



Rural Initiatives/Planning Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 18, 2021
1:00 P.M.
Meeting to be held electronically.

Agenda

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of the Minutes from May 4, 2021
3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof
4. Community Grant Program Request – Bayham Historical Society
5. Official Plan Review – What We Heard Report #1
6. Committee Composition Update – Outreach to the Elgin Federation of Agriculture (verbal)
7. Correspondence
8. Date of Next Meeting
9. Adjournment

DRAFT MINUTES

Rural Initiatives/Planning Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: May 4, 2021
Location: Electronic Meeting
Time: 1:00 P.M.

Attendees: *Members of the Rural Initiatives/Planning Advisory Committee*
Councillor Ed Ketchabaw, Chair
Councillor Sally Martyn
Councillor Dominique Giguère
Warden Tom Marks

Elgin County Staff

Chief Administrative Officer, Julie Gonyou
General Manager of Engineering, Planning & Enterprise, Brian Lima
Manager of Planning, Nancy Pasato
Manager of Administrative Services, Katherine Thompson
Legislative Services Coordinator, Carolyn Krahn

1. Call to Order

The Rural Initiatives/Planning Advisory Committee met this 4th day of May, 2021.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Warden Marks
Seconded by: Councillor Martyn

Resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

Recorded Vote

	Yes	No
Warden Tom Marks	Yes	
Councillor Dominique Giguère	Yes	
Councillor Sally Martyn	Yes	
Councillor Ed Ketchabaw	Yes	
	4	0

- Motion Carried.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by: Councillor Martyn
Seconded by: Councillor Giguère

Resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted.

Recorded Vote

	Yes	No
Warden Tom Marks	Yes	
Councillor Dominique Giguère	Yes	
Councillor Sally Martyn	Yes	
Councillor Ed Ketchabaw	Yes	
	4	0

- Motion Carried.

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None.

5. Community Grant Program Feedback Survey – Manager of Administrative Services

The Manager of Administrative Services provided an overview of the results from the Community Grant Program Feedback Survey. The survey was distributed to all applicants of the new Community Grant Program. Overall, the applicants were pleased with the new grant program. Most respondents understood how the proposals were evaluated, but there was a request for additional information on how points are awarded. The Committee directed staff to include a copy of the evaluation matrix with the 2022 grant application package.

Moved by: Warden Marks
Seconded by: Councillor Giguère

RESOLVED THAT the April 27, 2021, report titled, Community Grant Program Feedback Survey, submitted by the Manager of Administrative Services/Deputy Clerk, be received and filed for information.

Recorded Vote

	Yes	No
Warden Tom Marks	Yes	

Councillor Dominique Giguère	Yes	
Councillor Sally Martyn	Yes	
Councillor Ed Ketchabaw	Yes	
	4	0

- Motion Carried.

6. Recruitment/Committee Composition Discussion

The Manager of Planning provided an update on the recruitment process for a new citizen appointee to the Rural Initiatives and Planning Advisory Committee. The Manager of Planning has reached out to the Elgin Federation of Agriculture (EFA) to see if one of their members wishes to sit on the Committee. The Committee directed staff to wait for a reply from the EFA before opening up the recruitment process to other members of the community.

Moved by: Councillor Martyn
Seconded by: Councillor Giguère

RESOLVED THAT the report from the Manager of Planning be received.

7. Correspondence

None.

8. New Business

None.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The Committee will meet again on Tuesday, May 18 at 1:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment

Moved by: Warden Marks
Seconded by: Councillor Giguère

Resolved that the meeting adjourn at 1:22 p.m.

Recorded Vote

	Yes	No
Warden Tom Marks	Yes	
Councillor Dominique Giguère	Yes	
Councillor Martyn	Yes	
Councillor Ed Ketchabaw	Yes	
	4	0

- Motion Carried.

From: Bayham Historical Society
Sent: May 10, 2021 10:35 AM
To: Katherine Thompson
Subject: Reschedule of planned Edisonfest event

Due to ongoing pandemic restrictions and concerns regarding the planned event for early June we are anticipating moving this community event to September of this year. This will result in some changes to the format but we anticipate it will remain essentially as a community engagement event. We will also evaluate this annual event going forward.

Please advise if this is not acceptable, and if so, how we should proceed.

Thank you for your consideration and support!

Jeff Robinson
President
Bayham Historical Society

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WHAT WE HEARD

WHAT WE HEARD



CONSULTATION OVERVIEW

The purpose of an Official Plan Review is to ensure it reflects the changing needs, opportunities and aspirations of the County, and that any changes to community vision/values, directions, policies and actions are reflected in the Official Plan.

To get this done, the County needs to know what's important to Elgin County residents, employers and visitors, and how they want to see the County grow.

We have developed a [Public Engagement Strategy](#) and its aim is to make the most of stakeholder's and citizen's problem-solving potential, and build community and create advocates for the Official Plan.

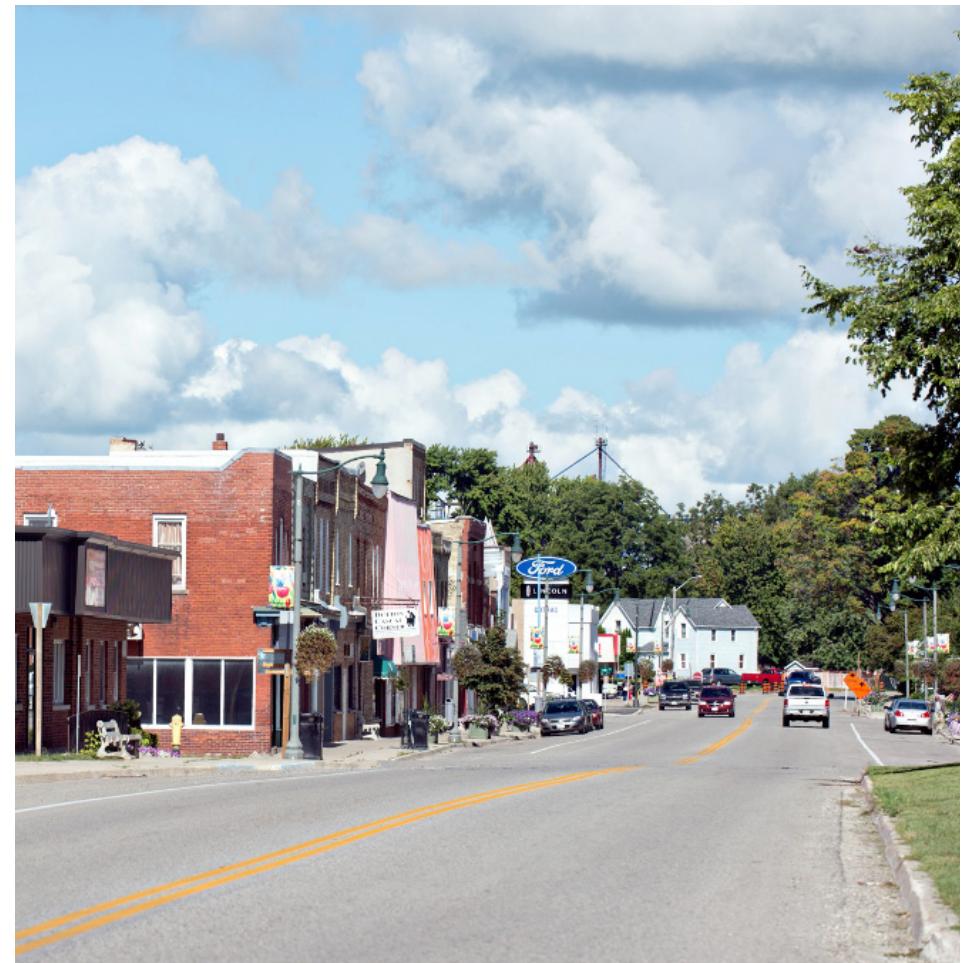
The Strategy is focused on ensuring public engagement is transparent, focused and accessible and will serve as a guiding document detailing the County's approach to external public engagement.

WHAT WE HEARD

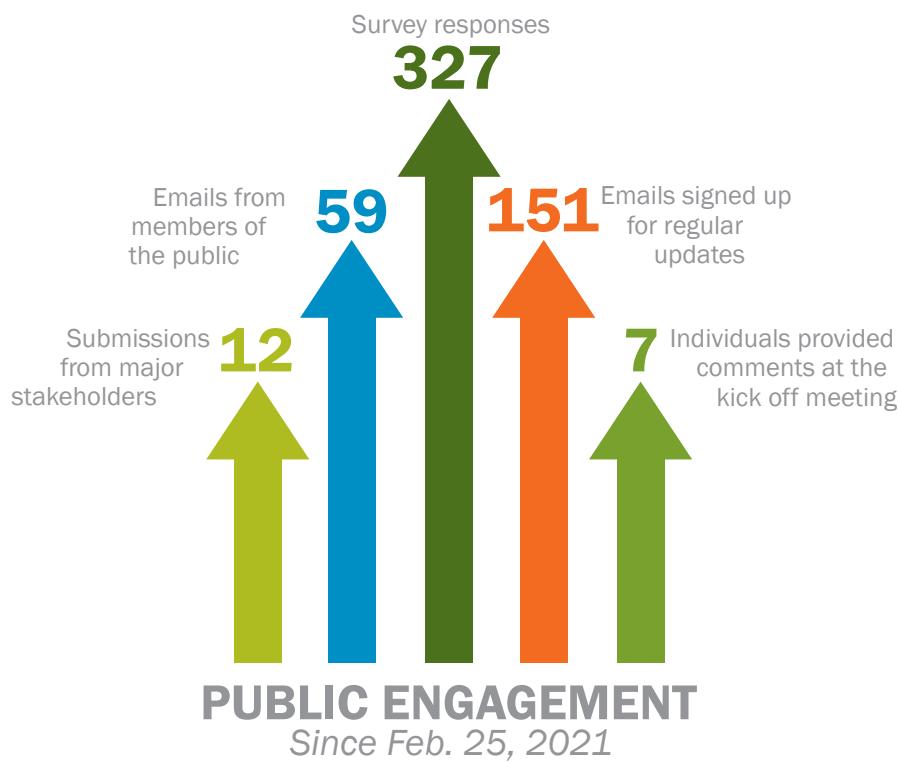
WHAT WE DID

Through our first Phase (Understanding the Context), the following items were accomplished:

- We had a public participation kick off public meeting on February 25th that was [live streamed](#) on our social media platform;
- The Official Plan Review webpage was launched, which will be the main landing site for all things Official Plan Review. It will be a major tool in letting the public know what is available and where we are at in the process: elgincounty.ca/officialplanreview;
- We sent out emails to our local County businesses letting them know about our Official Plan review and asking them to get involved;
- We attended local Municipal Council Meetings for all seven of our local municipalities and the City of St. Thomas to introduce the project and connect with local residents. We also advertised on local municipal webpages;
- We developed a [stakeholder discussion guide](#) and met with key stakeholders in the County (on-going); and
- We developed a survey with key topics to understand the priorities of the community.



WHAT WE HEARD



ENGAGEMENT SO FAR

Since February 25, 2021, the following responses have been provided through Phase 1 :

- The Official Plan Review webpage has been created, and it allows individuals to be added to a mailing list to receive updates about the Official Plan Review Process. elgincounty.ca/officialplanreview
- We have 151 unique email addresses signed up to receive regular notifications;
- We received 59 emails from members of the public;
- We received 12 submissions so far from major stakeholders;
- We had 7 individuals provide comments at the public participation kick off public meeting on February 25th; and
- We had 327 survey responses to our Official Plan Review Priorities Survey, which was available from the County's webpage. Paper copies were also available from the County libraries, and at the County Administration building. The survey was available for approximately six weeks, commencing on February 25, 2021, and closing on April 15, 2021.

WHAT WE HEARD

THANK YOU!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank individuals for taking the time to provide their feedback, either through the online or paper survey, public meeting, one on one discussions, stakeholder discussions, or email correspondence. This feedback plays a critical role in ensuring the Official Plan review meets the needs and expectations of the community.

We recognize the importance of providing you an overview of how feedback has been addressed. Below you will find tables on the main topics. Each table has a column highlighting the most prominent feedback themes we heard through public comments and the survey results, as well as a column with the corresponding responses and directions. Feedback in these tables was included when it was a theme heard from multiple residents.

A table with all of the public comments received and responses is provided as an Appendix to this report (Appendix A). A summary of the survey questions, responses and comments is also provided (Appendix B).

All recommended policy discussion papers, possible policy changes and next steps will be summarized as part of the What We Heard report #2 (Stakeholder Discussions).

Please note, that this is not the last opportunity to provide feedback on the Official Plan review. As part of the What We Heard report #2 (Stakeholder Discussions), additional feedback and engagement opportunities will be detailed.

In the meantime are we still undertaking stakeholder consultations, and you can always provide your feedback to us at any time! opreview@elgin.ca.

“The County must be responsive to development pressures while ensuring that future development is high-quality, strategic, and sustainable.”

WHAT WE HEARD

HOUSING AND AFFORDABILITY

Feedback	Recommendation
<p>Survey participants and responses noted that they did not consider housing to be affordable in Elgin County.</p>	<p>Drawing from the recommendations contained in the Long Term St. Thomas-Elgin Affordable & Social Housing Strategy report, how to ensure housing is affordable in the County will be a consideration through the Housing and Affordability discussion paper.</p>
<p>Additionally, participants found there to be little housing choice within the County. There is limited diversity of housing types, with a focus on single detached dwellings. There are also very few rentals or condominiums in the area. Participants also noted that due to an aging population, accessible living accommodations must be provided to meet current and future housing needs.</p> <p>In terms of housing mix, a majority of survey participants thought a high mix of housing (single detached dwellings with townhouse and apartments, and a wider range of affordability/housing prices) should be the focus of new and existing neighbourhoods.</p>	<p>Ways to encourage a diversity in housing types and provide the unit types that are in need will be a consideration through the Housing and Affordability discussion paper.</p>

DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICING FOR GROWTH

Feedback	Recommendation
<p>The participants believe the high-level focus for growth should be to “build up” rather than only “building out”, but however growth happens, have expressed a need for a clear and public planning process, as well as context sensitive development. While there is a need to create more building lots in response to market demand, many residents are concerned about the future protection of farmland and want to preserve and protect the County’s rural roots and natural heritage.</p>	<p>A discussion report on Development and Servicing will be completed in the coming months which looks at current policy, current provincial policy, development in other communities, and possible solutions. This report will also look at the ability to build up in settlement areas vs. building out.</p>
<p>Several comments received encouraged further development within the rural areas, hamlets and villages on partial or no services. The need to recognize smaller settlement areas and facilitate residential growth within existing village and hamlet boundaries, including large scale residential development in those settlement areas that either have or do not have available public water and waste water services. This allows municipalities who do not have the resources for full services to also develop.</p>	<p>The issue of development on partial or no servicing has been raised. The current Official Plan contains policies that limit development on partial services to “minor infilling and rounding out”, which is the same language as the Provincial Policy Statement. A discussion report on Development and Servicing will be completed in the coming months which looks at current policy, current provincial policy, development in other communities, and possible solutions.</p>

INFRASTRUCTURE

Feedback	Recommendation
<p>Nearly all participants would like to see an emphasis on improved bike transportation and sidewalks throughout the County. Additionally, many residents believe a form of public transportation needs to be implemented to reach destinations within the County (i.e. shuttle service to the beach to eliminate traffic congestion, a bus system to connect residents to services such as doctors and grocery stores, or to bigger urban centres such London and St. Thomas). A County wide trail system with bike lanes would help connect all parts of the County to each other and provide an alternative and safe method of transportation.</p>	<p>There is no regional parks and recreation master plan, and planning for pathways and connections is the responsibility of the local municipality. Issues with alternative transportation, sidewalks and connections will be addressed through the lower tier municipality.</p>
<p>More work is required to ensure the County has an accessible and connected system that facilitates active living, social inclusion and economic development.</p>	<p>As part of the Transportation Master Plan, alternative forms of public transportation will also be reviewed, to ensure an accessible and connected system for all residents.</p>

AGRICULTURE

Feedback	Recommendation
<p>Participants highly rank the importance of preserving agricultural lands. This is especially true as development pressures continue to rise and populations increase. Farming is a huge asset to the County, and a major employment generator.</p>	<p>The policies of the County Official Plan protect agricultural lands as do Provincial Policy. The expansion of settlement areas to include prime agricultural lands can only be done through a comprehensive review (i.e. at the time of an Official Plan review) and contains a series of criteria to ensure any expansion is justified and necessary. These criteria are reflected in the current Official Plan and reflects provincial policy.</p>
<p>Supporting local, rural businesses should be emphasized though policy. Barriers leading to on farm diversified and farm related uses (including farm overnight accommodations) that help farm owners/operators generate business and bring people to the area should be reviewed.</p>	<p>On Farm Diversified Uses (OFGU) are uses that are secondary to the principal agricultural use of the property, and are limited in area. On-farm diversified uses include, but are not limited to, home occupations, homeindustries, agri-tourism uses, and uses that produce value-added agricultural products. The current policies of the Official Plan provide for a wide range of agriculturally related uses to operate in the agricultural area. However, further research could be done to ensure the County Official Plan reflects a wider array of uses.</p> <p>As our current policies permit a wide array of uses, and the inquiries from residents for OFGU's has been low, it is recommended that an Agriculture in the County discussion paper be added to the Planning Division's workplan, to be initiated after the completion of the OP Review. This allows staff the opportunity to conduct a larger review of the many issues facing agriculture in the County.</p> <p>It is noted that through the PPS several changes were recommended for agriculture including protection and promotion of agricultural systems, and these will be incorporated through the OP Review.</p>

JOB CREATION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Feedback	Recommendation
<p>The majority of survey participants would like to see more employment opportunities throughout Elgin County. This is especially relevant for youth employment opportunities and opportunities for young adults. Additionally, many comments reflected the need for employment opportunities and housing opportunities to be addressed together. Employment opportunities are a great way to keep people within Elgin, and draw new people into the community. Comments provided indicated the County needs to develop a strategy to attract new businesses and employment.</p>	<p>The County currently provides economic development programs to assist small business in starting and maintaining businesses in Elgin County (CIP). The County Plan contains strategic objectives on economic diversity and an economic strategy to support economic development and tourism in the County. These policies will continue to guide economic development in the County.</p>
<p>Several comments were made about ensuring tourism continues to be promoted in the County, as it is a strong revenue generator and contributes to the employment base for the County.</p>	<p>The County OP currently has many policies related to tourism and protection of agriculture. Tourism is also promoted throughout the County through programs developed by Elgin Tourism (e.g. Savour Elgin, Elgin Arts Trail). Agri-tourism will be reviewed as a component of the Agriculture in the County discussion paper.</p>

NATURAL HERITAGE AND NATURAL HAZARDS

Feedback	Recommendation
<p>A large number of survey responders believe development should protect and enhance the natural environment, and any future development should protect greenspace and environmental features. The Natural Environment is considered one of Elgin's greatest strengths by responders.</p>	<p>As part of the Official Plan review process, the Elgin Natural Heritage Systems Study (ENHSS) will be reviewed and a public meeting conducted. The ENHSS looks to further protect significant features. Mapping and policies could potentially be incorporated into the Official Plan. This will all contribute to the further protection and enhancement of the natural heritage system.</p>
<p>Several responders have also provided comments on living on the shoreline of Lake Erie. Residents expressed concern with the lack of pro-active planning for the area.</p>	<p>The issue of existing development adjacent to the Lake Erie Shoreline is complicated and has a long history with many stakeholders involved (Conservation Authorities, local stakeholders' groups such as LENSLA). There may be the potential to look at policies related to lands adjacent to Lake Erie as part of a larger review, independent of the Official Plan review process. It is anticipated that further discussion will need to occur with County Council on the possible direction of this review.</p>
<p>Climate change and its impacts are also a priority with responders.</p>	<p>The most recent Provincial Policy Statement (PPS 2020) update requires municipalities to incorporate language on climate change and impacts into their official plans. A discussion paper on the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS 2020) changes and provincial directions will be provided as part for the Official Plan review process.</p>

SETTLEMENT AREAS AND EXPANSIONS

Feedback	Recommendation
<p>Specific requests to expand the settlement boundaries has been made by several local developers at the County and the local level.</p>	<p>The expansion of settlement areas to include prime agricultural lands can only be done through a comprehensive review (i.e. at the time of an Official Plan review) and contains a series of criteria to ensure any expansion is justified, necessary and located in most advantageous spot.</p> <p>Settlement boundary expansions will be addressed as part of the population projections and land needs assessment. The draft recommendations are anticipated in October/November, 2021.</p>
<p>Alternatively, comments have also been received from residents on the need to ensure that settlement expansions protect local agriculture and mitigate impact of future serving and development on existing agricultural uses, which may be incompatible.</p>	<p>As part of that review, mitigation measures that can be incorporated into expanding settlement areas adjacent to active farmland will also be reviewed.</p>

PROCESS

Feedback	Recommendation
<p>Comments made at the initial kick off public meeting spoke to ensuring the process for the Official Plan review remains fair, open, accountable and responsive.</p>	<p>The County has developed a consultation and engagement strategy to help ensure public engagement is transparent, focused and accessible and will serve as a guiding document detailing the County's approach to external public engagement.</p> <p>https://www.elgincounty.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/03-Official-Plan-Public-Engagement-Strategy.pdf</p> <p>A robust public engagement process will result in a stronger, more relevant Official Plan. The County's promise during the Official Plan Review is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide meaningful opportunities for citizens to participate in key issues and policy review - this will be achieved through the next stage, as staff develop and identify key topics and provide discussion papers. These will be available for public input and review. As part of the Priorities Survey, the questions provided opportunities for participants to offer any additional comments they thought necessary. • Encourage two-way dialogue with the community – all the comments received through engagement will be summarized and responses provided so residents don't feel their comments are not being acknowledged. All comments received were considered and were used to help guide the review. Additionally, feedback summary reports will be provided to the public at various stages, meetings will be held to discuss key issues, and any new or updated policies will be made public for residents to review and offer comments.

PROCESS continued

Feedback	Recommendation
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make it as easy as possible for anyone to join the conversation – we are achieving this promise by offering as many different methods of communication as can be offered given the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and related restrictions. Comments were accepted via email, regular mail, phone, a public survey, and in person comments, when applicable. Additionally, to engage more residents, notice of this review was posted on the County's dedicated Official Plan review webpage, Facebook Page, through the local municipality's webpages, in local publications, and through post cards at municipal/county offices, at the County libraries, and through the mail. • Listen and report back to our community about the outcomes of the process – the Official Plan Review is a public process and therefore, all comments and suggestions have been read and taken into consideration during the review process to date. The County will keep open lines of communication, provide summary reports and a transparent process to help keep the public informed. All reports, updates and relevant documents can be found on the County's Official Plan Review webpage. <p>The engagement strategy will be updated on an on-going basis to ensure our engagement is responsive, flexible and reflects the needs of the community. An update to the engagement strategy based on feedback received from the initial consultation phase and refined recommendations will be undertaken with the What We Heard Report #2.</p> <p>Planning is meant to be a transparent process that incorporates and ensures public involvement and engagement.</p>

NEXT STEPS

We look forward to hearing more from residents about how the Official Plan review affects you and how the plan can reflect the community's vision and values.

We encourage you to stay engaged as the project moves through these next steps:

1 What We Heard Report #2 – Stakeholder Comments and Recommendations for the OP Review – June 2021

2 Discussion papers on key topics such as: Provincial Policy changes, Servicing and Development, Housing and Affordability, the Elgin Natural Heritage Systems Study, and Population and Employment Projections and Land Needs Assessment.

Further next steps with respect to the review process will be refined and additional recommendations included in the next

What We Heard Report #2 edition. You are welcome to share feedback throughout this process using our range of engagement opportunities.

If you have any questions about how to engage further you can always contact us at

opreview@elgin.ca

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Housing and Affordability

#	Feedback/Comment	County Response and Direction
1	I would like to see young adults who have been raised in Elgin County be prioritized in some way so they may afford to stay where they have been raised as well as live prosperous lives which allow them to give back and contribute sustainably to the local economy and well-being of their community within Elgin County	Ensuring there is good local employment, reasonable housing costs, and providing facilities and services are the keys to retaining local residents. A review ensuring the policies related to all of the above are incorporated into the Official Plan will be completed.
2	Seniors and affordable housing, doctors taking new patients, free parking for Port residents at the beach/tourism even if limited to 3 hours.	Affordable housing and seniors housing will be a further researched through the OP Review for the County. Issues such as doctor availability and parking are local concerns not addressed by the County OP. These comments will be forwarded the Central Elgin for their review.
3	I would really like to see a Government run Nursing Home somewhere between Straffordville and Port Burwell. I do not see why our seniors that have lived here all their lives have to be uprooted to Aylmer, Tillsonburg, or further. I would also like to see much more affordable housing for our younger generation. I feel the government need to step in and stop these buying wars.	There are three long term care facilities currently run by the County of Elgin. As per the province, the County is only required to have one facility. Additional facilities would require a demonstrated need and funding. At this time no additional County facilities are planned.
4	I would like to see more affordable housing and lower water rates.	Affordable housing will be a further researched through the OP Review for the County. Issues such as water rates are local concerns not addressed by the County

		OP. These comments will be forwarded the Central Elgin for their review.
5	Affordable housing for families and seniors. No chain restaurants in Port to maintain a village vibe.	Affordable housing and seniors housing will be a further researched through the OP Review for the County.
6	We need more affordable housing!!!! We need it for seniors as well as struggling individuals and families! It's becoming ridiculous, that just because Port Stanley is becoming a hot spot, it should not discriminate low income persons. Luckily, I am not one of them but this situation has been ignored for way to long!!	Affordable housing and seniors housing will be a further researched through the OP Review for the County.
7	One of the things that I would like to see in the plan is ensuring that people can age in place. Person's living with dementia are able to stay in their communities for longer if the correct supports are in place. I believe that small communities are at an advantage for allowing someone living with dementia to remain in their community because of relationships that develop with residents. However, this can only be done if the person living with dementia and their care partner are able to remain in that community. This would require thinking about building dementia friendly communities that have low maintenance residences and have amenities close by, as the person will no longer be able to drive as the disease progresses.	<p>It is important to ensure that each local community has the necessary supports needed for a wide range of individuals. Building dementia friendly communities relies on appropriate training for all persons, including individuals, community leaders and businesses. The Alzheimer Society has developed dementia friendly training. More information can be found at: https://alzheimer.ca/on/en/take-action/become-dementia-friendly/dementia-friendly-communities-ontario</p> <p>Staff will review the policies of the Official Plan to ensure aging in place is supported.</p>
8	Please consider more housing options for people living in small rural communities within the county. Its not enough that the large towns have low income housing. If this pandemic has taught us anything its that homelessness is quickly becoming a small-town issue just as much as a big city one.	The issue of housing affordability in the rural areas has been identified through the Central Elgin Housing Strategy. Affordable housing will be a further researched through the OP Review for the County.

9	We need an apartment building for seniors. There is no place to go when you're a senior and want to sell your home. We would like to stay in Port not have to go to St Thomas or London.	Alternative forms of housing, such as apartment units, are encouraged in the County Official Plan, but further direction and parameters on apartments are provided through the local municipal Official Plans. These comments will also be forwarded to the Central Elgin for their review.
10	The Airbnb's need to be stopped I'm tired of calling OPP all the time taking them away from stuff they really need to be doing because people don't shut up at Airbnb's they should have to have permission before they open an Airbnb the one beside me is it that is in a residential area the lady that owns it she told me she don't care about anything but the money no Back Fence in her yard a little kids going to fall in that River one of these days	Consideration for short term rentals and licensing for short term rentals are local concerns not addressed by the County OP. The County will be reviewing policies on affordable housing.

Infrastructure and Connectivity

#	Feedback/Comment	County Response and Direction
11	Would like you to include us in the planning for internet as we have terrible access here. I have written Jeff Yurek and he suggested I write to you. We live in the Doug Tarry new subdivision area - we are not the new development we are on the North side - and we cannot get internet except for satellite for the country. We have asked all providers for cable internet but were told we would have to pay \$30,000. to have it installed. Another provider said to beg Doug Tarry to install a line over to us. There are about 5 homes affected by this and now that we have been swallowed up in the city of St. Thomas we should have good internet which we do not. Please add us to the list of Swift so that we can have real internet access.	These comments will be forwarded to the Connectivity Committee for their review.
12	I would like to see the sidewalks in old Lynhurst completed and a side walk or path that joins old Lynhurst to the new neighbourhoods in that	Issues with sidewalks and connections will be addressed through the lower tier

	<p>area. Path from crescent avenue to George street. More biking paths and walking trails. Maybe turn the old train track into a paved trail</p>	<p>municipality. There is no regional parks and recreation master plan, and planning for pathways and connections is the responsibility of the local municipality. These comments will be forwarded to Central Elgin for their review.</p>
13	<p>Magnetic technology is a new power that generates electricity and will eventually replace the current fragile electrical grid in many cities, and replace the ugly wind turbines as well.</p> <p>Currently, if there is a power outage, thousands of homes are often affected. This won't happen with technology that uses the power of magnets to constantly create a "push and pull" energy that in a machine will spin a wheel forever, creating electricity. No need to feed this machine fuel that harms the environment. No need for nuclear power, fossil fuels. Imagine individual homes and buildings with their own environmentally friendly power of electricity that is off the grid.</p> <p>This is equivalent to what is called "Free Energy" because there doesn't appear to be a cost when you use magnetics. It is a force that is there, available and forever.</p> <p>Various buildings in Buffalo, New York City, Pittsburgh and soon Boston are already using this technology (provided by the company Innovation-T, for example) to supply their own electricity off the grid. The website innovationt.com has pictures of what this technology looks like. Some examples are Micro Wind Turbines that were placed on top of buildings in New York. They are more powerful and efficient than the unsightly giant wind turbines that take up so much land. Innovationt.com also has pictures of "Magnetronics motor generators" as well as various detailed information and comparisons with our current technology of wind and solar farms.</p>	<p>Alternative energy sources are permitted through the current Official Plan policies.</p>

	Also search "The Future of Magnetics" in the internet (Youtube videos, etc.)	
14	<p>It would be great to see a shuttle service for Port Stanley during the summer months to allow visitors to park outside of town (Green Roof would've been a great spot) and have a bus transport people from the parking, to both ends of the village to minimize traffic.</p> <p>Focusing on growing rural communities, such as Shedden and Union, to have sidewalks/walking trails installed and extra support to add and encourage more small businesses to these areas.</p>	<p>Issues with alternative transportation, sidewalks and connections will be addressed through the lower tier municipality. There is no regional parks and recreation master plan, and planning for pathways and connections is the responsibility of the local municipality.</p> <p>The County currently provides economic development programs to assist small business in starting and maintaining businesses in Elgin Count (CIP).</p> <p>These comments will be forwarded to Central Elgin and Southwold for their review.</p>
15	<p>I would really like to see a crosswalk put in on Graham Road by the arena area. With the new accessible park, all communities gathering there for soccer in the summer (Rodney, West Lorne, Dutton, Wallacetown) and the splash pad/skate park there is no safe place to cross the road. It is a very busy road and has taken me sometimes upwards of 10 minutes to cross with my young children. When I brought this idea to council I was told no and it is complex due to it being an EDR. In my opinion that makes it all the more reason for a crosswalk. There are also many students who walk to St Mary's. With no stop light anywhere, no crosswalk, heavy traffic and sometimes traffic from the 401, there is no place for them to cross safely, even the main intersection is terrifying watching some kids running across hoping the cars coming down main turning left or right see them and stop. A crosswalk would give safe access to the park and a safe place</p>	<p>Pedestrian Crossings are installed on County roads by the County of Elgin if a location meets the technical warrants identified in the Ontario Traffic Manual – Book 15 “Pedestrian Crossing Treatments”. If a location does not meet the warrant criteria, the local municipality (in this case the Municipality of West Elgin) may request County Council to install a pedestrian crossover at their entire capital and operating expense. County Council has previously supported the installation of pedestrian crossovers on County roads by the local</p>

	for students to cross to get to school (easy access to St Mary's through the park). This would greatly benefit the safety and functionality of our growing community.	municipality where they are not technically warranted.
16	I'd really love to see a splash pad added to Sheddern. There are many new young families joining the community. Currently, residents have to travel to St Thomas or Dutton or London to enjoy one. It would be a great addition to our community!	Issues such as recreational facilities are local concerns not addressed by the County OP. There is no regional parks and recreation master plan, and planning for recreational facilities is the responsibility of the local municipality. These comments will be forwarded to Southwold for their review.
17	Ensure space is allocated in New Lynhurst area for development of the walking and bike trail system & connecting it to the other trails in St Thomas and Central Elgin. Focus on developing pathways that are not shoulders of main roads. Also, Smart investments in water infrastructure that reduces the burden on rate payers as current rates and future increases are a risk to future development and resident prosperity.	Issues such as recreational facilities and water infrastructure are local concerns not addressed by the County OP. There is no regional parks and recreation master plan, and planning for recreational facilities is the responsibility of the local municipality.

Job Creation, Economic Development and Tourism

#	Feedback/Comment	County Response and Direction
18	Parks are nice but our development ought to have a focus on jobs. What kinds of development would create more local jobs? A hotel would, a condo project not so much. A gazebo is nice but retail means jobs. Vistas of the beach/waterfront are nice but an attraction means people and jobs. A larger Deepwater marina attracts outsiders and	The County will review the potential for major projects that could contribute to the growth of the County and ensure the appropriate policies are in place to support these projects in the future.

	their money. A bigger theatrical venue brings people. Money in the hands of local recirculates through the community	
19	It would be great to see a shuttle service for Port Stanley during the summer months to allow visitors to park outside of town (Green Roof would've been a great spot) and have a bus transport people from the parking, to both ends of the village to minimize traffic.	Issues such as alternative local transportation options and sidewalks/walking trails are local concerns not addressed by the County OP. These comments will be forwarded to Central Elgin and Southwold for their review.
20	During the golden age of Tobacco, Elgin County was bright and sparkling. It now looks sad, with many buildings falling down. Agriculture is still possible and should be highlighted. Tourism is possible, but needs more promotion to increase traffic and benefit local businesses. Old buildings with historic significance should be retained rather than torn down for commercial spaces. Keep the uniqueness of the area because that's what sets it apart from elsewhere. Make roads safer for people who travel with horses and wagons because they are a significant contribution to the personality of the area. There are many children in the area but not a lot of entertainment or activity spaces for them.	The County OP currently has many policies related to tourism and protection of agriculture. Tourism is also promoted throughout the County through programs developed by Elgin Tourism (e.g. Savour Elgin. Elgin Arts Trail).

Agriculture and Rural Area

#	Feedback/Comment	County Response and Direction
21	<p>The review of the Elgin County Official Plan needs be conducted through a rural lens. As such the Official Plan needs to recognize smaller settlement areas and facilitate residential growth within existing village and hamlet boundaries, including large scale residential development in those settlement areas that either have or do not have available public water and waste water services.</p> <p>Plenty of jurisdictions surrounding Elgin county permit residential development on no or partial services. It is competitively unfair to</p>	<p>The issue of development on partial servicing has been raised. The current Official Plan contains policies that limit development on partial services to "infilling and rounding out", which is the same language as the Provincial Policy Statement. A discussion report will be completed in the coming months which looks at current County policy, current</p>

	<p>restrict large scale residential development projects to only areas with full service availability, while neighbouring jurisdictions do not enforce similar development restrictions. For example, if large scale residential development is permitted in Norfolk and Oxford counties in areas of no or partial services, then why not similar development be allowed through the Elgin County Official Plan.</p>	<p>provincial policy, development in other communities, and possible solutions.</p>
22	<p>I would like to see residential development encouraged in hamlets, villages and towns. Especially where water and natural gas and other services are available along with natural drainage. It would increase tax revenue as well as support water system revenue. Also, New Glasgow is the only corner west of St Thomas that does not have a reduced speed zone or stop light. A lot of RV and boat traffic turns at this corner to go to Port Glasgow causing hazardous situations</p>	<p>Development in hamlets, villages and towns are currently permitted, on a limited basis depending on the availability of services. The issue of development on partial servicing has been raised. The current Official Plan contains policies that limit development on partial services to “minor infilling and rounding out”, which is the same language as the Provincial Policy Statement. A discussion report will be completed in the coming months which looks at current policy current provincial policy, development in other communities, and possible solutions.</p> <p>Reduced speed zones along County roads are established based upon the percentage of adjacent development that occupies the land fronting the road. The Highway Traffic Act defines what constitutes a “built up area”, and when this definition is satisfied, a reduced speed zone is implemented. New Glasgow does not have sufficient adjacent development density in order for this section of road to be defined as a “built up area” and</p>

		therefore the posted speed limit remains at 80km/h.
23	I have a concern that the marina at the end of Furnival Road has registered as a gravel pit. In the old days there used to be a cable and a bucket that would enable the marina to clear its area, now they use excavators. I have photos of piles of gravel many of them that are as big as a house. I feel that this is a violation of the Lake Erie. At the same time the municipality has greatly restricted what property Owners may do with their property resulting in lower property values. The restrictions virtually disable the ability to expand or rebuild.	<p>The ability to develop a property is contingent on the County Official Plan, the local Official Plan, and the zoning by-law for the municipality. However, certain lands are limited in their development potential based on their location near Lake Erie.</p> <p>Gravel pits are a permitted use depending on the zoning and/or the designation on the site.</p> <p>This comment will be forwarded to the Municipality of West Elgin.</p>
24	Prioritize C.E. Sickening selling out prime farm land to the rich! & then complain about traffic.	The policies of the County Official Plan protect agricultural lands as do Provincial Policy. The expansion of settlement areas to include prime agricultural lands can only be done through a comprehensive review (i.e. at the time of an Official Plan review) and contains a series of criteria to ensure any expansion is justified, necessary and located in most advantageous spot.
25	I'm a past member of the Elgin County Land Division Committee from 2011 to 2018. The Official Plan for Elgin County needs to keep in mind that (RURAL) is a most important part of Elgin. The towns, villages, hamlets and settlement areas in Elgin do not all have access	The issue of development on partial servicing has been raised. The current Official Plan contains policies that limit development on partial services to "minor

	<p>to municipal water and sewers, this does NOT make them a bad place to live. Some areas have access to water and others have access to sewers only. The financial strain on any Municipalities into making these available in order for expansion to continue would be impossible in todays economic climate. I hope that Staff and, in the end, - Elgin County Council will use common sense as the Official Plan is reviewed and changes are incorporated. Remember- Not everyone wants to live in an urban environment! Rural is great as well!</p>	<p>infilling and rounding out", which is the same language as the Provincial Policy Statement. A discussion report will be completed in the coming months which looks at current policy, current provincial policy, development in other communities, and possible solutions.</p>
26	<p>My family farms in Southwold. We have been farming for over 10 years and have had many new homes go up around us during that time. Many of our new neighbours were unaware of all of the smells, sounds, and inconveniences that go with agriculture. It often creates a difficult uncomfortable situation. I have looked at other Counties and up north (I think this may be from Grey-Bruce) they have wording put into real estate transactions. I am wondering if this is something our Country could do, and if so, what is the process?</p> <p><i>"The Buyer acknowledges that the property lies within, partially within, adjacent to or within two kilometres of an area zoned, used or identified for agricultural and food production activities and that such activities occur in the area. These activities may include intensive operations that cause discomfort and inconveniences that involve, but not limited to dust, noise, flies, light, odour, smoke, traffic, vibration, operating of machinery during any 24-hour period, storage and utilization of manure and the application by spraying or otherwise of chemical fertilizers, soil amendments, herbicides and pesticides. One or more of these inconveniences have protection in Ontario under the Farming and Food Production Protection Act."</i></p>	<p>A review of the consent policies is necessary to ensure that there are uniform policies applied to all local municipalities. A warning clause on title is something that can be explored as part of the Official Plan review.</p>

Natural Heritage and Natural Hazards

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27	<p>I would like the County to consider protecting natural spaces and sustainability as top priority.</p>	<p>As part of the Official Plan review process, the Elgin Natural Heritage Systems Study (ENHSS) will be reviewed and a public meeting conducted. The ENHSS looks to further protect significant features. Mapping and policies could potentially be incorporated into the Official Plan.</p> <p>Sustainability is a broad term, but is defined as efficient land use and development patterns that promote strong, liveable, healthy and resilient communities, protection of the environment and public health and safety, and facilitate economic growth, as per the Provincial Policy Statement (2020). We will review the components of sustainability as part of the County OP Review to ensure policies support the above.</p>
28	<p>Living on the shoreline of Lake Erie your lack of proactive planning is a concern.</p>	<p>The issue of existing development adjacent to the Lake Erie Shoreline is complicated and has a long history with many stakeholders involved (Conservation Authorities, local stakeholders groups such as LENSLA).</p> <p>There may be the potential to look at policies related to lands adjacent to Lake Erie as part of a larger review. It is anticipated that further discussion will need to occur with County Council on the possible direction of this review.</p>

29	In your official plan I encourage the county to make the preservation of existing natural heritage lands, woods, wetlands, marshes etc. a priority.	The County Official Plan contains many policies related to the protection of significant natural heritage features. As part of the Official Plan review process, the Elgin Natural Heritage Systems Study (ENHSS) will be reviewed and a public meeting conducted. The ENHSS looks to further protect significant features. Mapping and policies could potentially be incorporated into the Official Plan.
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Settlement Areas and Expansions

#	Feedback/Comment	County Response and Direction
30	Home owners having more say on their property	The County OP contains broad policies on development or restrictions on development. Often those restrictions are in place because of the location of a property i.e. in the agricultural area, natural heritage, Lake Erie shoreline. Further to this, the local Official Plans and zoning by-law further provide direction on development.
31	Special interest in areas of Lynhurst.	Lynhurst is a Tier 1 settlement in Central Elgin. Generally, there are full services and development is permitted. The policies of the local Central Elgin Official Plan will guide development within the settlement area.

32	<p>Hayhoe Developments Inc. is the owner of 117 acres of potential development lands in the hamlet of Union, Central Elgin. The municipal address is 6082 Stone Church Road. Given that the lands are within the hamlet of Union we are requesting that the property be given residential designation, as part of the overall Official Plan Review/Amendment for the County and Municipality. Our request and justification are based on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A portion of the lands are already designated as residential and the lands are currently abutting existing residential on the north and west boundaries. • The lands are within and/or abutting the hamlet of Union • The Union Sanitary Class Environmental Assessment is currently in process and Hayhoe Developments Inc. will consider participating in the cost of the required infrastructure which would make the project more financially feasible. It is our understanding that the findings of the Class EA will be submitted to Central Elgin Council very soon and the Class EA will recommend a pump in a location that provides a gravity sanitary sewer outlet for the 117- acre parcel. • The existing municipal water service in Union can adequately meet the requirement for the site. • Walter Hayhoe, the previous owner of the lands, along with other owners/developers, cooperated in the Scoped Sub-Watershed Study prepared by Golder and Associates. The Draft Report is currently in process. This will provide the framework for the treatment of post-development storm water in harmony with existing ponds and wetlands in the area. • Hayhoe Developments Inc. is part of the Hayhoe Group, who have been active builders/developers in the area for many years. Hayhoe recognizes the mutual benefit of 	<p>Settlement boundary expansions will be addressed as part of the population projections and land needs assessment.</p>
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	working collaboratively on land development with Municipal and County Staff along with KCCA and other stakeholders.	
33	<p>It has been brought to my attention that the farm at 4509 Union Rd. is possibly being sold to a residential developer. We have experienced a lot of development in our area, and a lot of it has been done prematurely causing problems after. We prefer no more development in our area, but at the very least we ask that you consider the following points before approving development on the Turville farm. First, educate new residents about the dangers, smells and sounds of agriculture. Second, ensure the developer provides proper fencing to prevent disturbance to neighbouring wildlife. Lastly, and most importantly council needs to make sure the developer pays for the added costs of developing this land including all drainage and site upgrades. Having developments in agricultural areas causes conflicts. New home owners do not like it when farmers need to spread manure, spray crops, or have migrant workers living nearby. They also do not understand that farms are not parks. Trespassing on to farms when there is active farm work occurring is dangerous. We currently have this problem and it will grow with more people living in the area. We also farm the orchard east of the possible development site and in the spring need to spray at odd hrs to ensure crop protection. These new residents need to be educated about what moving to an active farming community involves, to prevent unpleasant surprises and conflicts. It is unfair to leave this responsibility up to the farmers in the area. Secondly, the forest south/west and west of the property is a very active wildlife habitat. Development will disturb this area. Therefore this area needs to be well protected from development and residential areas. Before approving development, council should put measures in place to ensure its safety. Perhaps, a large buffer area including trees and a large no trespassing fence could be required. Kettle Creek should also be consulted to see what their recommendations would be. Lastly, even though this</p>	<p>The expansion of settlement areas to include prime agricultural lands can only be done through a comprehensive review (i.e. at the time of an Official Plan review) and contains a series of criteria to ensure any expansion is justified, necessary and located in most advantageous spot. Settlement boundary expansions will be addressed as part of the population projections and land needs assessment. As part of that review, mitigation measures that can be incorporated into expanding settlement areas adjacent to active farmland will also be reviewed.</p>

	<p>development is happening in the country where there is lots of land, it needs to be done properly. If the land is changed from agricultural to residential, it will be the developer making a financial gain off of the land. Therefore, the developer should be responsible for costs associated with the development. That is a difficult stretch of highway, and significant road work or site prep will be needed. Adding houses and driveways or streets will also increase drainage requirements. I request council make it clear prior to approval, that this will be at the cost of the developer and not the municipality and neighbouring land owners. In the past, development has been approved too quickly in our area. It has cost new residence, the municipality and neighbouring land owners money and headaches. The best way to prevent these problems is to avoid development. If this is not possible, at the very least, we request that the measures suggested be put in place prior to approving more development. I thank you for your time and hope you consider our concerns.</p>	
34	<p>My particular interests at this point relate to the identification of settlement areas, and the designation of lands capable of supporting orderly growth in the west part of the County, namely in the Municipalities of Dutton Dunwich and West Elgin. A great deal of advanced local planning and engineering has been completed in these municipalities since the original Official Plan of the County of Elgin was prepared and approved. This work has been largely driven by private interests who are very committed to investment in development, and its associated economic impacts, in these two lower tier municipalities. These interests and investments have been made, in some cases, in the absence of supporting designations in the County Official Plan. Port Glasgow by the Municipality of West Elgin, and two associated draft plans of subdivision on and adjacent to these lands have been completed and are either approved or very close to approval. Yet, like Port Glasgow, Port Talbot has never been recognized as a Settlement Area in the County's Official Plan. This also should be rectified in</p>	<p>Settlement boundary expansions will be addressed as part of the population projections and land needs assessment.</p> <p>The addition of Port Glasgow and Port Talbot as a settlement area within the County Official Plan will be reviewed.</p>

	<p>the next iteration of the County's Official Plan. Thirdly, I will make reference to the Village of Dutton in the Municipality of Dutton Dunwich as an area of substantial recent investment in land and infrastructure by private development interests. The success of one particular subdivision development has led that consortium to acquire additional lands in, and adjacent to the designated settlement area of the Village. This type of expressed confidence and investment by private interests is vital to the economic survival and quality of life in these municipalities. Future iterations of the County's Official Plan therefore should be both flexible and responsive to serious investment opportunities. When these opportunities represent bona fide examples of logical and orderly growth as defined in the Provincial Policy Statement, the County, through its Official Plan needs to support and encourage these investments which are vital to both lower and upper tier community interests.</p>	
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Process

35	<p>I am however a local resident, and as many of you know, I have actively observed the conduct and deliberations of County council for nearly six successive years with little absence. The Official Planning process that you have launched is indisputably the most consequential to Elgin County since 1967 when the Ford Motor Company of Canada's opened the St. Thomas Assembly in Talbotville. Why is that? Because Ontario and Elgin County are facing the greatest number of pressures in a century. Regardless of what is anticipated, the next decade alone will see dramatically altered development, demographics, economics, the local landscape, and even our governance. It is crucial that Elgin County and this council are seized of the consequences and can be</p>	<p>A robust public engagement process will result in a stronger, more relevant Official Plan. The County's promise during the Official Plan Review is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide meaningful opportunities for citizens to participate in key issues and policy review - this will be achieved through the next stage, as staff develop and identify key topics and provide discussion papers. These will be available for public input and review. As part of
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<p>reasonably observed to conduct this process with attentiveness, precision, and most of all transparency. There are distinct paradoxes that presently exist in Elgin that have caused collisions within the space of planning over the past several years. Elgin County in collaboration with several other public agencies and the lower-tier municipalities have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on reports and assessments that in final analyses were found to be conflictual, incomplete, and at times insufficiently rationalized. Some were later abandoned due to public outcry and many of the outstanding issues have remained unaddressed. Agriculture and development are often viewed as exclusive but need not be. At the same time, constituencies and public office holders in Elgin will need to make peace that protecting both agricultural and sensitive lands must reconciled through collaboration, complementarity, consultation, and correction. Managing growth smartly will also involve targeted intensification and acceptance that planning and its standards must be consistent and fairly applied. County and lower tiers have had difficulties of late with consistency and fairness. I and several other observers are concerned that this process has launched without sufficient definition or scope. It is critical that Elgin County gets this process correct. Inattention to detail prompts dysfunction which prompts conflict. Each of those consequences have attendant costs. They can be prevented. As council looks to direct the steps we would underscore that receiving input is insufficient. Council and staff must be prepared to return to the drawing board where necessary, amend where prudent, and rescind where warranted. The information and materials involved in this process are voluminous and can be complex. Elgin County will need to be deliberate and proactive to walk everyone, all stakeholders through the data, implications, and rationales. Done correctly, Elgin can course correct for the post-pandemic environment well equipped.</p>	<p>the Priorities Survey, the questions provided opportunities for participants to offer any additional comments they thought necessary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Encourage two-way dialogue with the community – all the comments received through engagement will be summarized and responses provided so residents don't feel their comments are not being acknowledged. All comments received were considered and were used to help guide the review. Additionally, feedback summary reports will be provided to the public at various stages, meetings will be held to discuss key issues, and any new or updated policies will be made public for residents to review and offer comments. - Make it as easy as possible for anyone to join the conversation – we are achieving this promise by offering as many different methods of communication as can be offered given the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and related restrictions. Comments were accepted via email, regular mail, phone, a public survey, and in person comments, when applicable. Additionally, to engage more residents, notice of this
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	<p>Done poorly, it will cost. We look forward to contributing to this being done right and for the deliberate, open, responsive, and most of all fair evolution of the next Official Plan as Elgin manages growth. We will be active and present throughout.</p>	<p>review was posted on the County's dedicated Official Plan review webpage, Facebook Page, through the local municipality's webpages, in local publications, and through post cards at municipal/county offices, at the County libraries, and through the mail.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Listen and report back to our community about the outcomes of the process – the Official Plan Review is a public process and therefore, all comments and suggestions have been read and taken into consideration during the review process to date. The County will keep open lines of communication, provide summary reports and a transparent process to help keep the public informed. All reports, updates and relevant documents can be found on the County's Official Plan Review webpage. <p>https://www.elgincounty.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/03-Official-Plan-Public-Engagement-Strategy.pdf</p>
36	<p>Living on the shoreline of Lake Erie your lack of proactive planning is a concern.</p>	<p>The issue of existing development adjacent to the Lake Erie Shoreline is complicated and has a long history with many stakeholders involved (Conservation Authorities, local stakeholders groups such as LENSLA).</p>

		There may be the potential to look at policies related to lands adjacent to Lake Erie, but it is anticipated this would be part of a larger review that would include the local municipalities, Conservation Authorities and affected residents, outside of the OP Review process.
37	Is there anyone in C.E .office that doesn't lie?If so pls.call me.Thats my feedback!	The cornerstone of Planning is a transparent process that incorporates and ensures public involvement and engagement. Policies with the local and the County Official Plan
38	Always nice to know what is in store and where government officials are leaning.	The Official Plan review process occurs every five years to ensure that the plan is responsive to current legislation and trends. The Official Plan reflects legislation, the direction of Council and the community.
39	Home owners having more say on their property.	Processes like the Official Plan review are a good opportunity for homeowners to have more say in the policies that directly affect them.

