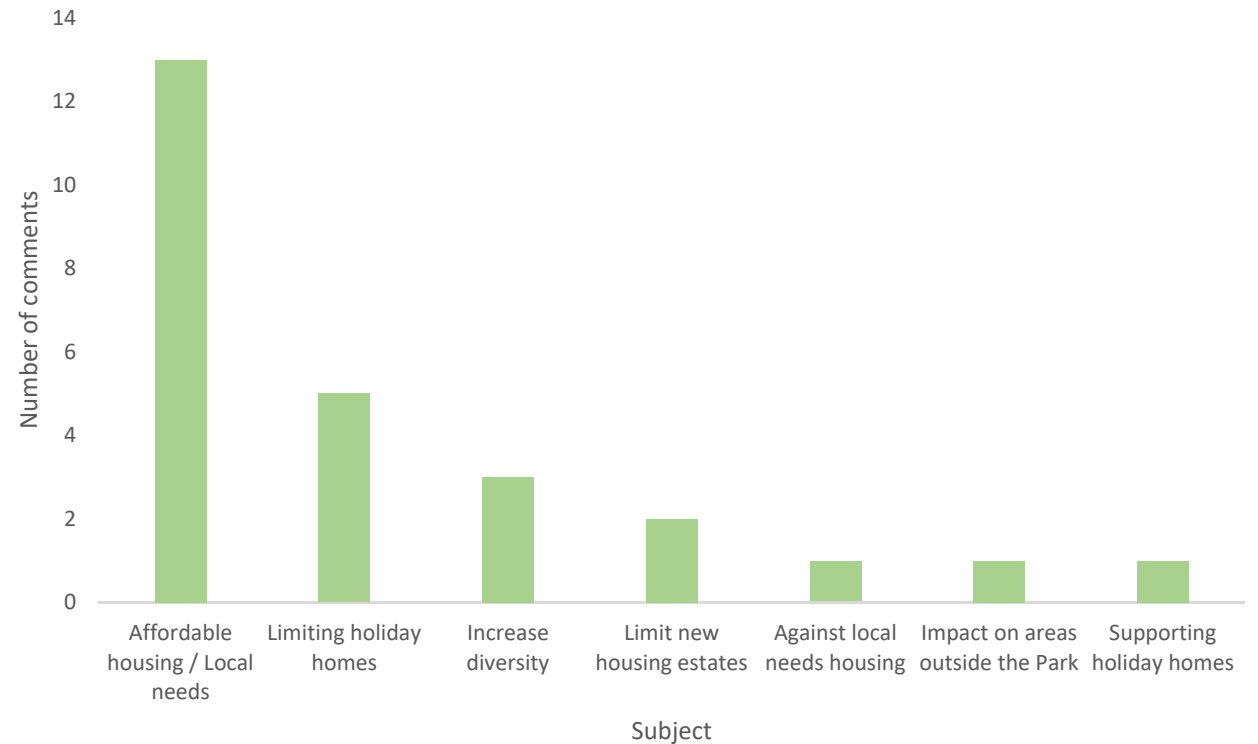
Housing

The subjects that received most comments were: Affordable housing/ local need and Limiting holiday homes.

“There needs to be more affordable housing for those who live within or grew up in the national park area. Many become out priced of their local area or stuck in high priced private rentals.”

“Too many homes being used as second homes or holiday let’s making it impossible for young families to buy!!”

