



Community Planning Alliance

Trust in Planning survey

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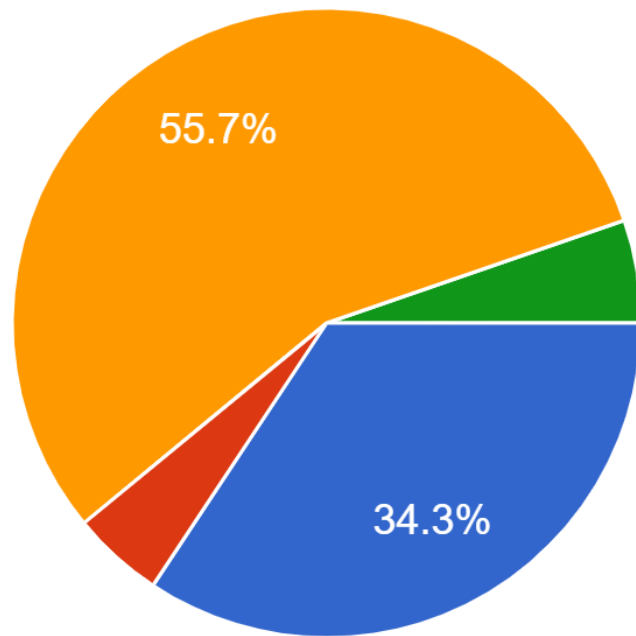
Sneak preview: Trust in Planning – survey results

- This is clearly a topic of great interest – nearly 900 people responded in just five days
- There is little faith that councils, councillors, officers or the Planning Inspectorate will respond to community concerns
- With regards to Local Plans:
 - 50% felt that everything is decided in advance then consulted on (Decide, Announce, Defend)
 - 44% felt that token questions are asked but little attempt to engage with residents to shape their future
 - Only 6% have been lucky enough to have discussions first, then proposals & revisions according to feedback (Engage, Deliberate, Decide)
- Comments submitted are very telling about the state of the planning system. Analysis of comments to follow in due course due to sheer volume!
- On all charts that follow, 1 = not at all; 5 = a lot



Which of the following best describes you?