Urban Design

40	Many communities in Ontario don't always have the resources to dedicate to developing strong Urban Design policies. But there are progressive examples of communities supporting each other by providing tools to make these types of plans easier through the Official Plan process. One of the progressive examples of policy Masonry Works has seen during our multi-year Building Tomorrow's Heritage Neighbourhoods Today campaign is a model	Urban design guidelines would require the expertise of a consultant and consultation and involvement with the local municipalities. At this time it is not a recommended project as part of the OP Review, however staff can explore this project after the completion of the OP
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	<p>wherein the upper tier of local government provides help. As a County, your Official Plan carries a lot of weight, and the example you set can help make it easier for the other communities within Elgin County to maintain strong design standards. We're encouraging you to consider using this OP Review as an opportunity to start thinking about setting an example in terms of strong design language. Right now, the OP encourages local municipalities to establish comprehensive design guidelines and other policies to foster safe and attractive communities. This is a solid start. The next step for building on that from the County perspective should be to consider incorporating some basic Model Urban Design Guidelines as part of this Plan. These could serve as a starting point for local municipalities interested in streamlining their own design policy process. As well, we encourage you to consider design when it comes to the institutional facilities all governments have to invest in. Below, find attached the rationale for addressing Urban Design and built form through the planning process.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Today's New Builds are Tomorrow's Heritage Neighbourhoods - The impact of a new neighbourhood goes beyond the present day. Consider the effect those homes will have on the community's overall character 50 and even 100 years from now. Strong Urban Design Guidelines that include a focus on buildings can create neighbourhoods that evolve into strong, distinctive neighbourhoods that will define your community for generations to come. Without strong guidelines you're leaving that future up to chance. 2. Quality Development, Quality Communities - The neighbourhoods we build today will be with us for generations. As very long-term investments, a municipality's building stock and exterior designs should be built with aesthetics in mind and quality that will last. Developing communities with no demands for quality building materials 	Review and if Council considers it a priority.
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	<p>and design is risking long-term decline, and leaving future generations to deal with the problems or rundown neighbourhoods and housing. Design policy is key to ensuring that new communities are built to a standard that residents and planners alike can take pride in, now and well into the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Without a Vision, Who Sets the Standards? - Scenario: A developer/builder comes to town with plans to build a new neighbourhood. Without Urban Design Guidelines that include direction on building quality and architecture, that neighbourhood could be built to very low design and quality standards, and urban planners will be powerless to prevent it if there are no urban design guidelines. Strong design policies give municipal planners a tool through which to establish a vision and work with developers/builders to build communities that enhance the character of your municipality. 4. Municipalities Have a Long-Term Stake in Neighbourhoods - The developer's stake in a home ends the moment it's sold. Every home will go through many owners and occupants over the course of its life. But the home itself will still be there, part of the municipality. The community itself has a big stake in the home – and in the neighbourhoods those homes make up. Homeowners will come and go, but the municipality will have the neighbourhood forever. 5. Good Design Doesn't Stop Downtown - Many municipalities put great focus on design policy on their downtown and historic areas, but don't pay as much attention to other neighbourhoods and districts. But the community doesn't end at the downtown core. Residents spend as much time in their own neighbourhoods as they do in business or employment areas. Residential neighbourhoods contribute as much to a community's character. Residents are as 	
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	<p>attached if not more so to their own neighbourhoods. They deserve architectural and design attention, too.</p> <p>6. The Tools are There to Be Used - The Province gave municipalities the power, through the Planning Act, to have a say into matters of exterior design as it relates to architecture and building materials. This power has remained entrenched within the Planning Act through various reviews. The applicability of Urban Design Guidelines has been upheld by the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal in appeals over the years. These powers were granted to communities to be used, using local understanding to help shape Ontario's communities and not leave it up to chance.</p> <p>7. Clear, unambiguous language and policies speed up the approvals process - Developers have identified ambiguous policy language as one of the major hurdles that slows down project completion. Language such as "compatible with the neighbourhood," unsupported by clear and specific design guidelines, opens the concept to debate and dispute. Strong, clear urban design policy lets planners lay out expectations for good architectural character, helping to speed development along.</p>	
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Port Stanley

#	Feedback/Comment	County Response and Direction
41	As for Port Stanley-Keep building out side the main area of the town such as on East road. No more condos they are not affordable to the general residents in this area. More opportunity for families to enjoy the area such as mini putt, walking trails, picnic areas, perhaps replace the boardwalk with small units for an outdoor arcade style like	Policies related to development of Port Stanley are within the Municipality of Central Elgin's Official Plan. Central Elgin is developing a Secondary Plan to lay out the long-term vision and plan for the

	<p>what was there-balloon pop, bottle throw etc. Using students for volunteer time. If anything is to be built on the west side of the harbour make it a 1 floor seniors building or a community similar to the Kiwanis in St. Thomas. Motel and convention center is best by the new firehall not as an eye sore at the bridge area.</p>	<p>repurposing of the Port Stanley Harbour lands and their planned integration with the adjacent waterfront areas in Port Stanley. The Port Stanley Harbour Area Secondary Plan (Harbour Plan) will build on previous work to identify land use designations and policies that will guide detailed planning and recommend the location of specific land uses, such as parks, recreation, retail and tourist commercial, housing (both primary and second/vacation homes) and infrastructure investment.</p> <p>There will not be any consideration on a special policy specific to Port Stanley in the County Official Plan review at this time. These comments will be forwarded the Central Elgin for their review.</p>
42	<p>The beaches have been crowded the last few years. Now we've welcomed hundreds of families to the area and plan to build co op buildings and still more housing. Our beaches cannot support the influx. Spend a few dollars and expand the beaches. They are the reason people come here!</p>	<p>The Municipality of Central Elgin would need to purchase additional lands in order to expand beaches in Port Stanley. Issues such as additional beach areas are local concerns not addressed by the County OP. These comments will be forwarded the Central Elgin for their review.</p>
43	<p>Seniors and affordable housing, doctors taking new patients, free parking for Port residents at the beach even if limited to 3 hours.</p>	<p>Seniors and affordable housing general policies will be looked at through the OP Review for the County.</p>

		Issues such as parking and doctor availability are local concerns not addressed by the County OP. These comments will be forwarded the Central Elgin for their review.
44	Tennis courts please and dog park. Also to keep coffee shops and shopping open till 10 pm downtown. Some doctors in Port Stanley would be great too.	The Municipality of Central Elgin has a Recreation Master Plan and Trails Master Plan which identifies new recreational facilities for all of Central Elgin, including Port Stanley. Issues such as tennis courts, doctor availability and dog parks are local concerns not addressed by the County OP. These comments will be forwarded the Central Elgin for their review.
45	As a resident of Port Stanley I would like to retain access to the green spaces still available in the village. As well I believe we need to regulate building height and style of new builds. Port Stanley is a jewel of the county please help us keep it this way. I believe more Niagara-on-the-Lakeish rather than Grand Bendish!	As part of the Port Stanley Secondary Plan, additional green space and regulations on building heights/densities will be considered. These comments will be forwarded the Central Elgin for their review.
46	In this plan a dog beach or dog park area in Port Stanley. There a lot of dogs in this area E.g. the area beside water tower is gated or a spot on the Berm. Remove the eyesores by pier and beach. The black round containers. Strict speed laws. Many don't want to follow. Growing population with seniors children etc. walking on East Road Sunset etc. More police presence on weekends in summer. Allow new builds. Small condos but don't swallow the green spaces in Port and area. Enhance the beach with trees flowers, etc. Light the bridge all year round.	Issues such as dog parks, speed limits, enforcement and beach enhancements are local concerns not addressed by the County OP. These comments will be forwarded the Central Elgin for their review.

47	<p>Dog park on the berm would be welcome. A place for dogs to roam until further development. To keep the beach clean from excrement, safe and free of wandering dogs. Paid parking in Little Beach and Erie Rest. Exit from Kokomo to Carlow.</p> <p>Bike lanes where possible. Tennis courts, pickle ball courts. Negotiate with McAsphalt to leave, create more parking.</p> <p>No buildings more than 3 stories. Highrises back from water views. Preserve the views and the beach.</p>	<p>Issues such as dog parks, additional recreational facilities, and parking are local concerns not addressed by the County OP. These comments will be forwarded to the Central Elgin for their review.</p> <p>Proposed developments require the preparation of a comprehensive Traffic Impact Study forecasting growth and traffic conditions into the future. Such a study has been completed and determined the intersection operation at George Street and William Street be converted to a two-ways stop control, with right-of-way assigned to George Street. This recommendation has since been implemented. The study confirmed that all other existing roadways and intersections within the study area had sufficient capacity and would continue to operate at acceptable levels of service.</p>
48	<p>Affordable housing in Port Stanley. Long-term rentals especially. There should be a limit on Airbnb's, it's getting out of hand. There are very few long-term rentals. Pretty soon there will be no place for minimum wage workers to live and therefore it will impact the businesses. I know that for myself and other restaurants in Port Stanley it has been getting increasingly hard to hire employees because they just aren't in the village anymore.</p>	<p>Seniors and affordable housing general policies will be looked at through the OP Review for the County.</p> <p>Consideration for short term rentals and licensing for short term rentals are local concerns not addressed by the County OP. These comments will be forwarded to the Central Elgin for their review.</p>

49	Affordable housing for families and seniors. No chain restaurants in Port to maintain a village vibe.	Seniors and affordable housing general policies will be looked at through the OP Review for the County.
50	Port Stanley: Nothing built over 3 stories (and not the height of Dan Salhani's yellow condo). No more "beige subdivisions" - better yet - no more subdivisions at all. Please check out "Spirit Bay - colourful houses in British Columbia". Much more attractive. Affordable housing for existing Port residents who can't afford the ridiculous taxes and have to move out of the Village! More parkland. It is time to stop the growth and let everyone settle. It has been to big too fast and it is not healthy for a once happy and relaxed Village.	As part of the Port Stanley Secondary Plan, additional green space and regulations on building heights/densities will be considered. These comments will be forwarded the Central Elgin for their review. Seniors and affordable housing general policies will be looked at through the OP Review for the County.
51	I believe that there is a need for a safe water/splash pad. With the rising numbers of young families calling Port Stanley home, or a vacation destination, there is a need for a place to cool off when the bacteria levels are dangerous to swim. This happens after hot weather as well as rain runoff. When the lake is not safe this would still bring families to the area with an alternative cool down spot!	The Municipality of Central Elgin has a Recreation Master Plan and Trails Master Plan which identifies new recreational facilities for all of Central Elgin, including Port Stanley. Issues such as splash pads are local concerns not addressed by the County OP. These comments will be forwarded to Central Elgin for their review.
52	Traffic flow solutions, timely road repairs, affordable water, a cap on building permits, sidewalks, outdoor benches and garbage bins THROUGHOUT the village (Port people like to walk but we also need to sit and rest and garbage bins are so important; they would help to keep the town clean).	The County of Elgin has initiated a comprehensive Transportation Master Plan that will in part review the entire road network to identify potential solutions in order to improve traffic movement. During all capital road projects the County considers the construction project's impact on all road users and endeavours to limit temporary disruption to the extent possible.

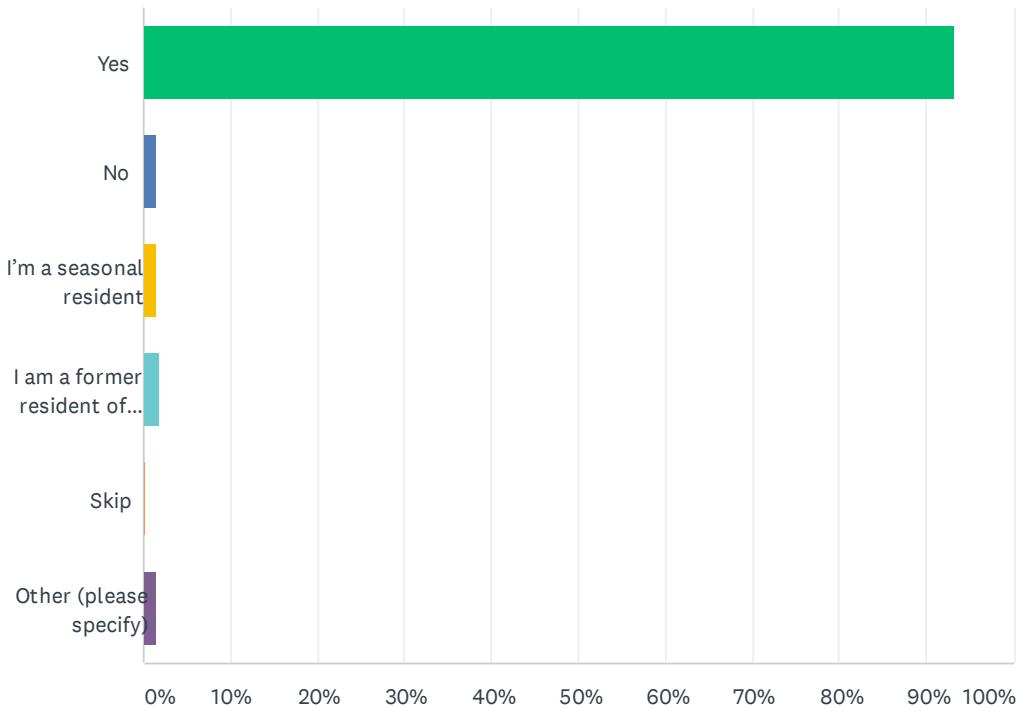
		Issues such as water rates, building permits, sidewalks, outdoor benches and garbage bins are local concerns not addressed by the County OP. These comments will be forwarded to Central Elgin for their review.
53	<p>1) Sign at Erie Rest states "no dogs allowed", however it's basically a "dog walk" all day, everyday, with up to 40 dogs per day. Huge amount of feces and urine... highly unsanitary for beach dwellers. Thus, I suggest NO dogs on the beach. (Ticket with fines).</p> <p>2) Big dog park on the berm. Shade trees, some bushes, fenced off, water source, garbage containers, "poop" bags, benches, etc. A nice dog park is very much needed.</p> <p>3) Nothing built higher than 3 stories. Period.</p> <p>4) McAshphalt needs to go. Make more parking there. Clean it up.</p> <p>5) Exit from Kokomo to Carlow Rd. An absolute necessity. One road cannot handle it with the huge new development.</p>	Issues such as dog parks are local concerns not addressed by the County OP. These comments will be forwarded to the Central Elgin for their review.
54	All this construction of all these new developments is so ruining the small-town feel and the residence of Port Stanley already pay very high-water rates. Port is becoming more for the rich	Issues such as water rates are local concerns not addressed by the County OP. These comments will be forwarded to the Central Elgin for their review.
55	I think we focus far too much on green space. We have a huge piece, Hoifuis Park, used by Canada Geese and plover etc. And though I know there are some dog owners who want a dog park, I don't think we have the population to create it. I think generating new tax dollars is imperative, keeping with 2 to 3 storey buildings along the waterfront and as much as possible, encouraging "fishing village friendly" structures along the east berm.	Issues such as dog parks and green space are local concerns not addressed by the County OP. As part of the Port Stanley Secondary Plan, building heights/densities and community design will be considered. These comments will be forwarded to the Central Elgin for their review.

56	<p>Don't let Toronto people ruin our beautiful fishing town. You already took away land fishing and if port changes soon enough our commercial fishing will die too</p>	<p>Commercial fishing is still permitted in Port Stanley. Issues such as recreational opportunities (fishing) are local concerns not addressed by the County OP. These comments will be forwarded the Central Elgin for their review.</p>
57	<p>I've been a Port Stanley resident for almost 12 years now. I understand change and growth is normal. The draw to the small quaint village is gone now, most of the changes in my opinion are not welcome. But with change should come the supportive infrastructure. I have 4 key areas of concern. 1. Traffic-with the increased housing, and living in a tourism community, the traffic along East Road is insane. The recent decrease in speed to 50km is not enough. Vehicles are racing down the street. There needs to be a 4 way stop at East and Hill. In hopes it would slow people down. We have almost been struck so many times exiting our laneway or pulling in. 2. Waste removal- has been an area of concern here for years. The increased cost of bins... has never been explained to residents. Where is the existing money we are already paying for waste removal going? The new system in reality takes less labour. So the cost of the bin is understood, but what about the increased annual cost? Where is the financial break down to justify this? 3. Water rates- the municipality came across very "sneaky" increasing the fixed costs of water delivery and not the rates. Central Elgin residents have some of the highest water bills around. 4. Confidence- even during a pandemic our elected officials have made changes that have appeared "sneaky", and the residents of Central Elgin have lost confidence in our leadership to make the right decisions for our community. Suggestion: Additionally, like other tourist locations, locals get free parking. It would be a nice gesture to provide Central Elgin residents a parking pass. We pay taxes here and support our local businesses etc. It would be nice if we were afforded free parking at the beach. My family has been 1 time in</p>	<p>Issues such as local waste removal, water rates and parking are local concerns not addressed by the County OP. These comments will be forwarded the Central Elgin for their review.</p> <p>The residential development along East Road has promoted the County to lower the posted speed limit to 50km/h. This is an appropriate speed for an urbanized area on a County road, however, the County recognizes that as development continues, this area will need to be further reviewed. As such, the County has initiated a comprehensive Transportation Master Plan in order to identify areas that would benefit from additional roadway safety features in order to accommodate all road users.</p>

	two years for this reason alone. We could walk but to carry blankets, towels, umbrellas and beverages becomes unrealistic.	
58	The past Official Plans have NOT protected the unique character of Port Stanley. Accordingly, what was a sought-after lake front community, has now become an out of control development nightmare. Shame on Elgin County and the Municipality of Central Elgin. Look at what Cape Cod, Mass., USA; Lunenburg, NS and Tofino, BC have accomplished with the proper direction and vision.	<p>Policies related to development of Port Stanley are within the Municipality of Central Elgin's Official Plan. Central Elgin is developing a Secondary Plan to lay out the long-term vision and plan for the repurposing of the Port Stanley Harbour lands and their planned integration with the adjacent waterfront areas in Port Stanley. The Port Stanley Harbour Area Secondary Plan (Harbour Plan) will build on previous work to identify land use designations and policies that will guide detailed planning and recommend the location of specific land uses, such as parks, recreation, retail and tourist commercial, housing (both primary and second/vacation homes) and infrastructure investment.</p> <p>There will not be any consideration on a special policy specific to Port Stanley in the County Official Plan review at this time. These comments will be forwarded the Central Elgin for their review.</p>
60	I am particularly interested in Port Stanley.	<p>Port Stanley is a Tier 1 settlement in Central Elgin. Generally, there are full services and development is permitted. The policies of the local Central Elgin Official Plan will guide development within the settlement area.</p>

Q1 Do you currently live in Elgin County?

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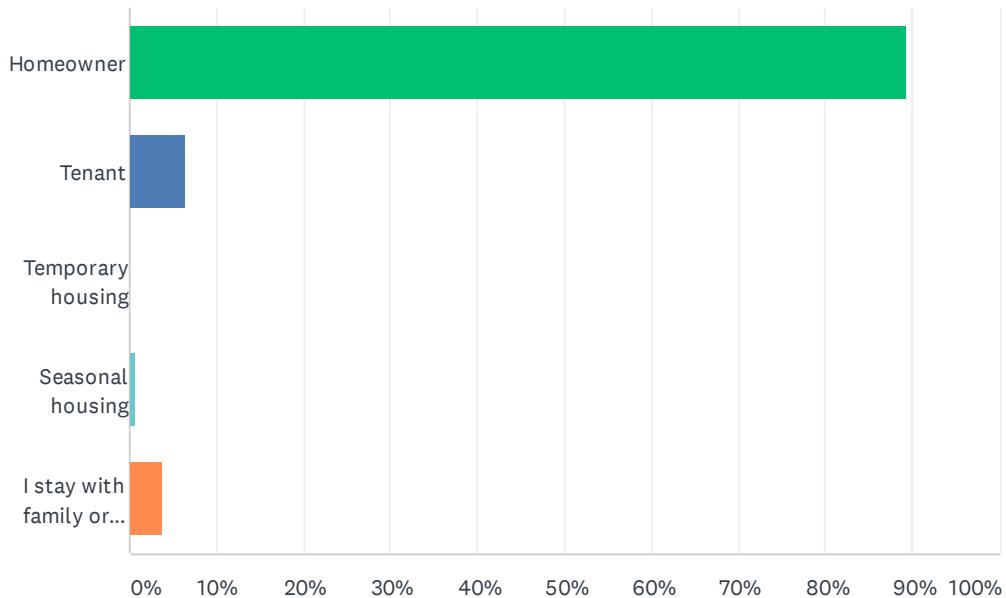


ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES
Yes		93.25%
No		1.53%
I'm a seasonal resident		1.53%
I am a former resident of Elgin County		1.84%
Skip		0.31%
Other (please specify)		1.53%
TOTAL		326

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	I am personally a seasonal however my father full time lives in our home	4/14/2021 12:06 AM
2	Just purchased a cottage	4/13/2021 7:58 PM
3	I live just outside of Ottawa in Russell Ontario and own Rush Creek Wines	4/12/2021 9:49 PM
4	Seasonal and former	3/19/2021 9:51 PM
5	Both seasonal and live in, 2 residences	3/16/2021 2:00 PM

Q2 Tell us about your housing arrangement.

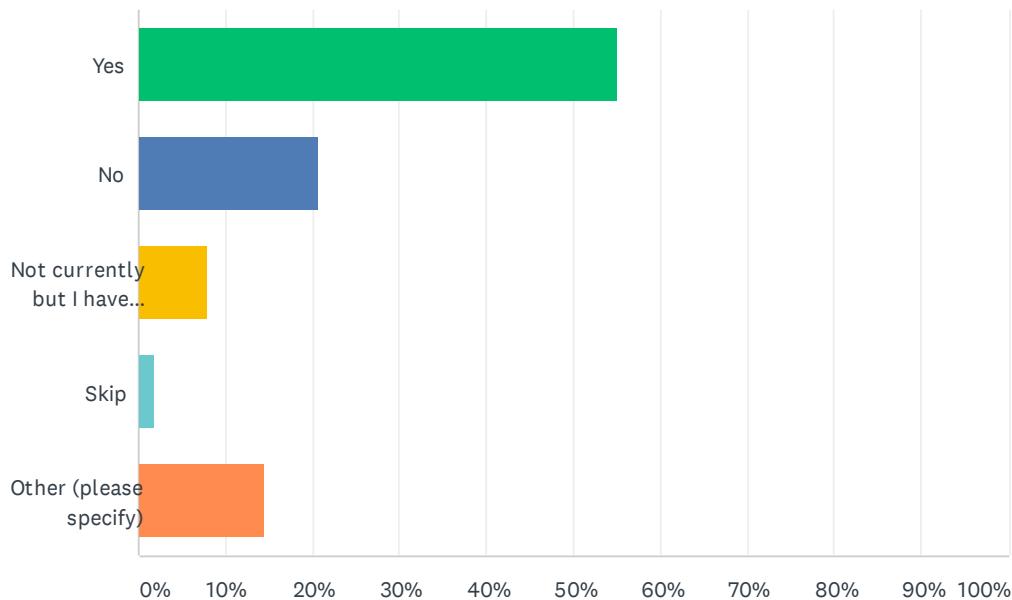
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Homeowner	89.23%	290
Tenant	6.46%	21
Temporary housing	0.00%	0
Seasonal housing	0.62%	2
I stay with family or friends	3.69%	12
TOTAL		325

Q3 Do you currently work in Elgin County?

Answered: 325 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	55.08%
No	20.62%
Not currently but I have worked in Elgin County	8.00%
Skip	1.85%
Other (please specify)	14.46%
TOTAL	325

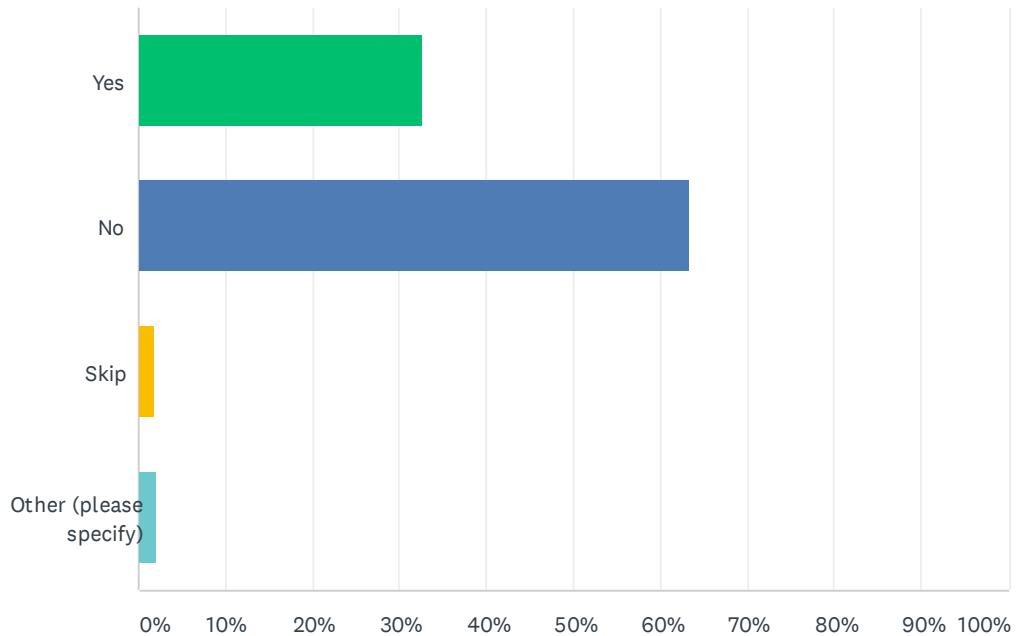
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1	Retired, worked in London	4/20/2021 4:29 PM
2	Retired, worked it Elgin for 45 years	4/15/2021 5:00 PM
3	Retired and a current business owner.	4/15/2021 12:58 PM
4	I'm a stay at home mom.	4/14/2021 10:45 PM
5	Retired	4/14/2021 7:14 AM
6	I work in AB currently but would love to have a job in my community there are just none in my field.	4/14/2021 12:06 AM
7	Home office but most freelance work is out of the GTA	4/13/2021 8:48 PM
8	Consulting from home	4/13/2021 8:19 PM
9	Retired	4/13/2021 4:52 PM
10	retired	4/13/2021 3:17 PM
11	Retired	4/13/2021 2:27 PM

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12	I work remotely from my home in Elgin County	4/13/2021 12:07 PM
13	Retired	4/13/2021 11:38 AM
14	Self employed...most work in Elgin but not all.	4/13/2021 10:46 AM
15	I work in Ottawa and I am the winemaker at Rush Creek Wines	4/12/2021 9:49 PM
16	Retired	4/9/2021 1:41 PM
17	Retired	4/6/2021 1:45 PM
18	Retired	4/1/2021 10:46 AM
19	part in Elgin County part in London	3/30/2021 10:59 AM
20	retired	3/28/2021 7:44 AM
21	worked in Elgin now retired	3/27/2021 1:33 PM
22	Casual, Part-Time employment affected by COVID-19 and enrolled as a College student.	3/26/2021 2:09 PM
23	We did, but are now retired.	3/26/2021 9:19 AM
24	Retired	3/25/2021 11:48 AM
25	Retired. Formerly worked in Elgin County	3/24/2021 10:34 AM
26	retired	3/23/2021 12:11 PM
27	Yes, but I work remotely for clients in the US	3/22/2021 1:00 PM
28	Not typically but currently working remotely and in the future it looks like at least half of my work hours will be remote post pandemic.	3/20/2021 12:14 PM
29	Retired	3/19/2021 2:53 PM
30	retired	3/19/2021 10:36 AM
31	Work in County but also provincially and internationally	3/18/2021 10:13 AM
32	st Thomas	3/17/2021 1:00 PM
33	retired, but worked in Elgin County	3/17/2021 10:16 AM
34	Retired	3/17/2021 10:12 AM
35	Retired	3/17/2021 8:37 AM
36	Stay at home	3/16/2021 10:49 PM
37	retired	3/16/2021 10:00 PM
38	Retired	3/16/2021 5:51 PM
39	Retired	3/16/2021 5:06 PM
40	Work from home in elgin County in winter. Away for work in summer	3/16/2021 4:52 PM
41	Retired	3/16/2021 10:41 AM
42	Retired	3/16/2021 10:06 AM
43	retired	3/15/2021 6:33 PM
44	retired	3/15/2021 6:14 PM
45	retired	3/11/2021 5:12 PM
46	Work from home in Elgin county for a company outside of Elgin county	3/10/2021 10:04 AM
47	retired	3/3/2021 12:38 PM

Q4 I operate a business or a farm in Elgin County.

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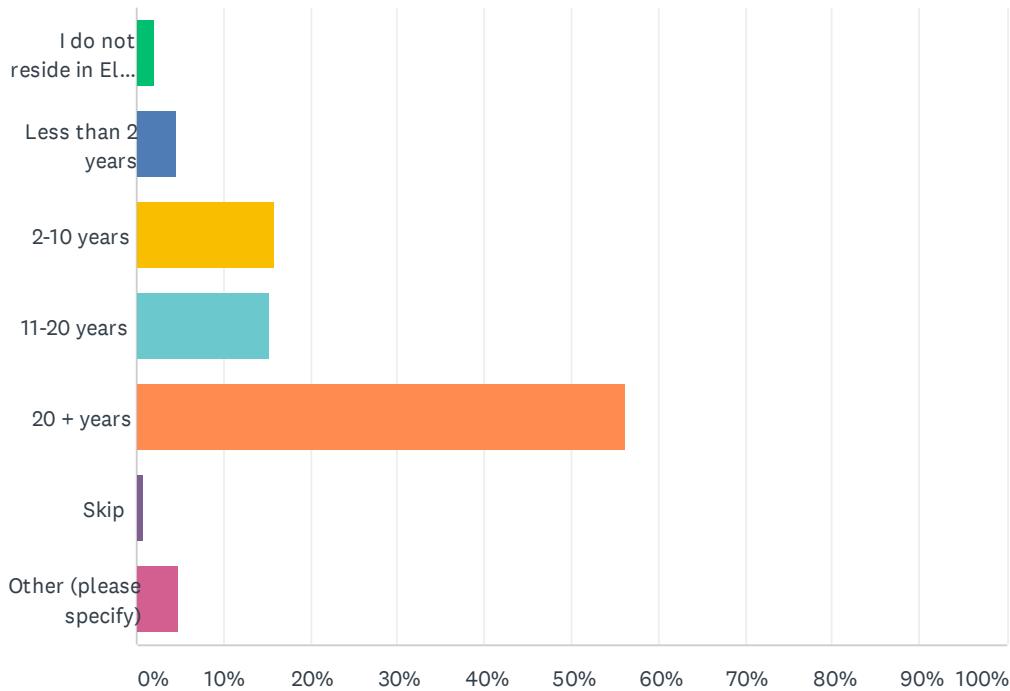


ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES
Yes		32.61% 105
No		63.35% 204
Skip		1.86% 6
Other (please specify)		2.17% 7
TOTAL		322

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Sole proprietor business	4/13/2021 8:48 PM
2	Consulting from home	4/13/2021 8:19 PM
3	landlord of a commercial ppty in Elgin	3/27/2021 1:33 PM
4	Rent out a farm	3/23/2021 1:11 PM
5	Small home-based business	3/20/2021 9:40 AM
6	I own a business and do work in St. Thomas	3/16/2021 5:42 PM
7	i operate a non profit in Elgin County	3/15/2021 1:23 PM

Q5 How long have you lived in Elgin County?

Answered: 327 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES
I do not reside in Elgin County		2.14% 7
Less than 2 years		4.59% 15
2-10 years		15.90% 52
11-20 years		15.29% 50
20+ years		56.27% 184
Skip		0.92% 3
Other (please specify)		4.89% 16
TOTAL		327

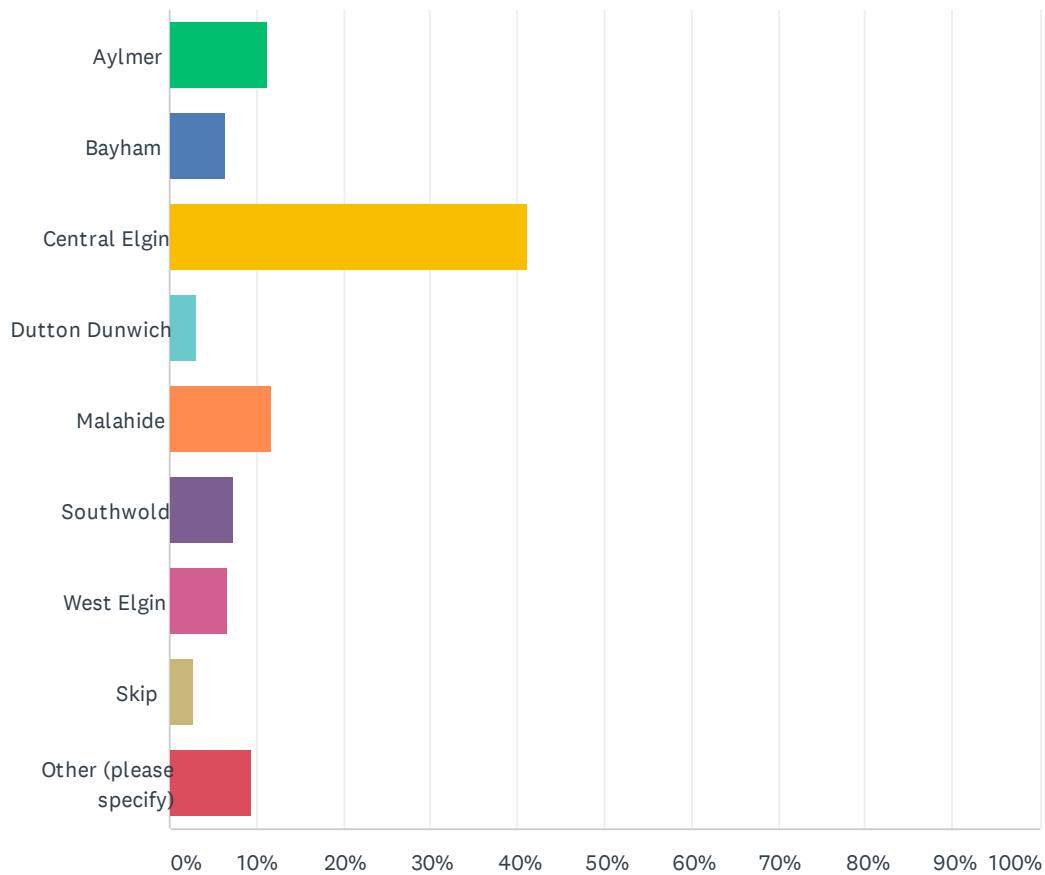
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1	Seasonally for 12 years	4/15/2021 11:04 AM
2	all my life	4/14/2021 7:35 PM
3	Bayham and malahide Townships for a total of 21years	4/14/2021 1:13 PM
4	Born and raise, went away from school made money and bought as soon as I could. Live away for now but goal is to get back in the next 10 years.	4/14/2021 12:06 AM
5	Planning on moving there seasonally	4/13/2021 7:58 PM
6	28 yrs	4/13/2021 2:27 PM
7	I did reside in Elgin County for 65 years and continue to work in Elgin County	4/13/2021 2:27 PM

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8	I split my time between Aylmer and Russell.	4/12/2021 9:49 PM
9	47 years	3/28/2021 4:22 PM
10	18 years, moved then moved back 5years ago	3/26/2021 10:30 AM
11	former resident lived in Elgin county for 12 years. Now own a cottage by the beach	3/23/2021 6:43 PM
12	60 years	3/16/2021 7:19 PM
13	25 years before moving	3/16/2021 5:42 PM
14	My entire life - 40 +years	3/16/2021 4:59 PM
15	Seasonally, 53 years. Living permanently x 3 years	3/16/2021 2:00 PM
16	52 years	3/15/2021 6:50 PM

Q6 Please tell us where you live in Elgin County.

Answered: 327 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Aylmer		11.31%	37
Bayham		6.42%	21
Central Elgin		41.28%	135
Dutton Dunwich		3.06%	10
Malahide		11.62%	38
Southwold		7.34%	24
West Elgin		6.73%	22
Skip		2.75%	9
Other (please specify)		9.48%	31
TOTAL			327

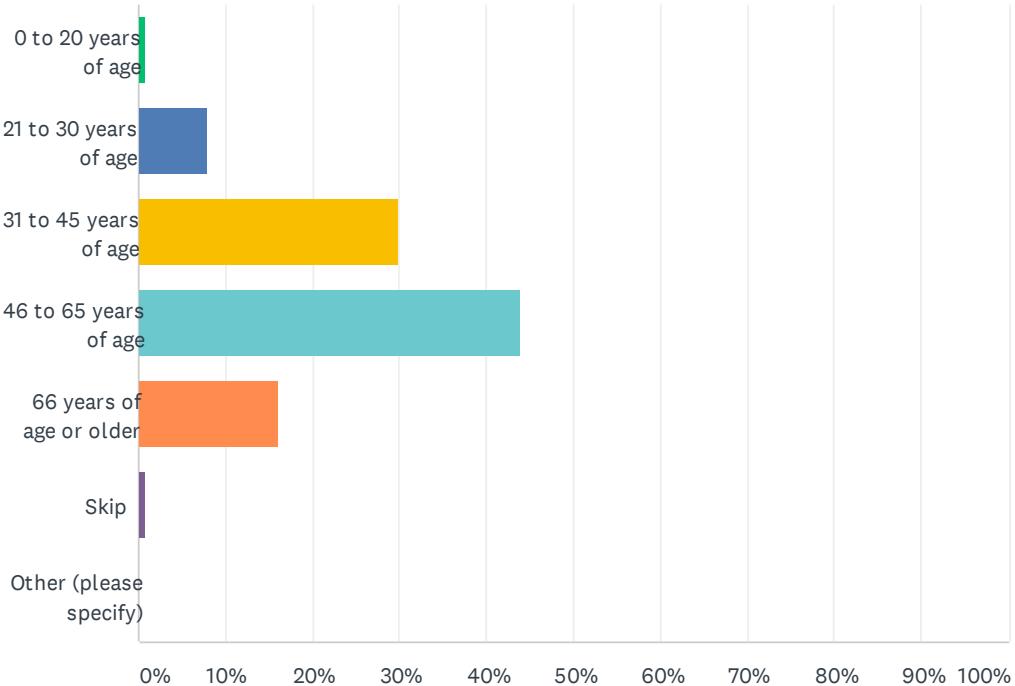
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1	Port Stanley	4/15/2021 12:58 PM
2	Port Stanley	4/14/2021 5:23 PM

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3	Port Stanley	4/14/2021 7:14 AM
4	London	4/13/2021 7:58 PM
5	Port Stanley	4/13/2021 4:52 PM
6	Over 65 years I lived in Malahide, Aylmer and Bayham	4/13/2021 2:27 PM
7	Port Stanley	4/13/2021 1:27 PM
8	St.Thomas now	4/13/2021 12:44 PM
9	Port Stanley	4/13/2021 11:40 AM
10	St Thomas	4/13/2021 11:38 AM
11	Port Stanley	4/11/2021 7:54 AM
12	St. Thomas	4/6/2021 1:45 PM
13	port bruce	4/2/2021 1:59 PM
14	St. Thomas (within County boundaries but independant from County administration)	3/26/2021 2:09 PM
15	St. Thomas	3/26/2021 10:15 AM
16	St.thomas	3/24/2021 2:13 PM
17	St Thomas	3/18/2021 10:47 AM
18	St Thomas	3/17/2021 6:36 PM
19	st thomas	3/17/2021 4:38 PM
20	St thomas	3/17/2021 4:37 PM
21	St. Thomas	3/17/2021 9:21 AM
22	St. Thomas	3/16/2021 10:59 PM
23	St. Thomas	3/16/2021 9:25 PM
24	St. Thomas	3/16/2021 8:19 PM
25	St. Thomas	3/16/2021 7:19 PM
26	St thomas	3/16/2021 6:58 PM
27	St Thomas	3/16/2021 5:51 PM
28	St. Thomas	3/16/2021 5:42 PM
29	Stt	3/16/2021 11:03 AM
30	central elgin	3/15/2021 6:14 PM
31	St.Thomas	3/15/2021 6:08 PM

Q7 Please let us know which age group best describes your age.

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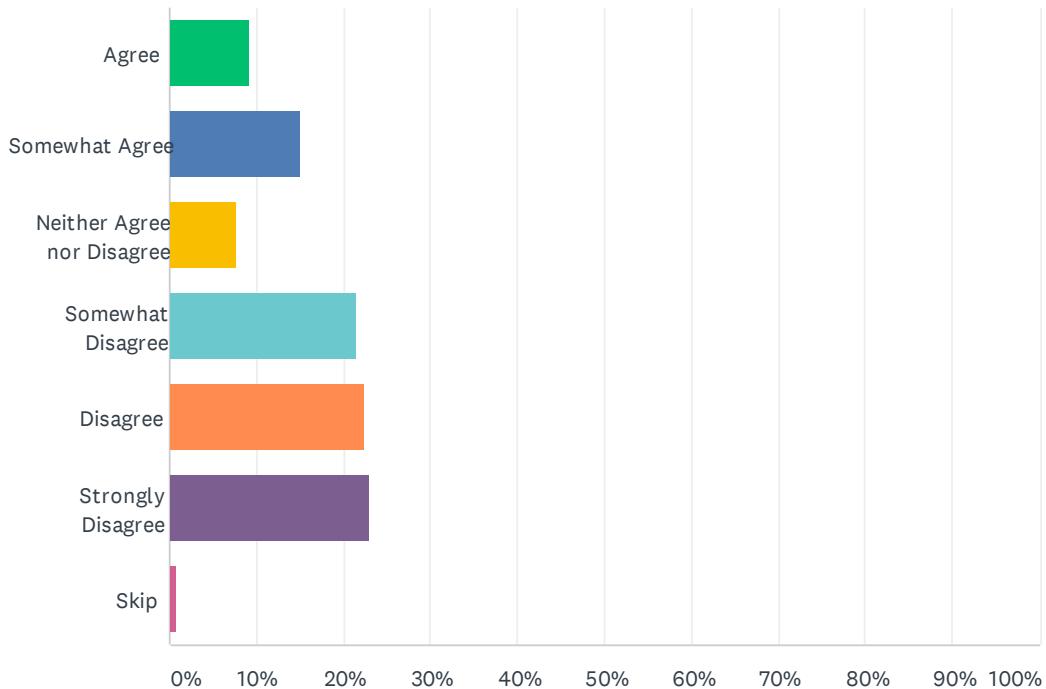


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
0 to 20 years of age	0.92% 3
21 to 30 years of age	7.95% 26
31 to 45 years of age	29.97% 98
46 to 65 years of age	44.04% 144
66 years of age or older	16.21% 53
Skip	0.92% 3
Other (please specify)	0.00% 0
TOTAL	327

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
There are no responses.		

Q8 Housing costs are affordable in Elgin County.

Answered: 325 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Agree	9.23% 30
Somewhat Agree	15.08% 49
Neither Agree nor Disagree	7.69% 25
Somewhat Disagree	21.54% 70
Disagree	22.46% 73
Strongly Disagree	23.08% 75
Skip	0.92% 3
TOTAL	325

#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	Water and waste water rates along with future rate increases are overly burdensome on the rate payer	4/17/2021 10:43 AM
2	People are looking for rural residential homes on country sideroads, if any are available.	4/15/2021 5:00 PM
3	It's not just Elgin County, it's nationwide at this time.	4/15/2021 12:58 PM
4	When realtors are saying that the average asking price is \$75,000 over asking it's next to impossible for first time home buyers to get into the market.	4/14/2021 10:45 PM
5	Housing is not affordable anywhere right now.	4/14/2021 7:38 PM
6	Our water rates are astonishing, internet service is poor in most areas through the county, housing costs and property taxes in Port Stanley are rapidly running out of control. Just	4/14/2021 8:27 AM

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because someone will pay an amount for a property does not mean it is really worth that.
There is a gap between the Taxes we pay and what you get in return for paying them. They no longer even cover our garbage pick up.

