

Seeking your views: survey results

During and after our public drop-in events in May 2019, we asked the residents of Coggeshall, Feering and Kelvedon who will benefit from the scheme if they would fill out our questionnaire/online survey and provide feedback on the design of the scheme. The survey closed on 31 July.

Initially the responses we received were based on the scheme's outline design that we presented at the public drop-in events. The comments generally related to the design of the scheme, including opportunities to improve public access. The various ideas and comments that were offered will be considered in the detailed design.

In July a public meeting was arranged by Coggeshall Parish Council, and a leaflet was widely distributed by a local group known as Coggeshall Residents Against Quarrying (CRAQ).

Whilst this helped to raise the profile of the scheme in Coggeshall, unfortunately many of the responses we received after this event were based on factually incorrect information contained within CRAQ's leaflet, and the feedback subsequently offered did not relate to the scheme we are designing.

We have worked through what has been a mixed response, with a large number of the responses after the Coggeshall Parish Council meeting having been dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with the scheme. This includes the usefulness of the website and public engagement experience. This is where we feel most concern as residents have commented about not being able to understand the scheme from the information given.

Examples of key responses we wish to address:

There were several comments about the works being less than 100 metres for the construction duration of 20 years.

The scheme is being designed so that at its nearest point the edge of the quarrying operations will be at least 150m from any residential boundary located along Grange Hill. Plus, the works in this area of the site are likely to be carried out during years 18 to 20 of the 20 year construction programme.

There were also several comments relating to transport and increased disruption in Coggeshall village and additional lorries passing the historic buildings.

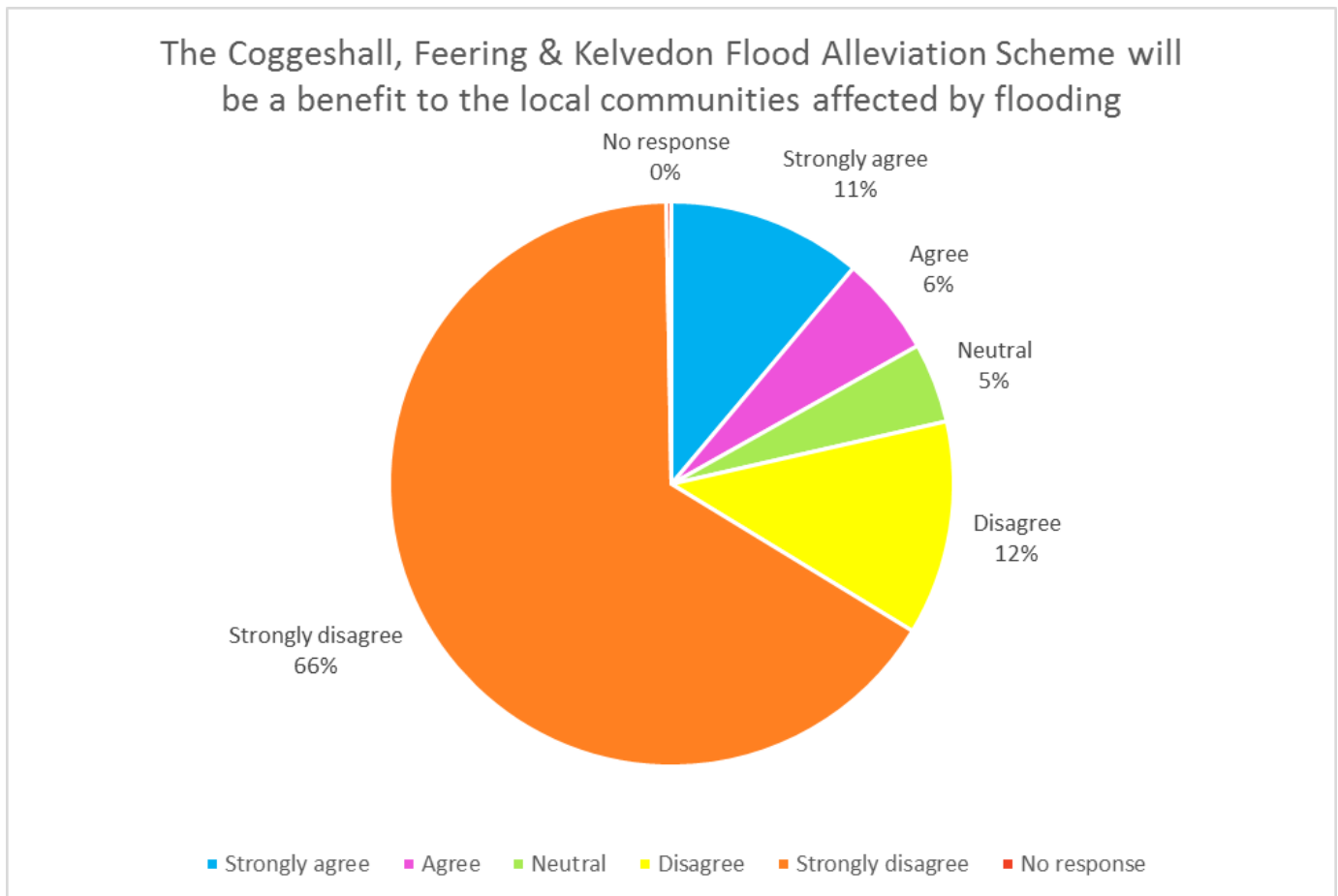
If the scheme is developed, HGV access to and from Bradwell Quarry will continue to be provided via the established site access road to and from the A120. There will be no change in the number of HGVs entering or leaving Bradwell Quarry, and there will be no change in how HGVs will get to and from the site, which already avoid all local villages. No changes will occur to increase any lorry movements through Coggeshall village.

