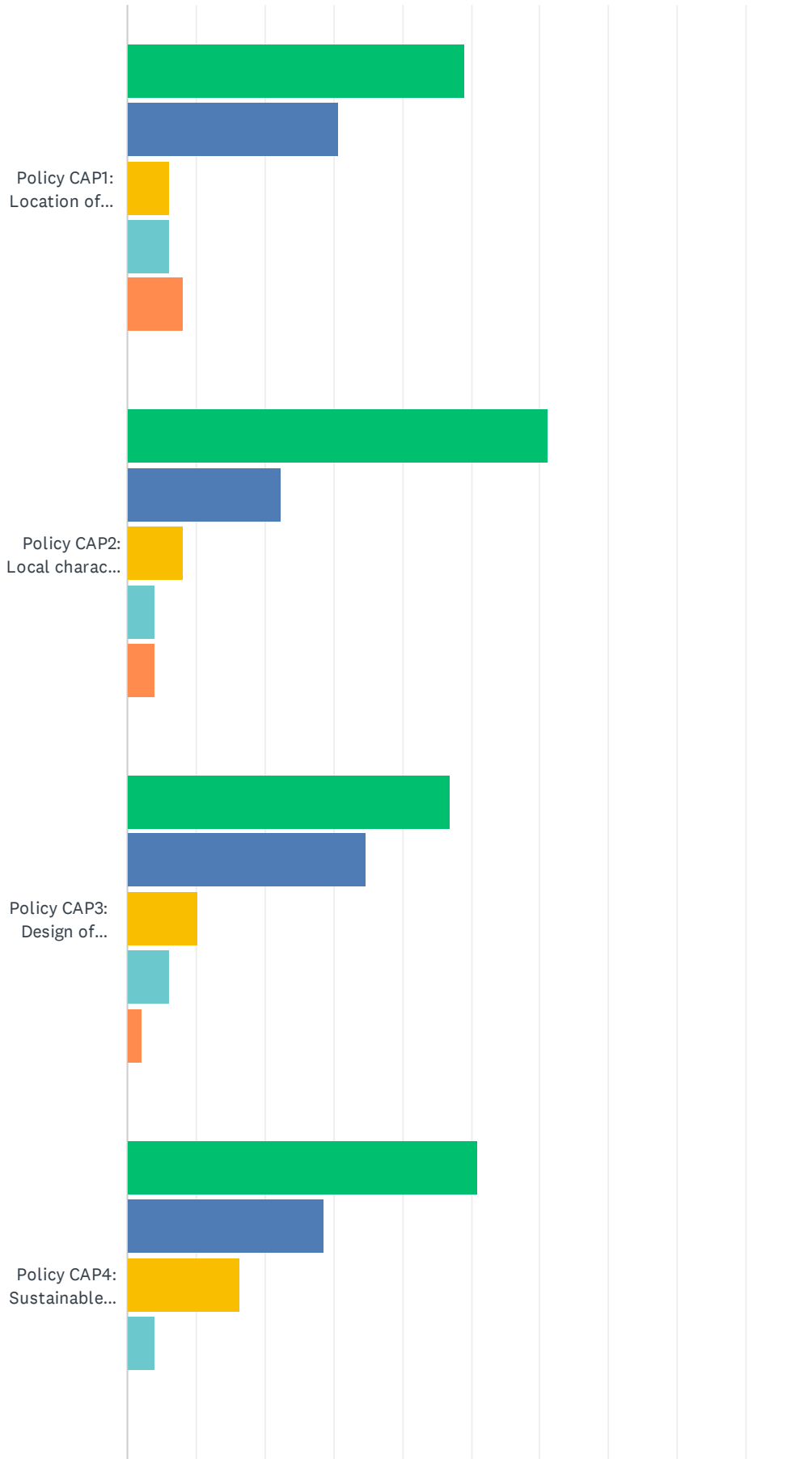