7	Port Stanley and surrounding farm area is sky rocketing. Who can afford these prices without being mortgage poor.	4/14/2021 12:06 AM
8	For long-term rental units in Port Stanley it is very unreasonable.	4/13/2021 9:15 PM
9	I have lived in Port Stanley since I was a child. Due to divorce I had to sell my house. My biggest fear (reality) is that I am never going to be able to afford a tiny home for \$500,000. I'm struggling to understand how people are able to afford these mortgages.	4/13/2021 12:17 PM
10	New builds are increasingly geared towards maximum profitability for the builders only.	4/13/2021 11:56 AM
11	We need MORE affordable houses! It is insane. I am a single mother and can't keep up with the ridiculous pricing!	4/13/2021 11:41 AM
12	There is no way a young family or single working person can afford home ownership. Encouraging people from Toronto to move here has driven the housing market to an unattainable place. St Thomas will never be the same and it will force young people away making this a rapidly aging seniors community.	4/13/2021 11:38 AM
13	Housing prices, property taxes, garbage fees and water rates are astronomical in this municipality.	4/13/2021 10:46 AM
14	Why is there not a Strongly Agree choice?? There is a Strongly Disagree choice	4/13/2021 12:50 AM
15	Housing costs are inflated everywhere. Low cost housing is not readily available. Young persons starting out can't afford to buy, can't find housing to rent or buy even if they wanted to.	4/10/2021 11:15 PM
16	Rapidly becoming too expensive in Central Elgin.	4/9/2021 7:43 PM
17	Pandemic effect	4/9/2021 1:41 PM
18	I would say, relative to London and Middlesex, yes housing costs are reasonable. However, they are increasing similar to these areas and will likely continue to outpace wage increases, which will, in time, make them unaffordable to residents, especially if new development and growth cannot address growing housing demand.	4/9/2021 10:20 AM
19	They are increasing at unbelievable rates. I have no hopes of 1. owning a house and 2. finding somewhere to affordably rent (why I had to move out of my parents' home in Belmont and to London).	4/8/2021 2:46 PM
20	Our water rates are out of control and are pushing people out of this community	4/5/2021 12:45 PM
21	I haven't paid attention to housing costs in our area compared to others but I am aware that rental properties in Aylmer are extremely high and that with bidding wars happening the average home purchase is going up but is it to the degree of no longer being affordable	3/30/2021 10:59 AM
22	I honestly thought that this pandemic would drive housing prices down and we are seeing the opposite.	3/29/2021 9:05 PM
23	In the last year, housing prices have sky rocketed due, in part, to people outside of the area buying up properties as a second residence. Young people don't have a chance at home ownership at this rate.	3/29/2021 12:40 PM
24	Housing used to be affordable. It no longer is... parents of new adults need to build additions to teach their kids responsibility and so the young adults can bank money to eventually buy.	3/28/2021 4:22 PM
25	Housing costs may be affordable for people moving to Elgin County from elsewhere but not for local residents.	3/26/2021 2:09 PM
26	Prices are out of control for both houses and rentals.	3/26/2021 10:15 AM
27	During the past 5 years prices have increased astronomically. There is a lack of affordable housing for young people especially.	3/25/2021 3:57 PM
28	Housing costs have ballooned everywhere over the past few years. Elgin is no exception.	3/24/2021 10:34 AM
29	Housing costs are affordable for people already in the market but not for first time buyers. Prices continue to escalate with the influx of people from larger urban areas moving to Elgin	3/23/2021 5:02 PM

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County. The lack of housing for first time purchasers will drive them out of the County creating more difficulty for employers looking for employees.

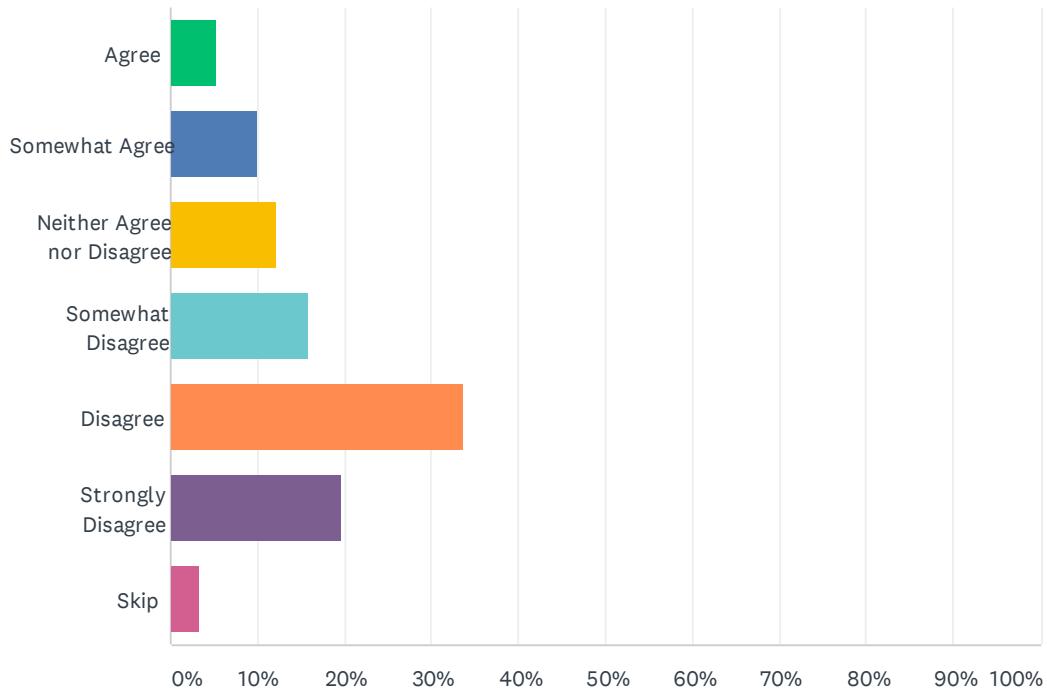
30	They have been sky rocketing the last few years.	3/23/2021 12:11 PM
31	Relative to other cities, yes.	3/23/2021 9:32 AM
32	Housing prices have become absolutely unrealistic and out of control!	3/20/2021 12:14 PM
33	Water rates are to high.	3/20/2021 10:06 AM
34	Not for people entering the market	3/19/2021 9:51 PM
35	Exorbitant rental prices and housing has skyrocketed. We don't have the option to move from our home which is too small for our family because the cost of a new house is too way too high.	3/19/2021 12:15 PM
36	Insanely high! And no where to rent for whose who cannot get mortgage	3/19/2021 10:47 AM
37	It's a problem across southern Ontario.	3/18/2021 5:33 PM
38	with many people moving out of the urban areas out to our rural community it is driving up home prices beyond what many in our small communities can afford	3/18/2021 4:06 PM
39	The cost of housing here, Port Burwell, is rising rapidly as prices begin to catch up to city rates. Locals are tempted to sell to make what they consider a large gain, but replacement costs will eat up what they received. The population is shifting from locals to new city people. This will affect the character of the village.	3/18/2021 12:30 PM
40	No industry to support current market values	3/18/2021 10:39 AM
41	The cost of housing is rapidly rising across Southern Ontario. Home ownership for many even in West Elgin is quickly becoming out of reach.	3/18/2021 8:30 AM
42	Housing costs have soared and wages have remained stagnant.	3/17/2021 10:32 AM
43	prices are climbing faster than wages, single family households are not able to purchase homes. This is a concerning trend.	3/17/2021 9:21 AM
44	It's all dependent on the housing market. As more people leave Toronto housing will be higher here. Talk to Matt Tenk - he's knows all about this stuff.	3/17/2021 8:45 AM
45	Housing is unbelievable right now. How are people suppose to afford outrageous amounts of rent when wages have stayed the same?	3/17/2021 7:20 AM
46	Housing prices have doubled in the last year	3/16/2021 10:11 PM
47	Depends on how much money you make. Cheaper than TO, cheaper than London.	3/16/2021 9:02 PM
48	This housing market is crazy high.	3/16/2021 8:19 PM
49	Many are greatly concerned about overpopulation, overcrowding and noise. This reduces quality of life for residents that already live here, and increases competition for the few jobs that are available.	3/16/2021 8:18 PM
50	Comparatively, they are more affordable than surrounding markets.	3/16/2021 7:55 PM
51	It costs way too much to buy houses which is why more people are renting but with rent costs going up it is putting people out of homes and on the streets	3/16/2021 6:43 PM
52	They're not affordable anywhere!	3/16/2021 5:14 PM
53	Taxes are high.	3/16/2021 2:00 PM
54	Water/Waste water costs too high, as are Property Taxes, compared to surrounding communities are too high in Central Elgin!	3/16/2021 10:06 AM
55	The explosive growth of subdivisions is displacing longtime residents and out-of-control water rates	3/16/2021 9:32 AM
56	Water bills and property taxes are too high. Central Elgin should not include Belmont. We pay a lot to maintain roads and services to Belmont. It should be grouped with Dorchester (Middlesex)! Move that boundary.	3/16/2021 9:01 AM

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57	Recent real estate sales are falsely value and buyers are grossly overpaying for their new purchases	3/16/2021 5:08 AM
58	Wages have remained depressed while house prices have skyrocketed	3/15/2021 6:14 PM
59	They are quickly becoming inaffordable.	3/15/2021 3:51 PM
60	Land and Property are unaffordable for most.	3/15/2021 1:23 PM
61	Houses are going above asking price and not available for first time home buyers or people that cannot afford to pay 50k over asking	3/10/2021 12:29 PM
62	I don't know	3/9/2021 9:06 PM

Q9 There is a lot of housing choice in the County (rental, how ownership, condominium)

Answered: 327 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES
Agree		5.20% 17
Somewhat Agree		10.09% 33
Neither Agree nor Disagree		12.23% 40
Somewhat Disagree		15.90% 52
Disagree		33.64% 110
Strongly Disagree		19.57% 64
Skip		3.36% 11
TOTAL		327

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1	Maybe in towns and St. Thomas. Not in small villages and hamlets or the rural areas.	4/15/2021 5:00 PM
2	Over development on valuable farm land and green space. Better to redevelop run down buildings and areas already existing.	4/15/2021 12:58 PM
3	Most of the housing is single family. The areas where there are condos or rental are geared to very high income families or they become weekly/ nightly rentals	4/14/2021 8:27 AM
4	I think its getting harder, for people to find good housing.	4/14/2021 12:06 AM
5	There are very few long-term term rentals, airbnb has taken over	4/13/2021 9:15 PM

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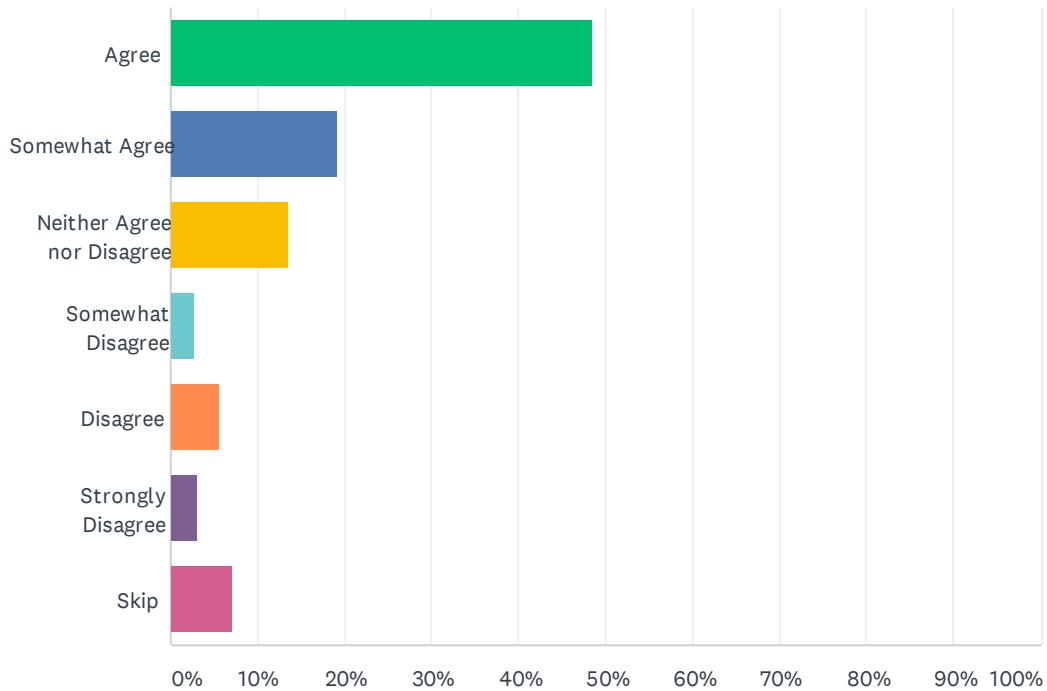
6	Not many, if any projects geared towards an affordable community plan.	4/13/2021 11:56 AM
7	There are no rental properties - everything is weekly rentals or Airbnb bought from out of towners and prices are skyrocketing	4/13/2021 11:41 AM
8	Decent rentals are almost 2 thousand and average house is 550 thousand. That is definitely not affordable	4/13/2021 11:38 AM
9	Why is there not a Strongly Agree choice??	4/13/2021 12:50 AM
10	We need housing for low income earners. Particularly seniors who have a restricted income flow. Too many seniors are being pushed out of Port Stanley as investors purchase properties and turn them into Air BnB. Many have lived here 20 plus years and there is nowhere in town for them to go that they can afford. We need buildings dedicated to low income earners.	4/11/2021 12:32 PM
11	Central Elgin is bringing in more choices as is Aylmer but nowhere else that I am aware of.	4/9/2021 7:43 PM
12	The increase in overall demand for housing in Elgin has expanded over the last decade or so and particularly in the last few years as residents of the GTA retire and/or sell out of the market for want of a quieter environment and/or cheaper housing. The County must be responsive to development pressures while ensuring that future development is high-quality, strategic, and sustainable.	4/9/2021 10:20 AM
13	Lack of options caused by lack of availability of housing	4/8/2021 6:48 PM
14	More rental opportunities and not just in someone's basement. I mean small apartment units in Aylmer, Belmont, and Port Stanley. These communities are growing!! There need to be affordable options, not just their new builds in Robin's Ridge that is now well over \$600k. I think I know more young adults living in their parents' homes in Belmont & Aylmer than otherwise.	4/8/2021 2:46 PM
15	There is a serious shortage of affordable long term rentals, low income housing and housing for seniors in Port Stanley	4/5/2021 12:45 PM
16	Aylmer has limited housing available and nominal building lots available	3/27/2021 1:33 PM
17	Mainly freehold which is unaffordable due to high and rising real estate market.	3/26/2021 2:09 PM
18	Prices are too high - sellers making money on home sales but then renting - snatching up rentals and out pricing rentals for low income people.	3/26/2021 10:15 AM
19	Lack of affordable rental housing. Single family homes are available but they are far too expensive for the average family household.	3/25/2021 3:57 PM
20	Lack of apartments for seniors wanting to sell their house, move into an apartment and stay in Port Stanley	3/24/2021 10:34 AM
21	I can only speak for Dutton Dunwich. We need more accessible housing, affordable apartments and basic affordable apartments and homes for young people and older folks.	3/23/2021 1:57 PM
22	Need more rental and condo options in nice, low crime areas.	3/20/2021 12:14 PM
23	Need affordable housing especially for seniors so that they do not have to leave the community as they age. Also as children age they leave the community because there is no affordable housing.	3/20/2021 10:06 AM
24	All building lots have been purchased by foreign buyers and made it impossible for people who have lived here for years to move.	3/19/2021 12:15 PM
25	see comment above. In addition there is an increase in homelessness in small communities like West Elgin that has not been a problem in the past.	3/18/2021 4:06 PM
26	The supply of housing here in PB is low. Geared to income housing supply is a fairly large percentage of the supply because of the large apartment complex. There is also a geared to income seniors complex. Very few new houses are built here. Lots are scarce while two partly developed subdivisions sit idle. And several larger older homes are zoned R1 and have rooms not used. There are some cottage rentals, a big provincial park and at least three trailer parks.	3/18/2021 12:30 PM
27	Was unable to find a place for staff to live. Rarely do apartments become available. Think it is one of the biggest challenges we face.	3/18/2021 8:30 AM

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28	Seniors housing,& starter apartments needed	3/17/2021 5:27 PM
29	rentals most of the time are more than a mortgage - I purchased by house luckily in 2016, but I wouldn't be able to afford rent now a days	3/17/2021 9:21 AM
30	Difficult to find affordable housing for family of 4	3/16/2021 8:19 PM
31	Many are greatly concerned about overpopulation, overcrowding and noise. This reduces quality of life for residents that already live here, and increases competition for the few jobs that are available.	3/16/2021 8:18 PM
32	Need more affordable rent. Rent costs are way too high for where the cost of living is at.	3/16/2021 6:43 PM
33	Dont know	3/16/2021 10:50 AM
34	Very few rental opportunities. Very few condos.	3/16/2021 9:01 AM
35	there needs to be more housing inside settlement areas (not outside - farmland loss is happening way too quickly in Elgin)	3/15/2021 1:23 PM
36	Not enough affordable rentals or homes, so people aren't selling. Not everyone wants brand new, thrown together, over-priced, limited options, shake your neighbour's hand out the window homes.	3/15/2021 9:28 AM
37	including St.Thomas?	3/9/2021 9:06 PM

Q10 There is not enough rental housing in Elgin.

Answered: 323 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Agree	48.61% 157
Somewhat Agree	19.20% 62
Neither Agree nor Disagree	13.62% 44
Somewhat Disagree	2.79% 9
Disagree	5.57% 18
Strongly Disagree	3.10% 10
Skip	7.12% 23
TOTAL	323

#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	Unknown	4/15/2021 11:04 AM
2	I am referring to long term rentals. We have more than enough summer rental and way too many air bnb rentals in Port Stanley	4/14/2021 8:27 AM
3	Not enough affordable housing.	4/13/2021 2:27 PM
4	Here in Port Stanley, the long term rental market has all but disappeared.	4/13/2021 11:56 AM
5	Year long housing is almost nill.	4/13/2021 11:13 AM
6	Why is there not a Strongly Agree choice??	4/13/2021 12:50 AM
7	Not enough and the limited options that are available are priced so high that those making less	4/10/2021 11:15 PM

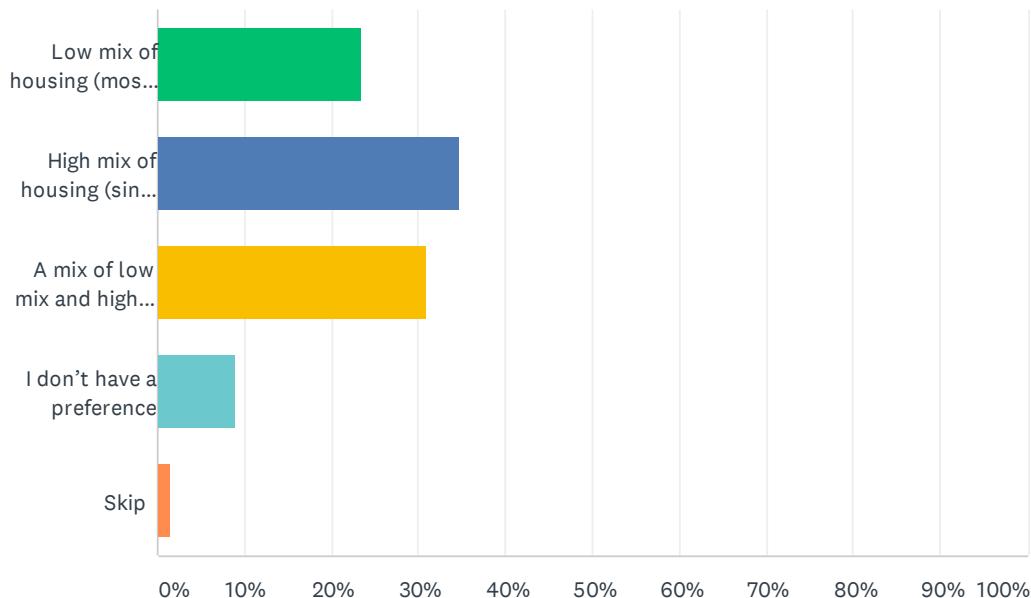
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than \$20 per hour can't afford the rent and monthly costs on their own.

8	Need to encourage more apartment buildings to make better use of residential lands and stop sprawl into farmland.	4/9/2021 7:43 PM
9	More rental opportunities and not just in someone's basement. I mean small apartment units in Aylmer, Belmont, and Port Stanley. These communities are growing!! There need to be affordable options, not just their new builds in Robin's Ridge that is now well over \$600k. I think I know more young adults living in their parents' homes in Belmont than otherwise.	4/8/2021 2:46 PM
10	As a landlord, I have had huge issues with tenants. Landlord Tenant Board is a joke. Needs to be less rentals until Ontario Government figures this out. Elgin County needs to stay out of public housing.	4/8/2021 1:03 PM
11	Not enough affordable rental housing for long-term leases.	4/1/2021 10:46 AM
12	think we need more affordable housing	3/28/2021 7:44 AM
13	Would prefer affordable ownership opportunities.	3/26/2021 2:09 PM
14	Strongly agree	3/19/2021 10:47 AM
15	Our homelessness issue is growing! More affordable housing is needed. I realize the pandemic has not helped matters but we need more affordable housing.	3/18/2021 11:36 PM
16	Port Burwell needs more homes more than more rentals.	3/18/2021 12:30 PM
17	above	3/18/2021 8:30 AM
18	I work in Aylmer, and it's hard for people from out of town to find a place to stay and work.	3/17/2021 9:21 AM
19	With more control given to landlords there will be more rentals. Right now it's impossible for landlords. With more landlords you have more diverse housing opportunities. Explained again below.	3/17/2021 8:45 AM
20	Many are greatly concerned about overpopulation, overcrowding and noise. This reduces quality of life for residents that already live here, and increases competition for the few jobs that are available.	3/16/2021 8:18 PM
21	We own a rental and though it doesn't take long to rent a vacant unit we are not overwhelmed with calls	3/16/2021 7:19 PM
22	There doesn't seem to be much updated rental, unless with a 1600/month plus pricetag.	3/16/2021 2:00 PM
23	many people that work seasonal jobs in Port Stanley can not afford to live here causing staff shortages	3/16/2021 11:46 AM
24	Never looked into it	3/16/2021 10:50 AM
25	more availability for workers that make minimum wage; it's hard to save up to afford the rents	3/15/2021 6:33 PM
26	Must be affordable. \$1000+/month for 1 bedroom isn't affordable. \$2500/month +utilities for a home isn't affordable.	3/15/2021 9:28 AM
27	don't know - including St.Thomas?	3/9/2021 9:06 PM

Q11 What housing mix should be the focus of new and existing (where appropriate) neighbourhoods?

Answered: 319 Skipped: 8



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Low mix of housing (mostly single detached dwellings and lower range of affordability, similar neighbouring lots)		23.51%	75
High mix of housing (single detached dwellings with townhouse and apartments, and a wider range of affordability/housing prices)		34.80%	111
A mix of low mix and high mix housing		31.03%	99
I don't have a preference		9.09%	29
Skip		1.57%	5
TOTAL			319

#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	Not enough retirement homes, lon-term care	4/20/2021 4:29 PM
2	Depends on the location completely.	4/15/2021 12:58 PM
3	We need affordable housing. Geared to income and senior housing. There must be a cap on short term rentals.	4/13/2021 1:02 PM
4	Directed towards Port Stanley: Our village road ways are not designed for all this 4 season crazy amounts of traffic. I already fear and refuse to drive down to the main during summer. I worry about accidents in the water and on the roads and how the injured are going to quickly get out of the village from that area. Oh, wait the bridge is up traffic is bumper to bumper and the roads are only 2 wide and you know there are cars parked on the side of the road too. But there is a plan to add apartment buildings down there. I just don't understand.	4/13/2021 12:17 PM
5	Higher end housing is preferable to keep the town clean and safe and charming	4/13/2021 10:49 AM
6	I don't think Elgin can stop overseas investments ruing Canada's housing market. Please don't bother with anything except stopping immigration and encouraging growth.	4/13/2021 8:28 AM

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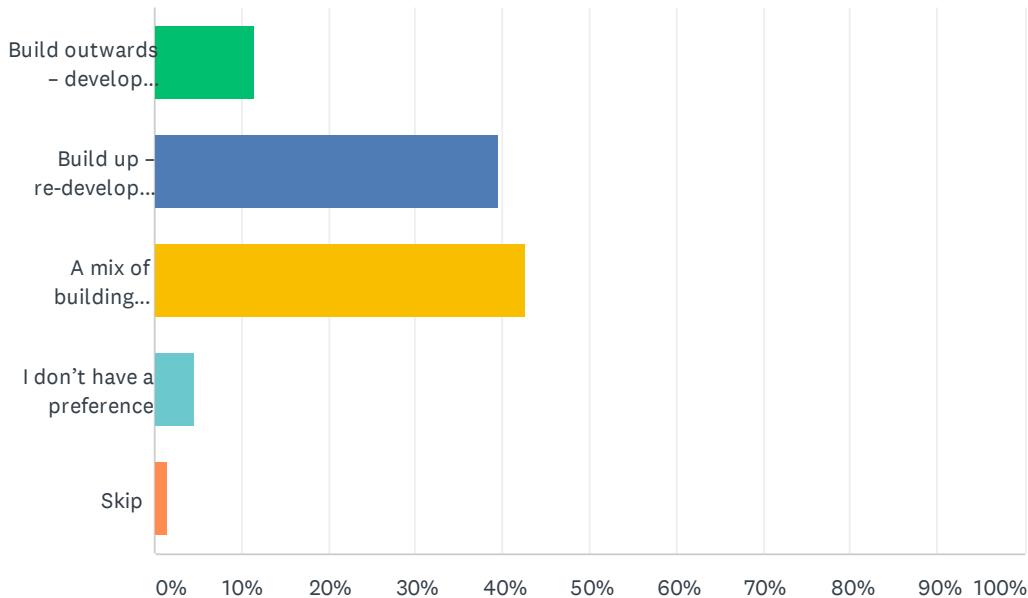
7	I grew up in Mississauga and watched farm land disintegrate into poorly planned urban sprawl. It became a city without an identity and lost most of its Appeal within 10-15 of over development. The same is happening in London now. Don't let Elgin become another example of soul less planning.	4/13/2021 7:29 AM
8	not sure I understood this question. But definitely need subsidized housing for seniors.	4/11/2021 12:32 PM
9	I'd prefer no new neighbourhoods but that wasn't an option, which seems to negate the previous several questions.	4/9/2021 11:48 AM
10	I think people have a certain perspective of "low-income housing" but a lot of our younger generations are coming out of post-secondary or even high school and need somewhere to live and they can't find it in Elgin County. There needs to be a mix of housing, Elgin County only has high-income housing currently in my opinion.	4/8/2021 2:46 PM
11	A focus on the "Missing Middle" housing types should be prioritized.	3/29/2021 7:52 PM
12	need building lots for single detached dwellings with size lots variable (i.e. some larger lots for larger homes and lots for average size homes and town houses & apartment/condo units in 2-4 levels	3/27/2021 1:33 PM
13	Depends on the community and local economy as well as existing built form.	3/26/2021 2:09 PM
14	add to that accessibility. I read somewhere that in the UK when you build a house you are required to have one entrance wheel chair accessible. You must have a room on the main level with a bath room that could be used at some time as a bedroom if required by a person with a disability when needed. Also all doors must be at least 36" wide and halls must be wide enough to accommodate wheelchairs. This is so when a member of the family has a health problem and can't go stairs there is no great expense to modify the home. This way the person can stay in their home and near neighbours.	3/23/2021 1:57 PM
15	Demographic studies should identify where the need lies. There are many considerations that accompany an imbalance.	3/23/2021 11:55 AM
16	We should maximize/capitalize on our ability to attract seniors to rural villages like Port Stanley and Port Glasgow and have some year round housing opportunities.	3/19/2021 9:51 PM
17	I would prefer an increased portion of single family houses and less development of trailer parks.	3/18/2021 12:30 PM
18	low rise apartments would be appropriate in some towns, but nothing higher than 4-5 storeys so the neighbourhood character and scale is maintained. Look at requiring a certain percentage of apartments units to be affordable as defined in the Planning Act.	3/18/2021 11:37 AM
19	Larger lots with a more country feel not where you can reach out and touch your neighbour.	3/17/2021 9:15 PM
20	Much more Low Rental Housing .	3/17/2021 6:36 PM
21	High density should only be placed in the core urban areas. Locating them away from urban density increases infrastructure and transportation costs. Medium and low density should be mixed. All service industries should be placed in central cores.	3/17/2021 1:37 PM
22	More accessible housing needed to allow older adults to age in place.	3/17/2021 10:12 AM
23	I think people can choose this on their own - it happens through the housing market.	3/17/2021 8:45 AM
24	Many are greatly concerned about overpopulation, overcrowding and noise. This reduces quality of life for residents that already live here, and increases competition for the few jobs that are available.	3/16/2021 8:18 PM
25	The need is for new families moving to this area. Starter homes, for young couples/families. There seems to have been a push in the past for affordable senior housing which is nice however, it's a pretty short sighted plan in terms of growth., for obvious reasons. In order to grow, we need to attract new families/residents, and to do that we need affordable homes for first time buyers. High density is not a bad option but, in all honesty most people coming here are looking for a detached home.	3/16/2021 7:55 PM
26	Need more affordable housing. Two bedrooms and three bedrooms are ridiculously priced.	3/16/2021 6:43 PM
27	Low income should be mixed with regular income housing so that there is not one area that is compromised of low income. No segregation of groups.	3/16/2021 6:20 PM

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28	Build in and up	3/15/2021 1:23 PM
29	Low-density development with small highly eco-friendly houses for large number of younger people wanting to become more self-reliant (eg. grow large gardens, fruit trees, raise small livestock). There is a growing want for these types of dwellings among young people, especially those wanting to leave larger cities, and raise their kids in rural areas. Rather than exclusively developing new lots like this at the edge of towns, it would be worth empowering larger rural properties to be shared more easily. For example allowing more dwellings on farm-zoned properties, creating rental situations for those who want to live in Elgin and be 'homesteaders', but can't afford a house. Alternative property tax for multi-dwelling properties could make this lucrative for the county as well. New technologies and techniques for rainwater collection, and grey water and black water disposal/re-use for sites not serviced by municipal services would allay concerns about pollution. Since the types of people interested in this are typically very aware of concerns about the environment, compliance would likely be high.	3/13/2021 6:56 AM
30	I worry about accessible / single floor housing for our aging population. The cost of housing is slightly less than large cities, but the access to higher pay is significantly less. There should be MORE housing available . More people attracted by affordable rents would add to our downtowns with better options for restaurants, shopping and services.	2/27/2021 10:53 PM

Q12 What do you think should be the high-level focus of growth for Elgin County?

Answered: 319 Skipped: 8



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Build outwards – develop larger homes on the edges of the settlement areas; this means expanding infrastructure to accommodate the growth and may mean higher infrastructure costs per home		11.60%	37
Build up – re-develop underutilized lands in the inner settlement areas for smaller homes/multi-family homes and apartments; this means upgrades to infrastructure or utilizing existing infrastructure and may mean lower costs per home		39.50%	126
A mix of building outwards and building up		42.63%	136
I don't have a preference		4.70%	15
Skip		1.57%	5
TOTAL		319	

#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	Continual growth does not benefit existing residents. SW Ontario is becoming too densely populated.	4/20/2021 4:29 PM
2	Whichever you choose, do it with respect for the residents that live here first and foremost. I don't see how you plan to attract others when the ones currently living here are unhappy. Also, take resident opinions into account when it comes to the sale or redevelopment of appreciated buildings and landmarks.	4/16/2021 12:39 PM
3	Some of the Plans for villages date back to the 1950's, and they have never been completed.	4/15/2021 5:00 PM
4	Nothing higher than 3 stories in Port Stanley. No matter what. Period.	4/15/2021 12:58 PM
5	Should focus building around the large cities where infrastructure already exists	4/15/2021 9:43 AM
6	Please keep in mind that some localities like Port Stanley have limited space to begin with. The reason we draw the tourists is our braces and harbour. We need parking for these visitors.	4/14/2021 8:27 AM

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If you develop too much of the “open” space, there will not be room for them to park and they will create their own spots to the strike t of the property owners. This already happens.

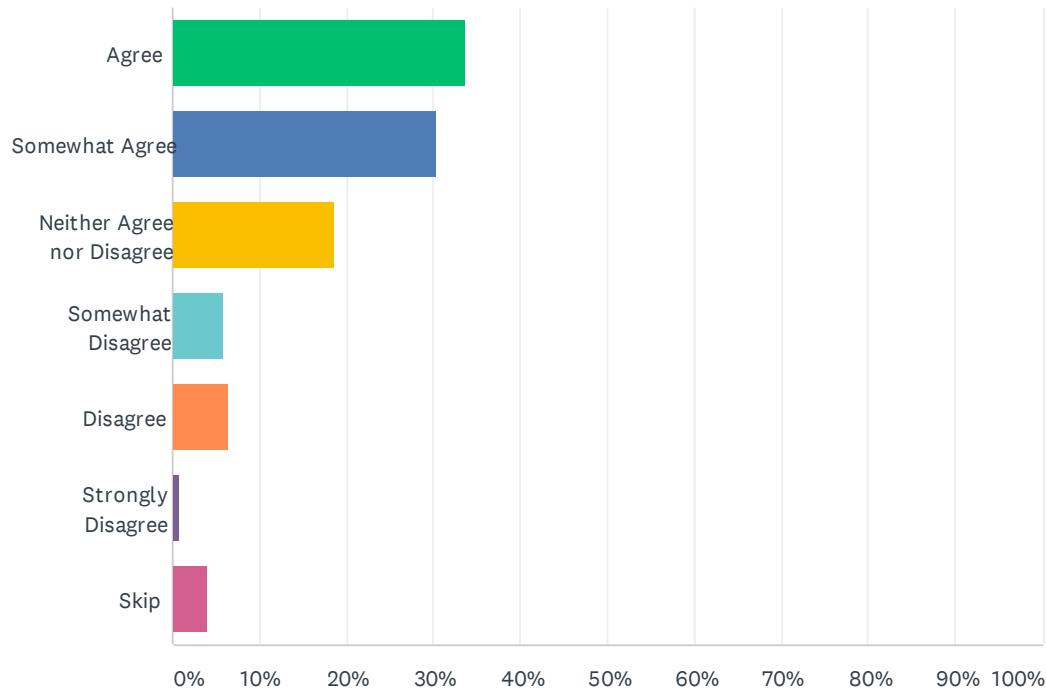
7	I am cautious about building up in my long time home of Port Stanley. I agree progress is necessary, but we must try to keep some of the old feel of the town. I would like nothing higher than 5 storeys.	4/14/2021 7:09 AM
8	No more building we won't be a village anymore if they keep putting up buildings there's no need for it	4/13/2021 4:40 PM
9	Stop building for the rich in pt. Stanley. Build for the seniors who have pioneered the village. Honour their values too.	4/13/2021 2:27 PM
10	Plenty of European examples of how to do this right.	4/13/2021 11:56 AM
11	But remember to keep lots of GREEN space.	4/13/2021 11:24 AM
12	Depends on the town	4/13/2021 11:13 AM
13	Rethink how to use downtown space better. Don't expand out. Expand out if you hate the environment and want more cancer. FYI Environmental destruction/ more expansion = cancer.	4/13/2021 8:28 AM
14	I grew up in Mississauga and watched farm land disintegrate into poorly planned urban sprawl. It became a city without an identity and lost most of its Appeal within 10-15 of over development. The same is happening in London now. Don't let Elgin become another example of soul less planning.	4/13/2021 7:29 AM
15	Keep as much farmland and natural areas as possible.	4/13/2021 12:50 AM
16	The Infrastructure for the Municipality must be extended northward	4/9/2021 3:04 PM
17	None of the above, no new developments. To not include this as an option is disingenuous.	4/9/2021 11:48 AM
18	I live in Sparta we have no mains water or sewage up until last year we had almost no street lighting as for beautification we dont get a thi g other tha a planterdivered each year.	4/9/2021 11:01 AM
19	Don't focus on growth.	4/9/2021 10:28 AM
20	I think the context in which development occurs is predicated on the area being considered. Established population centres such as Aylmer and Port Stanley may wish to focus on infill and intensification of vacant or underutilized lots in a manner that encourages denser, mixed-use form and provides a variety of residential housing types. Whereas, more rural settlement areas may wish to see focus on single-detached, estate-style development due to less demand for verticality yet an increased demand for housing. These areas tend to be bedroom communities for larger urban centres so single-detached form may work best.	4/9/2021 10:20 AM
21	Costs in town have already increased substantially, like water rates	4/8/2021 6:48 PM
22	Building up is so, so important. One, build on the areas we already have before we build-out. We have an opportunity to revitalize areas in our communities that can make them more attractive to new home buyers. Instead of having a larger community with these areas that underutilized and could be areas of higher crime instances (we see it in parts of Hamilton and St. Thomas). Furthermore, environmentally-wise this is VITAL. I know Elgin County has an Environmental Committee and maybe they should be brought in on this, as building up, rather than up can help us keep our natural heritage areas safe, our wetlands safe, our forested areas safe. You just have to look at the MZO incidence in Pickering, where they tried to bring an Amazon distribution centre there and the BACKLASH it got from the community and beyond.	4/8/2021 2:46 PM
23	Leave agriculture land alone!	4/8/2021 1:03 PM
24	There are currently NO building lots in West Lorne. :(4/2/2021 12:10 PM
25	Keeping the historical integrity of the neighbourhood needs to take precedence. When the underutilized spaces are redeveloped, then, move to outward growth.	4/1/2021 10:46 AM
26	We need to fix what is within (the amount of empty buildings and spaces in towns) before attempting to push outwards with new settlement areas.	3/30/2021 10:59 AM
27	Expanding infrastructure just results in more infrastructure we will have to maintain. We should also focus on walkability, which has a number of benefits.	3/29/2021 7:52 PM

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28	not sure why development area needs to have "larger homes" all for building homes on the outskirts of our village but why not similar to the current size of homes do not want to see apartments in already established residential area ie land sold and apartments built at marina	3/28/2021 7:44 AM
29	Depends on the community and local economy as well as existing built form.	3/26/2021 2:09 PM
30	I agree with building up however when I think of apartments, multiplexing or condos I have to wonder where the parking would go. It would be a shame to take up anymore space in the downtown for parking when there already seems to be limited space.	3/26/2021 10:30 AM
31	However the building upward should be limited in certain areas - to remain the character of the community as in Port Stanley.	3/25/2021 3:57 PM
32	Build up, but be careful not to destroy heritage areas with massive apartments. Choose designs that enhance neighborhoods, not completely change them.	3/24/2021 10:34 AM
33	If you build out, you build on prime agricultural farm land.	3/23/2021 5:02 PM
34	I feel very strongly of our dwindling disappearing farm land being eaten up by developers for retail, housing and industry. Ontario has some of the finest farm land in Canada. This pandemic has shown us how important it is to be self sufficient. I recently saw a program on TV that showed the ruins of a central or South American civilization that was highly civilized. A huge recently discovered metropolis with roads, temples, housing and farmlands. Then all of a sudden they disappeared. They finally discovered it was not war, genocide, disease but the lack of sustainability. They used all their farmland for urban growth. They had no way to feed themselves nor enough water. We need to not repeat history but learn from it.	3/23/2021 1:57 PM
35	More affordable housing for everyone! Singles and families.	3/18/2021 11:36 PM
36	a big no to urban sprawl protecting the environment and agriculture should be key with more urban density and use of current infrastructure	3/18/2021 4:06 PM
37	Increase the cost of holding vacant lots so more infilling happens	3/18/2021 12:30 PM
38	The focus needs to be on both. Large lots are what attract residents to small towns. There may be underutilized lands appropriate for intensification, but establish evaluation criteria (ie. Hamilton)	3/18/2021 11:37 AM
39	Urban sprawl is never beneficial. We have very few ppl using other means of transportation. Driving is a must and that is preventative. It is also terrible for the environment and puts added pressure on municipalities to provide services to areas further away.	3/18/2021 8:30 AM
40	Need to keep current green spaces in towns and cities, so growth should happen outward.	3/17/2021 4:25 PM
41	Need an answer that says do not grow. IMHO there has been a multi-decade obsession with growth. Focus should be >>>better not bigger>>>.	3/17/2021 1:37 PM
42	Too much farm land and woods and green space and parks being taken up by housing	3/17/2021 1:00 PM
43	Let people choose what they want to build.	3/17/2021 8:45 AM
44	Stop building on prime farm land !	3/17/2021 8:37 AM
45	Do not build at all. My concern is overpopulation, overcrowding and noise. This reduces quality of life for residents that already live here, and increases competition for the few jobs that are available.	3/16/2021 8:18 PM
46	the Elgin economy is based on Agriculture. You can only grow a crop of houses once. That period of economic activity is short lived (3-5 years). Viable farmland keeps producing economic benefit year over year into eternity.	3/15/2021 1:23 PM
47	I strongly feel that needs for larger homes will go down, as younger people have less desire for larger homes, but may want larger lots, and/or community/shared use of lot. Co-housing, with situations such as elders not in need of long-term care homes living in units shared by young families, so many benefits are gained. These sorts of arrangements tend to be planned with shared housing system (such as heating, plumbing) for environmental benefits, but still retain privacy for occupants.	3/13/2021 6:56 AM
48	This is the best choice to help preserve farmland/woodland.	3/3/2021 12:38 PM

Q13 Growth should be directed to the major corridors of the County (this includes roadways typically designed to handle higher volumes of traffic)

Answered: 323 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Agree		33.75%	109
Somewhat Agree		30.34%	98
Neither Agree nor Disagree		18.58%	60
Somewhat Disagree		5.88%	19
Disagree		6.50%	21
Strongly Disagree		0.93%	3
Skip		4.02%	13
TOTAL			323

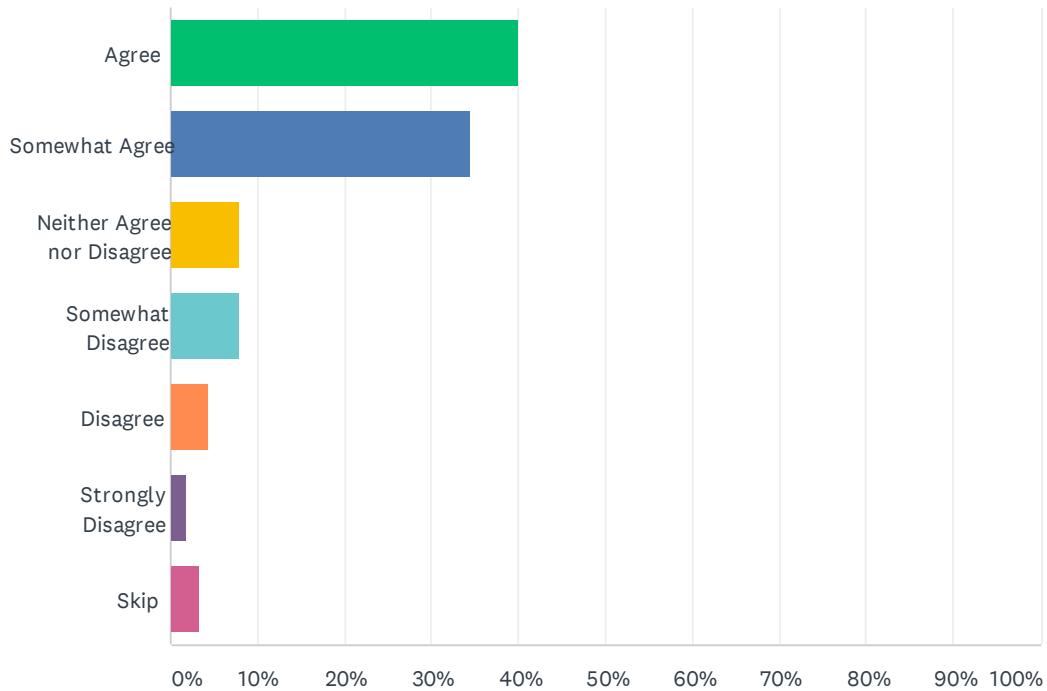
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1	Growth should be directed to where it is most appropriately needed, regardless of the road your looking at.	4/16/2021 12:39 PM
2	Not everyone wants to be in a major corridor area. There are many parcels of land in Elgin that are too small to be farmed economically and housing is a great option.	4/15/2021 5:00 PM
3	Discourage radial growth.	4/15/2021 11:04 AM
4	It's hard enough to get in and out of your driveway now the way the roadways are don't need any more congestion	4/13/2021 4:40 PM
5	roads are already too busy in and out of town (Port Stanley) summer months are ridiculous.	4/13/2021 3:36 PM

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	buses and trains would be beneficial	
6	Depends on the town	4/13/2021 11:13 AM
7	Veterinary services Doctors Dentists Hair salons More services needed to accommodate the port Stanley residents please with tennis courts and bike paths and dog park please	4/13/2021 10:49 AM
8	Caution with growth for the sake of growth.	4/13/2021 7:29 AM
9	I have no idea whether this is a good idea or not. I don't have the knowledge. It might be a bad idea to put growth where there is already significant traffic.	4/13/2021 12:50 AM
10	need bicycle paths added to main roads	4/11/2021 12:32 PM
11	why do we have no mains and sewer water in Sparta this is not acceptable	4/9/2021 9:01 PM
12	No more strings of houses along roads. Build in fully serviced settlement areas.	4/9/2021 7:43 PM
13	Growth should be stopped.	4/9/2021 11:48 AM
14	Growth should also focus on areas with existing full or partial municipal servicing to better utilize service capacity.	4/9/2021 10:20 AM
15	I need some examples to understand more fully the implications.	4/1/2021 10:46 AM
16	Tar and chip Dirt roads like west Howey Line	3/29/2021 12:24 PM
17	Depends on the community and local economy as well as existing built form.	3/26/2021 2:09 PM
18	Growth needs to be smart. There are key locations where municipalities (ie. Aylmer and Malahide) where growth can happen easily, but municipal boundaries and politics get in the way.	3/22/2021 2:40 PM
19	Growth should be directed to existing communities	3/19/2021 9:51 PM
20	Growth should be encouraged in towns and villages to reduce spread to agricultural land. Strip development should be avoided.	3/18/2021 12:30 PM
21	Yes but not highway 3.	3/18/2021 11:37 AM
22	Further to that, focus should be put on inward growth and not along major corridors.	3/17/2021 1:37 PM
23	New housing developments should be placed on small roads with easy access to major corridors. Placing too much housing or growth on a major corridor causes traffic issues and then the speed limit must be lowered, further impeding traffic. A prime example is when Malahide allowed a number of new houses to be built on Highway 73 south of Aylmer and then had to drop the speed limit to 60 km/hr.	3/17/2021 10:32 AM
24	Many are greatly concerned about overpopulation, overcrowding and noise. This reduces quality of life for residents that already live here, and increases competition for the few jobs that are available.	3/16/2021 8:18 PM
25	Some areas look like "the projects" because they're too concentrated to one area.,	3/16/2021 2:00 PM
26	not if there is no room at the schools for more kids	3/15/2021 1:23 PM
27	As long as roadways receive necessary upgrades to control commuter traffic and also focus on cycling and other (sidewalks etc) recreational uses of the roadways.	3/3/2021 12:38 PM
28	Our shoreline is a vastly under utilized resource. The fact that the answer is effectively "no development ever" on our shoreline except in 2 or 3 basically commercial areas means we are missing out on a tax base from higher value homes that people would enjoy. Other communities embrace being close to the beauty of the Lake for recreation and visual appeal but we act like it's a waste site and deter people from it.	2/27/2021 10:53 PM

Q14 I envision future growth and development optimizes existing infrastructure and services.