As we've explained previously this partnership project is the only scheme that is economically viable and offers the ability for the three local communities to better protected for a significant flood event.

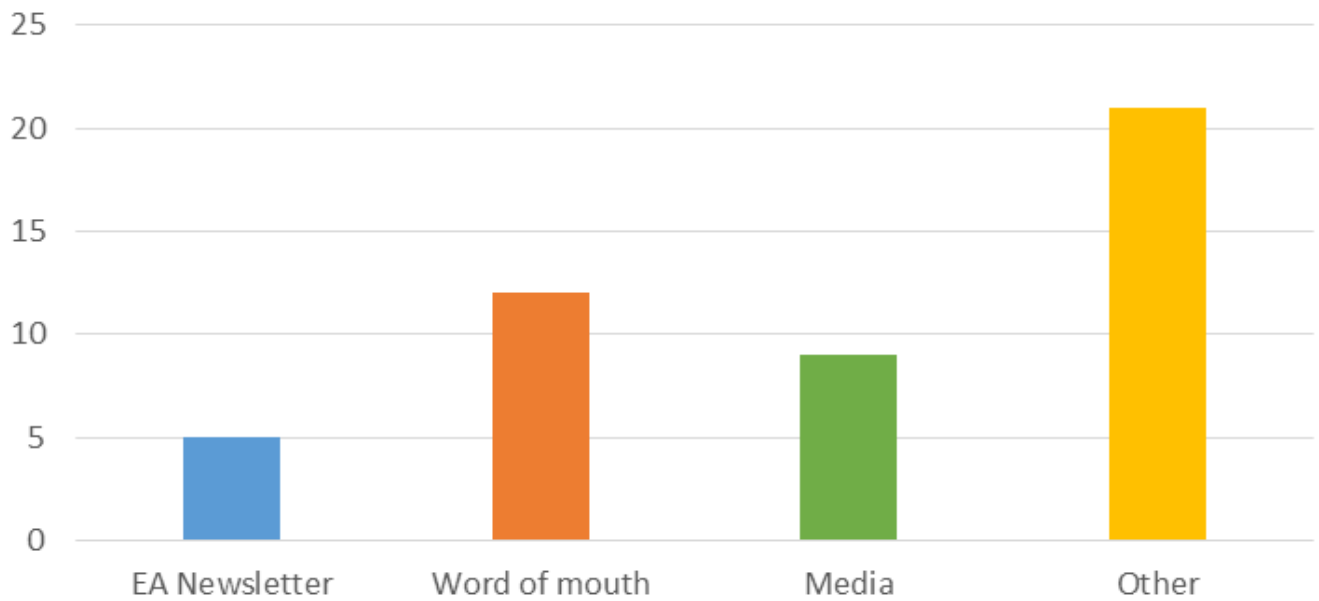
As the scheme has developed we have already made changes, and will continue to look at further opportunities, to enhance the local environment by creating areas of bio-diverse priority habitats which could be connected to the existing floodplain and willow plantation within the Blackwater valley. New footpaths and bridleways will also be created across the site, some of which will be created and made available for use during the early stages of the works.

The responses to all of the survey questions are presented below in graphs. We received 310 responses online, and a further 44 were submitted by email/post/at the drop-ins.

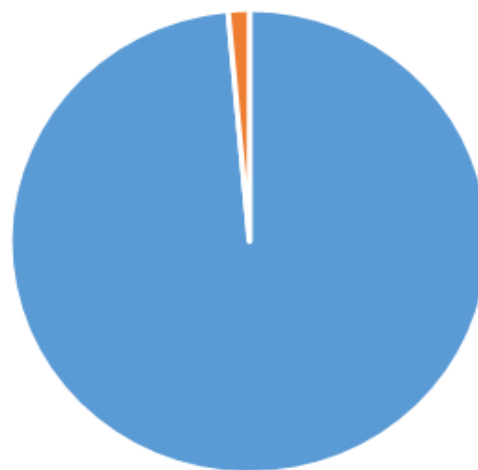
Before we submit the planning application we will be holding two further public drop-in events early in 2020. We will also be improving our presentation by providing visualisations of the stage construction to highlight what the staged construction approach means to the local residents.