Housing comments by subject



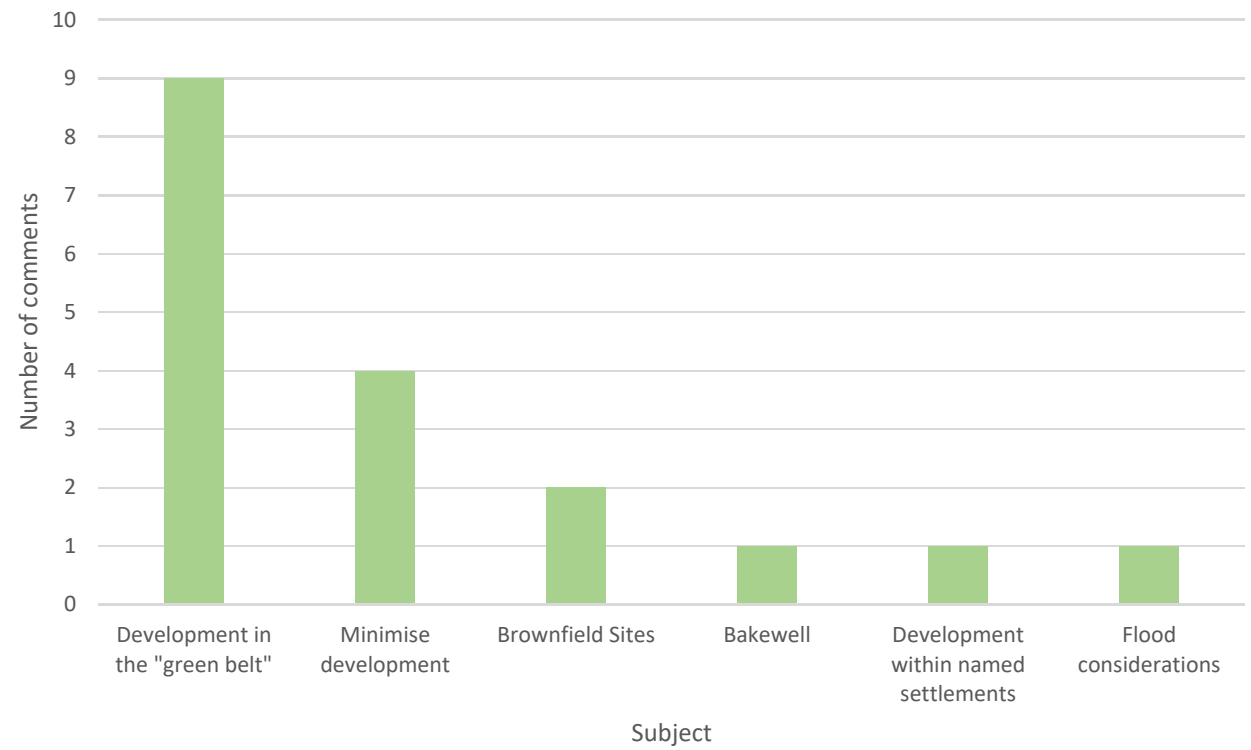
Spatial Strategy

The subjects that received the most comments were: Development in the “green belt” and Minimising development.

“I'm worried that when green belt is built on you never get that land back. I think private selling of land by landowners for building should be stopped.”

“No more development in the national park.
No more housing estates.”