Answered: 325 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Agree		40.00%	130
Somewhat Agree		34.46%	112
Neither Agree nor Disagree		8.00%	26
Somewhat Disagree		8.00%	26
Disagree		4.31%	14
Strongly Disagree		1.85%	6
Skip		3.38%	11
TOTAL			325

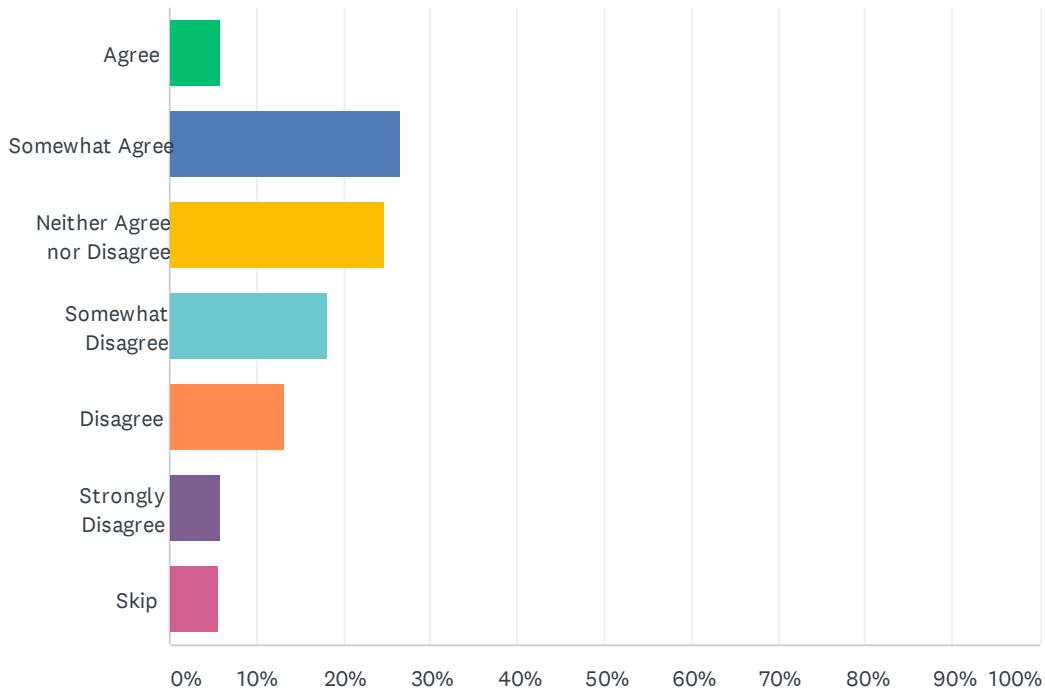
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1	It drives out small businesses who cannot compete. Ruins the character of a small village.	4/15/2021 12:58 PM
2	There are only three ways in and out of Port Stanley yet you keep approving development with the village. These roadways can barely handle the existing traffic on any given weekend without adding more permanent residents. This is quickly becoming a safety issue for both residents and visitors. Emergency assistance times during a busy traffic day are compromised	4/14/2021 8:27 AM
3	I don't know how you could expect to achieve steady growth within the existing infrastructure	4/13/2021 10:37 PM
4	Not a very clear question	4/13/2021 6:02 PM
5	infrastructure already overloaded...doctors, clinics, power outages are frequent. internet	4/13/2021 3:36 PM

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	service is often spotty	
6	No franchises/major chains. Keep the businesses like how they are - unique to the Village.	4/13/2021 11:24 AM
7	If your about growth. It scares me to hear local governments focus on growth. Your services can't help they people that already live here.	4/13/2021 8:28 AM
8	This sounds like common sense. Also Why is there not a Strongly Agree choice??	4/13/2021 12:50 AM
9	I envision no growth and limiting the population to a sustainable size that will not negatively affect the quality of life in the region.	4/9/2021 11:48 AM
10	Allow growth in partially serviced areas	4/9/2021 10:45 AM
11	Once again, don't reinvent the wheel. We have the spaces and the infrastructure. Focus on these underutilized areas for new growth. Like what is happening to the old Ford plant? I don't know if this just a City of St. Thomas issue, but that's TONS of land just sitting vacant. No crops growing on it. No solar panels collecting our energy. Nor has it been rehabilitated to tallgrass prairie and reforestation.	4/8/2021 2:46 PM
12	There has not been enough attention paid to the need for new infrastructure with the growth that we are experiencing, and there is also a strong need to update the infrastructure in the older areas of Port Stanley	4/5/2021 12:45 PM
13	infrastructure and services would require enlarging/expanding	3/27/2021 1:33 PM
14	Should be focussed on redevelopment and sustainability.	3/26/2021 2:09 PM
15	Why are the questions weighted toward the disagree answers?	3/23/2021 5:02 PM
16	Optimization is ideal as long as taxes can cover them without being increases unnecessarily. Long term plans are more practical than constant fixes.	3/23/2021 11:55 AM
17	With previous point on Aylmer and Malahide, there is kept infrastructure in Aylmer that can be relatively easily expanded or extended into Malahide for "easy" growth in residential, commercial, and industrial lands. Aylmer and Malahide has the amalgamation talks, but decided on not proceeding based on some shortsighted residents and councillors.	3/22/2021 2:40 PM
18	I don't agree with fixing up older buildings but instead knock them down and build a new more efficient building. Plus it would clean up some areas that really need to look less dumpy.	3/20/2021 12:14 PM
19	In keeping growth focused on brownfield and infill then it will reduce per user infrastructure cost.	3/17/2021 1:37 PM
20	Many are greatly concerned about overpopulation, overcrowding and noise. This reduces quality of life for residents that already live here, and increases competition for the few jobs that are available.	3/16/2021 8:18 PM
21	I really don't understand this question. Of course we look to optimize existing infrastructure and services however, if your goal is growth then additional infrastructure and services would be required.	3/16/2021 7:55 PM
22	Infrastructure needs to be expanded so communities can grow AYLMER is at a stand still	3/16/2021 5:07 PM
23	Unfortunately, I believe that CE will just keep listening to expensive outside consultants who will direct them to spend poorly on new infrastructure without regard for remediation and improvements on existing.	3/16/2021 9:32 AM
24	Growth should be taken on its merit. If we only plan for incremental growth of the same, we'll just get more of the same. We'll miss out on big opportunities to make something better.	2/27/2021 10:53 PM

Q15 I think current growth is directed in appropriate areas.

Answered: 324 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES
Agree		5.86% 19
Somewhat Agree		26.54% 86
Neither Agree nor Disagree		24.69% 80
Somewhat Disagree		18.21% 59
Disagree		13.27% 43
Strongly Disagree		5.86% 19
Skip		5.56% 18
TOTAL		324

#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	Tripling the size of Port Stanley by 4 new subdivisions has resulted in some of the highest Municipal taxes in SW Ontario and has changed the character of the village. The dust, noise, mud, trucks backing up for the past 2 years has been a constant inconvenience to local residents.	4/20/2021 4:29 PM
2	Not allowing building on partially serviced lots creates a shortage of building opportunities for many Bayham residents who want to stay within their current village/town	4/16/2021 10:32 AM
3	Not everyone wants to be in a town or village!!	4/15/2021 5:00 PM
4	Areas for development are foreseeable. However restrictions must be in place and adhered to with NO exceptions. Prespa on William Street is an absolute atrocity, and needs to be retracted to 3 stories immediately. This precedent needs to be re-set, as it is the formula for	4/15/2021 12:58 PM

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destructible future developments. For instance, the proposed Jackson's Fishery development must be limited to 3 stories. No exceptions. Period. This has to stop. No one who lives in Port Stanley want this. Listen to your constituents, and stop looking for the money.

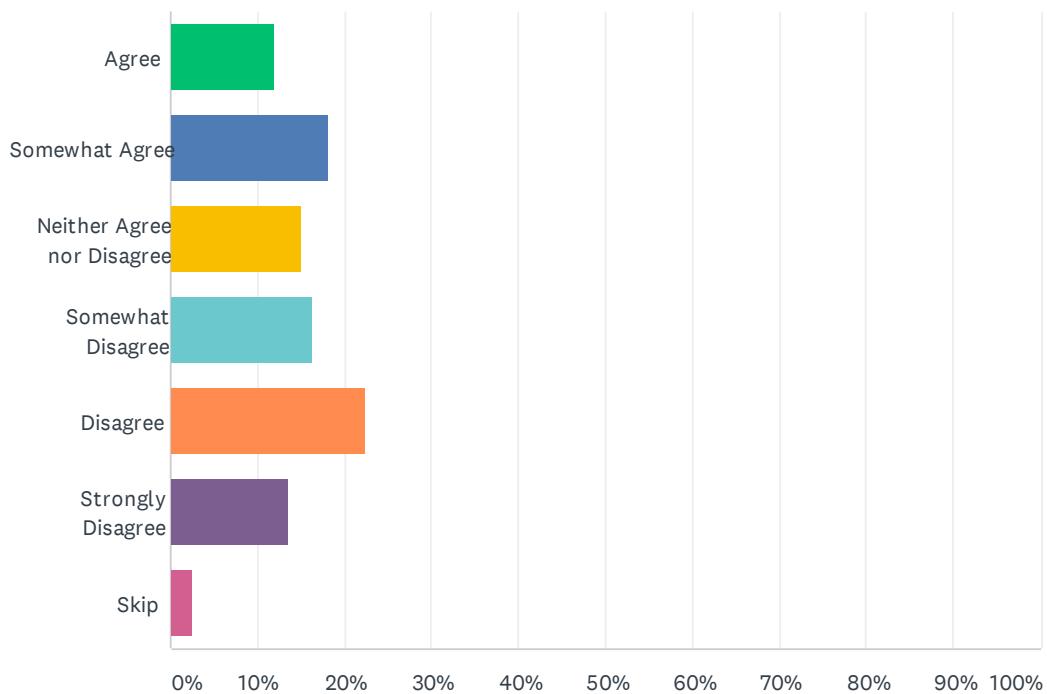
5	Depends where the development is located, some is some isn't	4/14/2021 1:13 PM
6	There are other communities in Elgin other than Port Stanley that can support more housing. Fingal is one of those communities. It is close to major hisar corridors, and to urban centres and recreation hotspots.	4/14/2021 8:27 AM
7	You have to define "current growth" areas to answer this question properly	4/13/2021 8:19 PM
8	Waterfront development should be considered carefully. A long shoreline wall of condos and apartments won't be much of a scenic draw to day trippers and beach goers.	4/13/2021 11:56 AM
9	Putting high rise apartments in previously planned single residential areas such as shaw valley is not good planning. Poor traffic mgmt and infrastructure. Making back door deals with Toronto developers is disrespectful to our local developers who have supported our county's development	4/13/2021 11:38 AM
10	Kokomo Beach Club??? I don't consider this growth when I go to all of the info sessions that the Wastell's held, only to realize that they had no intention of 'community centres' or a small percentage of affordable housing units.	4/13/2021 11:13 AM
11	Keep the shops downtown open till 10 pm if people work during the day how can they shop in town ? Also get another grocery store with more health products organic etc	4/13/2021 10:49 AM
12	Why is there not a Strongly Agree choice?? There is a Strongly Disagree.	4/13/2021 12:50 AM
13	Future growth should be permitted to happen in partially serviced areas in Elgin the same way as partially serviced subdivisions are happening in Oxford and Norfolk.	4/10/2021 11:15 PM
14	Too many houses in some municipalities with only private services along highways. Severances off farms need to be stopped in all municipalities.	4/9/2021 7:43 PM
15	Allow rural severances as not everyone wants to be in urban areas	4/9/2021 10:45 AM
16	Too much farmland being lost to housing	4/8/2021 8:40 PM
17	More infrastructure and growth options need to be available in West Elgin.	4/2/2021 12:10 PM
18	think we are staring to "over grow" the village of Port Stanley current traffic issues will increase during peak summer weekends; on long w/e we tend to leave village we had issues with overnight parking for an entire w/e in front of our house on Frances St and then person returns to their car; strips down naked and changes in" pj type" pants and drives off knowing I'm sitting on our front porch	3/28/2021 7:44 AM
19	Must be more focussed on infill development to intensify and offer affordable housing options.	3/26/2021 2:09 PM
20	Specifically speaking for Aylmer, there has not been an abundance of growth to compare this too. The appartment buildings on Jane st. turned out great, but parking and increased traffic flow has become an concern for homeowners in the neighbourhood, I was one of them. There are buildings in distress in the downtown core that should be either demolished or rebuilt as a commercial/appartment/condo before building any other highrises into neighborhoods that are not suited for the overflow of parking/traffic. Again, keeping growth to the main arteries of town is my preference.	3/26/2021 10:30 AM
21	Double standard for land owners to be able to sever acreage for private home/succession vs severance rules for the township of Southwold	3/25/2021 6:16 PM
22	I think growth should happen in small well-designed communities. For Port Stanley, these should be small subdivisions in areas outside of the village Center.	3/25/2021 3:57 PM
23	But I am concerned about the spread of single family homes into farmland	3/24/2021 10:34 AM
24	Urban sprawl is happening.	3/23/2021 5:02 PM
25	I see growth happening mainly in subdivisions and property that was once zoned agriculture and I disagree with this planning approach especially to provide affordable housing	3/18/2021 4:06 PM
26	Too much building that does not fit into the communities e.g. Port Stanley	3/18/2021 10:27 AM

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27	I am not aware of any growth plans so cannot answer this.	3/18/2021 8:30 AM
28	Thinking West Elgin Specifically, there doesn't seem to be any target or focus area of growth goals for our municipality	3/17/2021 1:14 AM
29	Many are greatly concerned about overpopulation, overcrowding and noise. This reduces quality of life for residents that already live here, and increases competition for the few jobs that are available.	3/16/2021 8:18 PM
30	Develop on major line. Perfect opportunity for single detached dwellings!	3/16/2021 5:16 PM
31	West side of Port Stanley (Kokomo and beyond) does not have adequate road access. One road in and out is not safe or practical. Need another access road. Must remediate the old oil-soaked area west of Carlow Road!	3/16/2021 9:01 AM
32	strongly disagreeing due to comments made at council requesting 'flexibility' in development of settlement areas. migration to the rural will phase out. we will be left with swathes of empty homes if interest rates start to rise again and those homes foreclose because they can't pay their mortgage	3/15/2021 1:23 PM
33	Growth should be directed towards areas where there is available land for sale rather than designating areas and then trying to acquire the land. Some farmers are ready to sell while others are not and just want to farm their lands. New development needs to position itself so that farmers can continue to manage their business without complaints from new homeowners regarding dust, smell, noise or without pressures to sell.	3/12/2021 8:55 AM
34	Not sure	3/10/2021 12:29 PM
35	It feels like growth isn't wanted. It feels like the direction of the municipality is to keep everything the same. The "Progressive by Nature" slogan feels like a lie.	2/27/2021 10:53 PM

Q16 Growth should be directed to undeveloped areas such as Greenfields (Greenfields are undeveloped lands that are not part of the existing built-up area).

Answered: 325 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	12.00%	39
Somewhat Agree	18.15%	59
Neither Agree nor Disagree	15.08%	49
Somewhat Disagree	16.31%	53
Disagree	22.46%	73
Strongly Disagree	13.54%	44
Skip	2.46%	8
TOTAL		325

#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	Again, growth should be directed to where it is needed most. Why would you target greenspace when it's not necessarily needed there? This is dependent on the situation not only the presence of nature?	4/16/2021 12:39 PM
2	Greenfields are only a part of developing Elgin.	4/15/2021 5:00 PM
3	Really... this shouldn't even be an option.	4/15/2021 12:58 PM
4	Preserve farmland to the extent possible.	4/15/2021 11:04 AM

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5	Absolutely especially if it's non farm residential lots in non prime agricultural where a cluster of homes already exists.	4/14/2021 1:13 PM
6	We are running out of greenfield space In port Stanley. Please leave us some!!!	4/14/2021 8:27 AM
7	Its important to maintain open green spaces, for wetlands, wildlife, families to see, observe, and potentially explore.	4/14/2021 7:09 AM
8	I want to see more greenbelts happening around Elgin County before we get built up too much, it already seems TO money is flowing into the area. We have an opportunity to do something different and be proactive. Would love to see some developed trail systems around St. Thomas, more land for conservation purposes, Dog parks, places to spend time outside with nature and Marine protected corridors around waterways. If this year has taught us anything is that outside is a refuge for our mental and overall health.	4/14/2021 12:06 AM
9	i would have to see a map to know what area you were referring to	4/13/2021 3:36 PM
10	Would agree if it incorporates affordable housing	4/13/2021 1:02 PM
11	This kind of growth generally attracts builders only interested in tract housing plans.	4/13/2021 11:56 AM
12	Greenfields should be used for community facilities that can be enjoyed by all. Parks, recreation facilities appealing to residents and visitors.	4/13/2021 11:24 AM
13	Depending on what is compromised. We still need agricultural land.	4/13/2021 11:13 AM
14	Your mad for asking this question. Are you completely disconnected from nature? Please rewild green space we don't need more concrete.	4/13/2021 8:28 AM
15	Personally I don't like seeing natural areas and mature trees bulldozed to put up cookie cutter houses. Also Why is there not a Strongly Agree choice??	4/13/2021 12:50 AM
16	This, again, is predicated on the area being considered. Smaller settlement areas and hamlets may be better suited for greenfield.	4/9/2021 10:20 AM
17	Leave farm land alone.	4/8/2021 1:03 PM
18	My concern here is that you would allow development of the Berm area. This would be a massive loss of green space in Port and I believe that we should be saving these areas. They are extremely important characteristics unique to this area.	4/5/2021 12:45 PM
19	Not at the expense of prime agricultural land, or forests; but, there are areas that can be developed between those!	4/1/2021 10:46 AM
20	Growth should only be directed to Greenfields after the utilizing of all other abandoned spaces or areas that are not fully being utilized.	3/30/2021 10:59 AM
21	we should have annexed portion of Malahide (i.e. farmland close to Aylmer)	3/27/2021 1:33 PM
22	Should be more focussed on sustainable intensification.	3/26/2021 2:09 PM
23	There are many properties/areas in small towns and cities within Elgin that are empty or abandoned that should be developed and/or renovated before growth takes over rural areas.	3/26/2021 9:19 AM
24	Depends on location, potential for other uses	3/24/2021 10:34 AM
25	See the comment in the official plan about valuing agriculture.	3/23/2021 5:02 PM
26	Depends where the greenfields are located. There is amazing potential for infill development in some locations, but not always applicable.	3/22/2021 2:40 PM
27	good planning relies upon in-fill and brownfield development	3/19/2021 10:36 AM
28	Services are required to build up population for commercial and industry to attract people.	3/18/2021 5:33 PM
29	Environment and protecting green space should be key. With the amount of agriculture in our area we have very little green space left	3/18/2021 4:06 PM
30	Greenfields growth results in duplication of services, encourages urban spread into the country and weakens smaller centers	3/18/2021 12:30 PM
31	growth should be directed to greenfield and within the settlement area boundaries. maybe	3/18/2021 11:37 AM

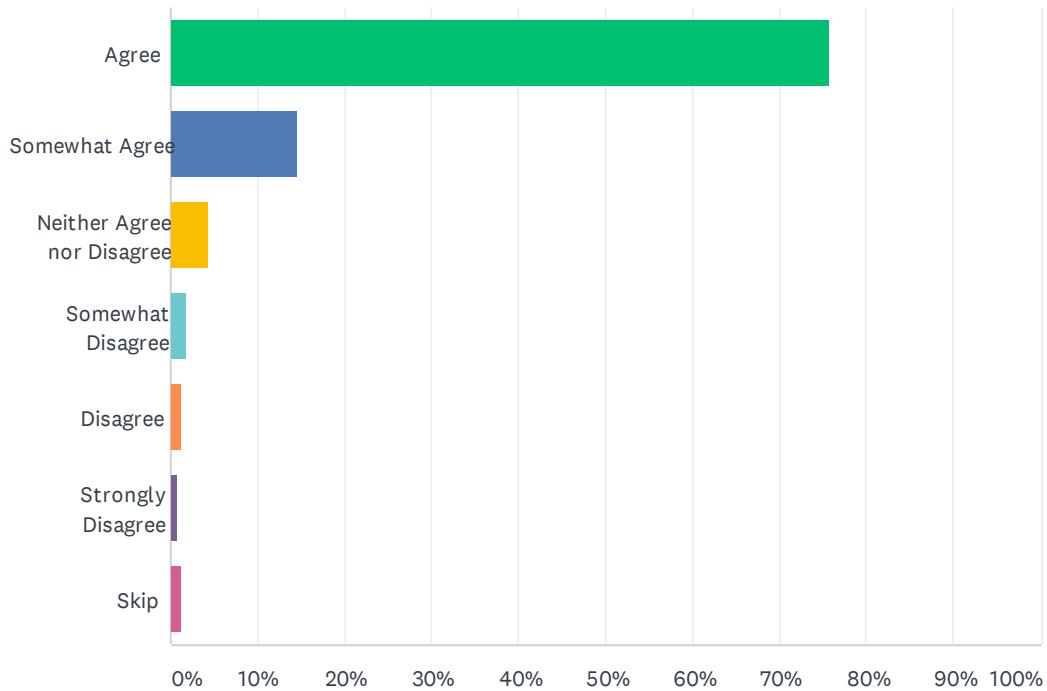
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consider Setting intensification targets for Tier 1 settlements.

32	Wildlife need the undeveloped lands	3/17/2021 4:25 PM
33	Start with central town development including green spaces. Manage for our addiction issues in the core to bring core back to its former vibrancy. I am afraid to go to my bank. Others feel the same. As much as i agree these ppl need help, they can be unpredictable and dangerous when intoxicated. They have to want to be helped and most only live to get thier next fix. This is sad but true. Maybe a rehab facility for those who really want it.	3/17/2021 2:23 PM
34	Don't eat up alot of farmland with housing and development.	3/17/2021 10:12 AM
35	I wouldn't want urban sprawl in the county. I like how it's rural and quaint.	3/17/2021 9:21 AM
36	Many are greatly concerned about overpopulation, overcrowding and noise. This reduces quality of life for residents that already live here, and increases competition for the few jobs that are available. It is also important to preserve the serenity of beautiful landscapes and to protect and conserve the biodiversity in these Greenfields that are the homes of many animals, birds, etc.	3/16/2021 8:18 PM
37	Just don't take away the farming lands as we need farms also we need to keep some forested areas too.	3/16/2021 6:43 PM
38	All current lands that are not used, like empty buildings, delapidated lots. Should be used first. The downtown area needs to be kept full so that we don't get that run down ghost town look when people drive through.	3/16/2021 6:20 PM
39	Leave woods and some trees. I noticed that in Port Stanley, Kokomo cleared the land of everything. It looks barren and desolate. Tarry on the other hand, has left some wooded areas and naturalization, an obvious difference in the builders vision. This should be negotiated before builds happen.	3/16/2021 2:00 PM
40	was this question written by developers?? Or will I see a similar question saying "Greenfields should be protected for agriculture, agree or disagree, further on?	3/15/2021 1:23 PM
41	I hesitantly agree with this as a possibility, but believe reusing or re-purposing already developed lands should take priority. If a great idea comes to the table, and the greenlands being developed does not warrant protection.	3/13/2021 6:56 AM
42	Move towards areas that are abandoned like the ford plant or other areas already zoned non agricultural that are now not used. Rezoning of some of these areas could make them viable and they have existing infrastructure.	3/12/2021 8:55 AM

Q17 I envision future growth and development that protects and enhances natural systems.

Answered: 322 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	75.78%	244
Somewhat Agree	14.60%	47
Neither Agree nor Disagree	4.35%	14
Somewhat Disagree	1.86%	6
Disagree	1.24%	4
Strongly Disagree	0.93%	3
Skip	1.24%	4
TOTAL		322

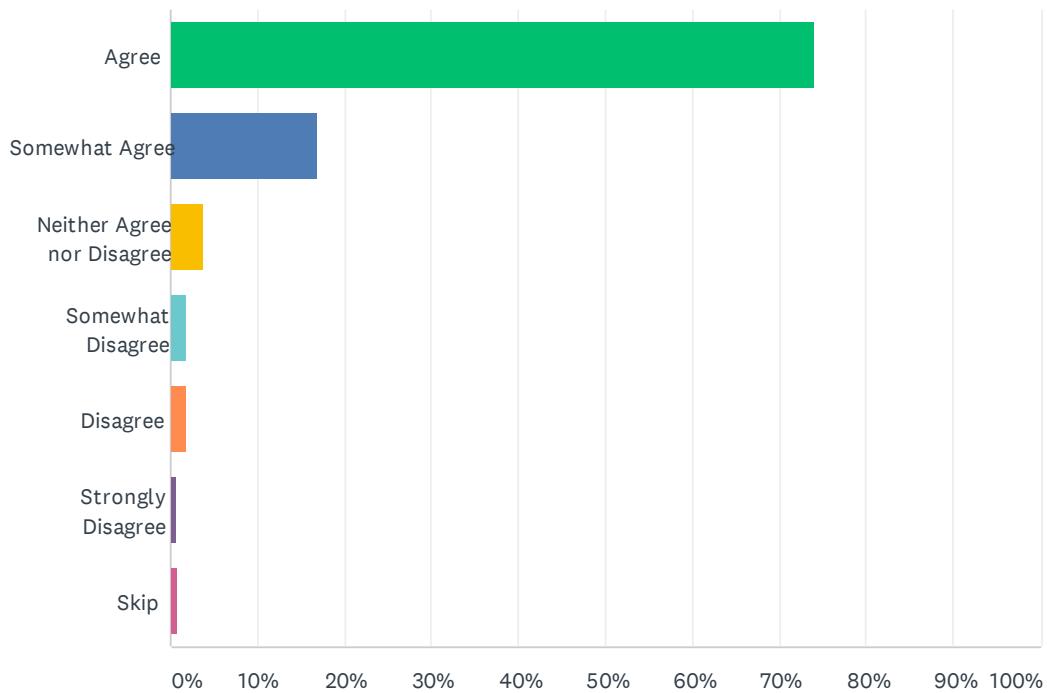
#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	Our natural systems are changing all the time. we need to be proactive, not reactive.	4/15/2021 5:00 PM
2	If you mean nature areas I agree. This is our chance to take steps to reduce climate change, let's take it.	4/14/2021 7:38 PM
3	We don't need any more development it's ruining our village	4/13/2021 4:40 PM
4	Yes!!!! If people don't want nature and only want concrete, they can live/visit in larger cities.	4/13/2021 11:24 AM
5	STRONGLY Agree. Why isn't there a button for that?	4/13/2021 11:13 AM
6	How about some solar panel homes ☀	4/13/2021 10:49 AM

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7	You balanced it out here. Thank God.	4/13/2021 8:28 AM
8	Why is there not a Strongly Agree choice?? There is a Strongly Disagree.	4/13/2021 12:50 AM
9	Very important!	4/9/2021 7:43 PM
10	The best way to accomplish this is limiting growth in general.	4/9/2021 11:48 AM
11	growth and development are antithetical to protecting and enhancing natural systems. None of the survey options allow for focus on protecting and enhancing natural systems.	4/9/2021 10:28 AM
12	If we want a healthy community and economy, we have to protect and enhance natural systems. We have to work with our environmental organizations in the County (Stewardship Council, Conservation Authorities, Field Naturalists, etc.) to ensure this.	4/8/2021 2:46 PM
13	Yes please!	4/5/2021 12:45 PM
14	There has to be a balance ... something Sally doesn't seem to appreciate unless it is to her specific benefit to do so.	3/29/2021 12:40 PM
15	The environment should be our number 1 priority. We need a healthy balance of farm, nature preserve and housing	3/28/2021 4:22 PM
16	This is key to sustainability.	3/26/2021 2:09 PM
17	I believe that you can have growth by expanding into greenspace and still have a balanced environmental/naturalized approach i.e. Lake Margret in St. Thomas.	3/26/2021 10:30 AM
18	Leave the trees alone.	3/26/2021 10:15 AM
19	Parkland and outdoor spaces allow for people to enjoy the fresh air and seasonal changes. That would encourage better health, therefore health costs could be adjusted.	3/23/2021 11:55 AM
20	We need natural green spaces. We don't want it to look too industrial. Green spaces and wild life is emotionally soothing.	3/20/2021 12:14 PM
21	Avoid extending growth areas to protect small value natural systems and in turn decrease urban density. Decide where growth will be and protect outside that. For ex. A half acre wood lot within a village is better to be a condo block and protect the 100 acre woodlot and farm land outside the village.	3/17/2021 1:37 PM
22	It's important to keep our green spaces and nature untouched.	3/17/2021 9:21 AM
23	Many do not want any growth. They are greatly concerned about overpopulation, overcrowding and noise. This reduces quality of life for residents that already live here, and increases competition for the few jobs that are available. Of course, it is especially important to at least protect natural systems and preserve greenspace!	3/16/2021 8:18 PM
24	Sadly this is an ideal that I don't believe CE has the skills, knowledge or desire to achieve.	3/16/2021 9:32 AM
25	Natural systems are very important to protect.	3/15/2021 1:23 PM
26	I can't agree more!!	3/13/2021 6:56 AM
27	Expansion of the number of dwellings allowed on a property addresses this issue. Having multiple dwellings on a property reduces impact on natural systems by capitalizing on property already used for residential purposes (similar to the garden suite for elderly parents, but with different conditions). Also, adjusting building code that would allow for the construction of tiny homes.	3/12/2021 4:55 PM
28	Not when that protection is overbearing and doesn't allow people to fully utilize their properties.	2/27/2021 10:53 PM

Q18 I envision future growth and development that preserves greenspace and environmental features over the long-term.

Answered: 325 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	74.15%	241
Somewhat Agree	16.92%	55
Neither Agree nor Disagree	3.69%	12
Somewhat Disagree	1.85%	6
Disagree	1.85%	6
Strongly Disagree	0.62%	2
Skip	0.92%	3
TOTAL		325

#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	Preserving something from the past that hasn't been supported or utilized for years, means it a good time to make change.	4/15/2021 5:00 PM
2	YES!	4/14/2021 7:38 PM
3	Yes. Please!!!	4/14/2021 7:09 AM
4	I think you should look at communities like Spruce Grove and Fort McMurray AB that have developed communities in around nature with beautiful trail system available to all sports (biking, walking and running), disk golf courses built along green spaces and parks. I think our unique Carolina Forests need to shine and be protected for our next generations. Also we have so many wildlife and marine habitats that need to be protected around Port Stanley and Port	4/14/2021 12:06 AM

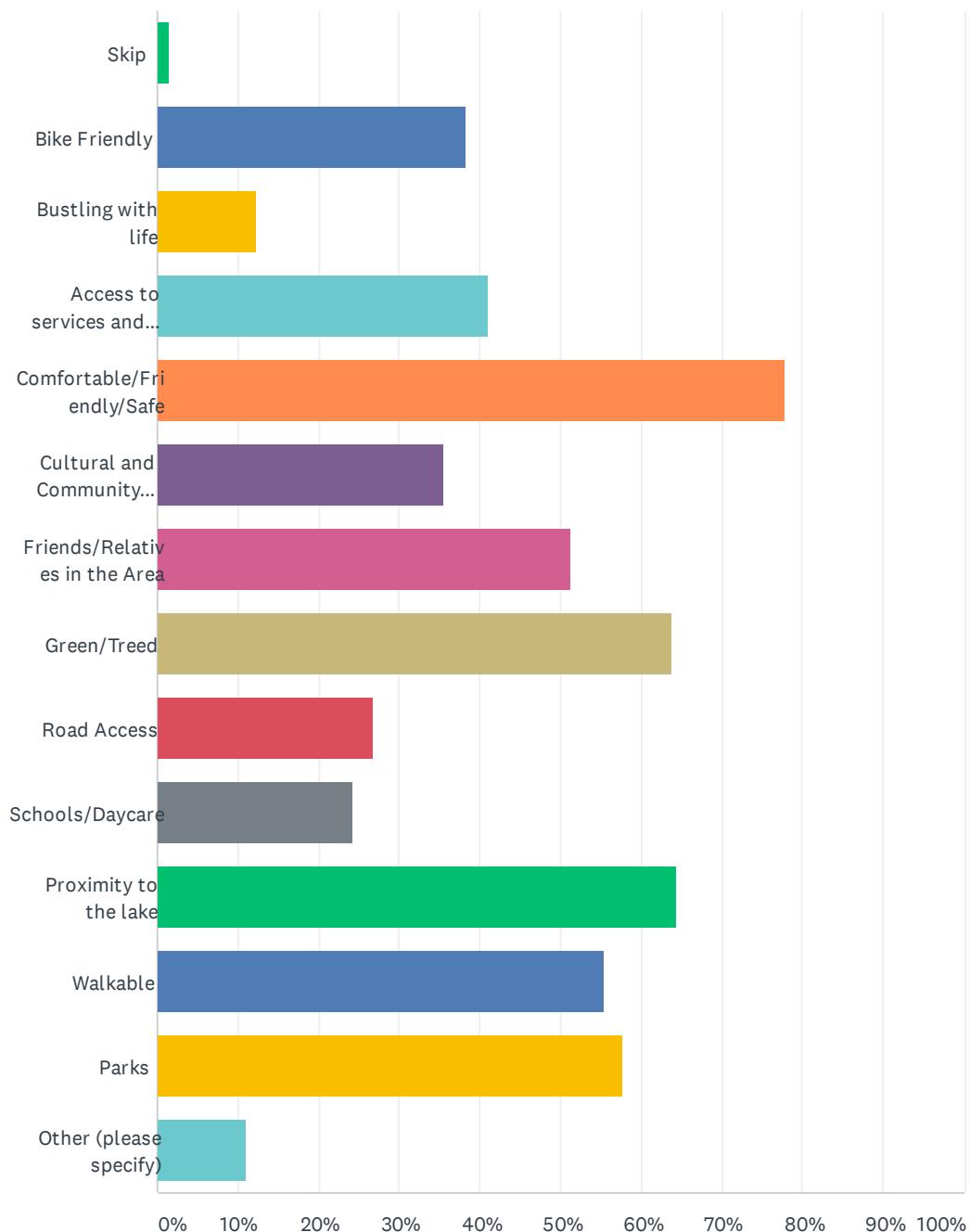
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Bruce before the whole community blows up into an urbanized greedy area with no sense of community. We have a blue flag beach now but what are you going to do to protect it in the long run. Also would like to see more bike lanes in around Port Stanley, Union and surrounding areas, this is becoming a destination for the sport, an enjoyed hobby and a lifestyle for many people (we also have a big migrant population who need to be thought of)

5	Nature and all it encompasses is a HUGE part of this regions unique cultural identity.	4/13/2021 11:24 AM
6	I don't envision future growth. When I do I envision it in Toronto.	4/13/2021 8:28 AM
7	Sometimes this means saying no to developer \$	4/13/2021 7:29 AM
8	Why is there not a Strongly Agree choice??	4/13/2021 12:50 AM
9	Also vital.	4/9/2021 7:43 PM
10	Anything other than completely stopping all these "growth" plans will result in environmental degradation and increases in bureaucracy that does nothing to accomplish protecting the environment and we all know it's true because we've had regulations in place for many years and the water quality and habitat loss has never been worse.	4/9/2021 11:48 AM
11	I envision future halts to growth and lack of development that preserves greenspace and environmental features over the long-term.	4/9/2021 10:28 AM
12	If we want a healthy community and economy, we have to protect and enhance natural systems. We have to work with our environmental organizations in the County (Stewardship Council, Conservation Authorities, Field Naturalists, etc.) to ensure this.	4/8/2021 2:46 PM
13	Now you're talking	4/5/2021 12:45 PM
14	We should be making our comeback as green as possible this includes new builds additions as apartment buildings	3/28/2021 4:22 PM
15	This is also key to sustainability.	3/26/2021 2:09 PM
16	There is a way to develop within greenspace and preserve environmental features. It requires forward thinking planning.	3/25/2021 11:48 AM
17	Green spaces, trees, plants improve the quality of the air. So, along with buildings, green spaces need to be preserved.	3/23/2021 11:55 AM
18	I would like to see all new development to have a green space and park included in the new areas for kids to play and older people to enjoy walks.	3/19/2021 12:15 PM
19	150%	3/18/2021 4:06 PM
20	Greenspace is so important. Our city has so much potential for beautification. Look how far we have come from the days of Canron	3/17/2021 2:23 PM
21	See previous answer.	3/17/2021 1:37 PM
22	Many do not want any growth. They are greatly concerned about overpopulation, overcrowding and noise. This reduces quality of life for residents that already live here, and increases competition for the few jobs that are available. Of course, it is especially important to at least protect natural systems and preserve greenspace!	3/16/2021 8:18 PM
23	People love living here because of the size and openness. We don't want to end up congested like London and Toronto	3/16/2021 7:19 PM
24	Within reason as some areas have many reserved areas and not enough room to develop to allow growth	3/16/2021 5:07 PM
25	Again, CE has consistently demonstrated a lack of regard for greenspace preservation	3/16/2021 9:32 AM
26	strongly agree	3/15/2021 1:23 PM

Q19 Help us understand what aspects contribute positively to your favourite areas in Elgin County. Please tell us what you like best about living in Elgin County: (select all that apply)

Answered: 326 Skipped: 1



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Skip	1.53%	5
Bike Friendly	38.34%	125
Bustling with life	12.27%	40
Access to services and amenities	41.10%	134
Comfortable/Friendly/Safe	77.91%	254
Cultural and Community Facilities (Heritage Centres/Public Libraries)	35.58%	116
Friends/Relatives in the Area	51.23%	167
Green/Treed	63.80%	208
Road Access	26.69%	87
Schools/Daycare	24.23%	79
Proximity to the lake	64.42%	210
Walkable	55.52%	181
Parks	57.67%	188
Other (please specify)	11.04%	36
Total Respondents: 326		

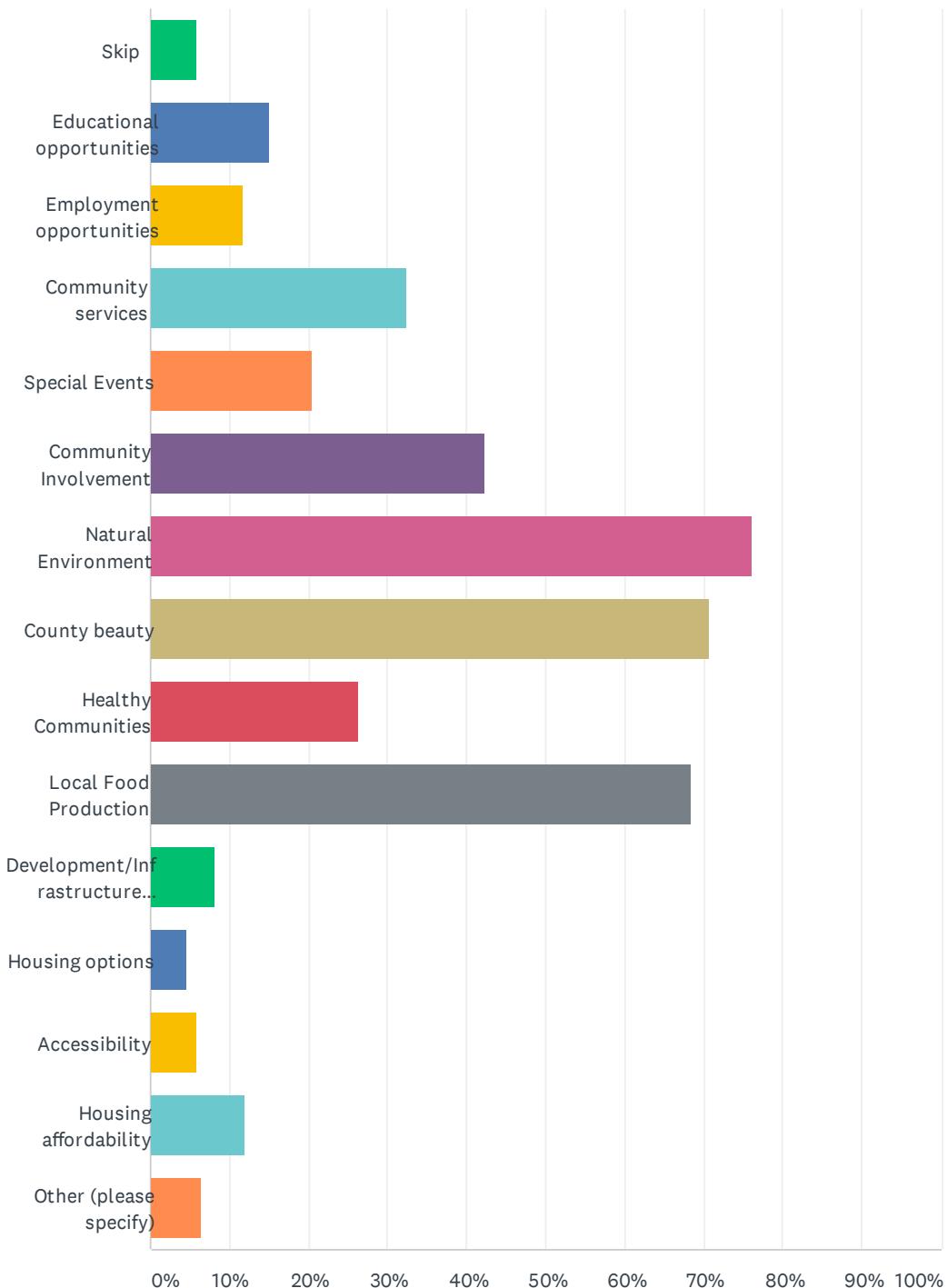
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Recreation, boating	4/20/2021 4:29 PM
2	A calm, relaxed lifestyle with the rural lifestyle.	4/15/2021 5:00 PM
3	All roads need to be bike friendly. What happened to a bike lane on George St. while building the new road in front of high traffic Kokomo? This was a mistake. Any new road being built should have a designated bike lane. Particularly in a tourist town.	4/15/2021 12:58 PM
4	All of the above	4/14/2021 5:23 PM
5	accessability to 401 - needs to be more development to the north	4/14/2021 2:44 PM
6	Quiet - both in noise and pace of life	4/14/2021 12:35 PM
7	All of these things I love and think are important	4/14/2021 7:09 AM
8	Not enough accessible parkland	4/13/2021 10:37 PM
9	Need sidewalk on East Road	4/13/2021 1:27 PM
10	Walking trails	4/13/2021 12:44 PM
11	Quietness. Fresh Air. Wildlife.	4/13/2021 11:24 AM
12	Commercial fishing	4/13/2021 11:13 AM
13	Tennis courts and dog park please	4/13/2021 10:49 AM
14	I don't think Comfortable, Friendly, Safe should be lumped together	4/13/2021 12:50 AM
15	why do we have to put up with the race tract in sparta it is a terrible place to live with all the pollution and noise and speeding traffic	4/9/2021 9:01 PM
16	Small population	4/9/2021 11:48 AM
17	Agricultural. Hate traffic.	4/8/2021 1:03 PM

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18	Blue flag beach	4/5/2021 12:45 PM
19	dog park desperately needed in aylmer	4/2/2021 1:59 PM
20	Outdoor recreation that includes walking trails (paved and natural) and places to cross country ski. Small town but with all necessary amenities.	4/1/2021 10:46 AM
21	Free parking at our local lake that should not ever change we should also look into being able to have beach fires as it's calming and gives people a place to relax	3/28/2021 4:22 PM
22	need better bicycle marking on Sunset Rd; some cyclist use road instead on the wide bike allowance	3/28/2021 7:44 AM
23	Affordability (though the cost of living is inflating here as a result of house prices, etc., it is still more cost-efficient than other places in the Province but not without more and better economic/employment opportunities).	3/26/2021 2:09 PM
24	I love all the hiking areas!	3/26/2021 10:15 AM
25	I love the scenery of rural Elgin. We love to go for drives and no matter what direction we drive we see different scenes. I'm an artist and if I paint until I'm a hundred I will never run out of interesting scenes. I particularly love seeing how the season change the colours of the fields and I enjoy the texture and history of old barns, agricultural buildings and machinery. We are so blessed to live here.	3/23/2021 1:57 PM
26	Traditional Family values	3/23/2021 9:32 AM
27	You really need to put more focus on making it more safe and clean up all the needles being left and allowing people to shoot up their drugs downtown. Who wants to walk downtown with their kids and have them witness that?!?! Not me!!!	3/20/2021 12:14 PM
28	Bustling but not too bustling	3/18/2021 12:30 PM
29	Wetlands,tall grass prairie,forests	3/18/2021 10:47 AM
30	Country setting close to town. That is starting to erode unfortunately	3/17/2021 9:15 PM
31	Family oriented, safe except for petty crimes and overwhelming drug use in the downtown	3/16/2021 10:59 PM
32	Peacefulness and serenity. This world is too noisy for many people and it's wonderful to relax and peacefully enjoy the natural beauty of nature to get away from the noise. More and more people enjoy meditation and yoga or simply reading a book or sitting on a bench to enjoy the beautiful scenery.	3/16/2021 8:18 PM
33	Let's make some bike paths along Talbots street as since bikers aren't allowed on the sidewalks we should have bike lanes down talbot and John street for kids biking to school	3/16/2021 6:43 PM
34	Recreation areas--hiking trails, playgrounds etc.	3/16/2021 12:40 PM
35	Farms	3/15/2021 6:24 PM
36	Quality of life, rural character. Stop the mass housing developments	3/15/2021 1:23 PM

Q20 What do you think are Elgin County's five greatest strengths (Please select five).

Answered: 327 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Skip	5.81%	19
Educational opportunities	14.98%	49
Employment opportunities	11.62%	38
Community services	32.42%	106
Special Events	20.49%	67
Community Involvement	42.20%	138
Natural Environment	76.15%	249
County beauty	70.64%	231
Healthy Communities	26.30%	86
Local Food Production	68.50%	224
Development/Infrastructure Investment	8.26%	27
Housing options	4.59%	15
Accessibility	5.81%	19
Housing affordability	11.93%	39
Other (please specify)	6.42%	21
Total Respondents: 327		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	The lake	4/14/2021 7:38 PM
2	The beaches, huge draw	4/14/2021 12:06 AM
3	Tourism	4/13/2021 8:19 PM
4	Beachfront is my attraction to the area	4/13/2021 10:49 AM
5	Proximity to be beach, lake	4/11/2021 7:54 AM
6	I select the above selections with the caveat that any future growth plans will disproportionately affect our greatest assets.	4/9/2021 11:48 AM
7	Community groups willing to stand up against the lock-downs; I'm proud to live where some still value sovereignty.	4/9/2021 10:28 AM
8	Recreation in the form of live theatre, trails, beach, walking paths; and neighbourhoods where residents can mix. SMALL TOWN VIBE.	4/1/2021 10:46 AM
9	Great roads.	3/26/2021 10:15 AM
10	the lake	3/23/2021 11:55 AM
11	Attractive communities like St. Thomas and Aylmer	3/23/2021 9:32 AM
12	Access to 401	3/19/2021 9:51 PM
13	The Lake is the best part!	3/18/2021 11:37 AM
14	Short distance to services. No vehicle congestion. Growth focused on urban areas.	3/17/2021 1:37 PM
15	Proximity to 401, proximity to London, access to locally sourced food.. not production, grown!	3/16/2021 8:47 PM
16	Peace and quiet. This world is too noisy for many people and it's wonderful to relax and	3/16/2021 8:18 PM

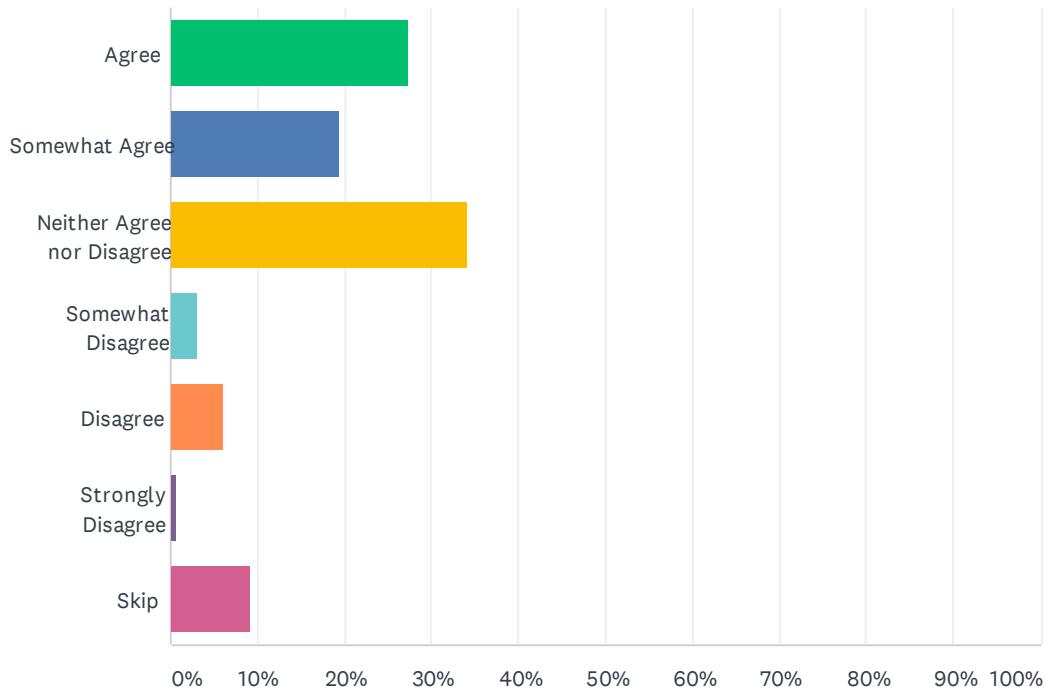
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peacefully enjoy the natural beauty of nature to get away from the noise.