Where did you hear about this scheme and public engagement?

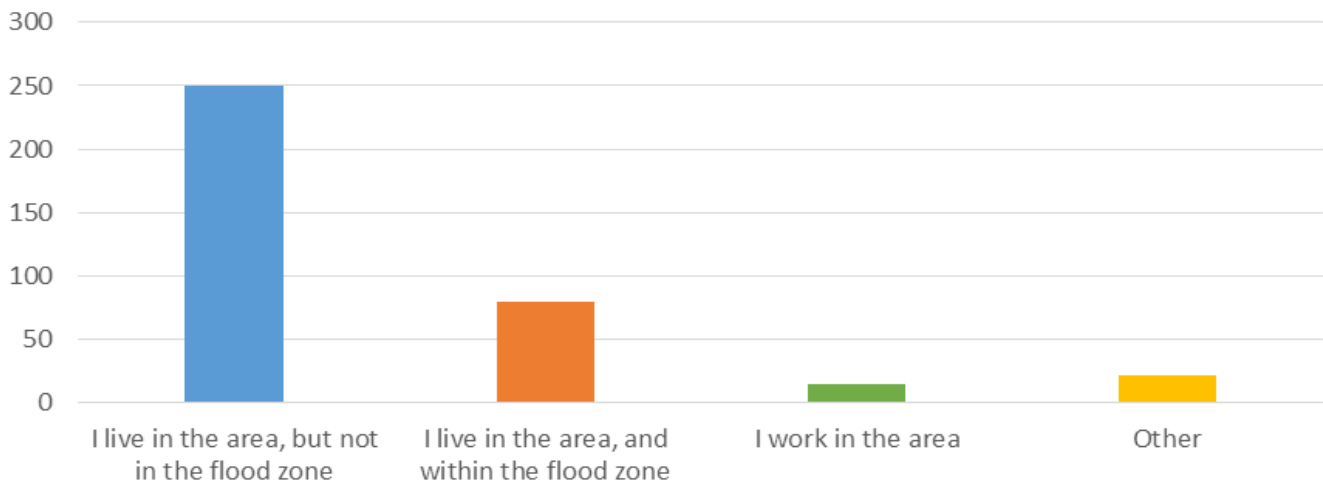


Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?



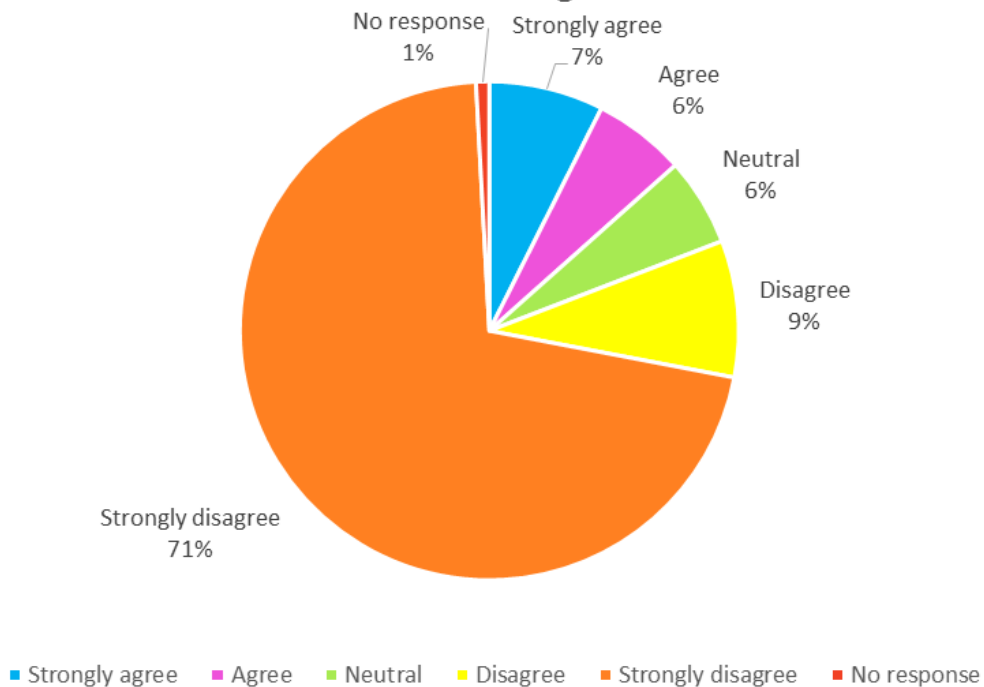
■ Individual ■ Organisation

What is your interest in the local area affected by the scheme?