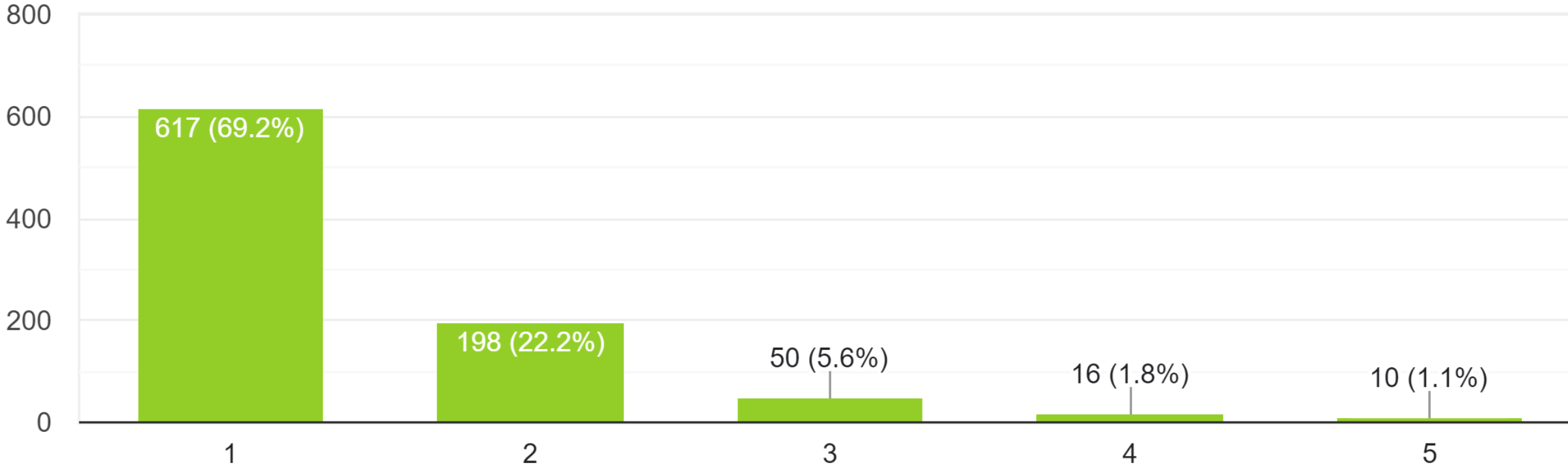
889 responses



- Campaigner, part of a group
- Campaigner, lone wolf
- Resident interested in planning
- Other

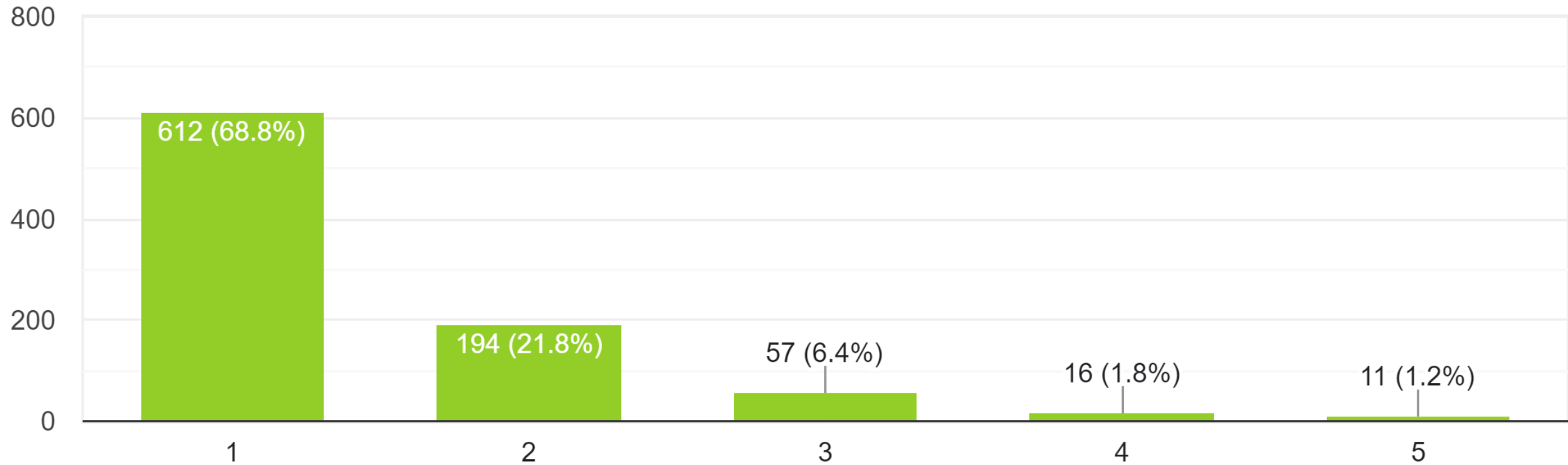
To what extent do you trust your local planning authority to work with residents on long term planning matters?