17	I don't really have another option, I believe there is opportunity for improvement in several of the areas listed	3/16/2021 7:55 PM
18	Proximity to healthcare	3/16/2021 4:59 PM
19	History	3/16/2021 3:19 PM
20	Proximity to Port Stanley. Good selection of shopping. Hospital.	3/16/2021 2:00 PM
21	Safety	3/12/2021 8:55 AM

Q21 I would like to have access to more educational opportunities in my community.

Answered: 325 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	27.38%	89
Somewhat Agree	19.38%	63
Neither Agree nor Disagree	34.15%	111
Somewhat Disagree	3.08%	10
Disagree	6.15%	20
Strongly Disagree	0.62%	2
Skip	9.23%	30
TOTAL		325

#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	There are more than enough educational opportunities in the cities (10 minutes away) or in your own home thanks to the internet.	4/16/2021 12:39 PM
2	Area has good educational opportunities	4/15/2021 9:43 AM
3	Fanshawe College in St. Thomas and Aylmer have limited options.	4/14/2021 12:35 PM
4	Improvements to internet services desperately need to be made. This is glaring clear if you have school aged children. With all the remote learning that has had to happen this year it is shocking how much of our community in Elgin. Does not have access to reliable or affordable internet.	4/14/2021 8:27 AM

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5	I am a Teacher and my husband an engineer who can't even get a job in the community, therefore we are successfully supporting and energizing another community. We are seasonal residents providing affordable housing for our parents who live in our homes year round.	4/14/2021 12:06 AM
6	If this means building colleges and universities in the county I disagree. I don't see this adding to the strengths of community mindedness, natural beauty and or the slower pace of living in Central Elgin. Such educational institutions often invite residents who are not focused on the long term health and development of where they are situated. They become insular institutions without any real cohesion or connection with local residents.	4/13/2021 7:29 AM
7	I don't want to have to go to London for senior's activities and courses.	4/13/2021 12:50 AM
8	We're over saturated with schools, but I have a feeling this leading question will be used to justify spending,	4/9/2021 11:48 AM
9	I agree with this, but I think the schools in our region are great, offer a great Cooperative Education Program, the Environmental Leadership Program, Fanshawe, all of it's great. But I think Elgin County could make resources more available too? Share more educational opportunities with the public.	4/8/2021 2:46 PM
10	These could include access to adult learning provided by one of the nearby colleges or university. Also mentoring programs or classes led by our many leaders and retirees in this community. In other communities, this is done by local Board of Educations as "Continuing Education."	4/1/2021 10:46 AM
11	Young and old need to expand their knowledge. More game nights let's get young and old together as it benefits all	3/28/2021 4:22 PM
12	More and better opportunities for young people (especially those from the County) to learn and gain employment/build careers here.	3/26/2021 2:09 PM
13	I feel that we could do more through our community centers to offer educational programs.	3/26/2021 10:30 AM
14	I know other areas have inexpensive special interest courses for seniors. I have seen municipalities with a centre set up for dance, music, woodworking, pottery and so on. People of all ages benefit from the facility.	3/24/2021 10:34 AM
15	Internet access makes access to educational opportunities available as long as the individual has a device and reliable internet.	3/23/2021 5:02 PM
16	A closer Timbernook location for homeschoolers would be great.	3/22/2021 12:19 PM
17	Adult continued learning, interest courses. Senior education is very popular in many other communities.	3/22/2021 10:03 AM
18	We need more daycare and before/after school options!! This is a massive issue that I can't believe is not being addressed! You build more houses to attract more younger couples and yet you have done nothing to support those families with appropriate child care....just wrong! All Early Learning Centres now do NOT offer before/after school programs which only leaves the YWCA program in schools which has minimal spots. Plus there used to be an Early Learning Centre that offered 24/7 care for shift workers but they ended this option years ago. What about shift workers....argh! I'm beyond disappointed in this area. For this reason alone I know of families that won't move here. It takes 2-parent income these days but yet we are SO behind the times in supporting parents that need to work with appropriate childcare options. Disgusting that this need is being ignored! :(3/20/2021 12:14 PM
19	What educational opportunities- vague question.	3/19/2021 10:47 AM
20	We have it covered good	3/18/2021 5:33 PM
21	Little kids should not have to be bused to another town for school if possible. Keep village schools open.	3/18/2021 12:30 PM
22	Work with Fanshawe College to promote programs that can allow youth to train and then get employed here.	3/17/2021 1:37 PM
23	A bus to Fanshawe from Aylmer would be beneficial.	3/16/2021 6:20 PM
24	Autism education would be fantastic. Children should not have to travel out of town.	3/16/2021 5:39 PM
25	The question is being asked in the context of the individual and I am beyond school age.	3/16/2021 9:32 AM

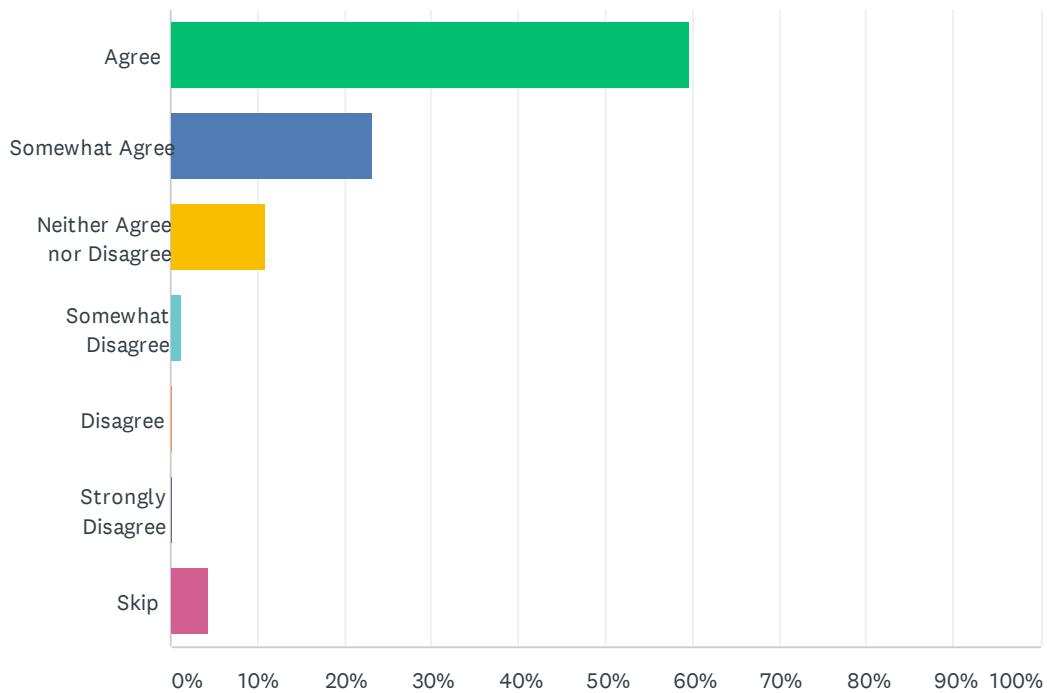
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However, if the question was asked of the community I would then agree that we need more access.

26	Build more schools!!!!!!	3/15/2021 6:14 PM
27	Post secondary options. Possibly expand Fanshawe.	3/15/2021 6:08 PM
28	the county should pay attention to the education portfolio before Thames Valley turns it into a total logistical disaster	3/15/2021 1:23 PM
29	We are very close to two of the best post secondary educational institutions and teenagers want to have the experience to go out and see the world as they grow. Additionally, with the ability to work and go to school remotely, it is now not necessary to build educational facilities close to home.	3/12/2021 8:55 AM

Q22 I would like to see more employment opportunities in my community and the County

Answered: 320 Skipped: 7



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	59.69%	191
Somewhat Agree	23.13%	74
Neither Agree nor Disagree	10.94%	35
Somewhat Disagree	1.25%	4
Disagree	0.31%	1
Strongly Disagree	0.31%	1
Skip	4.38%	14
TOTAL		320

#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	I recognize this is a small town, I think we have enough employment opportunities for youth or those with a limited educational background. Those looking for more high-paying and involved careers can easily find employment via working from home or again, in the city (10 mins away).	4/16/2021 12:39 PM
2	I am finishing school and look forward to options to work locally.	4/14/2021 12:35 PM
3	I am a Teacher and my husband an engineer who can't even get a job in the community, therefore we are successfully supporting and energizing another community. We are seasonal residents providing affordable housing for our parents who live in our homes year round.	4/14/2021 12:06 AM
4	Depends on what kind of employment. I'd like to see the county support entrepreneurship and	4/13/2021 7:29 AM

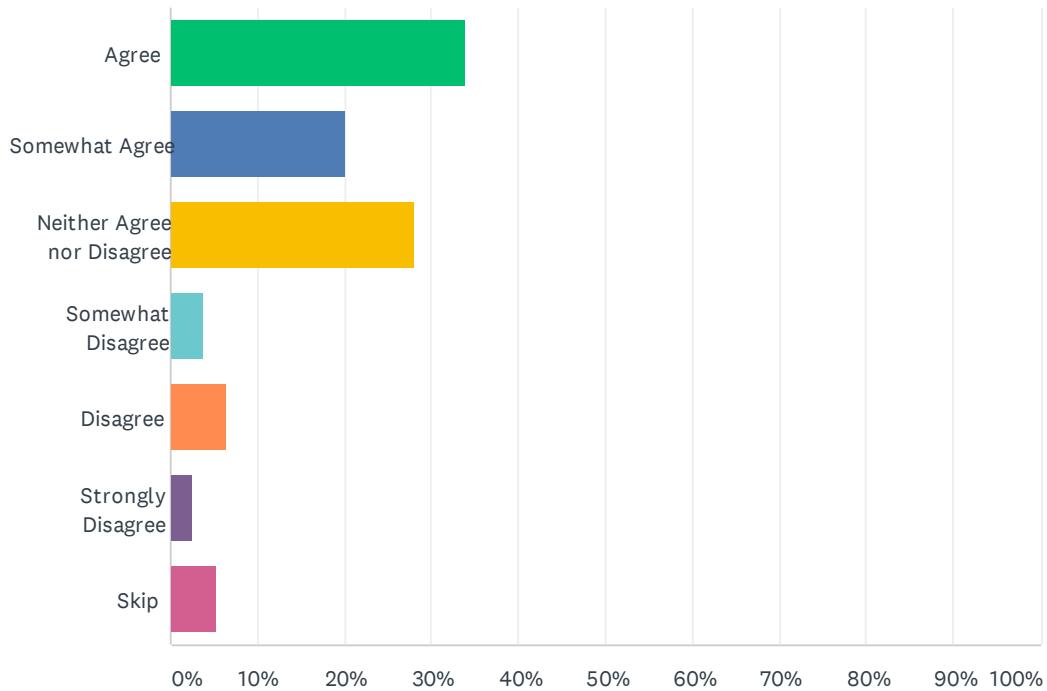
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small business growth that adds to the diversity of people and economic opportunity in the county. Not big industrialized businesses that consume our resources, provide low paying jobs with very little job satisfaction potential, before they end up moving to Mexico and leaving us with an infrastructure burden (see old Ford plant).

5	Healthy for the community.	4/12/2021 9:49 PM
6	Quite frankly there are opportunities but with CERB it has become difficult to get some people to fill available positions.	4/10/2021 4:58 PM
7	Farmers can't get the help they need now; why search for more employment ops when so many jobs go unfilled.	4/9/2021 10:28 AM
8	I think this is something every community should strive to have always becoming available. I also think we should ensure this means supporting our small businesses.	4/8/2021 2:46 PM
9	IF we don't entice businesses to the area, we will continue to lose the younger generation to work forces elsewhere.	4/1/2021 10:46 AM
10	Not only more, but better, and in support of post-secondary students from here hoping to stay here.	3/26/2021 2:09 PM
11	We need to build our downtown to help flourishing businesses and not allow buildings on the Main Street of a tourist town to be used primarily as residential.	3/25/2021 11:48 AM
12	Always great to have more employment opportunities.	3/23/2021 5:02 PM
13	I'm fortunate to have created my own employment and my former hobby into my life time vocation. I see young people looking for employment whether part-time or full time. They end up moving to big cities to find work and rarely return to our small communities.	3/23/2021 1:57 PM
14	More companies, more jobs.	3/22/2021 10:03 AM
15	I would absolutely love to be able to work here but I cannot find employment that is above minimum wage here.	3/19/2021 12:15 PM
16	Commercial and industry required.	3/18/2021 5:33 PM
17	By encouraging healthy commercial districts and developing natural assets such harbours and beaches.	3/18/2021 12:30 PM
18	We can't provide more employment opportunities without also providing housing opportunities	3/18/2021 8:30 AM
19	Diverse industry and job opportunities provides protection from economic shifts. Obviously education and support should be a balance of perennial needs like health care, agriculture, automotive, and construction but should also support emerging technology like solar power.	3/17/2021 1:37 PM
20	Give people the ability through less taxation and regulation to give services via a business to meet a need.	3/17/2021 8:45 AM
21	We need a lot more employment opportunities in Aylmer. The amount of jobs has definitely increased over the years but we need more jobs for young people.	3/16/2021 6:43 PM
22	There is next to no employment. Temp agencies should be banned from the town.	3/16/2021 5:42 PM
23	Many jobs are minimum wage, I have neighbours looking and that seems to be the norm. Not really a living wage.	3/16/2021 2:00 PM
24	I am self-employed so employment opportunities are not relative to me.	3/16/2021 9:32 AM
25	**Within settlement areas, or along borderlands. value added, on farm diversified, local food processing industries should be encouraged in agricultural areas. Zoning for these businesses on buffer lands would be appreciated	3/15/2021 1:23 PM
26	More living wage plus opportunities.	3/15/2021 9:28 AM
27	Remote work environments have shown that you can work anywhere. We just need better internet for this. Maybe investigate internet options like Starlink which would be cheaper rather than inground infrastructure options.	3/12/2021 8:55 AM
28	I believe that employment opportunities are a great way to keep people and draw in new people to the community.	2/26/2021 2:20 PM

Q23 I would benefit from additional community services

Answered: 324 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Agree	33.95%
Somewhat Agree	20.06%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	28.09%
Somewhat Disagree	3.70%
Disagree	6.48%
Strongly Disagree	2.47%
Skip	5.25%
TOTAL	324

#	PLEASE SHARE WHAT ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE, IF ANY:	DATE
1	Retirement and long term care homes, full banking facilities in Port Stanley.	4/20/2021 4:29 PM
2	1) Fireman should be hired full-time at the new fireball in Port Stanley ... Not just rely on "volunteers". If you're going to spend millions of dollars on the building, hire a good staff of fire fighters to work there. 2) Enforce the bylaw of NO dogs on the beach with extensive ticketing all year round.	4/15/2021 12:58 PM
3	A splash pad in Shedden!	4/14/2021 10:45 PM
4	Still trying to find a local family practitioner/doctor.	4/14/2021 12:35 PM
5	Something to assist/connect seniors More use of our arena and it's space. Please work with the schools to get them in there using the space again. It's good for the county, for the kids	4/14/2021 8:27 AM

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and the community

6	Green bins for compost material weekly pickup	4/14/2021 12:16 AM
7	I also think you need to put money into the BIPOC, mental health and indigenous education for your policing or as we grow we will see the same problems of intolerance as we see around Canada and the USA. Do you really understand what white privilege is? Do you understand the term anti-racist? You have a moment to be better, will you?	4/14/2021 12:06 AM
8	More swimming pools for year-round use	4/13/2021 10:37 PM
9	Seniors Centres Retirement residences and apartments Beach improvements Park improvements Library improvementd	4/13/2021 8:19 PM
10	Transportation Composting	4/13/2021 6:02 PM
11	More varied programs for children in smaller communities.	4/13/2021 12:44 PM
12	More kid programs. Port Stanley Public Library is great! But kids kind of grow out of it.	4/13/2021 12:17 PM
13	Bicycle paths, Walking trails, Community pool-swimming lessons, pickle ball, tennis courts.	4/13/2021 11:24 AM
14	Tennis courts near the beach please and a dog park	4/13/2021 10:49 AM
15	Empower people to increase control over their health. Make it easier for residents to have access to local food.	4/13/2021 8:28 AM
16	We all would.	4/12/2021 9:49 PM
17	More family doctors in local areas; additional opportunities for small businesses to flourish in existing towns/villages	4/9/2021 1:56 PM
18	More health services for seniors	4/9/2021 1:41 PM
19	Save the costs for useless govt spending that no one actually enjoys and lower taxes.	4/9/2021 11:48 AM
20	Water and sewers	4/9/2021 11:01 AM
21	I think big ones for our community would be drug and alcohol addiction services, mental health services, fitness and wellbeing programs, etc.	4/8/2021 2:46 PM
22	1. Animal protection/shelter. 2. Neighbourhood clean-up program e.g. in the Spring provide a garbage bag to residents (in mailbox) in April or May and ask for roadside/beach/park clean-up - garbage tagged and picked up by CE garbage truck on specified date. 3. Adult education	4/1/2021 10:46 AM
23	No such thing as community services with Covid	3/31/2021 2:55 PM
24	I think we still have a long way to go in protecting our youth, those that are struggling and our seasonal workers	3/30/2021 10:59 AM
25	More support for young people/professionals, students, mental health, job/career development, apprenticeship, mentorship, affordable housing options and support for (especially local) young people hoping to 'move-out on their own' for the first time.	3/26/2021 2:09 PM
26	Additional programs for our youths such as clubs, educational support, music lessons, outdoor education centers. For everyone, additional services to help educate cultural sensitivity (support with LGBTQ+, BLM, and Mennonite heritage) also more additions to sports and use of parks for all ages. For seniors, any programs that could assist them to be active or social like fitness classes or yoga. For community, organizations that support clean living, environmental education (example that comes to mind is a deturant on plastic water bottles and benefits of reusable water bottles, hydration stations)...I could go on.	3/26/2021 10:30 AM
27	Mental health and addiction services more readily available. Detox facilities, interim facilities and residential treatment. Community based programs are lacking in effective programming and lengthy wait lists.	3/25/2021 6:16 PM
28	I would really like to have a local doctor.	3/24/2021 8:35 PM
29	doctor	3/24/2021 8:25 PM
30	I would like to see transportation for seniors, youth and unlicensed drivers so they could live at home in small rural communities and still attend Fanshawe or special courses offered at city	3/23/2021 1:57 PM

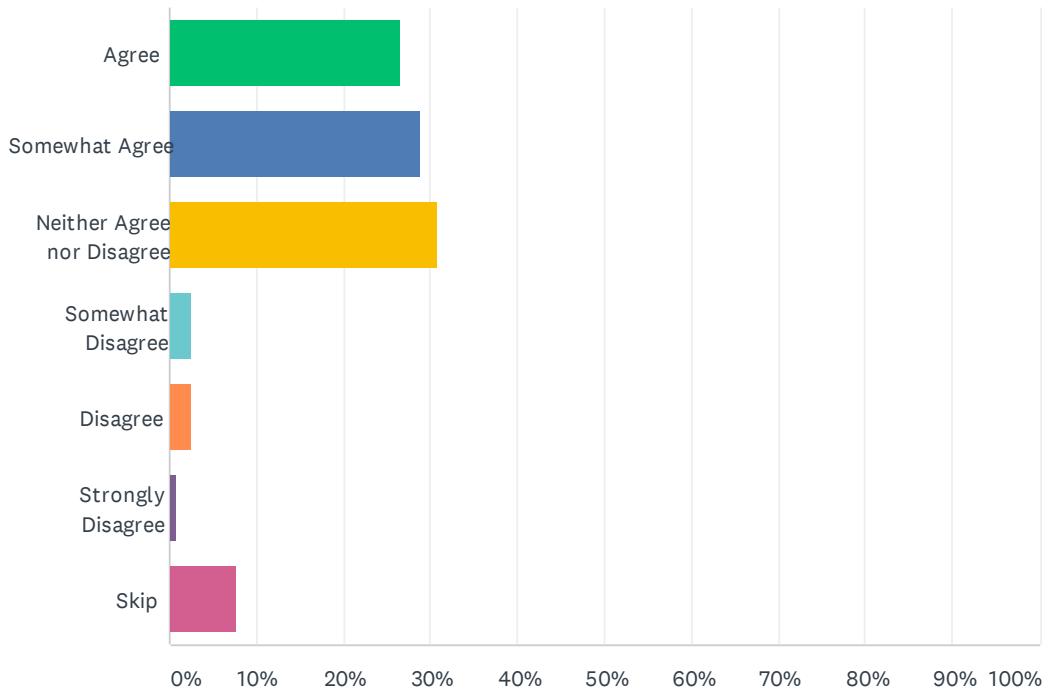
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high schools; visit the St. Thomas/Elgin Art Gallery, Museums and other cultural events as well as our beaches and ports; or find work in St. Thomas.

31	Programs for seniors	3/23/2021 12:11 PM
32	Need to define 'community services'.	3/22/2021 3:20 PM
33	More adult, family programs. We NEED a new community indoor pool. We also need an indoor play area for kids so they can be active all year around.	3/20/2021 12:14 PM
34	Programs for elderly; early childhood programs such as moms and tots, gymnastics, etc; and programs to better improve our town ie garden committee etc.	3/19/2021 9:34 PM
35	Health Care Rural, traveling	3/19/2021 10:06 AM
36	A bank, a medical clinic, a pub, a supermarket, a laundrymat, a larger library, a jointly used harbour dredging service for local ports, a brewery, boating services, hiking trails, an outdoor ice rink.	3/18/2021 12:30 PM
37	Transportation in rural areas	3/18/2021 10:13 AM
38	This is difficult due to covid and not knowing the services existed before hand.	3/18/2021 8:30 AM
39	Support programs for seniors ,social , home care	3/17/2021 5:27 PM
40	If the question implies government led community services then absolutely disagree. Let the private market fill gaps on service. If the question is asking about private services then agree.	3/17/2021 1:37 PM
41	Give people the ability through less taxation and regulation to give services via a business to meet a need.	3/17/2021 8:45 AM
42	More programs and events for young families, and children.	3/17/2021 12:27 AM
43	Mental health, addiction services	3/16/2021 6:51 PM
44	Gymnastics and indoor swimming at the local pool. Dance, fitness classes, cooking classes, in Aylmer.	3/16/2021 6:20 PM
45	St. Thomas needs to do more to support its local music scene. Live music attracts people and makes your downtown a popular place to go and visit. When you don't allow music on patios or in your downtown core and have conservative noise bylaws you are doing more harm than good.	3/16/2021 5:42 PM
46	A dog park in Aylmer would be great, I see a lot of dog owners, I think it'd be a great opportunity and it'd be something that would benefit dog owners in the area.	3/16/2021 5:16 PM
47	family friendly activities-many retirees here that have grandchildren	3/16/2021 11:46 AM
48	More supported (living, educations, recreation, employment, ect) options for developmental & intellectually disabled community.	3/15/2021 9:28 AM
49	I would love more extra curricular opportunities for myself and my children. Things might include craft nights, skills development (ie. woodworking or carving or painting or dance/self-defense classes or fitness classes)	3/12/2021 4:55 PM
50	I like the idea of shared community services. Go to west lorne to the arena and west lorne can come to Dutton for the pool. It creates a shared community bond rather than isolating communities. Additionally, it enables a shared burden of carrying costs for these infrastructures.	3/12/2021 8:55 AM
51	Dance class for kids A Sobeys Some type of clothing store	3/10/2021 12:29 PM

Q24 I would benefit from additional opportunities to get involved in my Community.

Answered: 319 Skipped: 8



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	26.65%	85
Somewhat Agree	28.84%	92
Neither Agree nor Disagree	30.72%	98
Somewhat Disagree	2.51%	8
Disagree	2.51%	8
Strongly Disagree	0.94%	3
Skip	7.84%	25
TOTAL		319

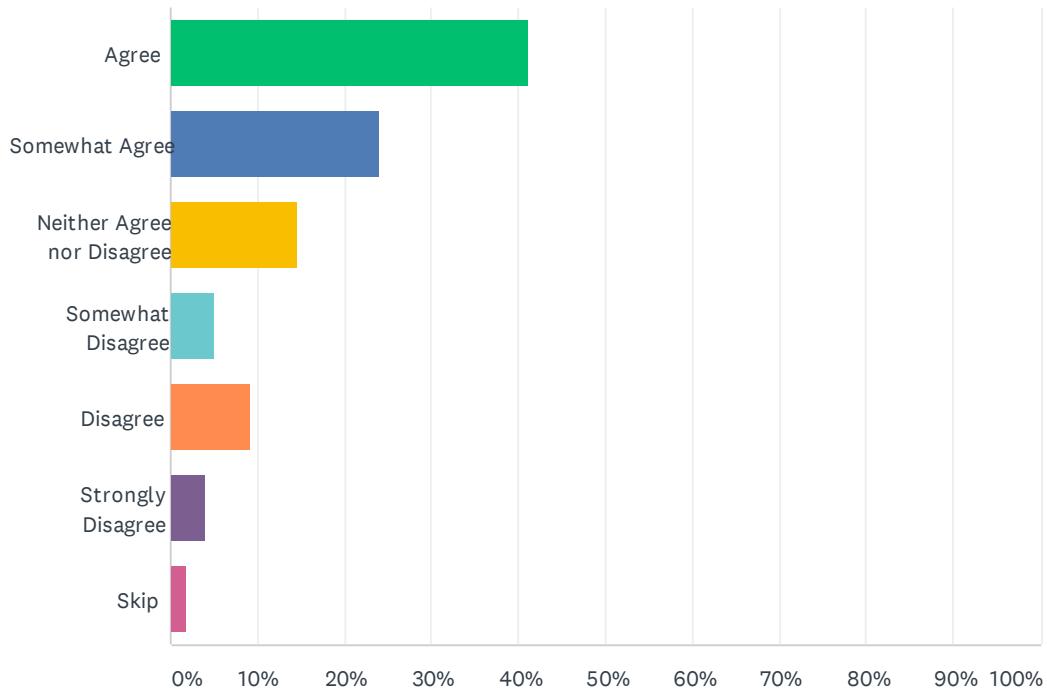
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1	I am involved.	4/15/2021 12:58 PM
2	More opportunities to voice opinions regarding local government policy is needed. Taxpayers should have more input into decisions for the community.	4/15/2021 9:43 AM
3	With such a close knit and friendly location, it would be great to be able to do more.	4/14/2021 12:35 PM
4	There are many service groups I can join. There are ample opportunities that way.	4/14/2021 7:09 AM
5	Green bins for weekly or biweekly collection of compost material	4/14/2021 12:16 AM
6	Involvement in your community brings pride and caring communities	4/14/2021 12:06 AM

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7	I keep myself involved with a service club and volunteering but would welcome more activity.	4/13/2021 12:50 AM
8	Already a dedicated volunteer.	4/9/2021 7:43 PM
9	There are many for a community our size. Great people	4/9/2021 7:17 PM
10	The are innumerable ways to get involved already.	4/9/2021 11:48 AM
11	I would be happy to be a leader in Adult Education opportunities.	4/1/2021 10:46 AM
12	Anything to enhance opportunity for local students and young people/professionals opportunity to have a career here.	3/26/2021 2:09 PM
13	Opportunities already exist.	3/25/2021 6:20 PM
14	Opportunities are plentiful.	3/23/2021 5:02 PM
15	I'm at that stage in life where I have contributed so much to my community that I am now focusing on my art as I have much I wish to accomplish in life and so little time to do so.	3/23/2021 1:57 PM
16	If we had more child care options maybe I could get involved in community activities. Adults need 'me' time too.	3/20/2021 12:14 PM
17	Not nearly enough volunteers for the clubs we have now unfortunately.	3/18/2021 5:33 PM
18	Poor question that needs interpretation	3/18/2021 10:27 AM
19	Everyone would. Just let people do it instead of scaring them off with ridiculous insurance worries and permits. How about take away so much regulation and allow people to be creative! You could educate people how there is less tax and less regulation and that they shouldn't be worried of punishment for doing things for their community. When people are able to do things in their community, they are involved, and more people are involved. Allow the space.	3/17/2021 8:45 AM
20	classes, programs, local events, etc.	3/12/2021 4:55 PM
21	There is lots of opportunity, it just needs to be embraced. I don't find new residents initially have a sense of community when they are coming from large urban centres to a small town. They grow into that over time.	3/12/2021 8:55 AM
22	More information about community groups and how to join them would be beneficial.	2/26/2021 2:20 PM

Q25 Elgin needs more transportation alternatives such as bike lanes, and public transportation.

Answered: 323 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	41.18%	133
Somewhat Agree	24.15%	78
Neither Agree nor Disagree	14.55%	47
Somewhat Disagree	4.95%	16
Disagree	9.29%	30
Strongly Disagree	4.02%	13
Skip	1.86%	6
TOTAL		323

#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	Bike and trails that connect throughout the municipality that don't rely on unprotected road shoulders	4/17/2021 10:43 AM
2	Bike lanes ... on any roads being built or re-built. This is a necessity.	4/15/2021 12:58 PM
3	Definitely bike lanes on Plank Road and lower speed limit to the 50km that exists all other entrances coming into Port Burwell	4/14/2021 1:13 PM
4	Bike lanes for certain; I am not sure that public transit would be financially feasible but I would like to hear more.	4/14/2021 12:35 PM
5	Shuttles to Port, outside town limit parking in Port with shuttle, take advantage of the train,	4/14/2021 7:09 AM

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	less vehicle traffic in Port is something that is becoming necessary.	
6	Public transportation is needed within the villages and also to St. Thomas	4/14/2021 12:16 AM
7	100%	4/14/2021 12:06 AM
8	And sidewalks, especially in Port Stanley. It's dangerous walking alongside the road with how much traffic there now is.	4/13/2021 9:15 PM
9	Jitneys! Dedicated bike paths away from major streets	4/13/2021 8:19 PM
10	buses, trains !	4/13/2021 3:36 PM
11	a shuttle service between London, St. Thomas, Port Stanley would be an asset, and likely profitable as well.	4/13/2021 11:56 AM
12	Bicycle paths & designated pedestrian only areas. LOWER speed limits, speed bumps and Cross walks	4/13/2021 11:24 AM
13	Port Stanley specific: We need another way out of the village and that way is through Kokomo. Buy back the old Ultramar and turn it into a road and walk/bike lanes. Why hasn't this been done yet???	4/13/2021 11:13 AM
14	Bike paths are wonderful and more postings of where the hiking trails are	4/13/2021 10:49 AM
15	It's not a highly urbanize centre. Public transportation and bike lanes would serve few.	4/13/2021 7:29 AM
16	Move to Toronto if that's what you want.	4/9/2021 11:48 AM
17	Definitely bike lanes. The repaving of hwy 4 between Talbotville and the tracks took out a nice bike lane. Bike lanes should be always included in new or updated roads.	4/8/2021 8:40 PM
18	Agree x 100 - It is so hard for some people to make it to our green spaces. Elgin County is so spread out and so are the Conservation Areas, parks, natural areas. They should be able to get to those spaces for both physical and mental health. Also commuting to and from work (St. Thomas or London) should be discussed. Bike lanes would make biking very safe. We have a huge country biking culture around Elgin County.	4/8/2021 2:46 PM
19	As we grow, a bus service/shuttle at least to St. Thomas from outlying villages would be of benefit. At least in a pilot project. Could stop at e.g. a drug store, the mall.	4/1/2021 10:46 AM
20	Specific bike lanes are not needed - respect for cars and bikes by the operators of each is needed - but there are always those who feel entitled.	3/29/2021 12:40 PM
21	improved, lengthened biking/walking lanes	3/27/2021 1:33 PM
22	To enhance access and utilization of existing amenities as well as new ones for sustainability.	3/26/2021 2:09 PM
23	Having our community center out of the downtown core I have often wondered if our town could do shuttle services for seniors.	3/26/2021 10:30 AM
24	Need transit - St. Thomas to Port Stanley, St. Thomas to London. More bike lanes needed too.	3/26/2021 10:15 AM
25	Especially bike lanes and walking trails.	3/25/2021 3:57 PM
26	I don't bike, but many do.	3/24/2021 10:34 AM
27	Biking is much more popular so from a safety aspect bike lanes are a good idea. Public transportation is only beneficial if it is available when you need it and can only be available if there is sufficient demand to keep it viable.	3/23/2021 5:02 PM
28	We need cycle trails that have marked, paved areas in Dutton Dunwich that connect with West Elgin and Southwold cycle trails. The pandemic has shown how popular cycling has become and will continue long after COVID. We need cycle racks that don't block access to the downtown side walks in the towns and villages. We also need designated places where cycle repair kits are available as well as washrooms, sources for drinking water to refill water bottles and convenience shops that carry hi-power snacks. Communities can post cycle trail maps online and indicate water, washroom and snack availability sites as well as the hours of operation. and hours	3/23/2021 1:57 PM
29	Bike lanes are necessary for rider safety	3/19/2021 9:34 PM

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30	Public transport yes bike lanes no!! They ruined London with bike lanes and I will not have it done here.	3/19/2021 12:15 PM
31	Bike lanes	3/19/2021 10:47 AM
32	dedicated and protected bike paths, not paved or gravel shoulders, would be amazing!	3/18/2021 11:37 AM
33	Driverless shuttles, uber-style public transit to reach remote, rural households	3/18/2021 10:13 AM
34	With rising living costs and more people unable to purchase vehicles it would seem if you wish to grow the population you would need to make this a focus.	3/18/2021 8:30 AM
35	Buses to interconnect the lakefront communities and London	3/17/2021 5:27 PM
36	Bike lanes yes. Public transportation no. The per capita cost of rural transportation is very high and would likely require tax subsidy. In the event someone chooses to live in a beautiful rural area then the associated downside will be that services are further away and more costly. The rest of the taxpayers should not have to subsidize that cost. Private transportation and community led private volunteer aide for neighbours is a positive.	3/17/2021 1:37 PM
37	Definitely more bike lanes! The repaving of Sunset Rd from Talbotville south to the track ripped up the wide paved shoulder and it didn't get replaced. Much more dangerous to bike there now.	3/17/2021 1:00 PM
38	I believe that when major roads are being resurfaced, the shoulder of the road should be paved as well in order to make room for a bike lane. This was done on Highway 73 from Aylmer to Port Bruce and it is an awesome opportunity to bike and many take advantage of this route in the summer.	3/17/2021 10:32 AM
39	We could use bike lanes	3/17/2021 8:47 AM
40	This is seriously the answer: https://bigthink.com/want-less-car-accidents-get-rid-of-traffic-signals-road-signs Not only does it make everything prettier it makes us more aware. I would also just allow more people to have a business for transportation. Why not allow people to have their own bus routes and business? Why does this need to be public? I think it would be more efficient and a better service if there were competing private businesses offering these services. Maybe someone gets a bus and wants to offer trips to the beach coming and going at certain times of the day! That would be fantastic. And it would be better run by private. How about just allow this to happen and give people looking for work the idea - rather than taking more of our tax money and paying for something. Let someone get rich by starting a business and not taxing and regulating them to death.	3/17/2021 8:45 AM
41	Strongly agree. Inter-community transportation is a must	3/17/2021 1:14 AM
42	We need more bike paths that are connected and not directly off of the street (unless there is a concrete divider to ensure biker safety).	3/16/2021 10:49 PM
43	Everyone rides their uninsured e bikes down the roadways anyways	3/16/2021 8:30 PM
44	I think we are doing well with transportation, bike and walking lanes/paths	3/16/2021 7:19 PM
45	Public transportation is important. We need more sidewalks in rural towns where people frequently walk. Less focus on bike lanes in town.	3/16/2021 7:14 PM
46	Public transit more so then bike lanes.	3/16/2021 5:32 PM
47	The bike lanes in St. Thomas are ridiculous! They obstruct traffic and the bikers don't use them. People riding bikes are disrespectful and do not obey the traffic laws. If you are building more bike lanes, this discourages cars who pay for their transportation.	3/15/2021 10:41 PM
48	we are in New Lyncurst and it would be nice to have a bus link to St Thomas	3/15/2021 6:33 PM
49	Public transportation, yes. Bike lanes are still underutilized.	3/15/2021 6:08 PM
50	Bike lanes and a public trail corridor that connects the communities	3/15/2021 5:29 PM
51	Elgin also needs more Electric vehicle charging infrastructure	3/15/2021 1:23 PM
52	I agree in principle, although there are many rural areas that don't require bike lanes. Note that in the UK pretty much everywhere can be accessed by some kind of transit (eg. bus) - but some areas it might only be twice a day.	3/13/2021 6:56 AM

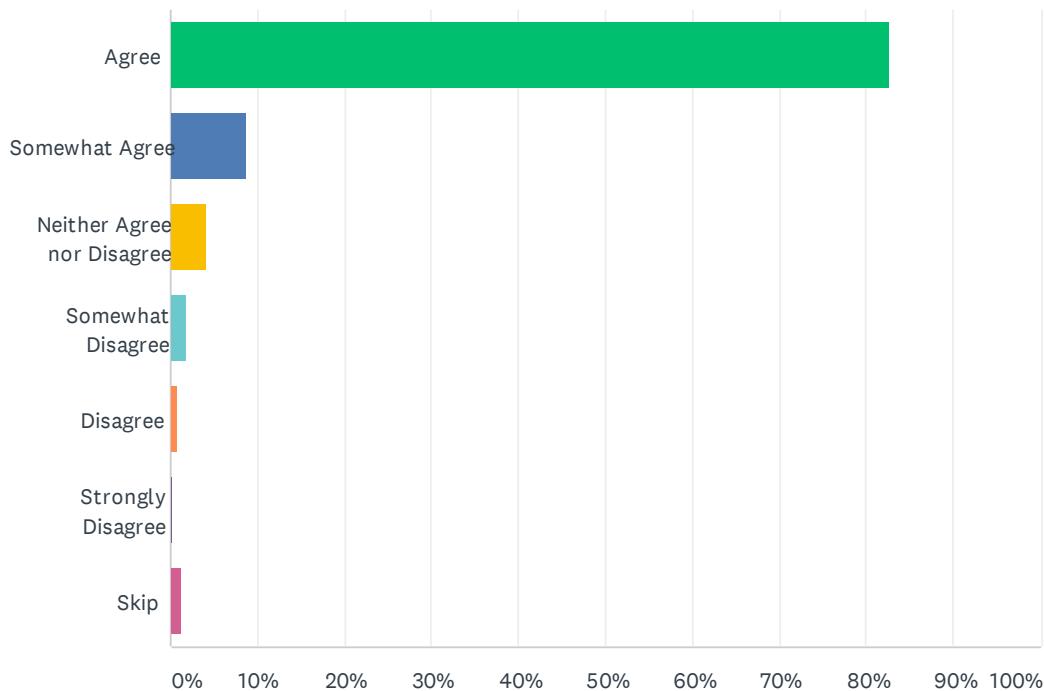
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Not everyone is going to bike to St. Thomas as an option especially in bad weather but not all needs are met in the smaller areas. So there is value in some type of an available option for rural seniors and lower income individuals to enable them to go to appointments and to shop in St. Thomas and/or London that is affordable and safe.

3/12/2021 8:55 AM

Q26 It is important for Elgin County to preserve its natural environment.

Answered: 327 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	82.57%	270
Somewhat Agree	8.87%	29
Neither Agree nor Disagree	4.28%	14
Somewhat Disagree	1.83%	6
Disagree	0.92%	3
Strongly Disagree	0.31%	1
Skip	1.22%	4
TOTAL		327

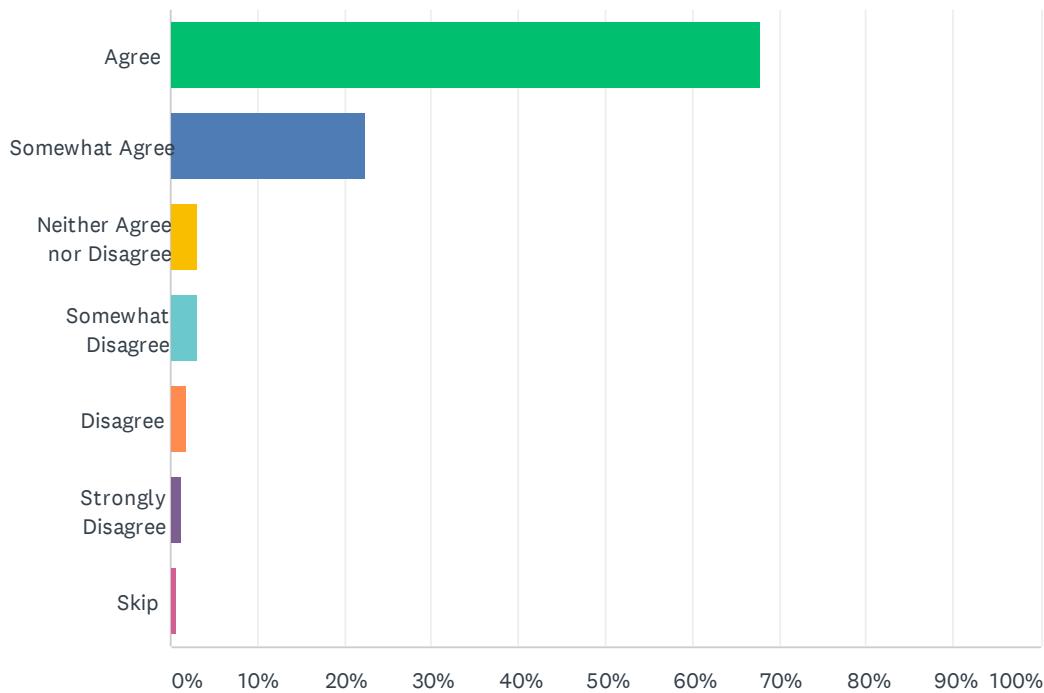
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1	Green space should be left as such. Particularly close to the lake.	4/15/2021 12:58 PM
2	YES!	4/14/2021 7:38 PM
3	I believe we should preserve our environment but shouldn't be all or nothing. Such as the burm in Port. A mix of housing and parks is a good solution for all.	4/14/2021 5:23 PM
4	Once the green spaces are covered in concrete, there's no going back.	4/14/2021 7:09 AM
5	We have an unique opportunity to learn from communities that have grown quickly and poorly, we are growling very fast. As we sprawl you need to think of community gardens, multipurposed spaces, protecting the unique carolinian forests ecosystems, and our marine areas. I also think you need to put money into protecting green spaces but making them sustainability used with connecting trail systems, disc golf, pitch and putt area, urban fruit	4/14/2021 12:06 AM

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6	Change is good	4/13/2021 7:58 PM
7	It's not just important is mandatory for a healthy and prosperous life. If you have free space people will want to move here... if that's what you want.	4/13/2021 8:28 AM
8	Elgin has the opportunity to lead the way not only in preserving natural beauty but in building industry that regenerates landscapes and natural beauty (eco tourism, organic and regenerative farming incentives, reforestation etc).	4/13/2021 7:29 AM
9	Why is there not a Strongly Agree?	4/13/2021 12:50 AM
10	It is what makes us special.	4/12/2021 9:49 PM
11	Vital!	4/9/2021 7:43 PM
12	This means lowering tax rates for private conservation projects and making habitat protection an incentive, stopping future developments, limiting govt programs.	4/9/2021 11:48 AM
13	Farmers do not need more rules.	4/8/2021 1:03 PM
14	I would bet that most people come to live in this area BECAUSE of its natural environment! So, let's protect it!	4/1/2021 10:46 AM
15	Again - balance. You can build up an area and reintroduce natural elements. Additionally, you don't have to completely divest an area being built up of nature right out of the chute. A lot of Shaw Valley was a farmer's field.	3/29/2021 12:40 PM
16	It's imperative to keep our natural resources	3/28/2021 4:22 PM
17	Key to sustainability.	3/26/2021 2:09 PM
18	Yes this is important but growth in certain greenspace could improve upon this by embracing the environment as part of the community such as incorporated naturalization, blending both, it shouldn't have to be an all or nothing approach.	3/26/2021 10:30 AM
19	I live in Port Stanley and the natural environment is the main appeal to the village.	3/25/2021 3:57 PM
20	Green/treed areas continue to diminish as roadside trees are cut down across the county. Sad our region is part of totally backwards thinking. It contributes to cars/road first mindset, increases speeding, allowing for greater opportunities for whiteout/gusting conditions in the winter, and makes traveling on our roads ugly. Please take a page out of London and St. Thomas' book and start planting, stop cutting.	3/22/2021 10:03 AM
21	There will always be changes to the environment whenever something new is built but we can make efforts to have as minimal environmental impact as possible	3/19/2021 12:15 PM
22	Where is STRONGLY agree	3/19/2021 10:47 AM
23	Subdivisions now encroaching on every available green space takes away from the beauty of our area. We must build up rather than out to protect the green we have.	3/16/2021 10:49 PM
24	Research proves the natural environment is healing and helps to restore mental health. This world is too noisy for many people and it's wonderful to relax and peacefully enjoy the natural beauty of nature to get away from the noise.	3/16/2021 8:18 PM
25	Parks are a main feature of the town	3/16/2021 5:42 PM
26	Beaches are over run with weeds, calling it nature, disagree should be cleaned up for families to enjoy	3/16/2021 5:07 PM
27	thats what the charm is about living here	3/15/2021 6:33 PM
28	Elgin County is beautiful and it is vital to protect the natural environment for wildlife, plants, trees. Plus, it makes the community a lovely place to live and visit.	2/26/2021 2:20 PM

Q27 It is important for Elgin County to preserve agricultural lands.

Answered: 326 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	67.79%	221
Somewhat Agree	22.39%	73
Neither Agree nor Disagree	3.07%	10
Somewhat Disagree	3.07%	10
Disagree	1.84%	6
Strongly Disagree	1.23%	4
Skip	0.61%	2
TOTAL		326

#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	As population increases, more food is required and good agricultural land in SW Ontario needs to be preserved as a local food source and to provide natural green energy because plants use carbon dioxide and maintain a healthy balance.	4/20/2021 4:29 PM
2	Where it makes sense to do so.	4/16/2021 10:32 AM
3	There are many small properties that are too small to farm and opportunities for rural residential properties is a great option.	4/15/2021 5:00 PM
4	Farming is an asset to our community. Don't destroy it. Support it.	4/15/2021 12:58 PM
5	Farmers should be able to do what they want with their own land.	4/15/2021 9:43 AM
6	Prime Agricultural lands need to be protected, however there's land that zoned agriculture, we	4/14/2021 1:13 PM

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have spare lots next to our home on a strip with 7 homes without any "prime" agricultural land close by. We should be allowed to put a home on this land without even changing the zoning as it's been residential use for over 50 years!