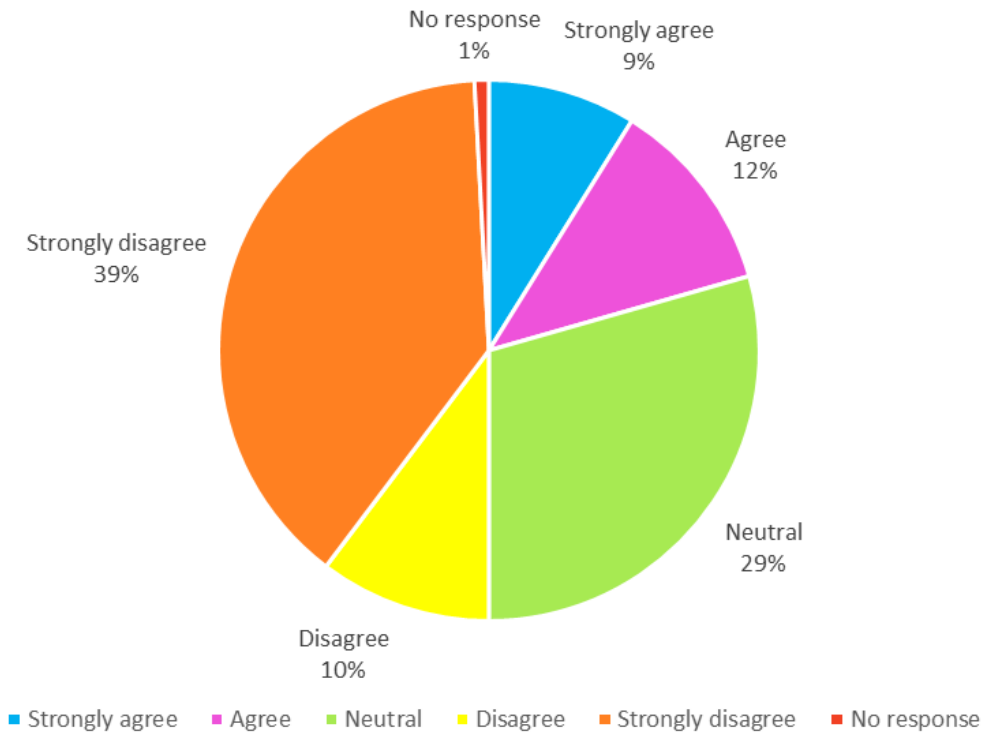


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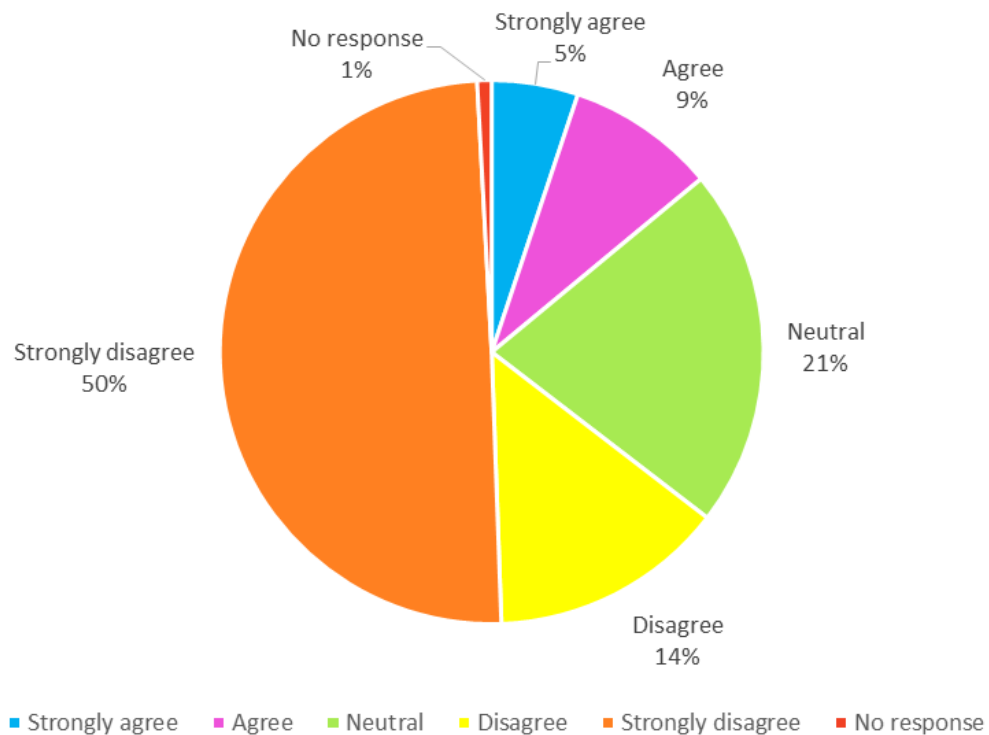
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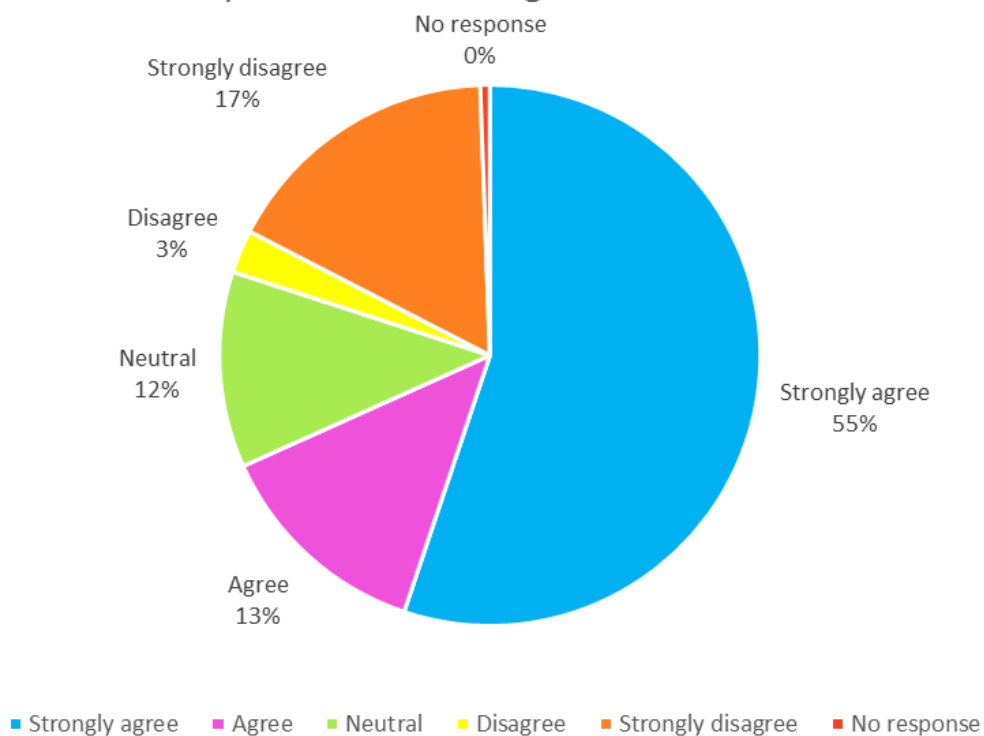
The Coggeshall, Feering & Kelvedon Flood Alleviation Scheme should use a partnership approach to provide an economically viable scheme