Spatial Strategy comments by subject

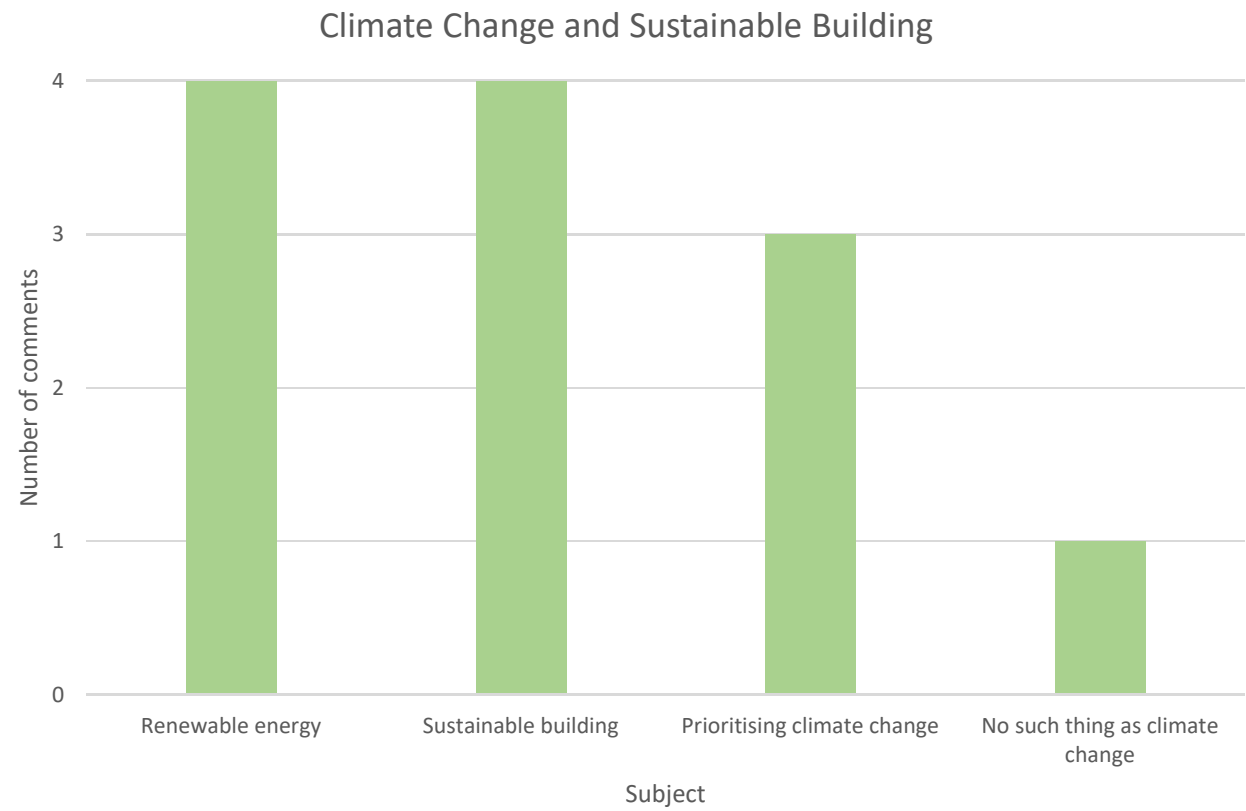


Climate Change and Sustainable building

The subjects that received the most comments were: Renewable energy and Sustainable building.

“Encourage the local use of sustainable technologies such as small turbines.”

“The National park is a fantastic place to live, work and visit. But existing housing needs to be renovated to latest energy standards.”



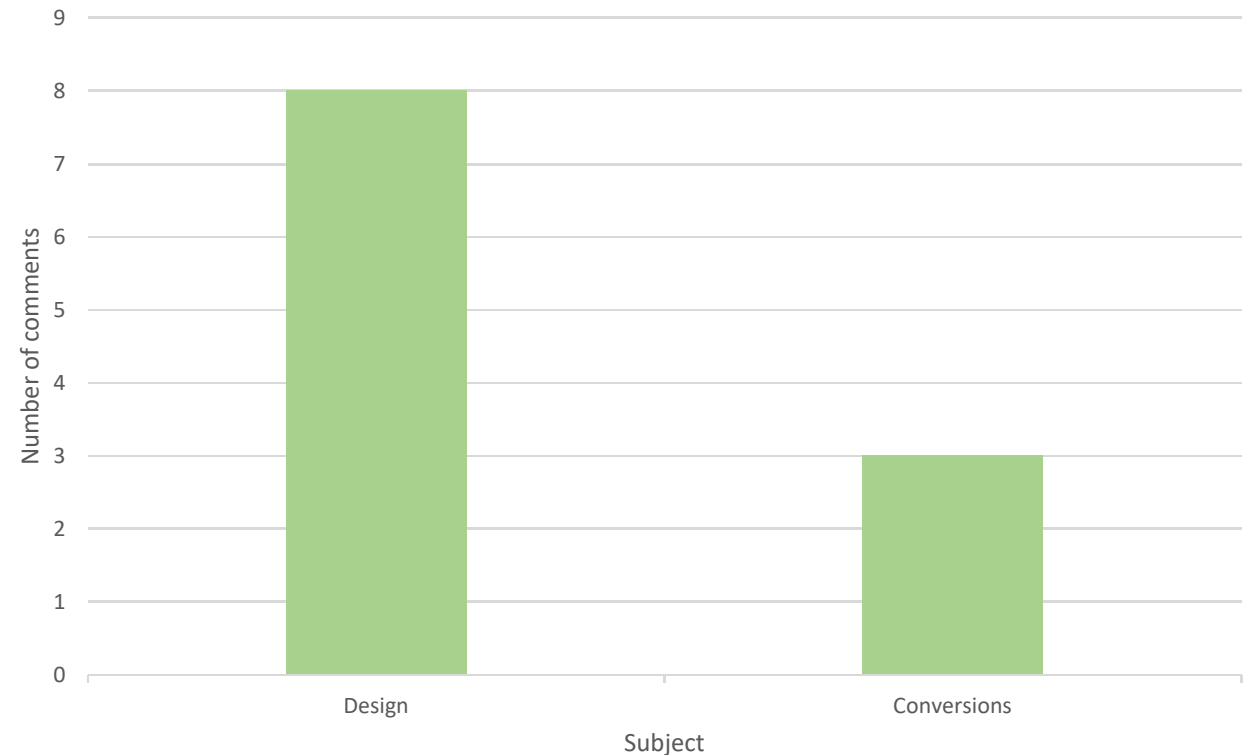
Heritage and Built Conservation

The subjects that received the most comments were: Design, and Conversions.