891 responses



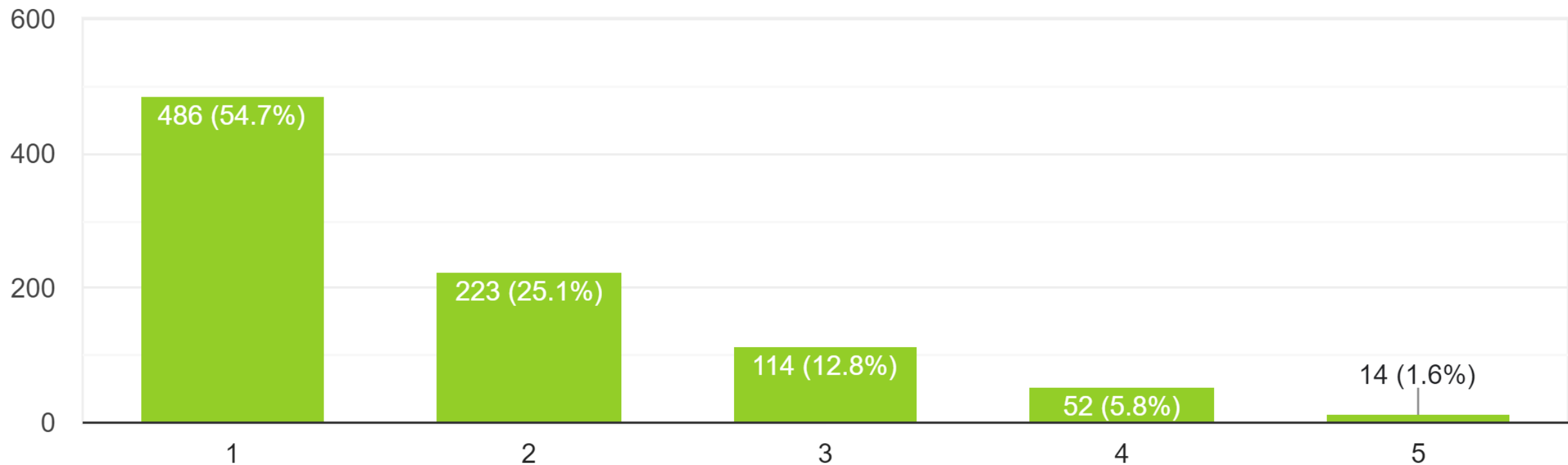
To what extent do you trust planning officers at your local authority to take on board residents' concerns?

890 responses



To what extent do you trust councillors at your local authority to listen to residents?

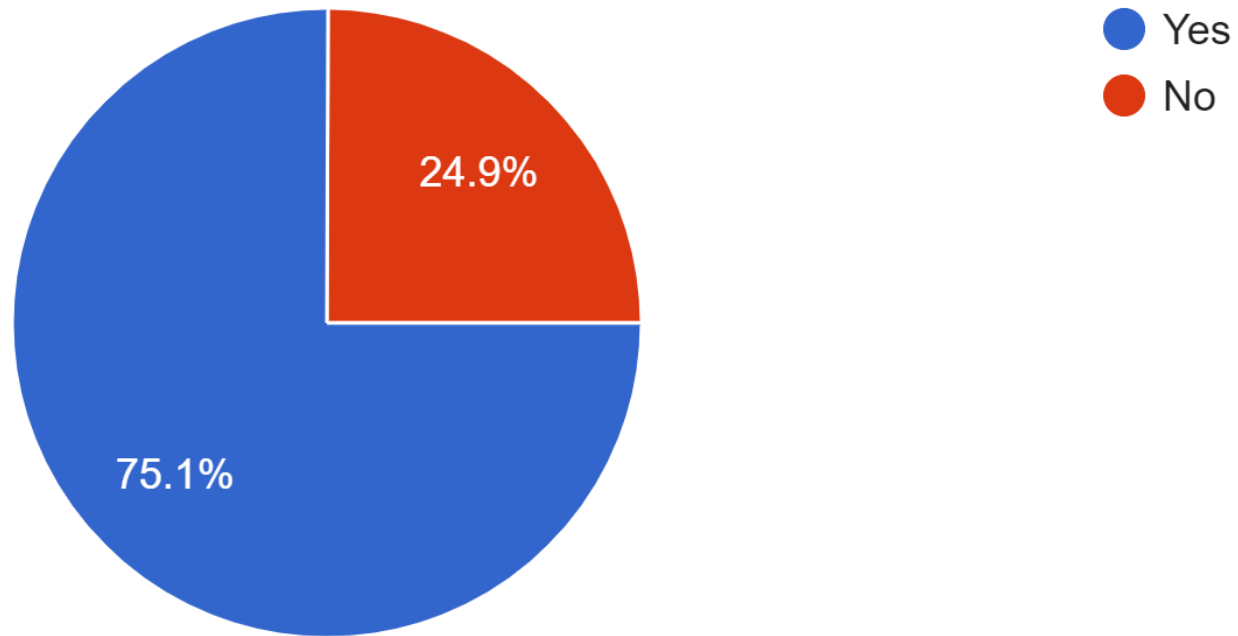
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Have you followed or been involved with a Local Plan?