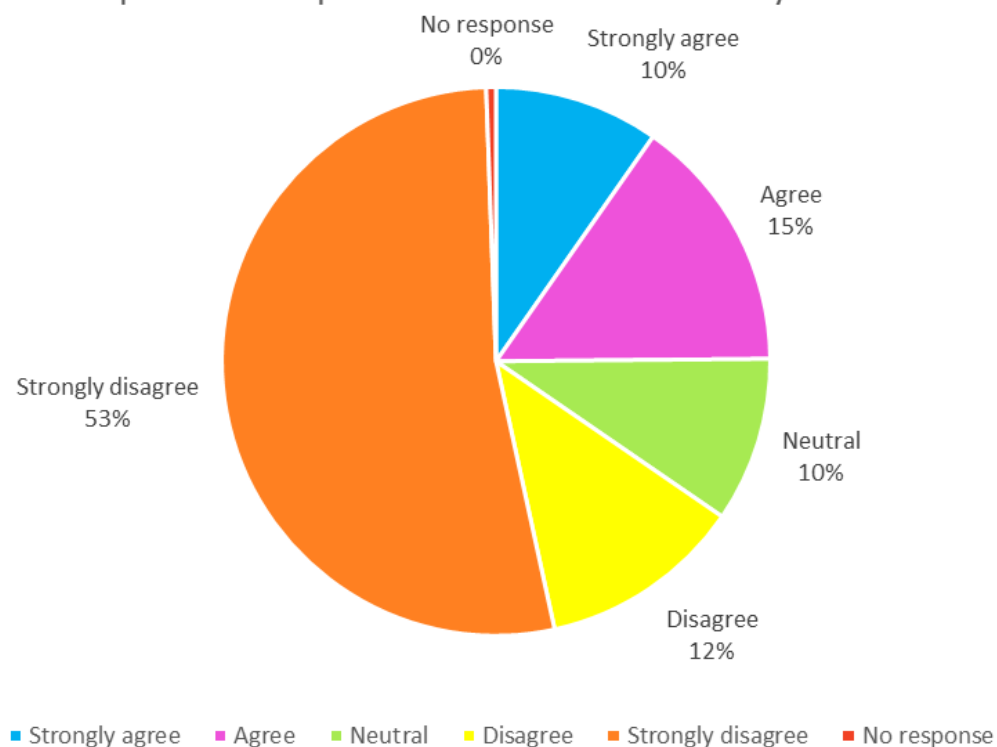
The Coggeshall, Feering & Kelvedon Flood Alleviation Scheme should be an opportunity to provide a more accessible link across the river in Coggeshall