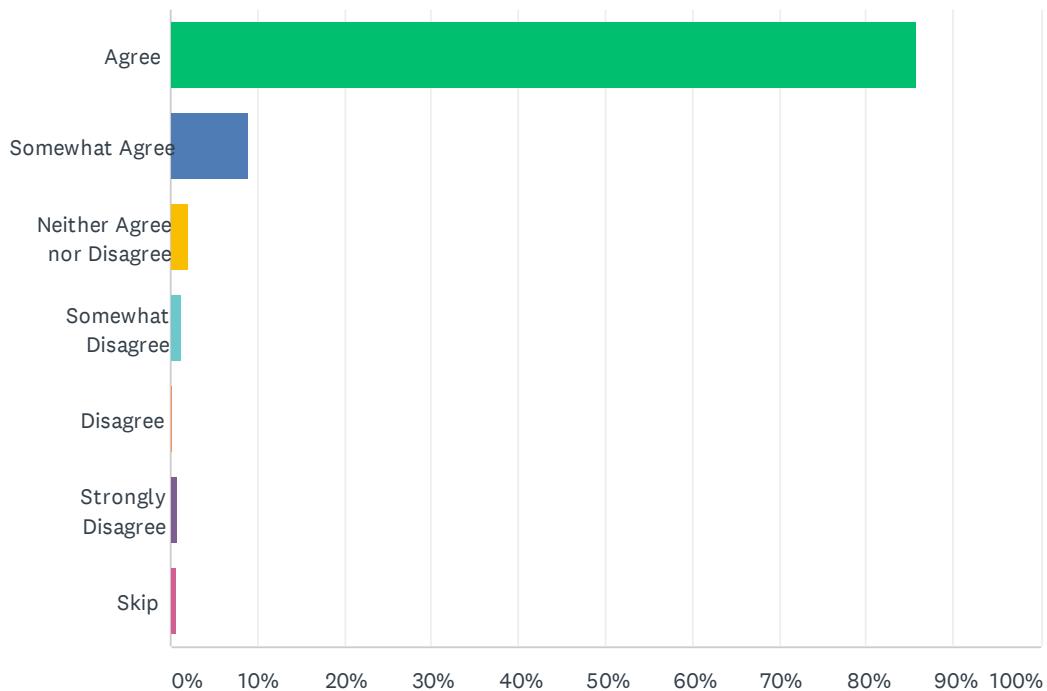
7	We live in an area with some of the most fertile land. We all know food supply shortages are a reality. We must protect the farmland!	4/14/2021 7:09 AM
8	Our farmland and the produce we have is unlike many places in Canada. We are so lucky and as climate change continues more crops will be able to be harvested in our area. The farm to fork eating of Elgin County is bar none, and one thing that attracts people here. You are probably not aware how lucky this is!	4/14/2021 12:06 AM
9	Local food for local businesses and residents	4/13/2021 11:24 AM
10	Preserve and heal agricultural lands. Give grants to local small farms who don't destroy the earth with spraying cancer and giant machines that keep farm families in debt for generations. Do something new Elgin!!	4/13/2021 8:28 AM
11	Agriculture with an aim toward regenerative practices that improve soil and food quality NOT a continued focus on the depleting returns of industrial agricultural practices.	4/13/2021 7:29 AM
12	The entire province is losing too much farmland.	4/13/2021 12:50 AM
13	Also very important for the future. Some of the best agricultural land in Canada.	4/9/2021 7:43 PM
14	It truly is some of the best agricultural land in the country... I understand the need for growth (i.e. housing, and businesses), but I believe it's important to preserve our agricultural lands/opportunities as well.	4/9/2021 1:56 PM
15	Come on, man!	4/9/2021 11:48 AM
16	Save our farmland. Too much housing eating up too much productive land	4/8/2021 8:40 PM
17	If productive.	4/8/2021 2:46 PM
18	If we don't protect it now, what will we eat in the future?	4/1/2021 10:46 AM
19	Work to disincentivize farmers to sell usable land to developers to build these garbage cookie-cutter houses.	3/29/2021 9:40 AM
20	however it would be beneficial to annex portion of agricultural land close to Aylmer core	3/27/2021 1:33 PM
21	Important for sustainability generally, but quantity not as important as quality due to climate change, population growth, etc..	3/26/2021 2:09 PM
22	Agricultural land has been the backbone to our county, however growth is necessary and I feel there has to be some allowance for that.	3/26/2021 10:30 AM
23	We are fortunate enough to have rich soil and a wonderful climate for agriculture. This should be protected.	3/25/2021 3:57 PM
24	Growth near St Thomas is going to take farm land, but we need to protect farms around the county	3/24/2021 10:34 AM
25	Solar farms should not get to go on prime ag land.	3/22/2021 10:03 AM
26	Strongly Agree!!	3/20/2021 9:40 AM
27	...And to maximize their ability to provide us with safe and affordable food.	3/19/2021 9:51 PM
28	Strongly	3/19/2021 10:47 AM
29	Climate change will put an increasing amount of pressure on the food system. Protecting our ability to grow our own will be incredibly important.	3/18/2021 8:30 AM
30	I think farms should be able to sever 1-2 half or full acre lots. Would help tax base and not deplete food supply	3/17/2021 4:51 PM
31	Agriculture and the related businesses are at the top of the list for employment opportunities. Farmers feed cities.	3/17/2021 10:16 AM
32	I think you won't have to worry about preserving agricultural lands if you allow people to have	3/17/2021 8:45 AM

more control over what they would like to do on their own property. Even letting people have chickens for instance promotes people being closer to the land. With success and freedom on a small scale they can grow and get bigger properties. I think monocropping really hurts the land and that giving farmers more freedom to operate would allow them to be more diverse in their crops and serve their own community.

33	absolutely agree!	3/17/2021 8:37 AM
34	This is a priority. Preserving agricultural lands is critical for nutritional health and wellness and to help feed our population in case of any catastrophe that might cause grocery stores to temporarily shut down (ie. pandemics, oil shortage that interferes with the delivery of food to grocery stores, etc). Homeowners are encouraged to plant their own organic gardens. There's a lot of information on becoming more "self-sufficient" and less reliant on grocery stores.	3/16/2021 8:18 PM
35	It's important yes, however once again if growth is the goal, you have to have somewhere to grow. There needs to be a better balance between housing needs and agricultural needs. *You will never achieve affordable housing, if there is no increase in supply.	3/16/2021 7:55 PM
36	This is extremely important. STOP developing all of our prime ag land.	3/16/2021 4:48 PM
37	Huge! Feel like some farms are getting taken away to build new subdivisions currently	3/15/2021 6:24 PM
38	it is very, very important to preserve agricultural lands. We can't eat housing developments.	3/15/2021 1:23 PM
39	I agree, and yet don't always like the way agricultural lands are currently used. If a use was suggested that allowed both food growing AND another usage (such as tourism, low-density residential, farmer's market), I think that would be more desirable than certain practices of cash-cropping.	3/13/2021 6:56 AM
40	It would make sense to build more dwellings on agricultural lands to have people living onsite to do the work, make use of the residential portions of the land and maximize the ability for people to live in naturalized areas.	3/12/2021 4:55 PM
41	Agricultural lands are what provides us with our food and milk, so it is essential for us to preserve fields for farmers to grow their crops and grow their business.	2/26/2021 2:20 PM

Q28 It is important that Elgin County support well-planned, strategic growth to ensure we can maintain a healthy community.

Answered: 324 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Agree		85.80%	278
Somewhat Agree		8.95%	29
Neither Agree nor Disagree		2.16%	7
Somewhat Disagree		1.23%	4
Disagree		0.31%	1
Strongly Disagree		0.93%	3
Skip		0.62%	2
TOTAL			324

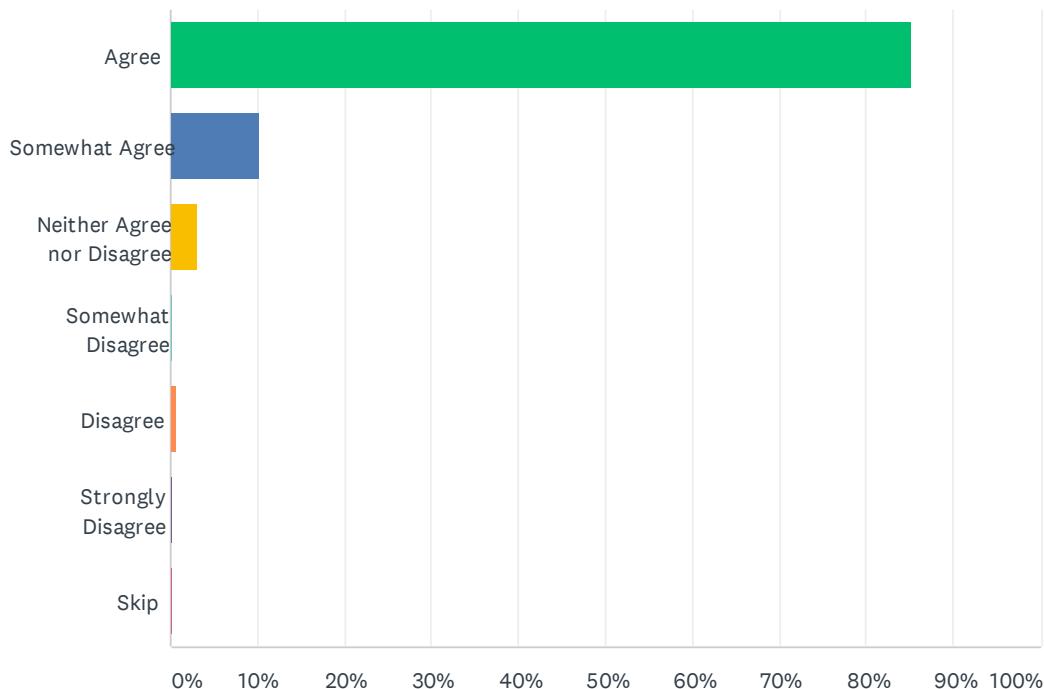
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1	Steady state not growth is required to maintain a healthy balance between agriculture and forests re. green space and housing. Housing with solar panels on rooves, limits on amount of decks, space per lot, and encouraging home-owners to maintain maximum green space is needed.	4/20/2021 4:29 PM
2	This should not be a dictatorship from Elgin County staff as to what "they" feel is important!!	4/15/2021 5:00 PM
3	Back to 3 story limit by-law for all of Port Stanley. And with NO exceptions.... under any circumstances. Money cannot talk here!	4/15/2021 12:58 PM
4	Too much government control hampers free enterprise.	4/15/2021 9:43 AM

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5	Strategies, strategic alignment and governance needs to be clarified and communicated. What is the vision? What is the mission? Appears very muddled and fragmented. Who's making the decisions?	4/13/2021 11:24 AM
6	I'm very interested in seeing the 'well-planned' part of the growth plan. I've added my email address to every plan that's on the CE website so I can be educated. I've never received an update.	4/13/2021 11:13 AM
7	Please do not allow low income housing as we want to keep port Stanley's charm and safety	4/13/2021 10:49 AM
8	Is it important to support growth? Again you can hardly handle the people you have now. Grow and you will get low income folks moving in. Good luck with downtown st. Thomas then.	4/13/2021 8:28 AM
9	This is a must.	4/12/2021 9:49 PM
10	Very important.	4/9/2021 7:43 PM
11	Stop all the planning and growing.	4/9/2021 11:48 AM
12	Allow growth in partial serviced areas	4/9/2021 10:45 AM
13	Key to sustainability. Must prioritize support for local young people who have been raised here.	3/26/2021 2:09 PM
14	Support, not hinder growth.	3/25/2021 11:48 AM
15	Motherhood statement	3/18/2021 10:27 AM
16	There is nothing strategic about this. Allow it to happen and give more control to business and businesses that can be profitable makes a healthy community.	3/17/2021 8:45 AM
17	It is of course important to plan for improved health and wellness. However, many do not want any growth. They are greatly concerned about overpopulation, overcrowding and noise. This reduces quality of life for residents that already live here, and increases competition for the few jobs that are available. It is especially important to protect natural systems and preserve greenspace!	3/16/2021 8:18 PM
18	I don't think Elgin needs to think about growing at all, rather improving what already exists.	3/16/2021 3:19 PM
19	There was mention recently of an outward migration of people moving to the country. There must be a corresponding capacity that they've left behind in the city. Elgin should not make hasty decisions on greenfield development until we see where the dust settles from the pandemic.	3/15/2021 1:23 PM
20	This includes a plan that is also embraced by municipalities within the County. We have to coordinate the effort to make it work well or it is confusing for developers and residents.	3/12/2021 8:55 AM
21	I feel like the planning process is limiting dynamic growth rather than enabling it.	2/27/2021 10:53 PM

Q29 Supporting local food production is important to me.

Answered: 325 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Agree		85.23%	277
Somewhat Agree		10.15%	33
Neither Agree nor Disagree		3.08%	10
Somewhat Disagree		0.31%	1
Disagree		0.62%	2
Strongly Disagree		0.31%	1
Skip		0.31%	1
TOTAL			325

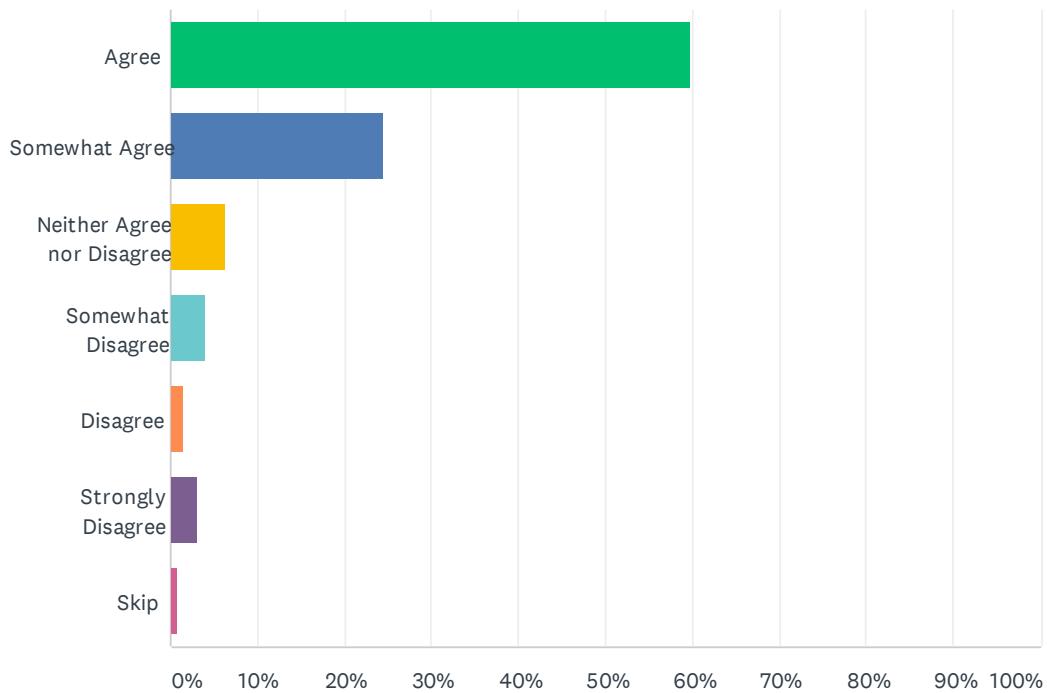
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1	So important would love to see a big push here, farmers feed cities and people want to eat good food. Some of the best produce I have ever tasted comes from here at Debacker and Howe farms. I would also like to see a push for more organic farming in the area too, in order to help protect our pollinators, birds and wildlife.	4/14/2021 12:06 AM
2	Local food production is important and it should be more accessible to the residents rather than being shipped and sold to other centres.	4/13/2021 2:27 PM
3	Year round Farmer markets with local vendors would benefit all	4/13/2021 11:24 AM
4	Absolutely!!!	4/13/2021 11:13 AM
5	It is life!! Like actually the reason this place got put on my map a d why I am here.	4/13/2021 8:28 AM

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6	Food security will make this county a healthy and desirable place to live in the coming years. Access to healthy, local, organic food is the cornerstone of living in a healthy and prosperous place.	4/13/2021 7:29 AM
7	Why is there not a Strongly Agree?	4/13/2021 12:50 AM
8	Healthy lifestyle.	4/12/2021 9:49 PM
9	Also marketing and value added locally is very important.	4/9/2021 7:43 PM
10	Local food production is becoming more important - especially with the volatility of imports/exports; uncertainty of supply.	4/9/2021 1:56 PM
11	And by local food I hope you mean actual food that people eat, not corn shipped to China.	4/9/2021 11:48 AM
12	Many people I know support the local farm markets and farm produce outlets e.g. the orchards. We also look at the labels to see where the food is coming from and I personally choose Canadian if there is an option.	4/1/2021 10:46 AM
13	As a believer in supporting local family farms this is extremely important to me	3/30/2021 10:59 AM
14	Eating food produced as close as possible is key to sustainability.	3/26/2021 2:09 PM
15	I love farm to market stands.	3/26/2021 10:15 AM
16	We need to encourage organic farming!!!	3/22/2021 1:00 PM
17	It would be nice to see more local in grocery stores	3/20/2021 12:14 PM
18	Strongly agree!!	3/20/2021 9:40 AM
19	See above	3/18/2021 8:30 AM
20	Sure. Let farmers operate and sell and give them less regulation so that they can do it.	3/17/2021 8:45 AM
21	Homeowners are encouraged to plant their own organic gardens. There's a lot of information on becoming more "self-sufficient" and less reliant on grocery stores. However, I am very grateful for grocery stores and the opportunity to enjoy a variety of fruits and vegetables from warmer climates year round. Local farms are ridiculously expensive compared to being able to buy the same foods for less money in a grocery store.	3/16/2021 8:18 PM
22	Farmers markets could be a core strength for the town that can draw people to the downtown core. Why not allow food vendors? Lots of ways to support the farmers more needs to be done.	3/16/2021 5:42 PM
23	And processing is needed. Elgin should incentivize processing.	3/15/2021 1:23 PM
24	I believe this is different, and more important, than the preserving agricultural land question above, since in some countries (such as Russia), much of the food people eat is grown on smaller plots of land, not in large fields.	3/13/2021 6:56 AM
25	I don't understand what Elgin county has to do with supporting local food production. In my understanding Elgin County has only been a burden for people in food production.	2/27/2021 10:53 PM
26	It is important to support local farmers and businesses in your community and helps the community as a whole.	2/26/2021 2:20 PM

Q30 I think it is important that the municipality prepare for and invest in development/infrastructure growth

Answered: 324 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	59.88%	194
Somewhat Agree	24.38%	79
Neither Agree nor Disagree	6.17%	20
Somewhat Disagree	4.01%	13
Disagree	1.54%	5
Strongly Disagree	3.09%	10
Skip	0.93%	3
TOTAL		324

#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	Developers/contractors should pay for costs of development/infrastructure growth, not the Municipality which can only raise the needed money by taxing existing residents.	4/20/2021 4:29 PM
2	Not only in Towns and villages, look at the rural community as well.	4/15/2021 5:00 PM
3	With constituents approval only. And 3 story by-law for Port Stanley.	4/15/2021 12:58 PM
4	Investing in roads and easier access to get through the county is important.	4/15/2021 9:43 AM
5	Why?	4/14/2021 7:38 PM
6	This is not going to decrease in priority or cost as time passes by.	4/14/2021 12:35 PM

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7	I believe developers should be sharing these costs	4/14/2021 12:16 AM
8	Depends if this is focused on urban growth (NO) or better main roads and sidewalks. Like why does George Street in Port Stanley still not have a side walk! Its been 40 years now and look at the development I want to be comfortable walking from my in-laws home! NO side walk since 1981!!! Its total BS sorry for the harsh talk.	4/14/2021 12:06 AM
9	Allowing upgrades to existing communities and welcome the new builds that have a fresh approach to a beach community	4/13/2021 7:58 PM
10	but again it depends upon the development...where, how many units? how tall? public access.	4/13/2021 3:36 PM
11	It's time to invest in Affordable housing. Allowing lower income individuals and families to enjoy living here. Not just the middle class or wealthy. Especially seniors!!	4/13/2021 1:02 PM
12	I feel we need to pump the brakes for a little bit on the development of Port Stanley.	4/13/2021 12:17 PM
13	Not to the extent that it puts housing out of reach for the people that have lived here their whole lives	4/13/2021 11:38 AM
14	Infrastructure includes roads, sewers, etc. I'd love to see a sidewalk on the north side of George Street, all the way to William Street. But instead, Elgin installs light standards in the middle of the sidewalk so a wheelchair or stroller can't get by? Where was that preparation? Or common sense? And a second road out at Kokoma, of course.	4/13/2021 11:13 AM
15	High end beautiful waterfront homes please Exclusive condos with hot pools like the ones they are building in blue mountain ☺ check out mountain house condos by Georgian builders - beautiful concept with outdoor hot pools	4/13/2021 10:49 AM
16	Save your money. Rather save our money.	4/13/2021 8:28 AM
17	With focus on local, regenerative growth model that attracts families and small business to the area vs expensive, industrialized infrastructure that only attracts big business.	4/13/2021 7:29 AM
18	If done properly.	4/12/2021 9:49 PM
19	I think the builders need to bear some of the brunt on their developments.	4/11/2021 12:32 PM
20	Allow for residential development on partial services in our settlement areas already serviced with infrastructure	4/10/2021 11:15 PM
21	It most importantly has to be fiscally responsible. Use tax payers dollars wisely. Some projects in recent history appear to have little regard for individuals & businesses that struggle to pay their taxes. It is hard enough that the water rates are far too high.	4/10/2021 4:58 PM
22	In hamlets that can and are fully serviced.	4/9/2021 7:43 PM
23	To properly meet the need of growth, individual wells and septic systems for houses in subdivisions is not the answer	4/9/2021 3:04 PM
24	Allow growth in partial serviced areas	4/9/2021 10:45 AM
25	If necessary - we should utilize what we already have. However, if we have an aging infrastructure that could impact our health and wellbeing, definitely needs to be planned for.	4/8/2021 2:46 PM
26	Preparation would have prevented the pickle we are now in with our water rates. Totally unfair. The upgrades should have been amortized over a much longer period. Anyone with a mortgage knows this.	4/5/2021 12:45 PM
27	West Elgin needs to invest in updating the downtown core of the towns of West Lorne and Rodney. They are very rundown and looking very unappealing. Freshening them up will look more appealing to investors wanting to start a business in our community.	4/2/2021 12:10 PM
28	It is better to be prepared for what will eventually happen anyway! Let us CHOOSE how it will happen and how big we want to get. We are a little too small (need revenue), but there is a point where we could become too big and lose what made us great in the first place. MODERATION!	4/1/2021 10:46 AM
29	Must balance new development with redevelopment where needed for community revitalization.	3/26/2021 2:09 PM
30	I hear a lot of complaining about costs related to water bills and taxes. Planning and ongoing	3/24/2021 10:34 AM

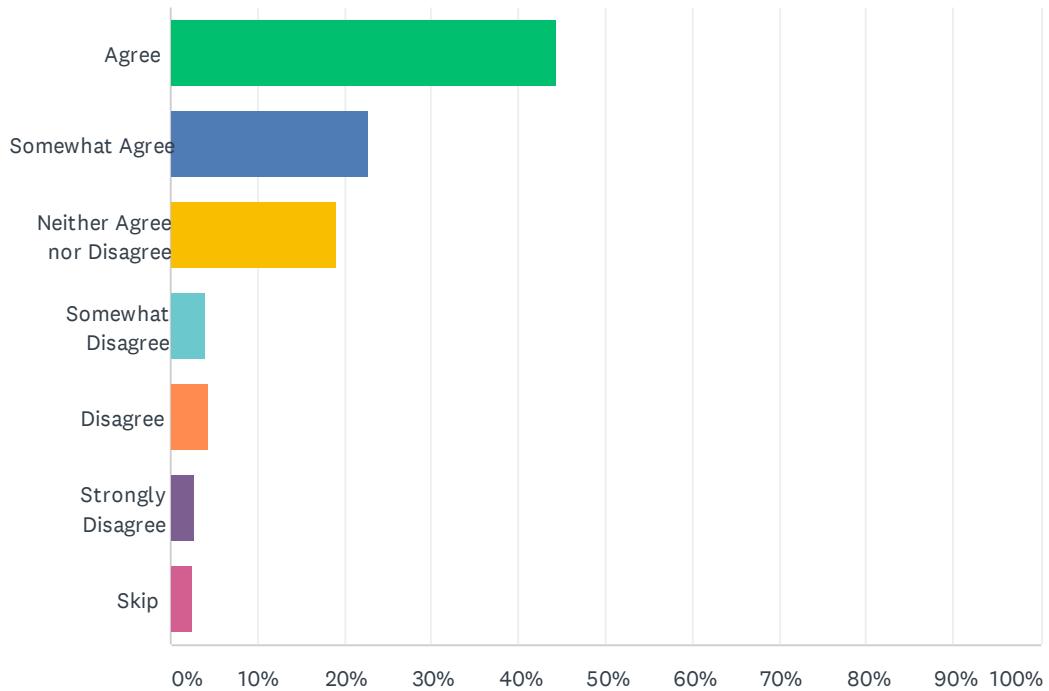
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maintenance can help keep costs reasonable over time

31	I don't agree that development/growth is an essential driver in the operation of Central Elgin. Do we need to expand in a way that too many other municipalities have done in Ontario, with the resulting issues of crime, traffic, loss of open space, etc?	3/22/2021 3:20 PM
32	i am disheartened by the rush to development in the port stanley area. water services are built north of east-sunset far past any conceivable growth of the area.	3/19/2021 10:36 AM
33	Elgin needs to promote development of natural resources with developers who have the abilities and resources to complete projects.	3/18/2021 12:30 PM
34	But only in a fiscally responsible way	3/18/2021 10:27 AM
35	Prepare infrastructure for infill, brownfield, and replacement/upgrade. Do not focus on new infrastructure for new growth.	3/17/2021 1:37 PM
36	I think the municipality could do us well by cutting back in their own government. Less tax, less regulations. This will give us the opportunities and space businesses need. This will attract all kinds of business because they turn into a land of opportunity. So give us space by opening up and less government.	3/17/2021 8:45 AM
37	Internet	3/16/2021 10:03 PM
38	Many are greatly concerned about overpopulation, overcrowding and noise. This reduces quality of life for residents that already live here, and increases competition for the few jobs that are available.	3/16/2021 8:18 PM
39	The county should not encourage future developments.	3/16/2021 3:19 PM
40	I feel that with covid the focus should be on the residents and business owners that are here before any more growth.	3/16/2021 11:46 AM
41	This preparation must also include dealing with past failings. E.g. CE blames our insanely high water rates on past councils without offering ANY plan to correct them.	3/16/2021 9:32 AM
42	and stop over charging on property taxes; water bills and hydro... draining the pensioners	3/15/2021 6:33 PM
43	developers should pay for their own infrastructure. Go Southwold!	3/15/2021 1:23 PM
44	It depends on what kind of development, since I see some types as dated and inappropriate. Some types of infrastructure might be better in the hands of homeowners. So - a case-by-case evaluation would make more sense to me than a blanket statement.	3/13/2021 6:56 AM
45	This should be done by the developers who then divest to the municipality. Some investment in Sewage treatment and water yes but in stages. Sometimes the vision doesn't happen as expected so ensuring that there is a plan b and c is always good.	3/12/2021 8:55 AM
46	Yes, I support growth of infrastructure projects. The most effective way for the municipality to invest in development/infrastructure growth is to stop berating developers for conducting business with more onerous rules. Also, making the process for following the current rules more clear and streamlined would be a great use of the counties time.	2/27/2021 10:53 PM

Q31 I would like to see different housing options available in my community.

Answered: 324 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	44.44%	144
Somewhat Agree	22.84%	74
Neither Agree nor Disagree	19.14%	62
Somewhat Disagree	4.01%	13
Disagree	4.32%	14
Strongly Disagree	2.78%	9
Skip	2.47%	8
TOTAL		324

#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	More affordable housing is a necessity.	4/16/2021 12:39 PM
2	It should be up to developers what they should build.	4/15/2021 9:43 AM
3	Town houses and low-rise 3 floors or less may have a place. Blocks of condos that only benefit the builders and investors does not make a good fit.	4/14/2021 12:35 PM
4	Unless you are quite wealthy, it is difficult to buy into anywhere in Elgin County now, not only Port Stanley.	4/14/2021 7:09 AM
5	Help with replacing existing run down homes	4/14/2021 4:52 AM

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6	To money is flowing and people in Port Stanley and Port Burwell and Bruce are already being pushed out. How are you protecting the seniors, look at Kettle Creek manor. We need help here!!!!	4/14/2021 12:06 AM
7	But no airbnb's	4/13/2021 4:40 PM
8	Affordable housing	4/13/2021 11:38 AM
9	There is nowhere for the service industry to stay between May and September. And these are the people that keep this little community going. There absolutely needs to be an apartment building in Port, or at the least a daily train from London to St. Thomas to Port.	4/13/2021 11:13 AM
10	High end homes and condos please. Hot pools for the condos and tennis courts	4/13/2021 10:49 AM
11	Increase housing for seniors, assisted living and low income residents	4/5/2021 12:45 PM
12	There is limited housing options in West Elgin for seniors.	4/2/2021 12:10 PM
13	Perhaps more multiple family options such as semis, towns and small apartment complexes will help with senior and affordable housing, new families.	4/1/2021 10:46 AM
14	Home owners should be able to rent out parts of their houses or put additions on as to help with the housing crisis	3/28/2021 4:22 PM
15	like mentioned earlier not in the downtown residential village area but on the outskirts of village need affordable housing for seniors who can no longer maintain their homes but would like to continue to live in the village where they has spent a large portion of their life and tax dollars	3/28/2021 7:44 AM
16	we already have low income housing, believe we should provide access to avg to higher income properties	3/27/2021 1:33 PM
17	Affordability is key.	3/26/2021 2:09 PM
18	Aylmer has a lot of single family dwellings but at the cost of housing it is challenging for young families to start out, having more townhouses or rental options is a balanced option.	3/26/2021 10:30 AM
19	More affordable housing needed for everyone - especially seniors.	3/26/2021 10:15 AM
20	Apartment buildings should be limited in height so that they contribute to the look of the area and do not overpower the rest of the community.	3/23/2021 5:02 PM
21	If 'housing options' means increase in population density, i disagree. If 'housing options' means availability of lower-cost properties, I agree. If 'housing options' results in uncontrolled opportunities for developers, I disagree.	3/22/2021 3:20 PM
22	Strongly	3/19/2021 10:47 AM
23	Large lots. If people want city living look elsewhere	3/17/2021 9:15 PM
24	I would like to see homeowners given more options, like the ability to have tiny homes and granny suites and for government to have less control on everything that homeowner does. We pay so much in taxes and are not allowed to do a lot of what we might want, even if it means housing for others, which is needed here.	3/17/2021 4:25 PM
25	Let open market dictate housing mix. Seems to be a good mix now. Strongly supportive of mixed housing options within same neighbourhoods.	3/17/2021 1:37 PM
26	If you could give landlords more control they would be able to make more of a business and be able to get more creative in what is offered. There is too much risk for landlords right now because renters might not leave etc. If control was given to the landlords there would be more choice just because there are more landlords that offer different types of housing. If you could get rid of more regulation and let landlords operate you would see more rentals and more availability. The more government tries to control this the more money is wasted as government isn't in the housing business. Your job is to provide the space for people to make these things instead of restricting them and making it difficult for them to offer housing.	3/17/2021 8:45 AM
27	Our community would benefit from more low-income housing complexes or apartments	3/17/2021 1:14 AM
28	I am not a supporter of low income housing in my city, but am pro relationship building with other towns/cities where that population may be served better.	3/16/2021 10:59 PM
29	Many are greatly concerned about overpopulation, overcrowding and noise. This reduces	3/16/2021 8:18 PM

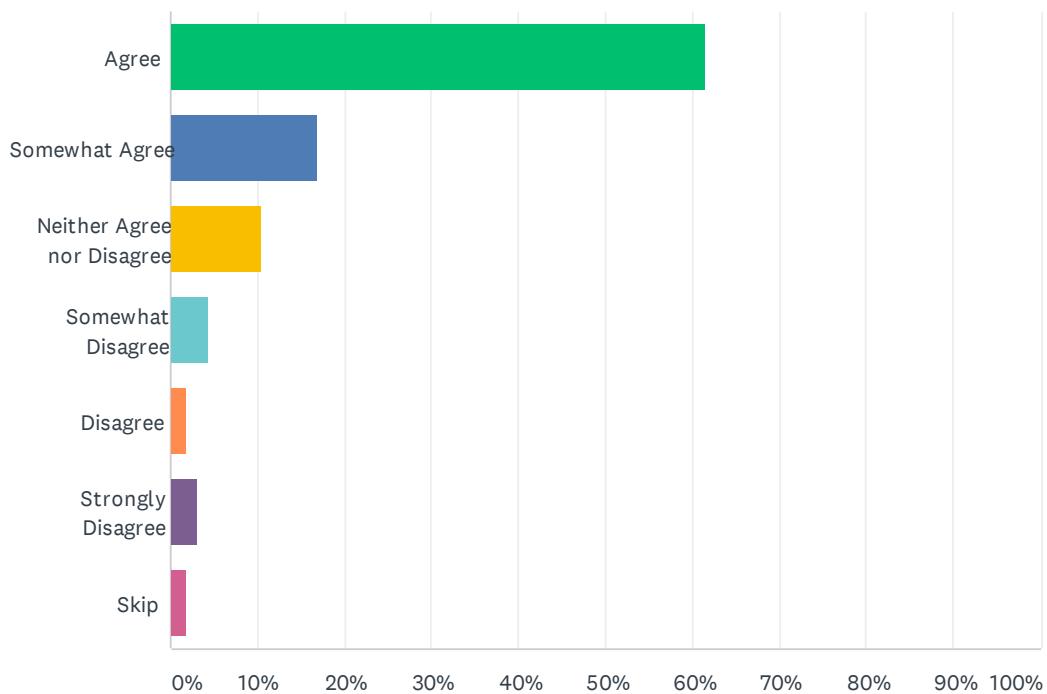
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quality of life for residents that already live here, and increases competition for the few jobs that are available.

30	Single detached homes	3/16/2021 5:16 PM
31	Actually affordable for seniors and minimum wage workers	3/16/2021 11:46 AM
32	We are poised to increase the population of Port Stanley by 50% with all the new subdivisions and apartment buildings. It is far too much.	3/16/2021 9:32 AM
33	Even a modest, small, somewhat high density housing arrangement would be welcome in my rural village. Maybe a 4-unit condo development, as a starter. *Within the settlement area.	3/15/2021 1:23 PM
34	Low number of rental options in Dutton Dunwich is an issue for letting young people stay or move to the community.	3/13/2021 6:56 AM
35	More rental units, tiny homes, rural dwellings on property with already existing dwellings (maximizing multiple dwellings on large land).	3/12/2021 4:55 PM
36	I believe urban/settlement area intensification is the best way to conserve agricultural lands and natural areas. High rise condos would have great views in Elgin county, especially with views of Lake Erie.	2/27/2021 10:53 PM
37	There are people from all different income levels and at different stages in life, so in order to provide for everyone, it is crucial to provide different housing options.	2/26/2021 2:20 PM

Q32 Elgin County should encourage development of a range of housing choices that meet the full range of our community's housing needs – including the needs of low- and moderate- income citizens.

Answered: 324 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	61.42%	199
Somewhat Agree	16.98%	55
Neither Agree nor Disagree	10.49%	34
Somewhat Disagree	4.32%	14
Disagree	1.85%	6
Strongly Disagree	3.09%	10
Skip	1.85%	6
TOTAL		324

#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	Depends on the area.	4/15/2021 12:58 PM
2	This should not be a decision of the county. Developers will build what the market dictates it needs.	4/15/2021 9:43 AM
3	Many areas are affluent. There needs to be efforts made to bridge large gaps. It is a beautiful place to live and income should not be a deterrent to have access to live in the area.	4/14/2021 12:35 PM
4	Strongly agree	4/13/2021 9:15 PM

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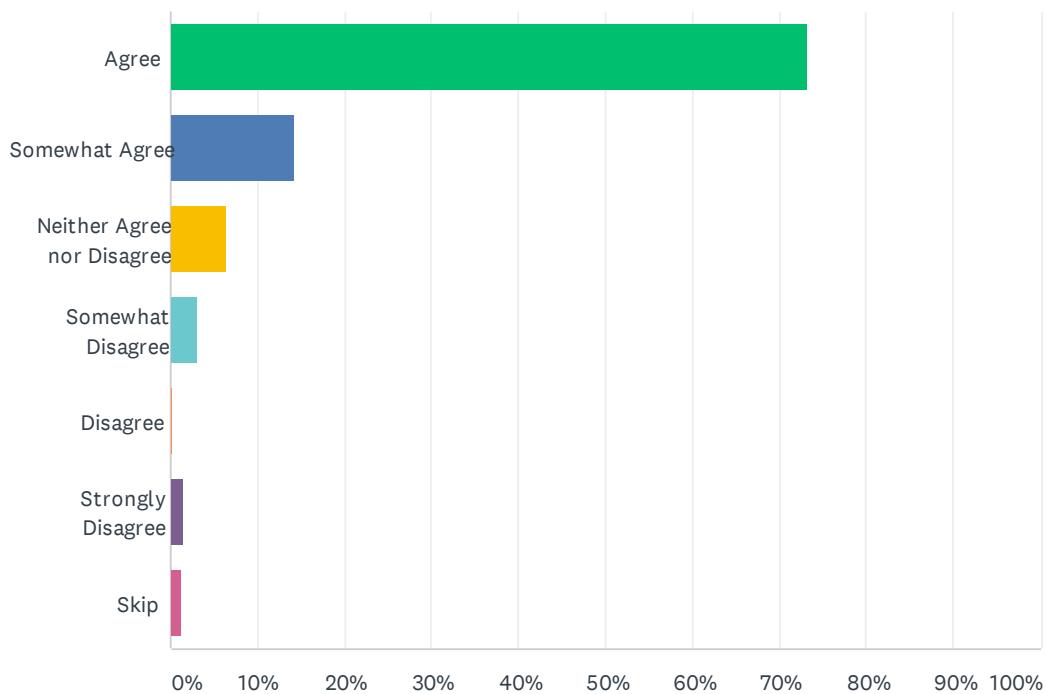
5	Keep the people who live on the streets in their own area away from children and the elderly.	4/13/2021 4:52 PM
6	Long term residents and their children need affordable housing options in order to remain in the area.	4/13/2021 11:24 AM
7	No low housing in port Stanley please as it will ruin the tourist attraction to the beach.	4/13/2021 10:49 AM
8	ABSOLUTELY	4/13/2021 12:50 AM
9	Need social housing as well. Must provide developers with incentives to achieve affordable and social housing. More rental units very necessary.	4/9/2021 7:43 PM
10	encourage nothing. let folks develop as they shall; no need for government to have their hands on the scale.	4/9/2021 10:28 AM
11	See above.	4/1/2021 10:46 AM
12	We need to make it easier for non serviced and partially serviced (and likely never to receive funding to fully service) lands to be developed.	3/29/2021 9:05 PM
13	as per above statement	3/27/2021 1:33 PM
14	Affordability is key, especially for local young people who have been raised here and would like to stay here.	3/26/2021 2:09 PM
15	I agree strongly with this, what is unfortunate however is that the low income housing tends to be grouped and isolated from the rest of the community which in turn creates areas of or community that are not desirable. I feel we should have a more inclusive community that doesn't just put low-income families in the fray.	3/26/2021 10:30 AM
16	Yes, yes, yes!!	3/26/2021 10:15 AM
17	In Atlantic Canada a lot of families start out in a "mini home." This is a prefab unit that sits on a cement slab. They are more affordable than a conventional build, meet the needs of young families and look good.	3/24/2021 10:34 AM
18	It's not much of a community if we ignore those who need more help.	3/23/2021 5:02 PM
19	Disabilities affect every age group but even more so for those over 60. Make accommodations more accessible and healthy.	3/23/2021 1:57 PM
20	To expand my answer, I agree with a variety of housing but the last thing we need is low income housing! We have enough problems in our city that aren't being addressed....we don't need more!	3/20/2021 12:14 PM
21	We have so many low income families that are in bad situations because they have nowhere to move to on their own due to high costs	3/19/2021 10:47 AM
22	Agree that it should be encouraged but should be privately developed, owned, and managed.	3/17/2021 1:37 PM
23	Sure. Do that by giving more freedom to the landlords. Then you will have more landlords and more housing and a variety of prices. Housing affordability will fluctuate with the market. If you could give landlords more control they would be able to make more of a business and be able to get more creative in what is offered. There is too much risk for landlords right now because renters might not leave etc. If control was given to the landlords there would be more choice just because there are more landlords that offer different types of housing. If you could get rid of more regulation and let landlords operate you would see more rentals and more availability. The more government tries to control this the more money is wasted as government isn't in the housing business. Your job is to provide the space for people to make these things instead of restricting them and making it difficult for them to offer housing.	3/17/2021 8:45 AM
24	Strongly Agree!	3/16/2021 8:19 PM
25	Many are greatly concerned about overpopulation, overcrowding and noise. This reduces quality of life for residents that already live here, and increases competition for the few jobs that are available.	3/16/2021 8:18 PM
26	We need more housing/help for the homeless. Downtown is becoming inundated with more and more every day. They go through garbage bins, making disgusting messes and frighten people. I think it's deterring people from coming downtown. That's where I work and I think we should be improving downtown. Plus the fact that these people need help.	3/16/2021 7:19 PM

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27	The wages in St. Thomas do not support or align with the current house prices.	3/16/2021 5:42 PM
28	Many in our community make an average wage, there are few high paying employers in the area and our housing should reflect the median	3/16/2021 5:07 PM
29	No new buildings.	3/16/2021 3:19 PM
30	Maintain the mix of the neighbourhoods in regards to housing types	3/15/2021 6:14 PM
31	R1 single family dwellings taking agricultural lands out of production is not the answer.	3/15/2021 1:23 PM
32	There should be some overall Ontario wide strategy that encourages all municipalities to have a certain % of lower income housing based on information that relates to the need in the area. We can develop low income housing but do we have a good handle on what is the real need and where.	3/12/2021 8:55 AM
33	I do NOT support the county building more housing projects. I DO support intensification by developers specifically multi-story, high intensification projects.	2/27/2021 10:53 PM
34	As I mentioned above, people are at different levels of income - especially in the different stages of their lives, and if you want to keep people in the community, you need to provide several options for housing choices.	2/26/2021 2:20 PM

Q33 Elgin County should be accessible (barrier-free) - a place where everyone, regardless of ability, shares equal access to the key elements of life in a community.

Answered: 324 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	73.15%	237
Somewhat Agree	14.20%	46
Neither Agree nor Disagree	6.48%	21
Somewhat Disagree	3.09%	10
Disagree	0.31%	1
Strongly Disagree	1.54%	5
Skip	1.23%	4
TOTAL		324

#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	Not on private property. What are the key elements you are referring to?	4/16/2021 4:47 PM
2	It already is.	4/15/2021 12:58 PM
3	AODA makes business and customer service sense for an aging population.	4/14/2021 12:35 PM
4	The street people need their own area that suits their needs.	4/13/2021 4:52 PM
5	Keep it upper class Clean and sophisticated Pride of ownership Transform the area into a holiday destination Add tennis courts and outdoor winter * skating rink in the trees ☺ to attract	4/13/2021 10:49 AM

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	year round tourism	
6	Sounds like you've been reading to many social science textbooks. Focus on small stuff, keep it simple stupid I always say.	4/13/2021 8:28 AM
7	But keeping in mind the true cost to tax payers.	4/10/2021 4:58 PM
8	I can't imagine what the results of this question will be used to justify, but if it involves more govt spending I disagree.	4/9/2021 11:48 AM
9	Hard when it houses the most bigoted newspaper in Ontario, the Aylmer Express.	4/9/2021 10:28 AM
10	this should be a basic right.	4/8/2021 2:46 PM
11	There is an end to public money.	4/8/2021 1:03 PM
12	Certainly in new-builds and where changes can be made. (It is the law anyway!) A huge part of accessibility is getting out of your neighbourhood by a second route, especially in an emergency! e.g. Orchard Beach access both walking and driving; Komoka area; Mitchell heights. Sure, there is the geography to contend with, but, are there other human created options to consider?	4/1/2021 10:46 AM
13	Key elements ... it is foolish to treat everyone the same because we aren't. Respect the differences and accommodate where and when necessary ... not across the board because that doesn't make sense.	3/29/2021 12:40 PM
14	To a point. There is an element of diminishing returns. There are rules/codes that improve access to an incredibly small subset of the population that aren't justified in the cost of the upgrades.	3/29/2021 9:40 AM
15	Should not be limited to gentrification with negative associated effects.	3/26/2021 2:09 PM
16	With our community being as old as it is, many buildings don't have accessible structures...any new growth moving forward should absolutely take this into account.	3/26/2021 10:30 AM
17	This can be overdone. Regulations should not be so stringent that older buildings close because they cannot reasonably meet 2021 standards.	3/24/2021 10:34 AM
18	As the opportunities arise older buildings should be made accessible, as should trails, and other existing infrastructure.	3/23/2021 5:02 PM
19	Within reason, yes.	3/23/2021 9:32 AM
20	That includes masks. People should not be denied access to shopping and services if they cannot wear a mask for various reasons. This is the most shameful thing about our town. The animosity in this town towards people with a free face absolutely MUST change. "Being kind" does not mean you have to wear a mask, regardless of all the ridiculous signs on everyone's lawns say. It means respecting people whether they do or not, because there is no scientific proof that proves that they make any difference, it's all propaganda. If this situation doesn't resolve soon, I don't want to live here anymore, and there are many others who feel the same. This needs to be addressed, and this needs to end.	3/22/2021 1:00 PM
21	Including those with medical mask exemptions, this is the most hateful discriminatory communities I have ever been in.	3/22/2021 12:19 PM
22	This is hard where there is no transit. look to Oxford County at their shuttle.	3/18/2021 11:37 AM
23	you've got to put an end to discrimination against those who are mask exempt and all of these ridiculous masking policies	3/17/2021 3:48 PM
24	Sure. Apparently this is already done because of the Charter of Human Rights which doesn't allow discrimination. However you can see how from 2020 and currently we are fighting to actually have this at all. Just supporting this Charter would provide equitable and barrier free access to services and amenities. From wheelchairs, to the unmasked. All is covered because of that Charter. So educating businesses that they can let everyone shop in their store without fear of fines or punishment would help our county immediately. I'm quite certain you would disagree if curb-side service was what was available for those that are wheelchair bound because a business didn't want to install a ramp or thought wheels would make their store floors too dirty. Same applies for anything else. Curb-side is excellent for anyone that wishes to use it and in store shopping is excellent for anyone who chooses it and businesses need to	3/17/2021 8:45 AM

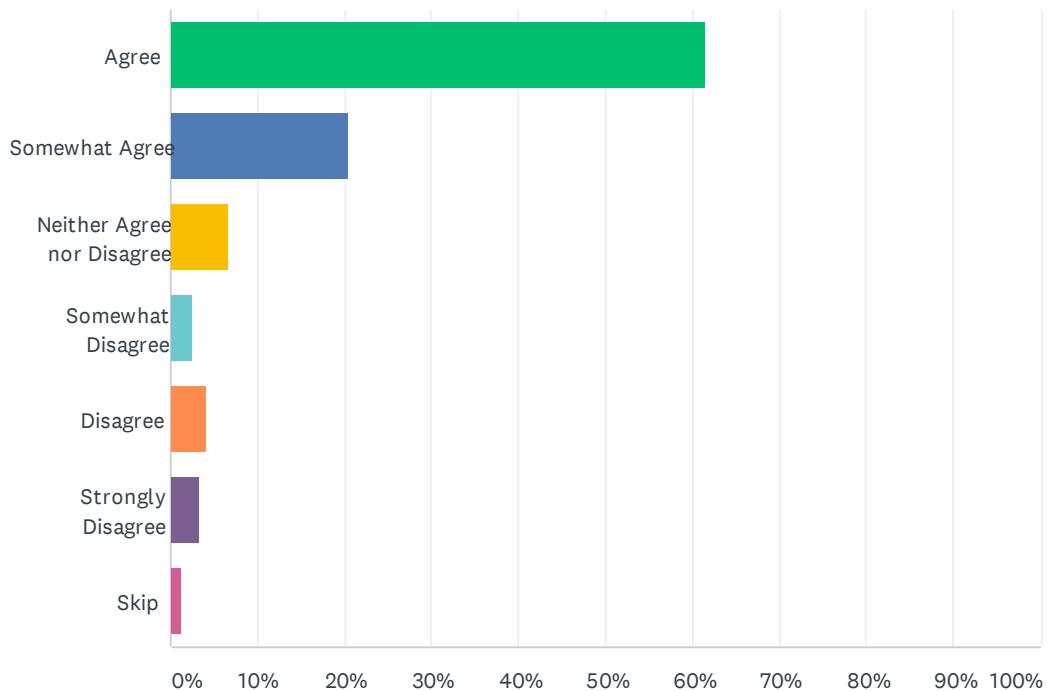
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be supported with the adage that the customer is always right and meet their needs. Empower your businesses by educating them and supporting them to follow our Canadian Constitution and Charter of Human Rights without punishment.

25	I thought the government mandated this already?	3/17/2021 8:37 AM
26	Sidewalks are built but the only ones who use them are bicycle riders. Arrgh! E bikes don't belong on the road. Electric wheelchairs should not be on the roads either	3/16/2021 9:02 PM
27	*Is there actually someone who wouldn't agree with this?	3/16/2021 7:55 PM
28	This is what we have in all of North America	3/16/2021 5:32 PM

Q34 Climate change and its impact on the environment (i.e. shoreline, flooding, erosion) is a concern to me.