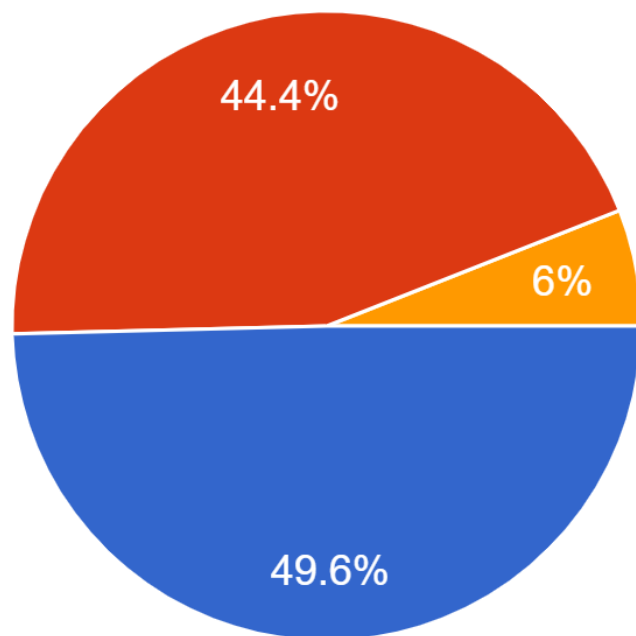
886 responses





What best describes your council's local plan consultations?