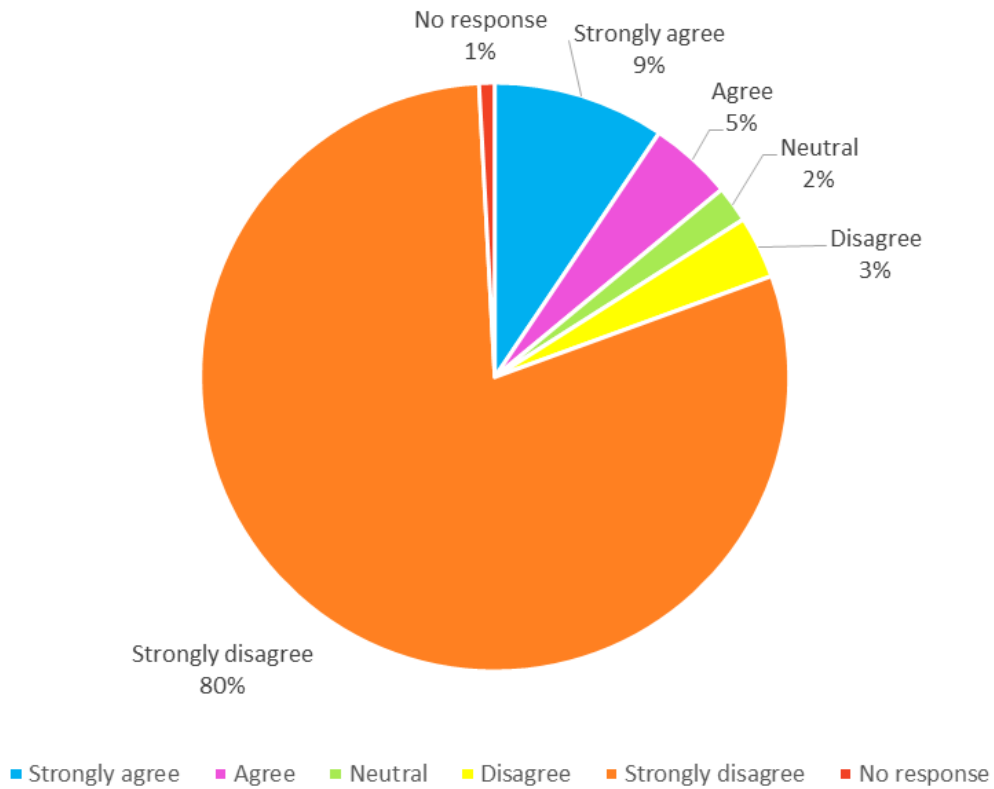
The Coggeshall, Feering & Kelvedon Flood Alleviation Scheme should consider environmental impacts as part of the design and provide overall long term benefit



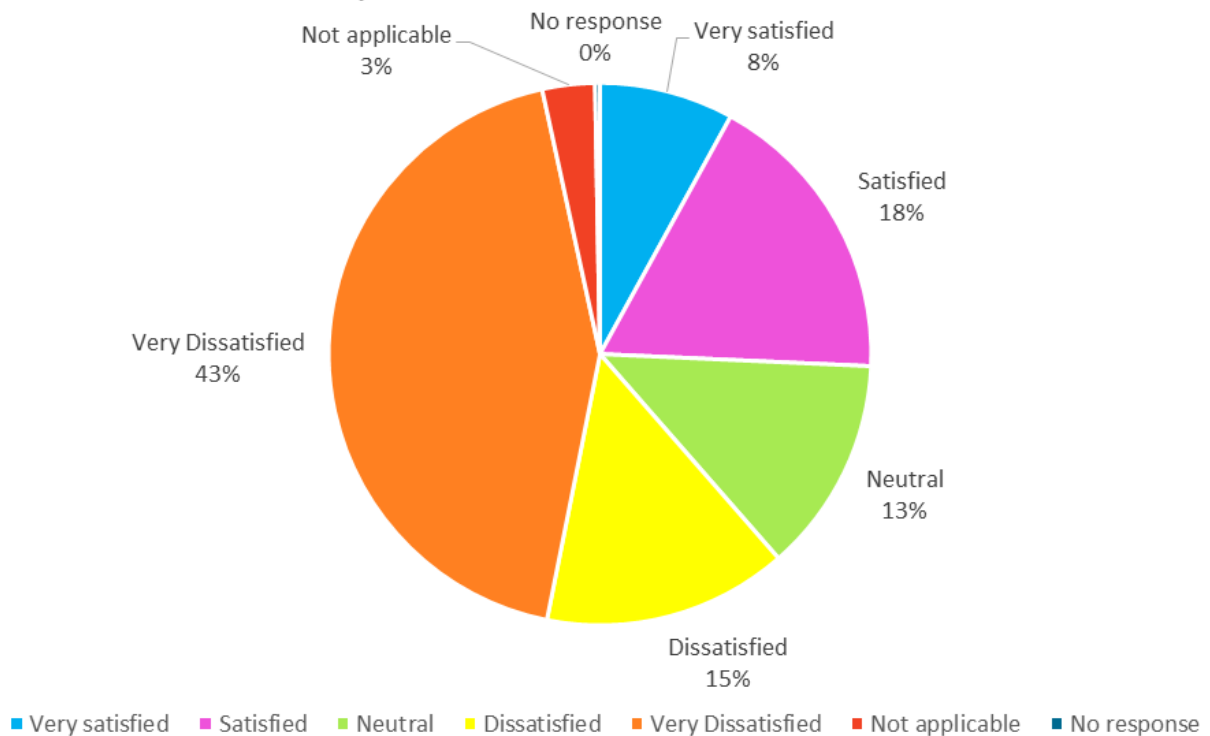
The Coggeshall, Feering & Kelvedon Flood Alleviation Scheme has provided enough detail on the scheme to help me understand the potential impacts and the benefits it may offer