Answered: 327 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	61.47%	201
Somewhat Agree	20.49%	67
Neither Agree nor Disagree	6.73%	22
Somewhat Disagree	2.45%	8
Disagree	4.28%	14
Strongly Disagree	3.36%	11
Skip	1.22%	4
TOTAL		327

#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	In the past, Elgin has paid little attention to maintaining green energy from forest, woods, agricultural land and has reduced the agricultural areas as new houses and subdivisions are being built.	4/20/2021 4:29 PM
2	Paving paradise for a giant parking lot .. by destroying the natural beach berm on Erie Rest, would be an atrocity. Paid parking is a must. Small increase and improvement to the current parking lot. A big lot will ruin the nature and eco system of the beach and serve no benefit whatsoever. Paid parking will greatly REDUCE the number of cars there, as all who come there, come for the free parking. If payment is required, and nearby roads are regularly ticketed, people will choose to pay at the main beach with closer amenities. Mc Ashphault would make a perfect parking lot, and som e the parking issue.	4/15/2021 12:58 PM

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3	Shoreline erosion is not related to climate change. Erosion has always been happening and should not be looked at through a climate change lens.	4/15/2021 9:43 AM
4	Also, building on green spaces suitable for parklands and public use is of concern.	4/14/2021 7:38 PM
5	Shoreline erosion east of Port Burwell, the land along the shoreline should be landscaped and sloped so the water rolls up over the land in stead of smashing up against it...and the underground water, contributing to the erosion problem should be re-directed into an above ground holding waiter tank. Creating waterfront lots and those homes could piped into the holding tank water	4/14/2021 1:13 PM
6	Erosion is so bad in any of the Port towns and will need to be addressed. You want to build up Port but is a floodplain and good luck. Get some better infrastructure and water mains built in around Mackies, Peirside and around the river. Or you may have some big issues with more development.	4/14/2021 12:06 AM
7	Don't try to solve climate change and talk about growth in the same survey. It's oxymoronic and to an educated person like myself sounds like you haven't a grasp on what causes environmental destruction. Stop growth and stop loss of biodiversity. Please understand this is fake wokeness. Get ahead of the times don't follow the sheep in other governments.	4/13/2021 8:28 AM
8	Erosion, water quality (phosphorus blooms), and flooding are linked to our current Agricultural practices. A focus on regenerative agricultural practices, soil retention and building , water sequestration and natural catchment ecosystems (As opposed to tiling farm fields to squeeze in a few more acres of corn, and diverting water from soil to waterways) and crop diversity are key to reversing these trends. What I don't think we need is a climate change tax that limits citizens ability to make better consumer choices. We don't need more tax money that only leads to more government red tape and Misspending.	4/13/2021 7:29 AM
9	Strongly agree	4/13/2021 12:50 AM
10	Most important thing threatening our future.	4/9/2021 7:43 PM
11	Especially important in Elgin, with the amount of shoreline we have, and land that is rapidly disappearing with erosion.	4/9/2021 1:56 PM
12	Agreed we need to steward the environment. I don't feel the 'carbon as enemy' narrative is helpful here.	4/9/2021 10:28 AM
13	we live on the shore of Erie - this is a major concern.	4/8/2021 2:46 PM
14	IS there more that can be done in e.g. Port Stanley re guidelines for building and remodeling that encourages homeowners to be mindful of these issues or encourages taking positive, protection steps?	4/1/2021 10:46 AM
15	Sustainability is key.	3/26/2021 2:09 PM
16	The shore has constantly changed since the last ice age ended and the lakes formed. Climate change needs to be addressed. We need to accept that the Port Stanley beach will continue to grow and the bluffs to the east will erode away over time.	3/24/2021 10:34 AM
17	Options for effective management have to be a major consideration, including costs.	3/22/2021 3:20 PM
18	We need our access roads fixed along lakeshore.... it has reduced travel, tourism and difficult to maneuver detours	3/19/2021 1:51 PM
19	Strongly	3/19/2021 10:47 AM
20	Many scientists disagree that Climate Change is an issue. Historically, the Earth has naturally cycled between periods of global warming, followed by periods of global cooling (sometimes called "mini ice age").	3/16/2021 8:18 PM
21	It won't affect me but I worry about what kind of world my grandchildren will have	3/16/2021 7:19 PM
22	Same people the push that are some of the ones to buy those properties....	3/16/2021 5:32 PM
23	Erosion must be controlled. Planting sand-friendly, drought-resistant, strong-rooted vegetation everywhere on the bluffs would help. Discouraging swallows that burrow into the tops of the bluffs would decrease destabilization at the top which leads to cliff collapse below. There are	3/16/2021 9:01 AM

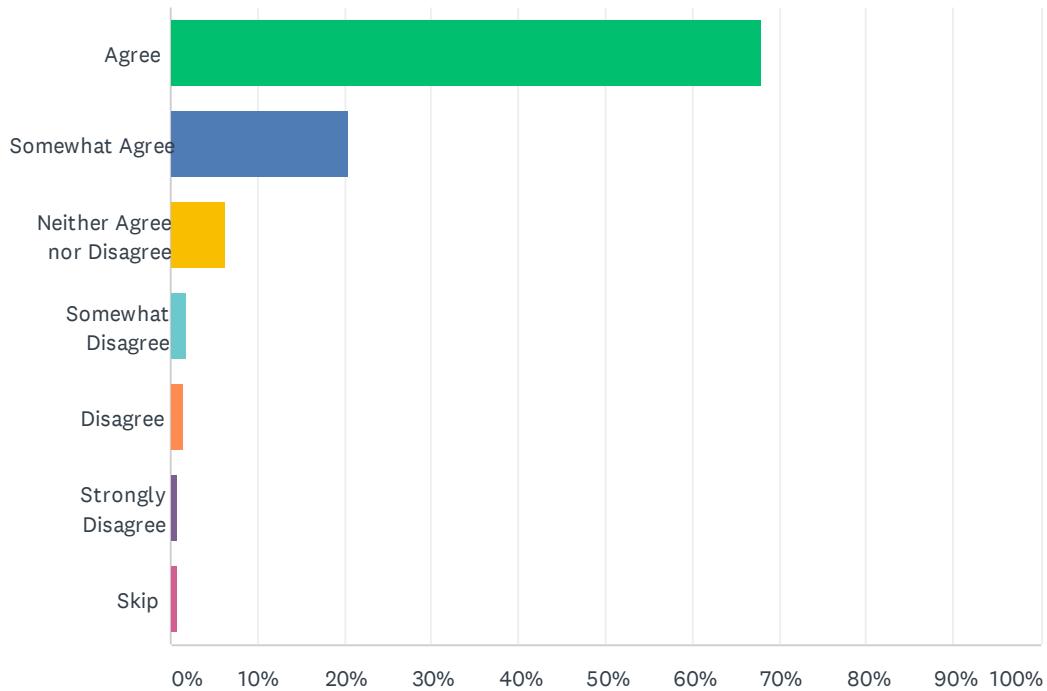
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other erosion control products on the market which the county could employ. We are losing 3 to 10 feet of bluff-top shoreline every year. This problem deserves priority attention!

24	This should be a huge area of concern for all of us.	3/13/2021 6:56 AM
25	Cutting down on the amount of infrastructure and using already existing designated land and properties that already contain dwellings to minimize deforestation, use of materials, greenhouse gas emissions, and the embodied energy of building.	3/12/2021 4:55 PM
26	Not being able to mitigate the risks of erosion on the shoreline is a problem for me.	2/27/2021 10:53 PM

Q35 Elgin should develop a strategy to support attracting new business and employment to the area.

Answered: 322 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	68.01%	219
Somewhat Agree	20.50%	66
Neither Agree nor Disagree	6.21%	20
Somewhat Disagree	1.86%	6
Disagree	1.55%	5
Strongly Disagree	0.93%	3
Skip	0.93%	3
TOTAL		322

#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	It'll happen on its own. The county needs to focus on other issues.	4/15/2021 12:58 PM
2	Elgin doesn't do enough to promote the already existing pro business infrastructure.ie...proximity to 401. Why are we not developing the north end of St Thomas ?	4/15/2021 9:43 AM
3	I very much agree if this targets small business versus bog conglomerates.	4/14/2021 12:35 PM
4	To be honest I thought you already had one....	4/14/2021 8:27 AM
5	with all of the new homes being built the number of permanent residents could benefit from alternative grocery, convenience, hardware type stores	4/13/2021 3:36 PM

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6	I agree as long as it does not involve corporations. Exp "Big Box"	4/13/2021 1:02 PM
7	I don't hear many folks complaining that they can't find a job. There's work here if you want to work.	4/13/2021 11:13 AM
8	There is potential to make Port Stanley a year round tourist attraction if there was some effort out into outdoor skating paths. Snowshoeing paths and cross country skiing would really help the restaurants and hotels and even air B and B year round	4/13/2021 10:49 AM
9	You guys do great work here. Keep it up!!	4/13/2021 8:28 AM
10	If it's small business entrepreneurs NOT big business only	4/13/2021 7:29 AM
11	It would be wise to support current businesses to expand & improve. Small businesses particularly need support during COVID. The last thing that is needed is a mall or big box store. Too many communities have made that fatal mistake.	4/10/2021 4:58 PM
12	There is already sufficient attractions for new businesses.	4/9/2021 11:48 AM
13	stay out of it	4/9/2021 10:28 AM
14	As long as we maintain our individualism and don't sell our souls - and precious green lands - to the mighty corporations	4/5/2021 12:45 PM
15	This is a huge concern for me in West Elgin. As a business owner, I want there to be more businesses open so that more tourists and visitors come to our area to shop and visit.	4/2/2021 12:10 PM
16	Other municipalities offer incentives - how about us?	4/1/2021 10:46 AM
17	focus on the small business owners, the ones creating a business from their homes, the ones who are making it a family affair, instead of large corporations who when things don't go well pull out and leave large empty buildings that are hard to fill	3/30/2021 10:59 AM
18	In order to attract to our area we must have less restrictions on partially serviced lands and we require high speed internet. It is an essential service for businesses and education.	3/29/2021 9:05 PM
19	More and better employment/career opportunities needed for local students and young people.	3/26/2021 2:09 PM
20	Having support for small business development is great and I feel Elgin county has been working really hard at this! Keep going!	3/26/2021 10:30 AM
21	It depends on what type of business. It would need to be in keeping with the goals of the community. For a Village like Port Stanley, the tourism Sector and small businesses would be preferable.	3/25/2021 3:57 PM
22	This is vital!	3/24/2021 9:56 AM
23	The strategy should be done in partnership with the City of St. Thomas.	3/23/2021 5:02 PM
24	I agree with the statement to a point. I would add not at the expense of agriculture, our environment, our water supply or the quality of our air.	3/23/2021 1:57 PM
25	As long as the environment is protected equally.	3/23/2021 11:55 AM
26	The question should be 'why?'	3/22/2021 3:20 PM
27	Partnerships with LMP's and City of St. Thomas would be smart and efficient ways to benefit the region.	3/22/2021 2:40 PM
28	This should be one of the top priorities. Too many missed opportunities in the past decade.	3/22/2021 10:03 AM
29	You can't attract more business if they have no where for employees to live and don't provide means for getting around.	3/18/2021 8:30 AM
30	Always	3/17/2021 2:23 PM
31	Great job so far on a diverse economy but continue to support, broaden, and seek emerging industries like solar, electric automotive, battery production, tech support, delivery services, etc.	3/17/2021 1:37 PM
32	Sure. Less tax. Less regulation. Follow the Charter of Human Rights and freedoms. That will attract lots of hard working people that just can't do anything because of government's	3/17/2021 8:45 AM

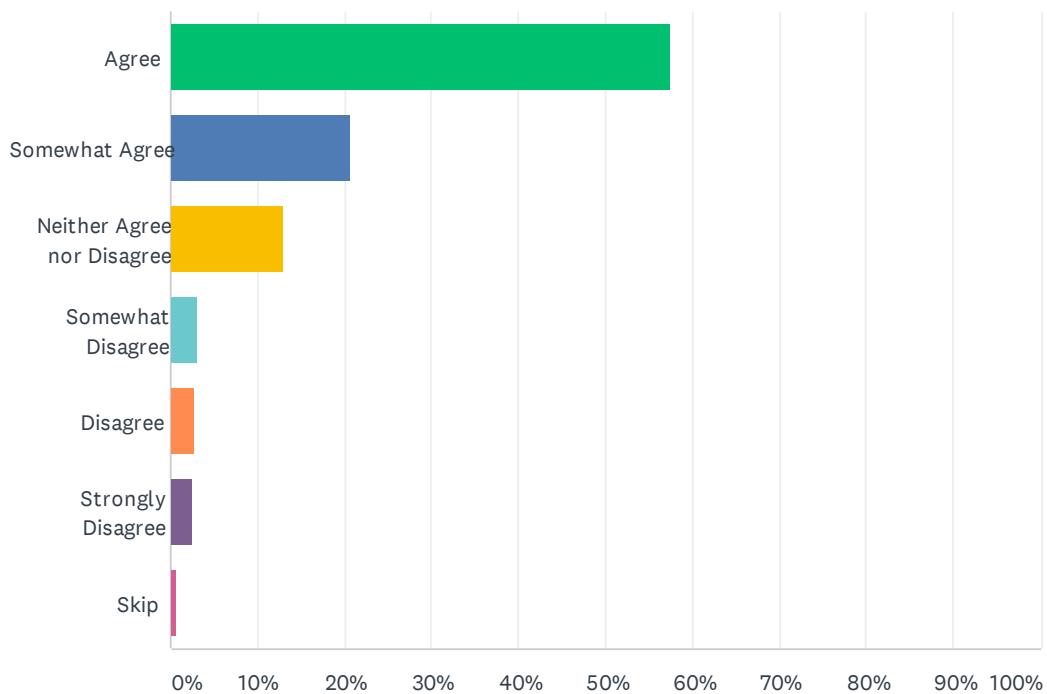
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constant planning and interfering.

33	You should already have this in place! And partner with the city!	3/17/2021 8:37 AM
34	Focus on drawing out remote business, who still would utilize a small business place. Point them to rural communities	3/17/2021 1:14 AM
35	Many are greatly concerned about growth and overpopulation which increases competition for the few jobs that are available.	3/16/2021 8:18 PM
36	We can always use more jobs. A lo of retired people are moving here but we also need to attract younger people.	3/16/2021 7:19 PM
37	St. Thomas needs to focus on other sectors vs putting all it's eggs in the town of manufacturing basket. Lot's of empty warehouse space to attract Cannabis sector and tons of skilled workers who would jump at those types of jobs.	3/16/2021 5:42 PM
38	Low land and property tax brings business	3/16/2021 5:32 PM
39	As long as they don't ruin what already exists.	3/16/2021 3:19 PM
40	processing of local agricultural products, value added, these types of businesses should be supported and welcomed.	3/15/2021 1:23 PM
41	I think this should be considered on a case-by-case basis. The type of business and employer being attracted makes a big difference. The difference between building military vehicles vs. solar panels, or firearms vs. cut flowers is pretty large.	3/13/2021 6:56 AM
42	With remote work from home options, this seems less of a priority than in the past.	3/12/2021 8:55 AM
43	Some of the stores uptown need TLC	3/10/2021 12:29 PM
44	already has	3/9/2021 9:06 PM
45	Focus on doing your current job better before taking on new tasks.	2/27/2021 10:53 PM
46	The more new businesses come to Elgin County, the more opportunities for employment there is - thus bringing more people to the community and keeping its current residents.	2/26/2021 2:20 PM

Q36 An emerging trend is allowing farms to offer overnight accommodations. As a tourism opportunity. Elgin should consider changing the Official Plan to allow for this.

Answered: 325 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	57.54%	187
Somewhat Agree	20.62%	67
Neither Agree nor Disagree	12.92%	42
Somewhat Disagree	3.08%	10
Disagree	2.77%	9
Strongly Disagree	2.46%	8
Skip	0.62%	2
TOTAL		325

#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	Why not ... Great idea!	4/15/2021 12:58 PM
2	This seems like a good option that has little impact on others in the neighbourhood. Many of the local inns seem quite full and rentals of cottages expensive making this a universal option for people to come to the area on a variety of budgets.	4/14/2021 12:35 PM
3	I thought this was already allowed	4/13/2021 10:37 PM
4	Agritourism is HOT worldwide ... would love this	4/13/2021 8:19 PM

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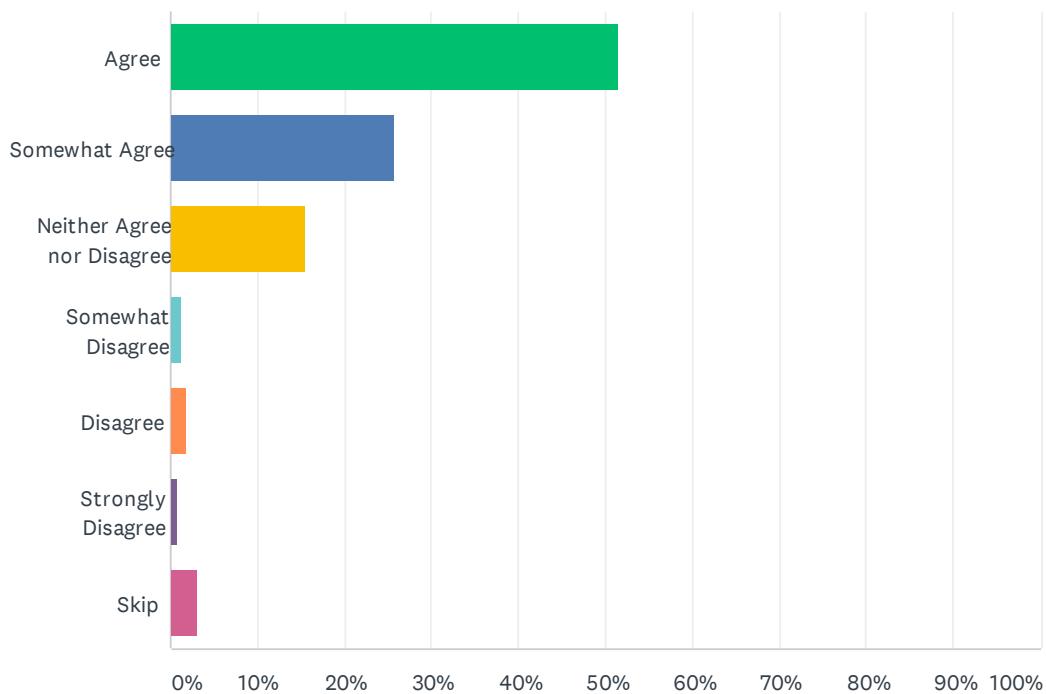
5	People should be allowed to do as they wish with their own properties	4/13/2021 7:58 PM
6	Only if it doesn't involve complicating matters (cost, paperwork) for the farm.	4/13/2021 11:56 AM
7	Agree with this, but overall the focus in this area is on tourists as the primary market and residents as the secondary market. I clearly see the need to flip this mindset — residents are the primary market and revenue source.	4/13/2021 11:24 AM
8	Tourism is a wonderful source of income and keeps the town charming and clean	4/13/2021 10:49 AM
9	Cut all red tape to small local farmers. Do this and this county will be a utopia in 10 years.	4/13/2021 8:28 AM
10	Absolutely. I grew up on a farm and think everyone should experience it if they can.	4/13/2021 12:50 AM
11	Didn't know we were not permitting it.	4/9/2021 7:43 PM
12	If private farm landowners aren't allowed to do this, they should receive a break on property taxes. If I can rent out a home in aylmer for an overnight guest through air bnb then why are farmers specifically being targeted?	4/9/2021 11:48 AM
13	Yes - the whole survey is about opportunity but the whole county mechanism I've witnessed is about roadblocks for folks seeking opportunities for themselves. Stand down, bureaucrats, and opportunity will arise in your absence.	4/9/2021 10:28 AM
14	Did not know you were stopping this practice. How is it policed?	4/8/2021 1:03 PM
15	I don't understand. I don't want people camping on my farm.	4/2/2021 12:10 PM
16	Is there the infrastructure for adding more tourists to the local area? The ongoing issues are parking, toilets, garbage and a transportation network. These need to be addressed. If they can be, then, adding more tourists CAN potentially add revenue. However, if they only use the beach, there is no value to our community and instead could be a greater cost. To safeguard against adding people with no value to the community, I would suggest limits on the number of "campers/visitors" allowed on a business of this type.	4/1/2021 10:46 AM
17	Definitely. it is a win win situation. This is a (kind of) passive income for farmers which puts money in their pockets and creates tourism for all of Elgin County which means more income for shop owners, restaurants and the opportunity for creative new businesses.	3/30/2021 10:59 AM
18	That's what hotels are for. Or AirBnB. Or friends couches. Business/Farms need to focus. "A doer of everything is a master of none".	3/29/2021 9:40 AM
19	Why not? Give the ciots some actual education city kids should see all aspects of farming	3/28/2021 4:22 PM
20	On-farm Diversified Uses will bolster local economies.	3/26/2021 2:09 PM
21	I think this could be an amazing development, supporting our agricultural heritage and educating the importance of farming.	3/26/2021 10:30 AM
22	Another income stream for them - absolutely!	3/26/2021 10:15 AM
23	If other forms of income generation is offered to farmers, then I would hope the farm tax reduction recently granted at the expense of residential and commercial property owners would be reversed and taxed accordingly.	3/25/2021 11:48 AM
24	Side income for farmers, better awareness of agriculture needs for city folk	3/24/2021 10:34 AM
25	If this moves forward, there should be a requirement that farms must have owners/staff living on site. Otherwise, you are opening the county up to absentee owners and rural AirBNBs.	3/23/2021 5:02 PM
26	Would like to know how this works.	3/19/2021 10:47 AM
27	I holiday's in England. The watering farm b and bs were a highlight	3/19/2021 10:06 AM
28	To allow enjoyment of the rural experience not for the building of motels everywhere.	3/18/2021 12:30 PM
29	Feel like this could create an an Airbnb situation. Providing accommodation at higher rate when we could be allowing them to create new more permanent living for people to move to the community.	3/18/2021 8:30 AM
30	Only with strict guidelines for visitors	3/17/2021 2:23 PM

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31	Let farms operate how they wish. Take away all this regulation so that they can actually profit. This will bring diversity and opportunity.	3/17/2021 8:45 AM
32	I'd like to know more. Sounds interesting.	3/16/2021 10:49 PM
33	What?	3/16/2021 7:55 PM
34	100% anything to encourage tourism is a good thing.	3/16/2021 5:42 PM
35	Up to the farmers if say	3/16/2021 5:32 PM
36	I think farms are incredible places for children and adults to learn and it would generate more income to the farmer	3/16/2021 11:46 AM
37	I somewhat agree as long as MDS can be respected	3/15/2021 1:23 PM
38	Forward-thinking municipalities are doing this. It's a wonderful way to increase money-making opportunities for large property owners, like farmers, while encouraging retaining forests and wild areas, because instead of seeing them as opportunities to grow more crops by mowing them down, they become features for tourists wanting to see what rural living can be like. This taste of rural life in Elgin can promote people moving here too...	3/13/2021 6:56 AM
39	This is a great idea! Elgin County has a huge opportunity when it comes to agritourism. There is a lot of demand for this as people are recognizing issues of food security in cities. This also would bring business to the area for something the county already does well.	3/12/2021 4:55 PM
40	Trailers parked everywhere without appropriate accommodation for sewage disposal, hydro, or drinking water hookup isn't a good option but I am not opposed to Bed & Breakfast options within reason.	3/12/2021 8:55 AM
41	While I agree we need some upgrades and some changes, I don't agree that we should become some large bustling city. I like the quiet, I like the rural.	3/10/2021 12:29 PM
42	Does the official plan not already allow for this as a secondary occupational use as long as no more than 3 employees are needed?	2/27/2021 10:53 PM

Q37 I think more work is needed to ensure we have accessible and connected system that facilitates active living, social inclusion and economic development.

Answered: 322 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	51.55%	166
Somewhat Agree	25.78%	83
Neither Agree nor Disagree	15.53%	50
Somewhat Disagree	1.24%	4
Disagree	1.86%	6
Strongly Disagree	0.93%	3
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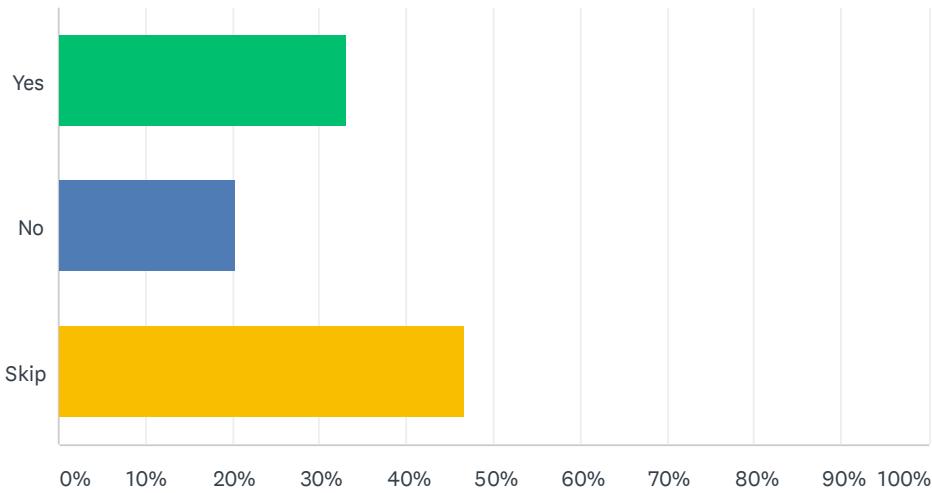
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1	I think this is being done well already.	4/15/2021 12:58 PM
2	I agree. Be sure to include a social worker/community developer in the process.	4/14/2021 12:35 PM
3	With keeping nature and green spaces comes active living, also beneficial to all	4/13/2021 11:24 AM
4	Not sure how you're going to do that, with the attitude of some of the 'new' locals towards social inclusion. It's getting a bit snobby here in Port.	4/13/2021 11:13 AM
5	Lots of words in that sentence - not sure what they all mean.	4/13/2021 12:50 AM

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6	too vague a wording	4/10/2021 4:58 PM
7	It is important, but I think we do a great job at it	4/9/2021 7:17 PM
8	We have a pretty good thing going, more govt programs are not the answer.	4/9/2021 11:48 AM
9	All of this takes planning expertise and not just random people with random ideas (or small town ideas). More research needs to be done into what other larger communities have successfully accomplished and learn how to become THAT.	4/1/2021 10:46 AM
10	Lots needs to be done to our beaches to make it wheelchair accessible. Take a trip to erieau to see what they have done	3/28/2021 4:22 PM
11	Absolutely!	3/26/2021 2:09 PM
12	Staff in active living, social inclusion and economic development are already cooperating in a number of ways. Perhaps the municipalities just need to better inform residents regarding how this is happening.	3/23/2021 5:02 PM
13	This is a silly question. What exactly is being asked?	3/23/2021 9:32 AM
14	See comments under #33.	3/22/2021 1:00 PM
15	See comments on the discrimination this community dishes out to those with medical conditions preventing them from masking.	3/22/2021 12:19 PM
16	Fix Lakeshore east of Port Burwell.... work with Norfolk and Ontario Government	3/19/2021 1:51 PM
17	Not sure what this means	3/18/2021 12:30 PM
18	I think more government gets rid of all this regulation the more profitable, accessible and connected people will be able to be! This bring more active living, social inclusion and economic development. Rather than trying to make something happen protect our ability to do it ourselves! Provide that space by less tax, less regulation. Protect us from more work by government by opening things up and letting us work as we would dream to.	3/17/2021 8:45 AM
19	Active living and social inclusion I agree with. But if economic development means more growth and development, overpopulation, overcrowding and noise - I disagree. Growth and development reduces quality of life for residents that already live here.	3/16/2021 8:18 PM
20	This is a bit vague, but I agree in principle.	3/13/2021 6:56 AM
21	I don't know what this means. Coordination of effort between entities seems like a very logical approach in every way, shape or form. As a taxpayer, I see this as a good use of my tax \$\$, eliminates duplication of effort, and is a good use of resources like space and time.	3/12/2021 8:55 AM

Q38 I have more ideas of ways to improve Elgin County.

Answered: 305 Skipped: 22



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	33.11%	101
No	20.33%	62
Skip	46.56%	142
TOTAL		305

#	IF YES, PLEASE SHARE HOW ELGIN COUNTY COULD BE IMPROVED.	DATE
1	Allow for more rural residential housing and "special residential areas" to be developed. There are many areas in Bayham where a 1-3 acre parcel of land is just being avoided by farmers. These parcels can bring excellent opportunities for homes and some extra income for farmers to sell off. As well as new tax income for the municipality!	4/15/2021 5:00 PM
2	Elgin County needs to work on New Business in the area	4/15/2021 3:45 PM
3	You could do this: • Nothing built higher than 3 stories. • No dogs on beach, as already stated. But enforced! Ticket it regularly all year round. Not just once in while. ..• Dog park on the berm.... very much needed. And can be well designed. • McAshphalt to be removed, and paid parking there instead. • Exit to Carlow Road from Kokomo development.	4/15/2021 12:58 PM
4	Open up development to all those who want developers. Cutting red tape allowing more free enterprise.	4/15/2021 9:43 AM
5	Parklands	4/14/2021 7:38 PM
6	easier access to county and township services	4/14/2021 7:35 PM
7	We should be looking at policing options. We simply do not have police presence when needed in Port.	4/14/2021 5:23 PM
8	Elgin County needs to be pushing for Industrial/Commercial Development immediately. Elgin County needs more housing development on the North side, the South side is becoming too congested and current roads cannot handle the increase in traffic. North side offers great benefits and access.	4/14/2021 2:44 PM
9	Let taxpayers develop residential homes on their own nonfarm land use property zoned agriculture without all the red tape and bylaws required which will also help to create a better	4/14/2021 1:13 PM

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	tax base.	
10	Green spaces, trail systems, organic farming practices, marine and birding estuaries, beach protections, more dog parks and so much more our outdoor spaces are so untapped.	4/14/2021 12:06 AM
11	Limit Airbnb's, they have taken over Port Stanley to the point that there are too few long-term rentals for the workers in the service industry and other lower income jobs.	4/13/2021 9:15 PM
12	Be open to change and welcome tourists, new younger families coming to the area. The community is very set in their old ways	4/13/2021 7:58 PM
13	see list provided on first page of this email	4/13/2021 3:36 PM
14	LOWER WATER COSTS	4/13/2021 1:27 PM
15	LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE. And when you look at these reviews, make something of their answers. I sat on the info session for the berm. It's insulting when a group of 200+ people share an idea with CE and then it's ignored. Speaking of the berm, what a perfect spot for local entertainment. A huge stage where people can join together. Free concerts, dance nights for all family members, a seasonal market on Tuesday and Friday to offer the locals, and the tourists, a chance to buy our local produce. I agree that this will take some of the money from Foodland, for example. But this place is going to be triple in size in five years. I think there's enough to go around.	4/13/2021 11:13 AM
16	Year round tourism Coffees shops and stores open till 10 pm Winter ice skating trails lite up and cross country skiing and snowshoeing Tennis courts Dog park	4/13/2021 10:49 AM
17	See other comment boxes.	4/13/2021 8:28 AM
18	Eco tourism and regenerative agricultural practices.	4/13/2021 7:29 AM
19	more paved bike lanes on highways. More affordable housing Seniors buildings with subsidies. Reduce subdivisions to maintain farm property.	4/11/2021 12:32 PM
20	Housing growth is needed. Provincial goal is More Housing More Growth More Options. Review the plan of subdivision policies of our neighbours Oxford and Norfolk to find out how we can develop lands designated as settlement areas on partial servicing like our neighbours Oxford and Norfolk Counties.	4/10/2021 11:15 PM
21	It is very important that a policy finally be developed that regulate Air bnb. They are not required to get a permit. They do not have to pay taxes to the municipality. Some need that extra income & I agree but too much private property is being turned into bnb's & are the source in too many cases of disregard of acceptable noise levels.	4/10/2021 4:58 PM
22	mains water. The water in Sparta is terrible it is another terrible disaster waiting to happen.	4/9/2021 9:01 PM
23	Pubic transit needed to connect communities. Move to electric vehicles must be encouraged. Creating and re-establishing wetlands, Carolinian wooded areas and mini habitats, pollinator gardens, etc.	4/9/2021 7:43 PM
24	We have great businesses. Continue to invest in tourism and promote what we have.	4/9/2021 7:17 PM
25	Focus and invest in western rural Elgin County. There is little interest and investment if it is west of Sheddron. It is time to promote this area of Elgin County. Invest in small businesses like Natterjack Brewery, Celtic Ridge Farms, Erie Gardens, Backhus Page House & Museum.	4/9/2021 12:51 PM
26	Lower taxes, stop growth plans, invest in the natural environment and allow everyone to rent out their homes for overnight stays and generally let ppl live freely on their own property. It's hard enough as a small farmer, it seems like the govt is working against us despite how much they plead they are supportive.	4/9/2021 11:48 AM
27	Get mains s water and sewers to Sparta after all it is 2021	4/9/2021 11:01 AM
28	Allow development in partial serviced areas	4/9/2021 10:45 AM
29	Elgin County isn't solely the retired, older generations. We need to make young adults and families welcome. However, on the other hand, we need to prepare ourselves for the arrival of baby boomers and retirees looking for different housing. ALSO, let's try to focus on diversity and inclusivity in our County. Welcome immigrants, and newcomers to Canada.	4/8/2021 2:46 PM
30	Bus service in outlying areas	4/6/2021 1:45 PM

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31	My main quest currently would be that you set limitations on what can be built in the core area of Port Stanley via the official plan vs. targeting and bullying existing homeowners through the implementation of the HDC plan. We do not want to see overdevelopment/inappropriate development in this quaint area and it is my understanding the the official plan can achieve this.	4/5/2021 12:45 PM
32	tourism office in Aylmer is a joke. old outdated pamphlets abound. need knowledgeable people who can find out if they don't have the answers to questions.	4/2/2021 1:59 PM
33	It is time to act. West Elgin procrastinates on so many levels. Make a decision and move forward. The Seaside development has been held up for over 7 years. Why? This is a wonderful growth opportunity for Elgin and especially West Elgin. Why do a few residents control what happens in our community? This is not right. Economic growth is needed to keep our community viable and inviting to new families. There also needs to be more opportunity for homes to be built to help the community grow. I am very passionate about West Elgin but very frustrated with the procrastination of the municipal government over the past years. I am part of the Economic Development group and they too are so slow. We have not been together in almost 2 years. Why can't we have zoom meetings so that we can continue to move forward on our ideas. We need new leadership that is knowledgeable and motivated. Other communities are flourishing, we are not. I would like to believe the "Elgin is progressive by Nature", but I am not seeing the progress. Rodney is becoming a ghost town of vacant buildings and West Lorne is close behind. We need leadership to change this.	4/2/2021 12:10 PM
34	1. Investigate more fully the opportunity to develop a larger, public marina in Port Stanley or one of the other port areas. Cost and development to be with partners. 2. Entice a business to develop a small/moderate sized wedding/special events venue/resort in Port Stanley on west harbour land OR a larger one in a close-by area. 3. Develop/improve a walking trail system in NATURAL areas - could be with permissions on private land. Nice to have some trails that are NOT sidewalks going in a straight line! We already have many wonderful accessible trails; BUT, we also need some wilder trails in order to teach our children an appreciation for nature in its raw form.	4/1/2021 10:46 AM
35	Pilot project similar to the TGO in Tillsonburg that offers a bus service from one end of the County to the other. High speed internet throughout the entire County. Less restrictions / amend the regulations regarding land development on partially serviced lands. Many of our neighboring Counties allow growth on partially serviced lands and Elgin does not. It gives off the appearance that we are not in the business of doing business with our residents.	3/29/2021 9:05 PM
36	1. Make beach accessible for everyone 2. Let's make Rodney Green in all new builds, this includes green sewage, environmentally friendly. It makes a classier little town. We invite affluent people when you have some class. Also helps build the towns negative attitudes. 3. Our pool the lions club built needs to be bigger as well as an indoor complex so seniors can swim all year round and maintain their independence, also gives the youth something to do 4. Make us desirable for up and coming businesses. 5. We need a place for youth to come to where they are safe, have counseling and drug information as well as help. This would also benefit lower income families as well as all families struggling with addiction. Addiction is huge in our area and every family is affected with alcohol and addiction 6. Make it legal for dirt biking 4 wheeling etc. Kids need activities. Not all kids are the same so many different activities are needed. 7. We also need a needle exchange for the addicts. Give a dirty for a clean. Will keep needles out of our parks. 8. All businesses should have outdoor cameras this would include cameras on street lights. As we have had problems with men showing themselves to littles and no cameras and parents afraid of pressing charges due to fear of retaliation.	3/28/2021 4:22 PM
37	more green space kept recognize the local hiking trail; ie Elgin Hiking Trail which was left off the trail maps in Port Stanley along the west harbor near the Omstead building	3/28/2021 7:44 AM
38	Invest in local young people who have been raised and would like to stay and live their lives in Elgin County!	3/26/2021 2:09 PM
39	Educational programs, social events, outreach opportunities, volunteer programs, tourism.	3/26/2021 10:30 AM
40	Services need prioritized not housing. Land developers have taken enough now focus on the social needs of the residents	3/25/2021 6:16 PM
41	Address the rural internet issues with limited to no options. Ensure everyone had access to fast and affordable high speed internet.	3/25/2021 6:19 AM

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42	Stop any further development. It's too much without any real infrastructure improvements.	3/24/2021 8:35 PM
43	Child care and EarlyON Child and Family Centre location in West Elgin	3/24/2021 8:25 PM
44	More condo development that is affordable	3/24/2021 2:13 PM
45	More child care needs to be available to parents in the SMALLER TOWNS of Elgin! Often it seems the small towns are left to fend for their selves and get very little support. This needs to change!	3/24/2021 9:36 AM
46	Better communication to all residents.	3/23/2021 5:02 PM
47	I have a really long list. Call me sometime and I will email you a list - 519-762-2862 - Jenny	3/23/2021 1:57 PM
48	Do not make it like GTA, keep low density housing & high farmland percentage	3/23/2021 1:11 PM
49	Elgin County should have a better recycling program. When I asked the municipality regarding recycling leaves, branches etc, there was no acceptable answer. I was asked if I knew anyone with a farm where I could dump it. Kitchener has a really practical way of dealing with their recycling, composting, and then making it available for residents. There should be convenient places or special days when electronics, furniture, appliances could be picked up on an ongoing basis.	3/23/2021 11:55 AM
50	Make the development and permitting process as fast as possible and provide good service to businesses and developers to attract more. Make a name for yourself for the fastest turnaround times for permits and development.	3/23/2021 9:32 AM
51	Smart, strategic growth in areas that are low cost, high reward returns. Partnerships with other municipalities (ie. St. Thomas) to facilitate jobs in the area.	3/22/2021 2:40 PM
52	See comments under #33. The mask mandates MUST END and the forced closure of businesses to "stop the spread" MUST. END. NOW!! It doesn't matter what propaganda the governments is promoting, Elgin County needs to stand up and fight against this tyranny. It is destroying our community, destroying people's lives, terrorizing children and turning us into enemies. I am ashamed at our town for how they have handled this situation. Masks destroy, they don't protect. Please do the right thing and your research instead of just going along with it.	3/22/2021 1:00 PM
53	New leadership is needed.	3/22/2021 12:19 PM
54	- More daycares - 24/7 childcare options for shift workers - More before/after school programs - More parental supports - A new community pool - An indoor play area for kids/adults especially to accommodate winter seasons - Reduce drug injections visible on the streets; kids/youth should not have to see this but police allow it :(- More city events	3/20/2021 12:14 PM
55	Need more walking trails in woods and green space	3/20/2021 10:06 AM
56	Clean up and maintain the beach at Port Bruce	3/20/2021 9:40 AM
57	Encourage farm gate sales, support cross-County athletic opportunities for kids (outside of school) that use some of the public infrastructure (like outdoor pools in aylmer and Dutton dont have organized summer swim teams, London kids come in to use beach volleyball courts in Port stanley and other water sports (wind surfing), trails can be used for running training/races, like Fingal wildlife) - sports are a good way for kids to stay engaged in the natural/environmental assets of the communities and we aren't using them or funding/promoting them well enough. Boat launches along the river would be good too, with marked water trails.	3/19/2021 9:51 PM
58	I strongly feel the parks and rec. Department is mismanaged. This is observed through landscape conditions throughout the spring/summer/fall. I also feel the by law enforcement does not genuinely care about the community/ their job. This is observed by the lack of presence when it comes to grounds care of local property. I also feel we need more programs for the elderly and baby/toddler age group. These age groups are neglected in terms of social and recreational programs.	3/19/2021 9:34 PM
59	Finish the planned Bike paths...sidewalks on west side of Pt Burwell get our access back from Provincial Park to our West Beach.... this has affected tourism... Ensure access to Pt Burwell is available along Lakeshore work with OntGov	3/19/2021 1:51 PM
60	City wide clean up. Everywhere is garbage. In the trees, ground. One bag garbage = one free	3/19/2021 10:47 AM

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_____ Green rooftops. Bee awareness/ areas. More help/encouragement to garden - extras can go to food bank. Earth hour everyday. Why can't st Thomas be one of the most greenest cities in Canada. Right next to the forest city. We should strive for a beautiful city in 20 years. Not just this year. Kick back for using your car less or planting more. People think this city is a dump and full of drugs. Let's change that image and go for Green!

61	Instead of spending millions to avoid the crumbling shoreline. Spend the millions to protect it and change it	3/19/2021 10:06 AM
62	Growth and rural internet is a problem that should be dealt with now.	3/18/2021 5:33 PM
63	Keep in mind the small villages are important and should be preserved as independent entities not as bedroom communities.	3/18/2021 12:30 PM
64	Elgin's biggest asset is waterfront. Improve the beach towns. If I were to move to Elgin County, I would move to the waterfront. Facilitate high speed internet everywhere so businesses and employees can relocate here and WFH. Call it WFW - Work From Waterfront. Establish wide paved walking trails for pedestrians/cyclists, like Stratford or the Thames Valley Parkway.	3/18/2021 11:37 AM
65	Affordable internet access	3/18/2021 10:39 AM
66	We need a needle recovery plan and more support for the mentally ill who are committing crime	3/18/2021 7:56 AM
67	Support Agri-tourism n Central Elgin. Allow farms overnight stays for tourism. Allow food trucks. Allow noise by-law exemptions. Support Economic Development via the above points	3/18/2021 6:35 AM
68	Low Income Housing !!!	3/17/2021 6:36 PM
69	New council	3/17/2021 4:51 PM
70	More parking at natural walking areas parks etc with regular trash collection. Would it be possible to have more regulation of roadside cleanliness throughout the county. Port Stanley is a treasure. Keep improving it. A hospice in a beautiful location for those in their final days. Label water tower with city's name. Contests for service groups collecting most trash. Keep flowers in the core. Develop the train station/train museums and publicize them. A dead elephant is nothing to be proud of anymore. Pick new tourist draws. East elgin is a beautiful place. But Port Burwell needs to get rid of that eyesore sub. Sell it. Decrease price of parking at beach. Central elgins taxes are too high. Decrease them and add more housing like the kokomo district. Really need to help mental health issue in the core	3/17/2021 2:23 PM
71	Develop the existing rail trail system to be multi-use year-round. This encourages safe and healthy options for cycling, hiking, running, skiing, potentially snowmobiling and increases ecotourism. Look to Parry Sound's rail trail system, Guelph to Goderich, Dover to Simcoe trails, Paris to Ancaster as viable examples.	3/17/2021 10:12 AM
72	run the port Stanley train more often , summer and fall. it will take more traffic off the highway and free up more parking in port Stanley.	3/17/2021 8:37 AM
73	Allowing agricultural land to be used for other purposes	3/17/2021 12:37 AM
74	Stop the drugs and poisoning of our children. Have help available to those who choose it and send those who don't choose it to larger cities that can offer more variety of supports.	3/16/2021 10:59 PM
75	Rebuild Talbotville street as specialty stores, items not found in Walmart. See Stratford for a prime example	3/16/2021 9:02 PM
76	Racism and vocalized hatred towards the LGBTQ community is high in the area, in particular the Aylmer and Malahide area... this needs to be addressed. The community lacks diversity	3/16/2021 8:47 PM
77	Maintain and preserve the peacefulness, quietness, serenity and beauty of the landscape as it is. Do not destroy what so many enjoy with unnecessary plans for growth and development that increases overpopulation, overcrowding and noise. This reduces quality of life for residents that already live here.	3/16/2021 8:18 PM
78	Just looking after the homeless better as mentioned above.	3/16/2021 7:19 PM
79	Highway 3 connects Elgin County which is used by locals, farmers, truck/transport and tourists. There should be sections of the highway to allow for passing areas (2 lanes on one	3/16/2021 7:14 PM

side, 1 on the other). Being a part of a family business, I often hear complaints of highway 3 and people avoiding towns and taking a bypass out of frustration. Local business development and support is essential and people are more likely to visit a town if it's quick and easy to get to.

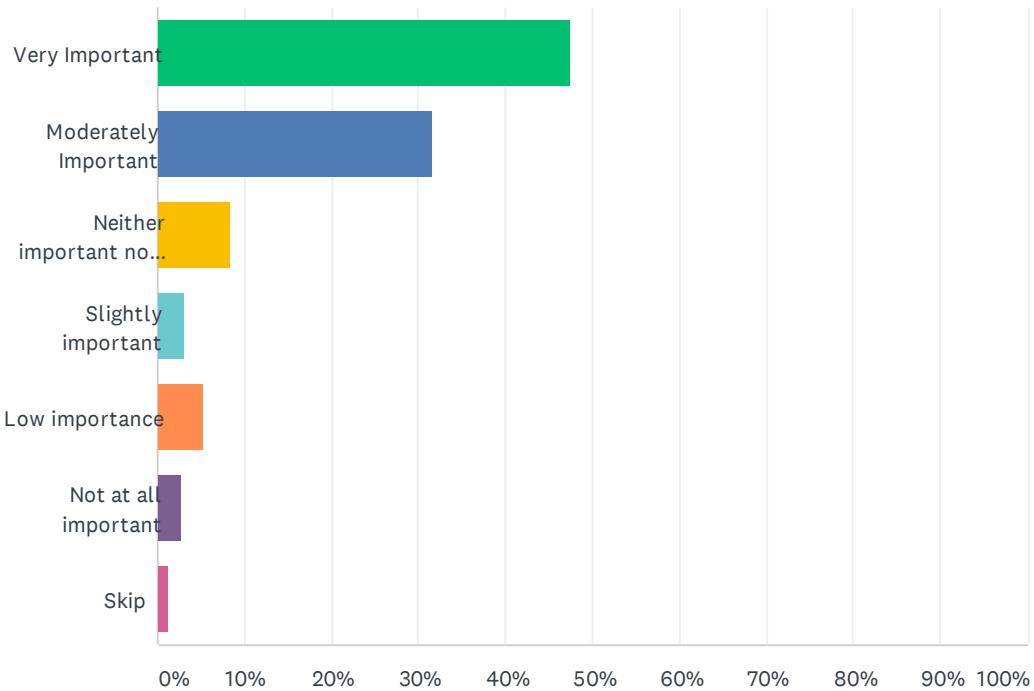
80	More trees planted and protect woodlots and fence lines.	3/16/2021 6:46 PM
81	Although we have good schools and community centers in Aylmer, we have little to offer for mental health and doctor accessibility. (I was on a wait list for 1 year and decided to keep my doctor in Lambeth) The closest doctors currently accepting patients is Dutton and Woodstock. Please don't keep old heritage buildings. Take pictures for historic remembrance and rebuild. It costs less and new buildings are up to date in all aspects, costing less on our environment and provides healthier living. We need better mental health programs for youth. Mindfulness and emotional regulation should be taught starting in Kindergarten. Small housing transitional program is needed. We need Youth group homes with mental health focus. Homes for youth outgrowing foster care into living on their own. (Lutherwood in Kitchener, is a wonderful example of what a 'group home' should look like.) We are sending kids to Toronto because we don't have the structure that is needed here. Adopted children should have free access to counceling for life. Often trauma experienced does not reveal itself until early teens. Need smaller one level homes for seniors.	3/16/2021 6:20 PM
82	Need more agri tourism	3/16/2021 6:18 PM
83	Less stoplights. Too much focus on making St. Thomas a retirement community. The police in the city have nothing to do and there are too many on duty for the amount of crime happening there and often times because of their boredom I'm sure they resort to harassing the youth and trying to hit their ticket quotas and this makes the city a less enjoyable place to live and visit. The noise bylaws on the main street need to go. Go to any other growing city there are patios with live music drawing people into the downtown. Live music should be a major focus of the town. Why spend all that money on the beautiful train station making it a centerpiece of the town and than allow a giant cement wall to be put up blocking it from view (grocery store)? This was a huge mistake just like when you allowed the walmart in your core. Look to Guelph they have a very successful downtown filled with small local shops and live music vs money marts, pawn shops and dollar stores you see in St. Thomas. People go to Port Stanley to spend their money because there are no patios with live music in your downtown core. This is a huge miss for St. Thomas in my opinion when you hear live music and a buzzing core it makes you want to go walk around downtown, visit the shops, grab a pint and take in some music on a patio. Small towns that subscribe to this way of thinking are booming.	3/16/2021 5:42 PM
84	It's all about affordable housing and jobs in our area. Our young people have to leave the area as there is not enough employment for them to attain the home ownership dream	3/16/2021 5:07 PM
85	More roundabouts to get rid of traffic light intersections. Warning rumble strips at bad intersections for when foggy. Better connectivity in fringe areas of county (towers in dead zones like Bayham, Port Bruce, etc).	3/16/2021 4:55 PM
86	A blended fire department we have departments traveling a distance to get to an emergency call Yarmouth to Wellington rd Talbotville is half the distance Talbotville to lake line Union and Port are closer this can be looked at throughout the county Draw a circle around a fire hall of 20 Km just an example distance whatever lands in that area the closest hall responds	3/16/2021 4:04 PM
87	We have an amazing opportunity to put our selves on the map, especially with the proximity to Port Stanley. We need to demand landlords to clean up their buildings in the West end, it's a sad entrance and putting lipstick on it (installing fancy brick parking) isn't going to cut it. We need to draw tourists in, we have lots of great ethnic restaurants !	3/16/2021 2:00 PM
88	Build up the beaches with family fun activities not condos. As I have stated put the old boardwalk back in Port Stanley and perhaps create a new one in Port Bruce.The rental from the booths could go directly for the environmental issues on the beaches.	3/16/2021 11:46 AM
89	Set standards and criteria for running for Key positions within Municipal Government. Business and decision making acumen! Question! Would you hire this person to run YOUR multi-million dollar company?	3/16/2021 10:06 AM
90	I would be willing to participate in round table brainstorming groups on a variety of topics. Maybe you could post/advertise invitations to the public to participate in those round tables, and get groups of volunteers to brainstorm ideas?	3/16/2021 9:01 AM

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91	Build a second access to the mcbain line neighborhood. Currently only one way in .. one way out. In my opinion this is not only dangerous for ens, but the influx of traffic entering from Wellington road.	3/16/2021 5:08 AM
92	Clean up the streets from the drug users. Tear down the old psych hospital and put in a rehab, mental health facility and residential housing for disabled adults. Stop investing money in "downtown" and start investing money in cleaning up downtown. DO NOT plan to have a safe injection site.....I do not support that at all. Stop wasting taxpayers' money...like the stupid million dollar museum that NO ONE visits.	3/15/2021 10:41 PM
93	Create horse camping park much like Saugeen Bluffs in Port Elgin or Sandaraska in Lindsay. Bring tourism to the area and allow the riders to enjoy some great trails.	3/15/2021 6:41 PM
94	Build more schools. When subdivisions are added keep traffic needs in mind	3/15/2021 6:14 PM
95	Inter community bussing in the rural to support higher density development within settlement areas.	3/15/2021 1:23 PM
96	People leaving larger cities often want all the 'good' things about the country, while still wanting certain conveniences of the city. We must be careful not to lose the 'good' things that people appreciate, or even take for granted, while offering new services.	3/13/2021 6:56 AM
97	Allowing open forums to discuss ideas from the community. Hosting events that will generate ideas for the county. When groups of people come together, they often come up with ideas that they couldn't have imagined on their own. Brainstorming events like a "World Cafe" or "Art of Hosting" to harvest ideas from the community can be really powerful.	3/12/2021 4:55 PM
98	_invest in the ports of Elgin	3/9/2021 9:06 PM
99	Allowing development along residential properties at the Lake Erie shoreline as well as allowing for erosion control measures to protect the shoreline. When asked for planning advice about a property, stating what could be allowed for, or how a challenge could be overcome, or how the request could be granted rather than saying I'm not sure. That's just not allowed. Getting the same answers from all staff would be helpful as well.	2/27/2021 10:53 PM

Q39 Housing Affordability: Provide a mix and range of housing types that meet the needs of diverse groups and aging population.