“There needs to be more variety in style of new homes. They all look the same. It will end up looking like a large housing estate. Homes have been built over 100s of years and they differ. Variety always looks better.”

“There should be no more permissions granted for barn conversions or holiday lets. Small traditional farmers should be supported, with support to maintain traditional barn as barns.”

Heritage and Built Conservation Comments by Subject

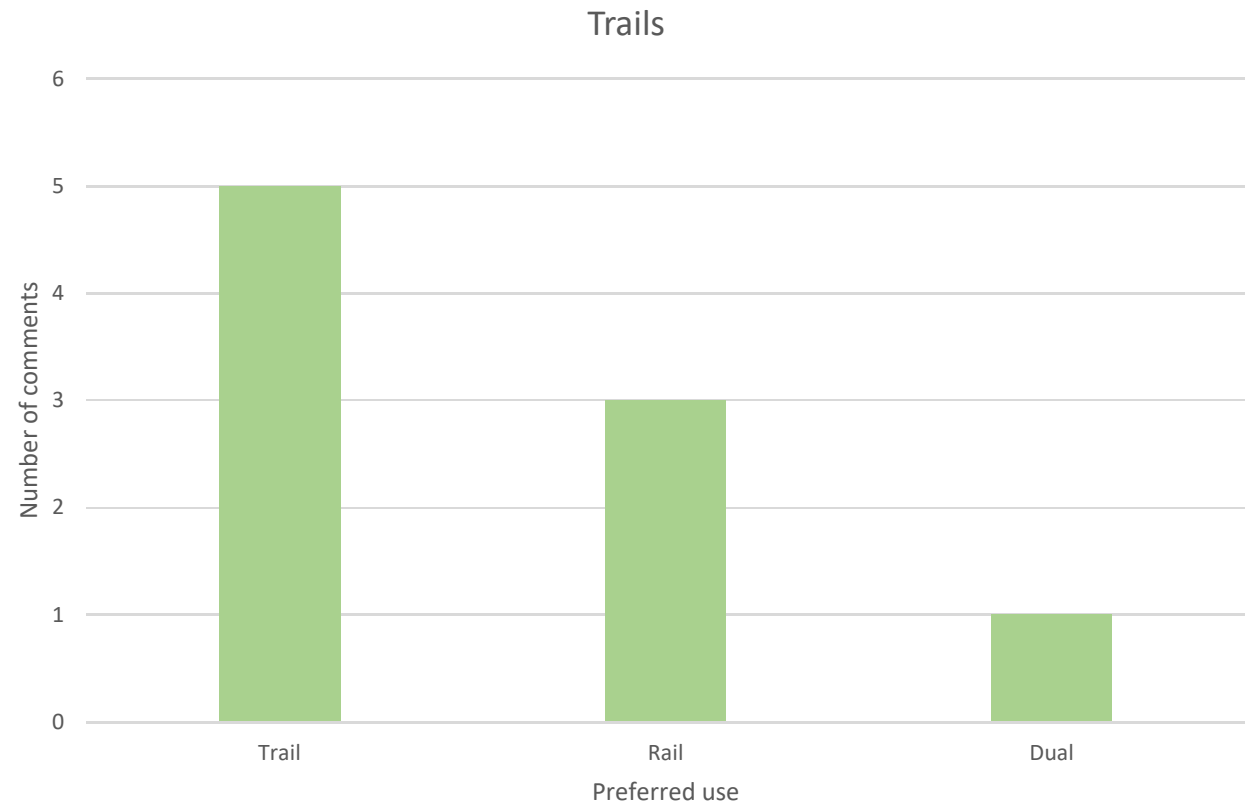


Trails

5 respondents expressed a preference that the trails should be safeguarded for use as trails, 3 that they should be safeguarded for potential future rail use and 1 that they should be dual use.

“Monsal Trail should NOT have a rail line put back in place. It should remain as a multi use trail.”

“The safeguarding of the rail routes within the national park are important to the long-term sustainable transport potential of the area, and whilst not operational currently they provide the environmental potential to take cars off the road and improve the economic potential of the park for businesses.”