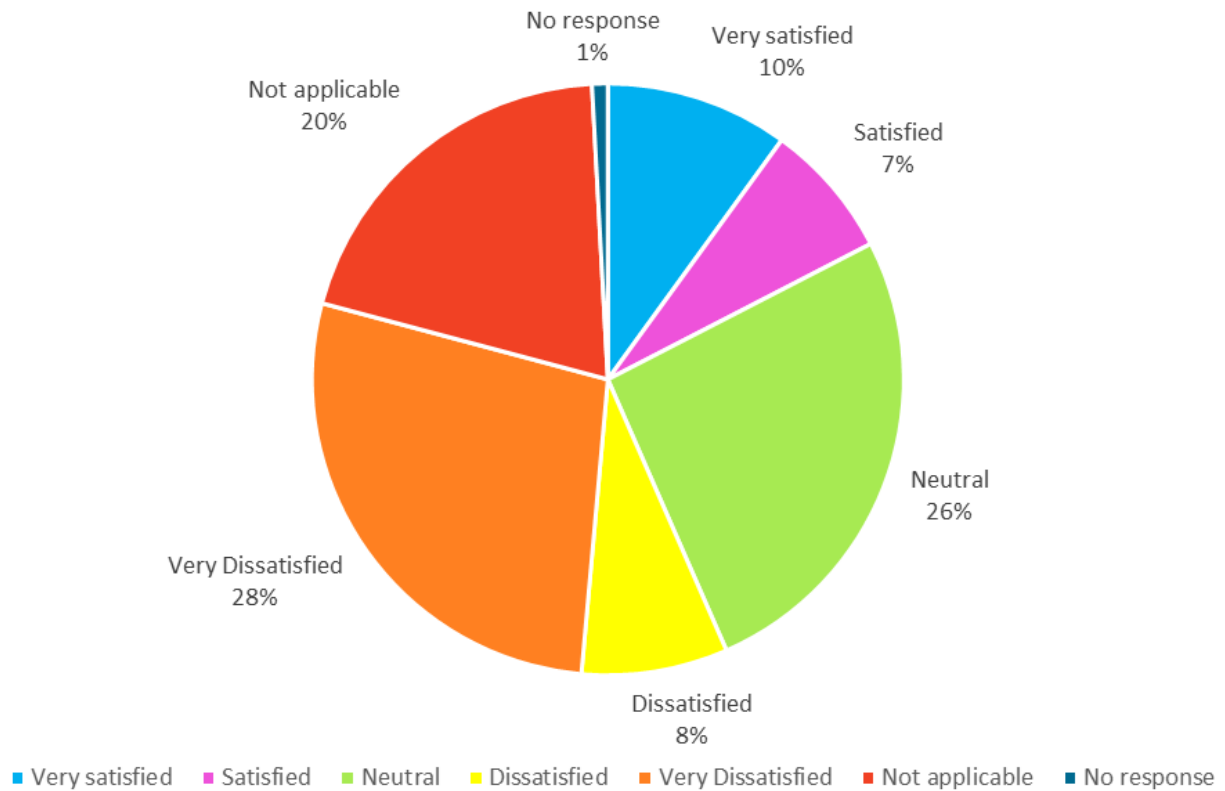
The Coggeshall, Feering & Kelvedon Flood Alleviation Scheme is something that I support and would want to see built