Answered: 322 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very Important	47.52%	153
Moderately Important	31.68%	102
Neither important nor unimportant	8.39%	27
Slightly important	3.11%	10
Low importance	5.28%	17
Not at all important	2.80%	9
Skip	1.24%	4
TOTAL		322

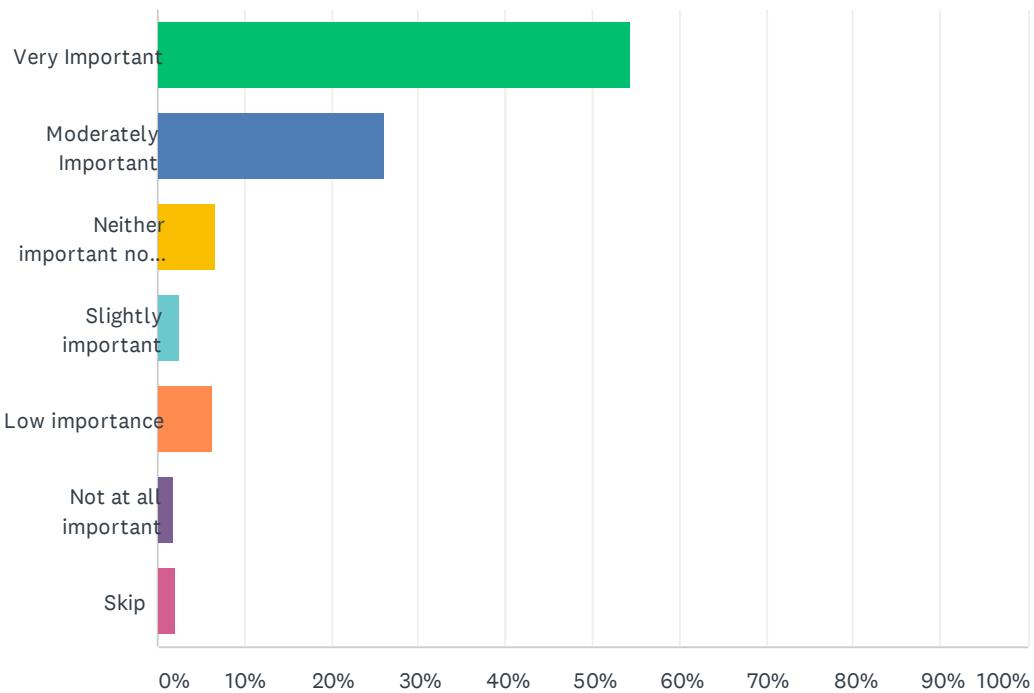
#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	Depends on the area.	4/15/2021 12:58 PM
2	Again, no high rises.	4/14/2021 12:35 PM
3	Where you putting every aging person in Port Stanley when Kettle Creek Manor has only 24 apartments?	4/14/2021 12:06 AM
4	Young and old should be able to enjoy Port Stanley	4/13/2021 7:58 PM
5	Keep the aging population and family subdivisions away from low income areas in order to protect the elderly and children from violence.	4/13/2021 4:52 PM

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6	Please keep prices high in port Stanley to keep the area a tourist worthy destination	4/13/2021 10:49 AM
7	Too many Elgin born young people are moving out of their home towns and communities because of the limited housing and employment options.	4/10/2021 11:15 PM
8	Young families also need options, not just aging population	4/8/2021 6:48 PM
9	Especially local young people.	3/26/2021 2:09 PM
10	At emergency state with affordable housing - there is none for seniors and all ages.	3/26/2021 10:15 AM
11	Affordable housing should have a plan to maintain them. Otherwise, they can become eyesores and pest magnets. Without sufficient social services and activities, policing costs and health costs will also be affected.	3/23/2021 11:55 AM
12	Care of the aging especially in their own homes is vital.	3/18/2021 12:30 PM
13	People of low income are always complaining about a lack of options.	3/17/2021 4:25 PM
14	Housing affordability will fluctuate with the market. If you could give landlords more control they would be able to make more of a business and be able to get more creative in what is offered. There is too much risk for landlords right now because renters might not leave etc. If control was given to the landlords there would be more choice just because there are more landlords that offer different types of housing. If you could get rid of more regulation and let landlords operate you would see more rentals and more availability. The more government tries to control this the more money is wasted as government isn't in the housing business. Your job is to provide the space for people to make these things instead of restricting them and making it difficult for them to offer housing.	3/17/2021 8:45 AM
15	Many are against new housing and development. Many are greatly concerned about overpopulation, overcrowding and noise. This reduces quality of life for residents that already live here, and increases competition for the few jobs that are available.	3/16/2021 8:18 PM
16	We have enough housing for people on social assistance. We need more for working lower income earners	3/16/2021 5:05 PM
17	I do not support the county of Elgin building more housing projects. I support enabling developers to build more housing.	2/27/2021 10:53 PM

Q40 Natural Heritage and Climate Change: protect and enhance natural heritage systems and features and plan for climate change impacts.

Answered: 324 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very Important	54.32%	176
Moderately Important	26.23%	85
Neither important nor unimportant	6.79%	22
Slightly important	2.47%	8
Low importance	6.17%	20
Not at all important	1.85%	6
Skip	2.16%	7
TOTAL		324

#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	Particularly for Port Stanley.	4/15/2021 12:58 PM
2	This is needed to maintain the natural beauty of the area.	4/14/2021 12:35 PM
3	Natural Heritage preservation and Climate Change do not have to be tied together.	4/13/2021 9:58 AM
4	Pollution is the problem. Not climate change. Zoom out. Don't be so ego-centric. Be eco-centric.	4/13/2021 8:28 AM
5	Most important for our future.	4/9/2021 7:43 PM
6	If the solutions regard empowering private landowners to receive tax breaks for natural	4/9/2021 11:48 AM

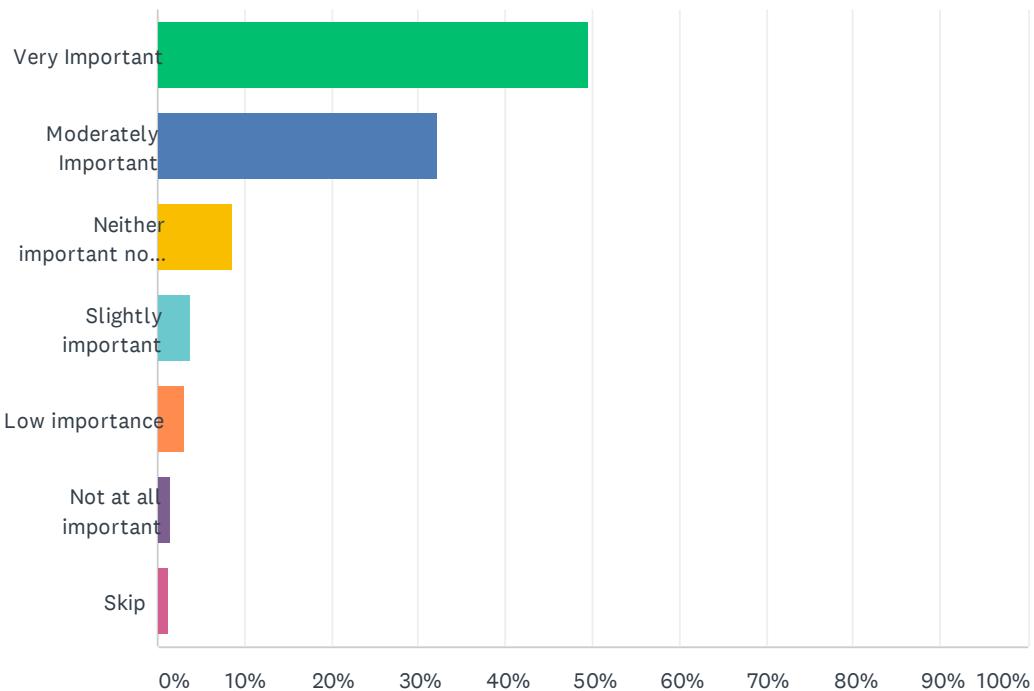
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ecosystem preservation and conservation I'm all for it. If it require 20 govt staff filling out forms all day, then I'm against it.

7	I agree whole-heartedly, but I am guessing our definitions are different.	4/9/2021 10:28 AM
8	The answer depends on how radical the systems/plans are ... are they unilateral or site specific ... what processes are in place to appeal a decision ... etc. People should not be simply cut off from their property because someone else, who has nothing vested in the property, decides something.	3/29/2021 12:40 PM
9	Key to sustainability.	3/26/2021 2:09 PM
10	Absolutely!	3/26/2021 10:15 AM
11	This goes without saying... as citizens it is our responsibility.	3/25/2021 3:57 PM
12	We already have strong protections in place.	3/23/2021 9:32 AM
13	We have to or there will be no heritage to protect.	3/19/2021 10:47 AM
14	good to be aware at county level, perhaps this is a provincial initiative with county-area input	3/19/2021 10:36 AM
15	Climate will always change and farmers and people in general adapt. Just let us and don't imagine that you can halt massive changes in the environment. The best thing to focus on is keeping things picked up and neat. And promoting people to follow through on what happens down the chain from their actions. The best way to help with this is to let small business and small farms thrive rather than regulating them so much that they can't get a footing. The more we are tied to smaller farms and business the more we are close to the land. Even if people had more freedom in town to have a few chickens or have a business in their garage - people would be closer to the land and empowered to take care of it. For instance a small popcorn business in Aylmer was doing great things in their garage - they had a patio, they had sales, it was a wonderful community feeling, they had no overhead, they were able to make a living. Then Aylmer went and shut them down. Criminal. It's these behaviours that actually hurt the environment and distance us more and more from having ownership and feeling responsible for looking after it. If we were free to operate on a small scale like that on our own property from our own homes if we wished that ownership translates into wanting to improve our space and our connection to the community. When we are richer and more responsible we care more.	3/17/2021 8:45 AM
16	Neither of these priorities attract business, tax dollars or new residents. These initiatives would happen more organically through communities that love where they live	3/17/2021 1:14 AM
17	Many scientists disagree that Climate Change is an issue. Historically, the Earth has naturally cycled between periods of global warming, followed by periods of global cooling (sometimes called "mini ice age").	3/16/2021 8:18 PM
18	Protect and enhance the natural areas, yes	3/16/2021 5:32 PM
19	In the plan not on the homeowners via Heritage districts	3/16/2021 11:46 AM
20	I see these as two distinct features. but both are extremely important.	3/15/2021 1:23 PM
21	Very, very!!	3/13/2021 6:56 AM

Q41 Accessible and Inclusive: provide equitable and barrier free access to services and amenities.

Answered: 325 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very Important	49.54%	161
Moderately Important	32.31%	105
Neither important nor unimportant	8.62%	28
Slightly important	3.69%	12
Low importance	3.08%	10
Not at all important	1.54%	5
Skip	1.23%	4
TOTAL		325

#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	Standard everywhere today.	4/15/2021 12:58 PM
2	Many people who are moving here (and who visit) would benefit greatly from these strategies.	4/14/2021 12:35 PM
3	This is largely in place already.	3/23/2021 9:32 AM
4	See comments on previous questions. MASK MANDATES AND BUSINESS CLOSURES MUST END.	3/22/2021 1:00 PM
5	why are you even asking this?	3/19/2021 10:36 AM
6	Not all people can go all places. Accessibility has to be balanced with practicality. We could not	3/18/2021 12:30 PM

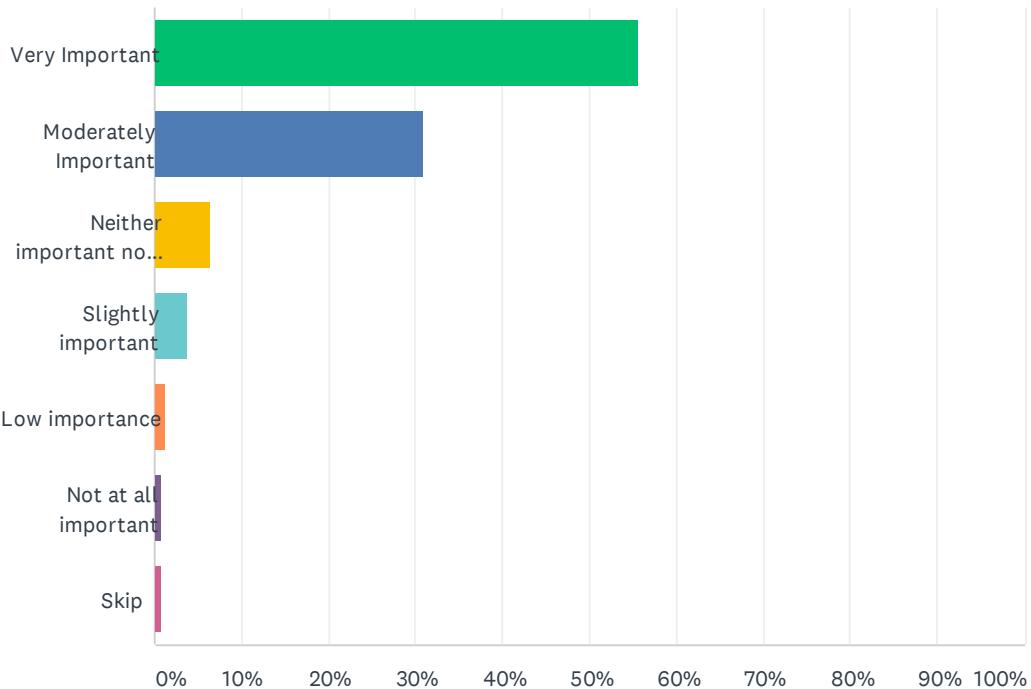
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place an elevator in the lighthouse, for example.

7	paved trails	3/18/2021 11:37 AM
8	Agree with this but not in terms of subsidizing transportation.	3/17/2021 1:37 PM
9	Apparently this is already done because of the Charter of Human Rights which doesn't allow discrimination. However you can see how from 2020 and currently we are fighting to actually have this at all. Just supporting this Charter would provide equitable and barrier free access to services and amenities. From wheelchairs, to the unmasked. All is covered because of that Charter. So educating businesses that they can let everyone shop in their store without fear of fines or punishment would help our county immediately. I'm quite certain you would disagree if curb-side service was what was available for those that are wheelchair bound because a business didn't want to install a ramp or thought wheels would make their store floors too dirty. Same applies for anything else. Curb-side is excellent for anyone that wishes to use it and in store shopping is excellent for anyone who chooses it and businesses need to be supported with the adage that the customer is always right and meet their needs. Empower your businesses by educating them and supporting them to follow our Canadian Constitution and Charter of Human Rights without punishment.	3/17/2021 8:45 AM
10	again, I thought the government Mandated this with a year that it had to be fully in place!	3/17/2021 8:37 AM
11	Very important if you are referring to barrier free city for people with physical disabilities / mobility problems. Otherwise, not at all important.	3/16/2021 10:59 PM
12	Again. Barrier free sidewalks provided... are not used by those who should	3/16/2021 9:02 PM
13	I think all new builds for businesses need to include accessibility, but some older buildings not possible, but need to offer another means of service to everyone	3/16/2021 5:07 PM

Q42 Diverse/Adaptive Economy: attract and support new and sustainable business and employment opportunities.

Answered: 323 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Very Important	55.73%
Moderately Important	30.96%
Neither important nor unimportant	6.50%
Slightly important	3.72%
Low importance	1.24%
Not at all important	0.93%
Skip	0.93%
TOTAL	323

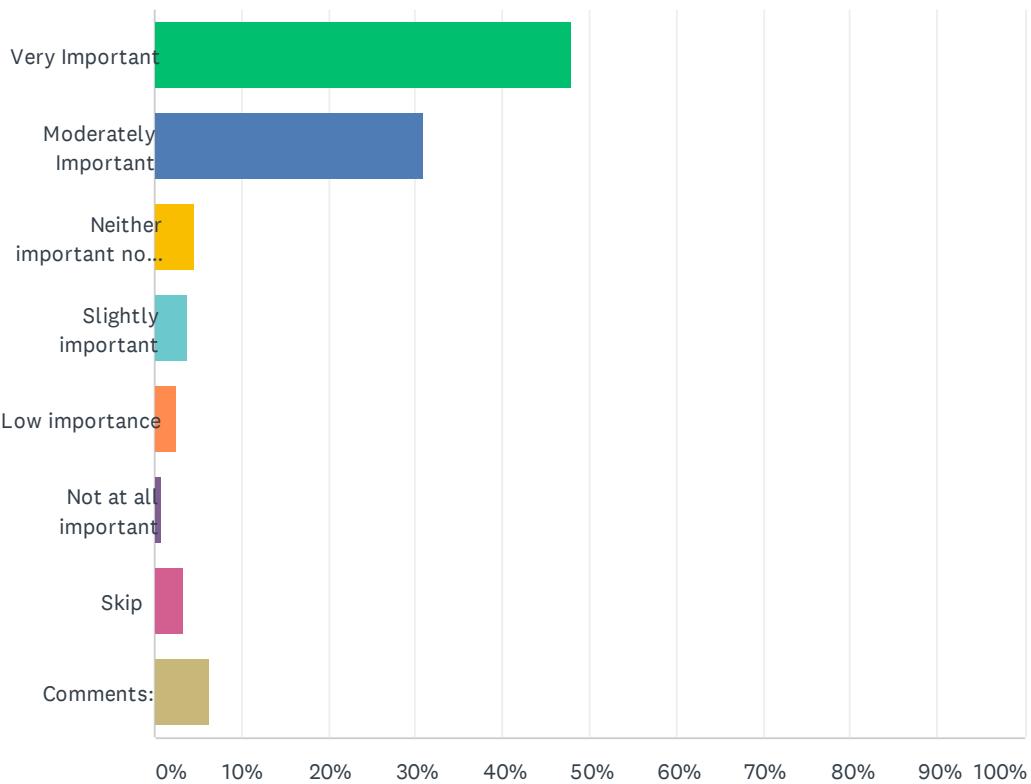
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1	Businesses will come and go. and thrive as needed. Let it happen on its own.... as always.	4/15/2021 12:58 PM
2	Attract business's in general	4/14/2021 2:44 PM
3	They would need to make sense and "fit" with the earlier ideas from this section. More restaurants and businesses related to the beach, produce and cycling make sense. Squeezing in more Walmarts and Tim Horton's does not.	4/14/2021 12:35 PM
4	Elgin needs more commercial and industrial investment	4/10/2021 11:15 PM
5	Sustainable is key.	4/9/2021 7:43 PM

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6	I am well aware we cannot sustain our communities if we do not invite new businesses into our communities	3/30/2021 10:59 AM
7	I believe we should also support our existing businesses. Our motto should be "how can we help" - not just the new businesses but those that are struggling to continue to serve their communities. Just because I am an established business owner doesn't mean that I don't have a vision on how I can provide more for my community, however, when I look for support from the County I am always told that I do not meet the criteria because I am not a new business.	3/29/2021 9:05 PM
8	would not want our government to enter into 'bidding' for major industrial players re: tax breaks, incentives.	3/19/2021 10:36 AM
9	Encouraging services in small towns will increase employment opportunities	3/18/2021 12:30 PM
10	We need to attract any businesses willing to come to our community and provide jobs and tax dollars whether they are "sustainable" or not.	3/17/2021 9:24 AM
11	By eliminating taxes and eliminating regulations you will foster a thriving community and economic growth and creativity. That will attract more business and more diversity because you could make this area a place where operating a business is a joy and where ideas can become reality because of getting rid of hoops for people to jump through. The best way to support and attract sustainable business and employment opportunities is to let business operate in a place with less regulation and less tax.	3/17/2021 8:45 AM
12	Many are against new housing and development which increases overpopulation and competition for the few jobs that are available. It does not make sense to add a company that hires 50 people if 500 more people are competing for the same jobs.	3/16/2021 8:18 PM
13	Take care of who we have first	3/16/2021 11:46 AM
14	Once you add the word sustainable, I agree more. If the word sustainable were 'regenerative', you would have my full positive attention!	3/13/2021 6:56 AM
15	Supporting the businesses that are here already will be a much better strategy for showcasing Elgin county as a place for new and sustainable employers to do business.	2/27/2021 10:53 PM

Q43 Protected Employment Area: manage the supply of employment lands, including agricultural lands, for sustained economic growth.

Answered: 324 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very Important	47.84%	155
Moderately Important	30.86%	100
Neither important nor unimportant	4.63%	15
Slightly important	3.70%	12
Low importance	2.47%	8
Not at all important	0.93%	3
Skip	3.40%	11
Comments:	6.17%	20
TOTAL		324

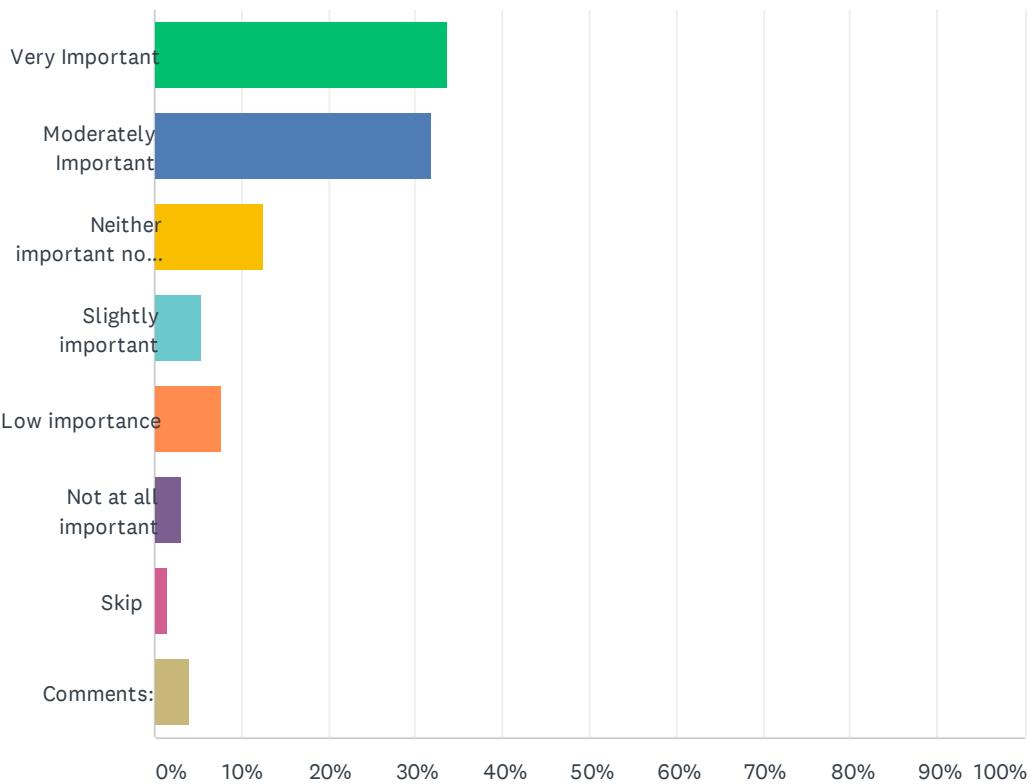
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1	Farmland is of great importance!	4/15/2021 12:58 PM
2	Confusing question: Elgin County needs to have Industrial/Commercial lands - which will use agricultural lands. Increasing Industrial/Commercial Lands would be a great asset to this County.	4/14/2021 2:44 PM

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3	Prime Agriculture lands yes very important	4/14/2021 1:13 PM
4	I think you need to be careful in promoting this area and lifestyle as unique to Elgin county versus it being steered into a suburb option for London.	4/14/2021 12:35 PM
5	Protect the waterfront as well for the fishing industry	4/14/2021 12:16 AM
6	Again don't talk about growth and environment. To sleepy people it sounds like your doing all the right things. To smart people you are taking apples and oranges. Choose one growth or happy and healthy people and planet.	4/13/2021 8:28 AM
7	Protect farmland	4/9/2021 7:17 PM
8	are you saying you are going to manage agricultural lands? no way! I don't trust your knowledge or intuition whatsoever in this realm.	4/9/2021 10:28 AM
9	I do not understand this question.	3/25/2021 11:48 AM
10	'Protect' and 'manage' - yes. 'Sustained economic growth' - why?	3/22/2021 3:20 PM
11	Not sure what is meant by "manage" farms are the most important thing we got.	3/22/2021 12:19 PM
12	no answer as i am not entirely clear what 'employment lands' means precisely.	3/19/2021 10:36 AM
13	Â	3/19/2021 10:06 AM
14	The county needs to attract businesses to the area and if that means some agricultural land needs to be developed for this purpose for the betterment of the community than that should be done. Industrial land needs to be a priority as well.	3/17/2021 9:24 AM
15	I'm not sure what this means but I would let farmers manage their land and be able to hire who they need to work there. I think there is too much regulation over farmers and they find it impossible to operate how they would like. Especially small farmers. There is so much regulation over who they can hire and how to get them here. It would be ideal if you were able to protect their ability to operate how they know would be more profitable rather than applying MORE regulations and hoops for them to jump through.	3/17/2021 8:45 AM
16	don't put housing or industry on fram lands	3/17/2021 8:37 AM
17	I don't think we need any growth. Let's just make what we have super great.	3/16/2021 3:19 PM
18	I'm not sure I understand what this means. I don't typically like supply management-type options except in extreme situations where industries are proven to not be able to handle things responsibly themselves, and even then, only as temporary measures. I would want a lot of discussion about the potential negative impacts. How does a municipality manage supply of something in private ownership? I just can't get my head around this, which means likely many others won't be able to either.	3/13/2021 6:56 AM
19	This depends on how employments lands are to be 'managed' - They should be retained for agricultural purposes, but also under consideration for innovative ways to use agricultural lands to produce food, but also for agritourism and multiple dwellings	3/12/2021 4:55 PM
20	I do not understand this which makes me think it will be an ineffective strategy.	2/27/2021 10:53 PM

Q44 Arts and Culture: support the County's unique cultural scene and spaces.

Answered: 326 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very Important	33.74%	110
Moderately Important	31.90%	104
Neither important nor unimportant	12.58%	41
Slightly important	5.52%	18
Low importance	7.67%	25
Not at all important	3.07%	10
Skip	1.53%	5
Comments:	3.99%	13
TOTAL		326

#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	Less housing development in Port Stanley, and more recreational sites. Tennis and pickle ball courts in Port Stanley. Very much needed! Picnic and park areas on waterfront.	4/15/2021 12:58 PM
2	I think it's odd that you would include "cultural spaces". If you referring to the beach than this is very important. I hope others take note of your wording. We don't really have a lot of other cultural spaces.....maybe Quai du Vin but it's a business and responsible for its own	4/14/2021 8:27 AM

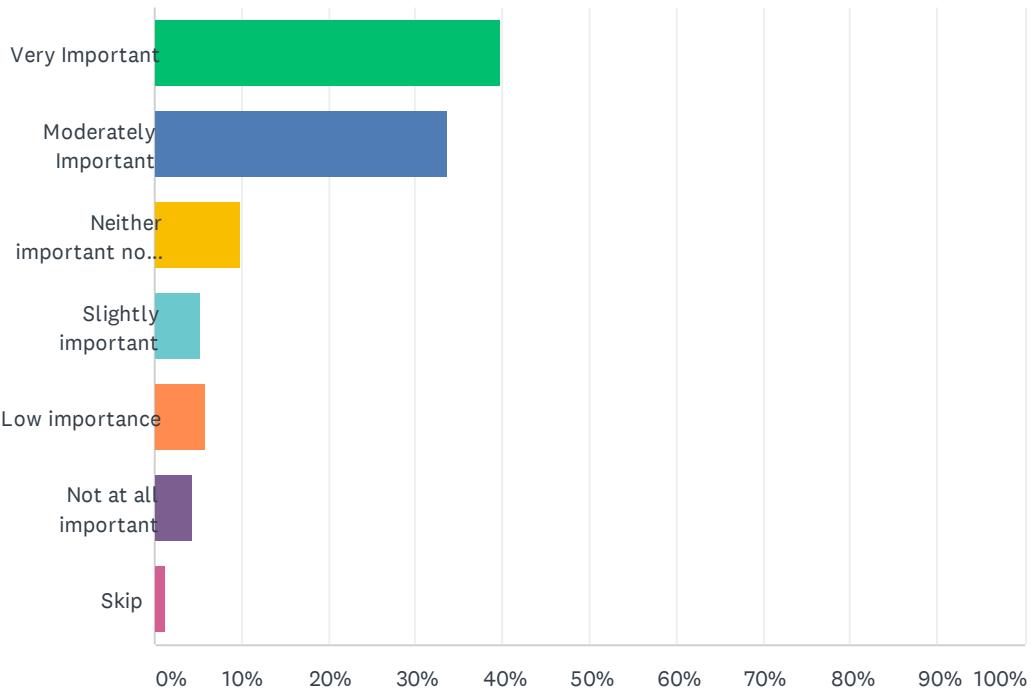
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preservation and marketing. We have the earthworks in Southwold. I would really appreciate some clarification on what you are actually referring to with this question

3	So much more could be done in this regard.	4/13/2021 11:56 AM
4	Let this arise alone. No need for gov't to decide what is art.	4/9/2021 10:28 AM
5	We have so many local talented artists!	3/26/2021 10:15 AM
6	Because we are in a tourist area, this definitely would boost our appeal.	3/25/2021 3:57 PM
7	The mennonite community deserves better.	3/22/2021 12:19 PM
8	By doing what? How about let artists put up their advertisements around town! Please do not discourage people from posting signs and advertising on billboards. Please stop controlling what we post and then we will be free to advertise for people to come to our shows! Please let people perform on the street or parks without permits -- those spaces are ours, we pay for them! Let us use them! Encourage people to put on shows just by staying away from regulating it! That will 1000% promote more arts and more engagement and more creativity and more shows. Let artists organize concerts without over reaching insurance which is completely unnecessary. Stop making us pay twice to do something simple!	3/17/2021 8:45 AM
9	This is wonderful if the art is beautiful, but not if the art is ugly (like some of the new murals in St. Thomas)	3/16/2021 8:18 PM
10	The arts are important but, they really take a backseat to the very real housing problems we currently have.	3/16/2021 7:55 PM
11	again need live music on patios downtown. Get rid of your noise bylaws and stop placating to people who are in retirement homes. Downtown is for growth not retirement homes you are suffocating local businesses with bylaws and rules. Build up your farmers market and welcome food stands! Make a downtown that people will want to visit and spend time walking around and enjoying.	3/16/2021 5:42 PM
12	People's shelter should be our priority	3/16/2021 5:07 PM
13	The socioeconomic strata does not currently allow for a unique cultural scene in downtown where it is best suited for. People are at times fearful of walking downtown among psychiatric outpatients, unemployed, homeless, drug rehab clinics, etc etc etc	3/16/2021 5:08 AM

Q45 Transportation: develop and encourage different types of transportation, with priority to transit, walking and cycling.

Answered: 324 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very Important	39.81%	129
Moderately Important	33.64%	109
Neither important nor unimportant	9.88%	32
Slightly important	5.25%	17
Low importance	5.86%	19
Not at all important	4.32%	14
Skip	1.23%	4
TOTAL		324

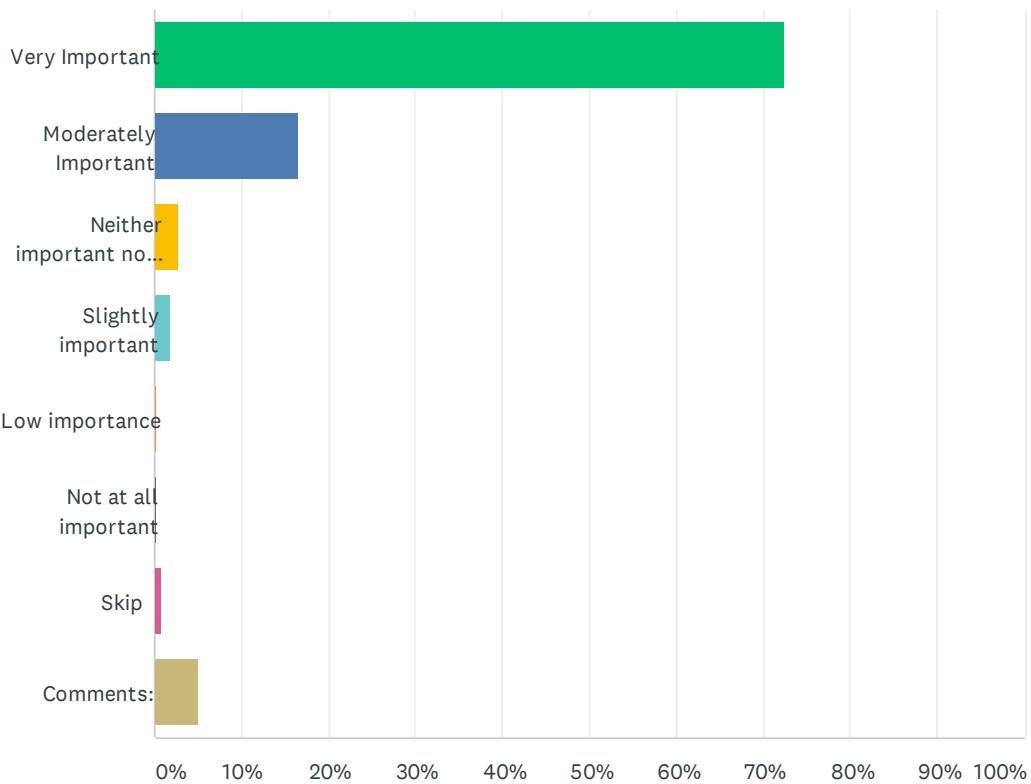
#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	Bike lanes needed.	4/15/2021 12:58 PM
2	Just walking	4/14/2021 3:40 PM
3	Priority should go to roads, as this is how people come to and from work, roadways are very important for potential business's looking at the area. They need great access and good roads.	4/14/2021 2:44 PM
4	Walking room on plank Road, Share the Road signs don't work and people drive way too close and fast to pedestrians. It's especially bad in spring and summer	4/14/2021 1:13 PM
5	Love that healthy lifestyle.	4/14/2021 12:35 PM

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6	Get the train going again. And build the sidewalk on the north side of George Street. I don't mind giving up a few feet of frontage so my grandkids can walk to the store safely.	4/13/2021 11:13 AM
7	Bike paths are very important	4/13/2021 10:49 AM
8	Walking and cycling are important, public transportation is a huge cost with minimal results	4/11/2021 7:54 AM
9	This is one of the keys to good health!	4/1/2021 10:46 AM
10	I am looking forward to the day when living in Port Bruce does not mean I need to be a car owner	3/30/2021 10:59 AM
11	I would prioritize biking routes not only for more eco friendly transportation but also tourism	3/19/2021 9:34 PM
12	Be like Europe. More roundabouts. More bikes.	3/19/2021 10:47 AM
13	we do not have the density for any transit or intra-county lines	3/19/2021 10:36 AM
14	Don't forget water transport for moving goods, people, vehicles and boosting tourism. A good harbour can mean cheaper transportation services and international interaction and new travel opportunities. A hundred years ago it was easier for people in Elgin to get to Buffalo, Erie or Detroit by boat than it was by land.	3/18/2021 12:30 PM
15	Cycling is very popular right now. Make the TCT paved and protected with barriers, add more networks off of the TCT.	3/18/2021 11:37 AM
16	Rural public transit provides very low value. If a resident want to live beside a shopping mall then they should get housing beside it or accept that if they are farther away then the time and cost of transportation is larger. That increased cost should be covered by the individual not the entire tax base.	3/17/2021 1:37 PM
17	Let people choose their own transportation. Let people start their own transportation businesses. Let people put their money where they choose to support this. If you would like to set an example and be cutting edge... If you would like to have any planning at all choose this following alternative. And remember the adage: Treat people like idiots, they'll behave like idiots. Please read: https://bighink.com/want-less-car-accidents-get-rid-of-traffic-signals-road-signs	3/17/2021 8:45 AM
18	port Stanley train, bus service. this will allow more parking in port Stanley.	3/17/2021 8:37 AM
19	Public transit not of interest.	3/16/2021 10:59 PM
20	We have already done so. Great work!	3/16/2021 9:02 PM
21	Everyone rides their bikes on the sidewalk instead of the bike lanes anyways	3/16/2021 8:30 PM
22	Walking paths are great. Steen park area can feel unsafe at times with certain transactions going on. Perhaps install cameras (real or fake)	3/16/2021 8:19 PM
23	Don't waste money on public transportation. Walking and cycling should be a top priority.	3/15/2021 5:29 PM
24	and E Vehicles	3/15/2021 1:23 PM

Q46 Local Food Security: support local food & protect and promote agriculture to ensure reliable and convenient access to healthy foods.

Answered: 325 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very Important	72.31%	235
Moderately Important	16.62%	54
Neither important nor unimportant	2.77%	9
Slightly important	1.85%	6
Low importance	0.31%	1
Not at all important	0.31%	1
Skip	0.92%	3
Comments:	4.92%	16
TOTAL		325

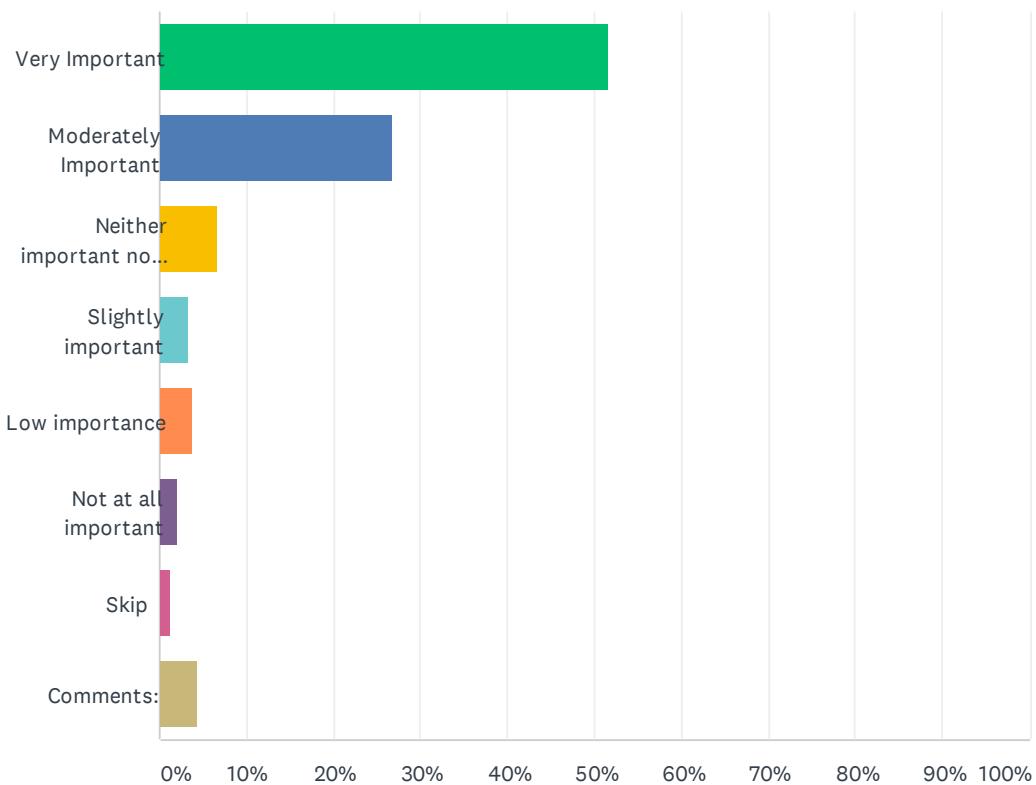
#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	Farmland to be saved and supported.... stop over development.	4/15/2021 12:58 PM
2	We can protect agriculture, but not control it. Freedoms need to be availed to "farmer's/landowner's" who have paid the taxes for many years. The County should not be all controlling of land uses. Elgin County needs to be allocating lands for Commercial/Industrial and housing.	4/14/2021 2:44 PM

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3	Concern that the cost of producing food has risen but the profit margins for farmers is dangerously low. Should the province/municipality provide subsidization to bridge this gap and help address the concerns that continue with migrant farm workers? (i.e., living conditions, work hours/pay, immigration status, access to health, discriminatory practices?)	4/14/2021 12:35 PM
4	I think we are already doing a pretty good job on this point	4/14/2021 8:27 AM
5	Extremely importance, food security is so important and we have some of the best around! Focus on what we are doing well and grow that.	4/14/2021 12:06 AM
6	Keeping it affordable.	4/13/2021 2:27 PM
7	Do this... no more questions.	4/13/2021 8:28 AM
8	Especially organic food.	3/22/2021 1:00 PM
9	Bring back the farmers market off Talbot	3/19/2021 10:47 AM
10	get off the groovy 'slow food/eat local' vibe. it is happening already. peace out!	3/19/2021 10:36 AM
11	Encourage new crops, food depots, roadside stands and development of new products using local food stuffs.	3/18/2021 12:30 PM
12	I support local foods and of course for those farms who want to provide fresh produce etc... to the community i would support that as well however, if this means that the county is to manage agricultural land than i would not support this idea. I support free enterprise.	3/17/2021 9:24 AM
13	organic, small farms, not monoculture which is devastating for our soil and animals. Please read: https://www.greenmatters.com/p/what-is-monocropping https://drmicozzi.com/exposed-the-hidden-environmental-disaster-of-plant-based-diets https://evolution.berkeley.edu/evolibrary/article/agriculture_02	3/17/2021 8:45 AM
14	Not a priority for dollars spent.	3/17/2021 1:14 AM
15	Yes and no. It's important yes but, not at the expense of available housing.	3/16/2021 7:55 PM
16	This is crucial to the future, and could be a way that Elgin really stands out, but supporting this kind of industry.	3/13/2021 6:56 AM

Q47 Sustainable Development: support development that makes efficient use of infrastructure, energy and resources in order to reduce greenhouse gases.

Answered: 325 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very Important	51.69%	168
Moderately Important	26.77%	87
Neither important nor unimportant	6.77%	22
Slightly important	3.38%	11
Low importance	3.69%	12
Not at all important	2.15%	7
Skip	1.23%	4
Comments:	4.31%	14
TOTAL		325

#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	Do what is possible when the opportunity is there.	4/15/2021 12:58 PM
2	Elgin County should be developing in the areas that are useful and in demand, location is not going to make much difference for our greenhouse gas situation.	4/14/2021 2:44 PM

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3	If not us, then who?	4/14/2021 12:35 PM
4	We can all work tirelessly to reduce greenhouse gases here in Canada but if the world's major polluters don't change what they're doing, it isn't going to amount to anything. It's like bailing water with a teacup out of a boat with a torpedo hole in it.	4/13/2021 9:58 AM
5	Elgin Co doesn't know enough to mandate on these fronts.	4/9/2021 10:28 AM
6	Very little was covered in this survey about small business growth. This is very important especially in small rural communities as this also supports economic growth and development. Again, there needs to be more investment in rural communities as this is the foundation of Elgin county. I am a small business owner and I need the support of my rural community to survive. Elgin, be sure to take a long, hard look at your rural communities and what needs to be improved so that they remain viable and progressive. There is not better life than living in the country. Make it happen. I am counting on you. :)	4/2/2021 12:10 PM
7	no wind turbines	3/23/2021 6:43 PM
8	Soooo important	3/19/2021 10:47 AM
9	Encourage green heating systems -- solar, wind, geothermal. Allow people to sell excess power back to electrical grid. Encourage central green power systems in new subdivisions.	3/18/2021 12:30 PM
10	Although it may look like everything is very important, in reality I believe these priorities can and should be integrated - not seen as either or, as competing interests or competing priorities. We need non traditional thinking to development and to our planning.	3/18/2021 10:13 AM
11	I support any initiative that a business wants to take to be more "green" however, not to the point where it causes business to shutter because of the high costs of going "green" Businesses/Cities/Counties can make efforts to go green without causing excessive cost to its tax payers and businesses.	3/17/2021 9:24 AM
12	These green things are very misleading altogether: Please read: https://childrenshealthdefense.org/defender/5g-rollout-france-would-cause-big-increase-greenhouse-gas-emissions/ https://www.lewrockwell.com/2019/12/no_author/what-they-havent-told-you-about-climate-change-according-to-the-co-founder-of-greenpeace/	3/17/2021 8:45 AM
13	Many are concerned about and opposed to windmills for several reasons. Solar and other forms of renewable energy is preferable - but please don't ruin Elgin County with windmills! They would totally destroy the beautiful countryside that Elgin County is known for, kill birds, etc.	3/16/2021 8:18 PM
14	I think this is very important. A mix of regulations to prevent negative outcomes, but also loosening of regulations when new options that are clearly better (for the environment) than those existing have been identified.	3/13/2021 6:56 AM