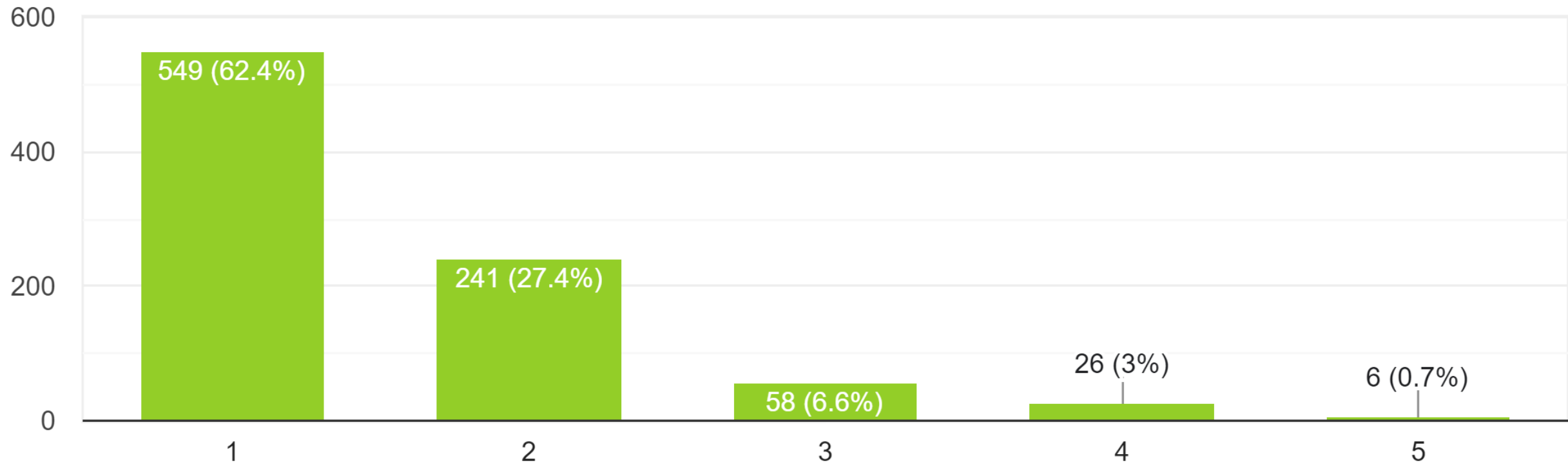
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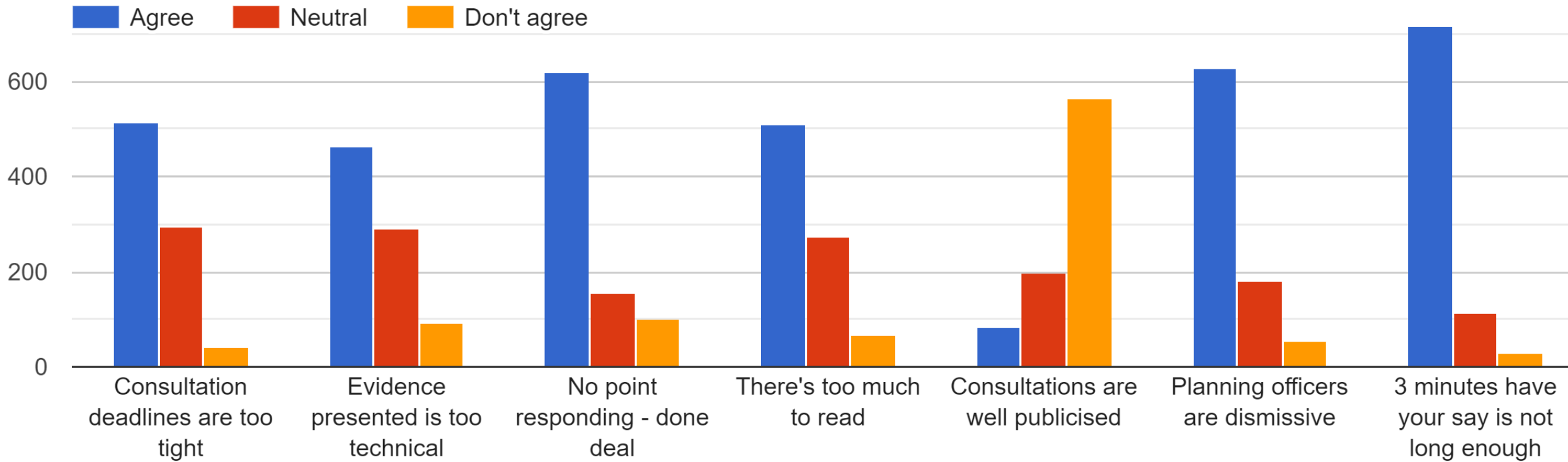
- All decided in advance then consulted on (Decide, Announce, Defend)
- Token questions asked but little attempt to engage with residents to shape their future
- Discussions first, then proposals & revisions according to feedback (Engage, Deliberate, Decide)

To what extent do you feel public consultation submissions were taken on board?