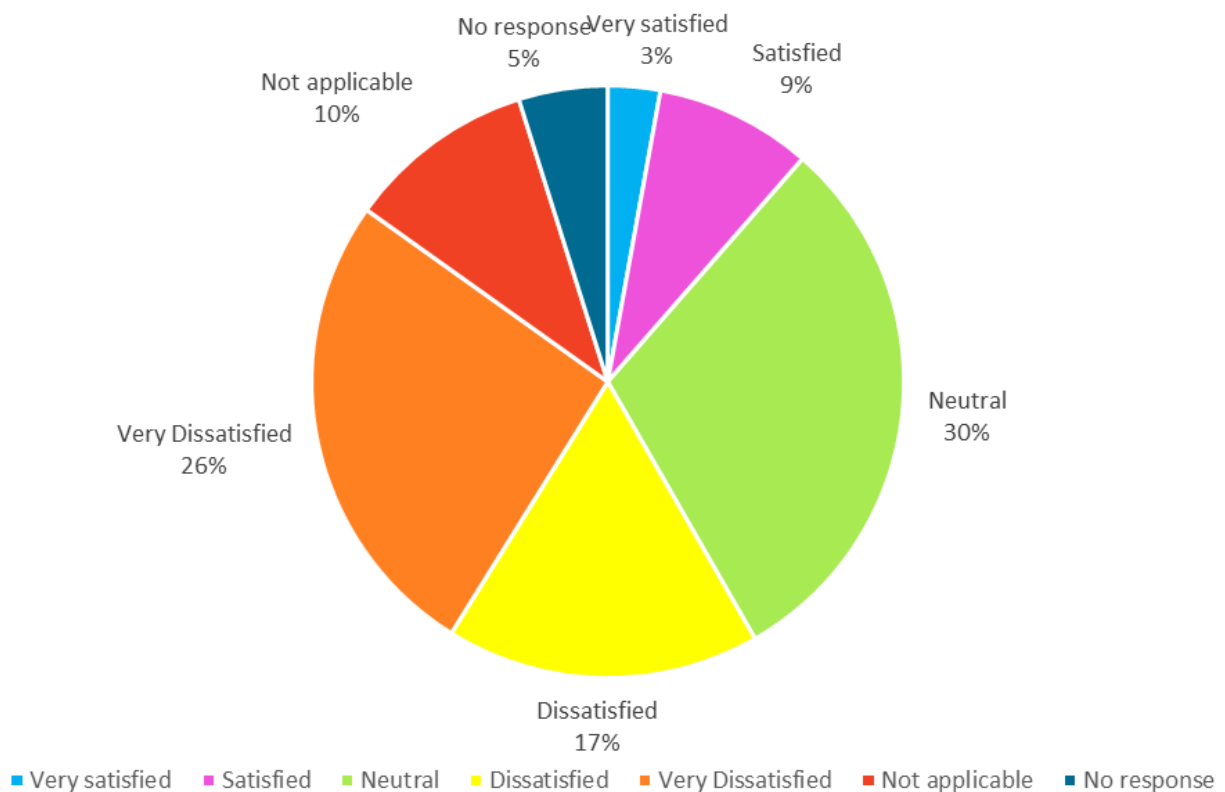
Regarding the flood alleviation scheme, how satisfied are you with the following: - Usefulness of the information provided in helping you to understand the scheme



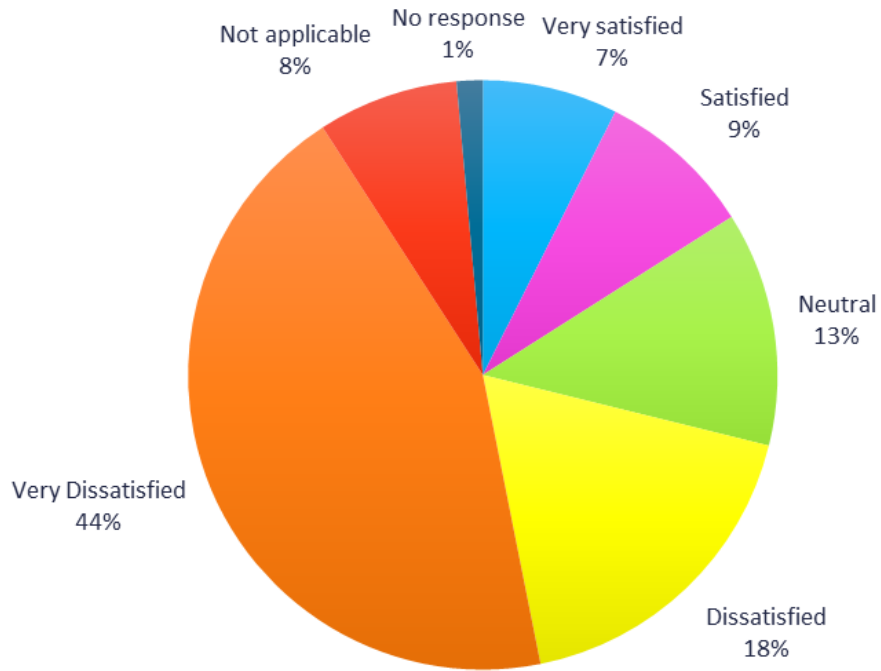
Regarding the flood alleviation scheme, how satisfied are you with the following: - Helpfulness of project team staff



Regarding the flood alleviation scheme, how satisfied are you with the following: - Usefulness of the web page



Regarding the flood alleviation scheme, how satisfied are you with the following: - Overall public engagement experience



■ Very satisfied ■ Satisfied ■ Neutral ■ Dissatisfied ■ Very Dissatisfied ■ Not applicable ■ No response