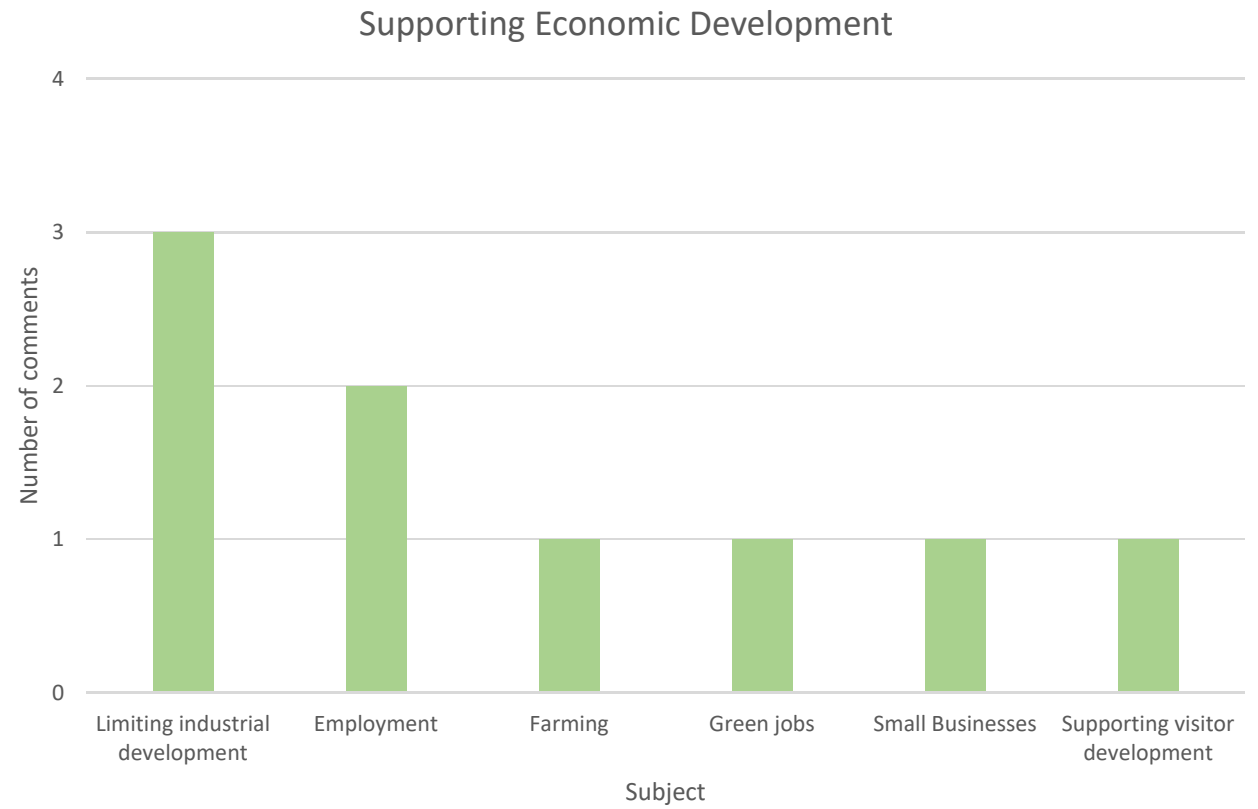


Supporting Economic Development

The subjects that received most comments were: Limiting industrial development, and Employment.

“There should be no new businesses development building.”

“Real jobs for locals not coffee shops and gift shops a la Castleton. Absolutely ruined.”



Utilities – 8 comments were made, including:

“Mobile phone and internet services are vital communication means in our rural areas. The signal & or connections are extremely poor & have been for years. An improvement in this area is vital.”

“The development of further reservoirs will only worsen the environmental damage caused to rivers and waterways. Communication around water shortage issues could be improved so that local residents better understand the issues caused by unnecessary and inconsiderate water use.”

Minerals and Waste – 7 comments were made, including:

“Quarrying and mining to continue”

“Cement production is a major greenhouse gas producer and should be strongly opposed in the park.”

Opinion of the PDNPA – 5 comments were made, including:

“Great place! Keep up the great work!
Excellent national park! Happy 70th Birthday!”

“Peak Park Planning department is failing the
National Park, the landscape in the Park is
constantly being degraded by weak and
inconsistent planning decisions.”

Shops and Community Facilities – 4 Comments were made, including:

“We need a variety of shops instead of just charity
shops and outdoor shops. Something for the locals
would be much appreciated.”

“No mention is made in the survey of new business enterprises which take over
existing premises (e.g. food outlets, fish and chip shops, restaurants or retail
outlets) which negatively alter the life of their surroundings and are designed for
the use of urban consumers (rather than locals or visitors doing activities
appropriate to a national park) with the knock-on effect of calls for more
services such as parking spaces, improved roads etc.”