880 responses

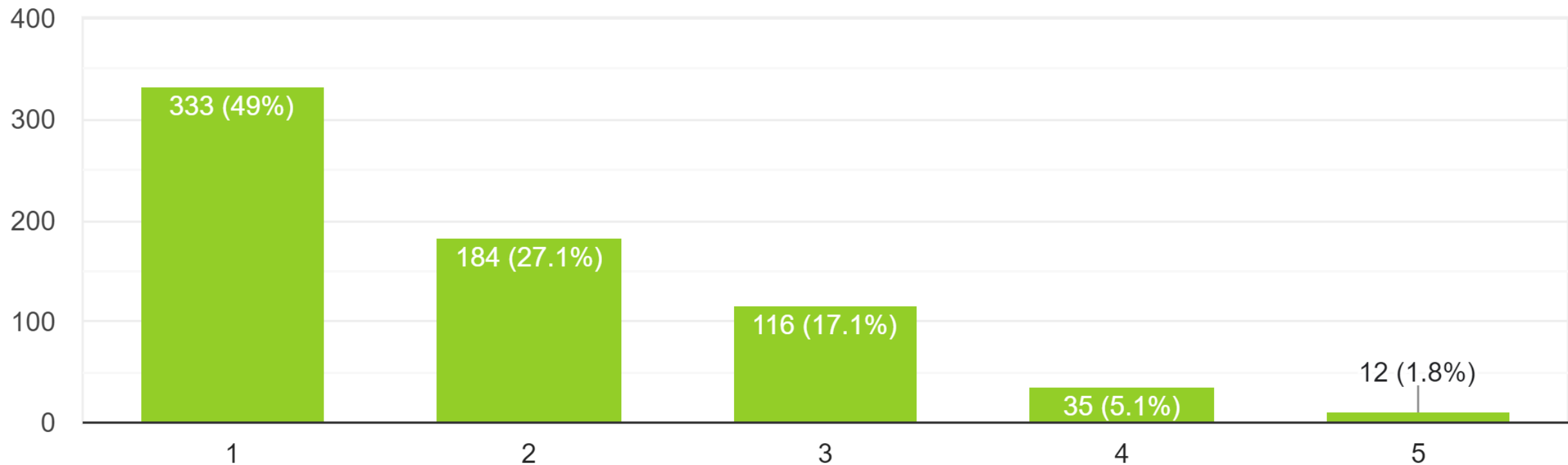


Which of the following to you agree with?



If you have experience of the Planning Inspectorate, to what extent do you feel their decisions are fair to communities?

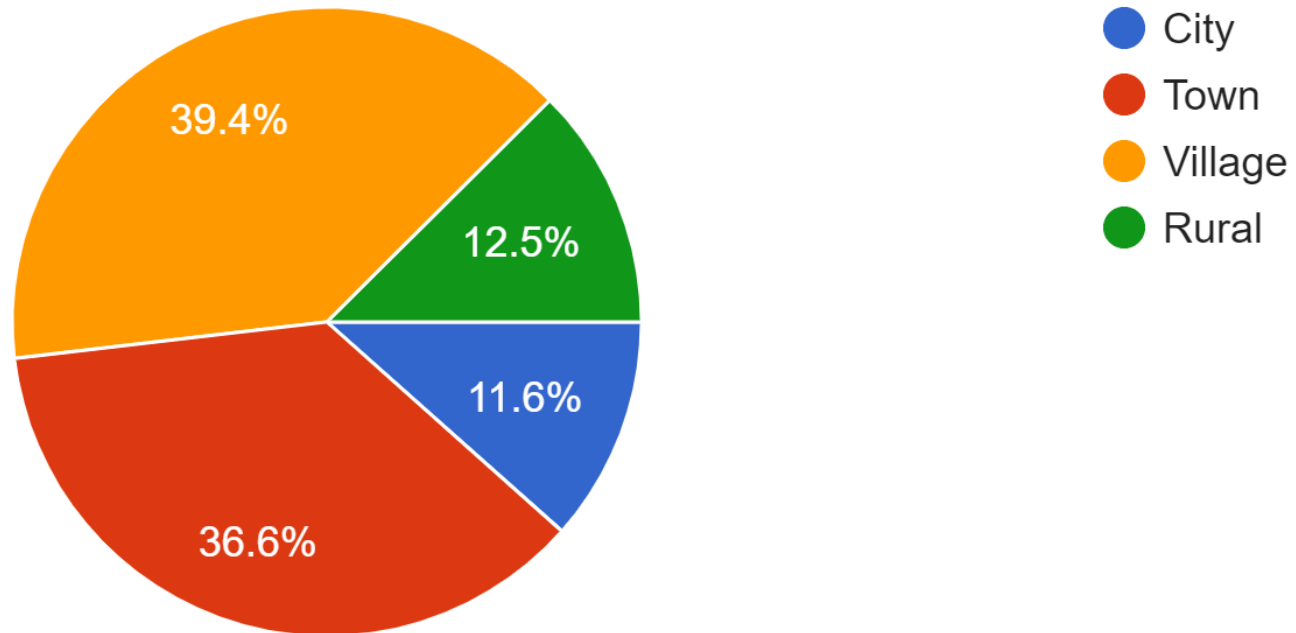
680 responses





Which of the following best describes the area you live in?

891 responses





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