

- Only 25% of respondents aged 17 – 25 felt affordable housing was needed, compared to approximately 50% in the older age groupings.
- 50% of those respondents under 25 felt small starter homes were needed, compared to approximately a third of respondents in the older age groups.
- With only 1 respondent age 16 or under, 12 respondents in the 17 – 25 age group, and 40 in the 26 – 40 age group it would appear that the older respondents i.e. those age 41 and above who are suggesting that more housing is needed for young families, and more affordable housing is needed. Further work may be needed to ascertain exactly what the demand is for this type of housing.

There were 20 additional housing comments. 5 comments added to earlier concerns about the impact of new housing on existing services e.g. school and GP, and infrastructure. 2 comments suggested there should be no limit on the numbers of new houses, with a further comment pointing out that 150 new houses only equated to 10 per year.

The remainder of the comments covered a variety of aspects of development and both sides of the argument, for example:

- One comment was about no infill as enough green space had already been lost, whilst another comment only wanted infill.
- One respondent stated that more rental properties were needed to keep young people in the town, whilst another respondent felt rental properties did not help the community as there was no pride in the property or area.

## Employment and Training

97% of respondents stated 'yes' there needs to be more local employment opportunities, with 95.8% feeling there should be more help for young people to find training and work. Figure 5 shows the types of business development that respondents would support. Generally there was wide spread support for all types proposed. Only hospitality e.g. pubs, cafes received 45.4% support, but only 25.3% disagreed with the proposal. Again this was the highest percentage disagreeing with any area of development.

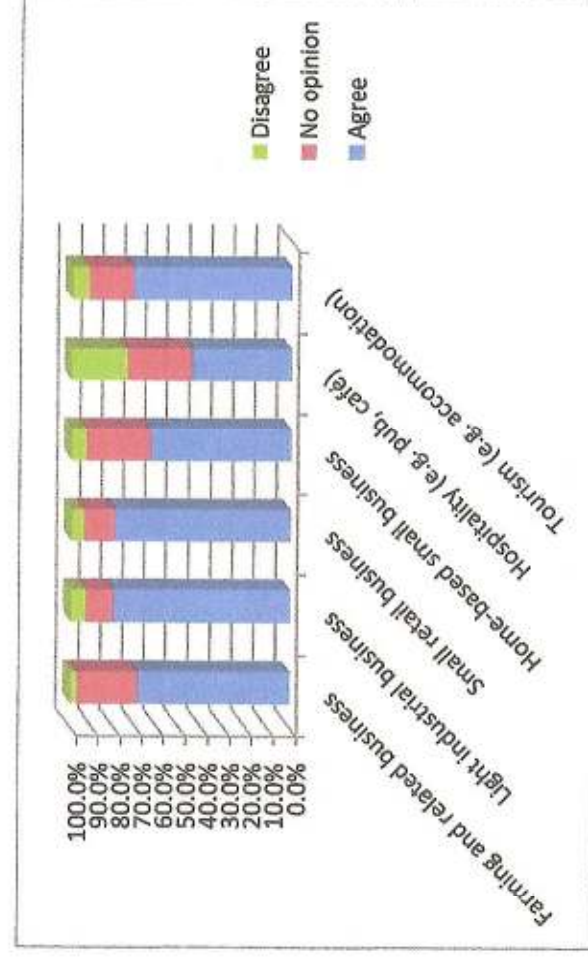


Figure 5: Types of business development that would benefit the town

The question of the types of business that respondents would most like to see in the town, produced very similar responses, with broad agreement to all types of business. Again hospitality had agreement from