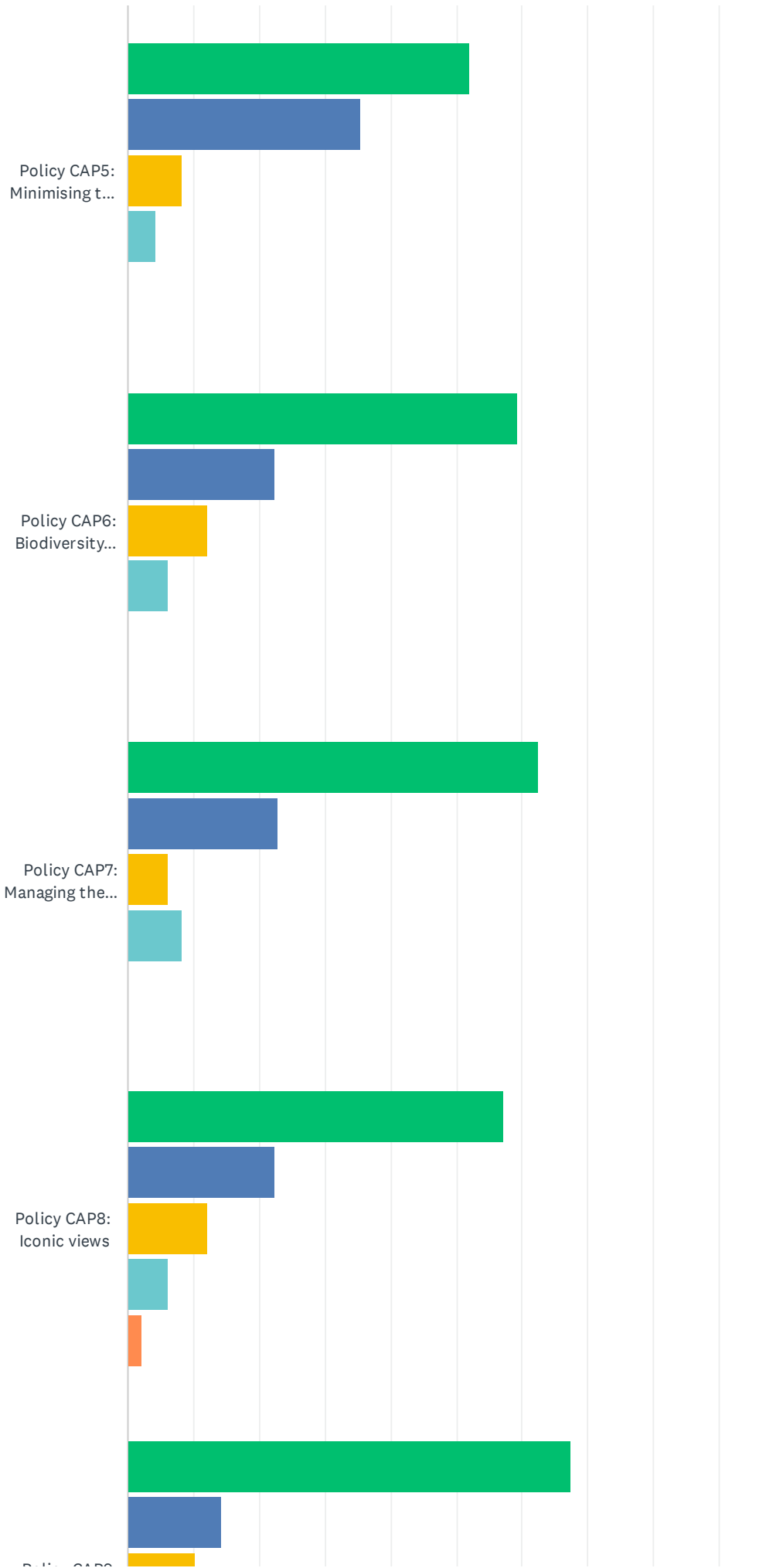
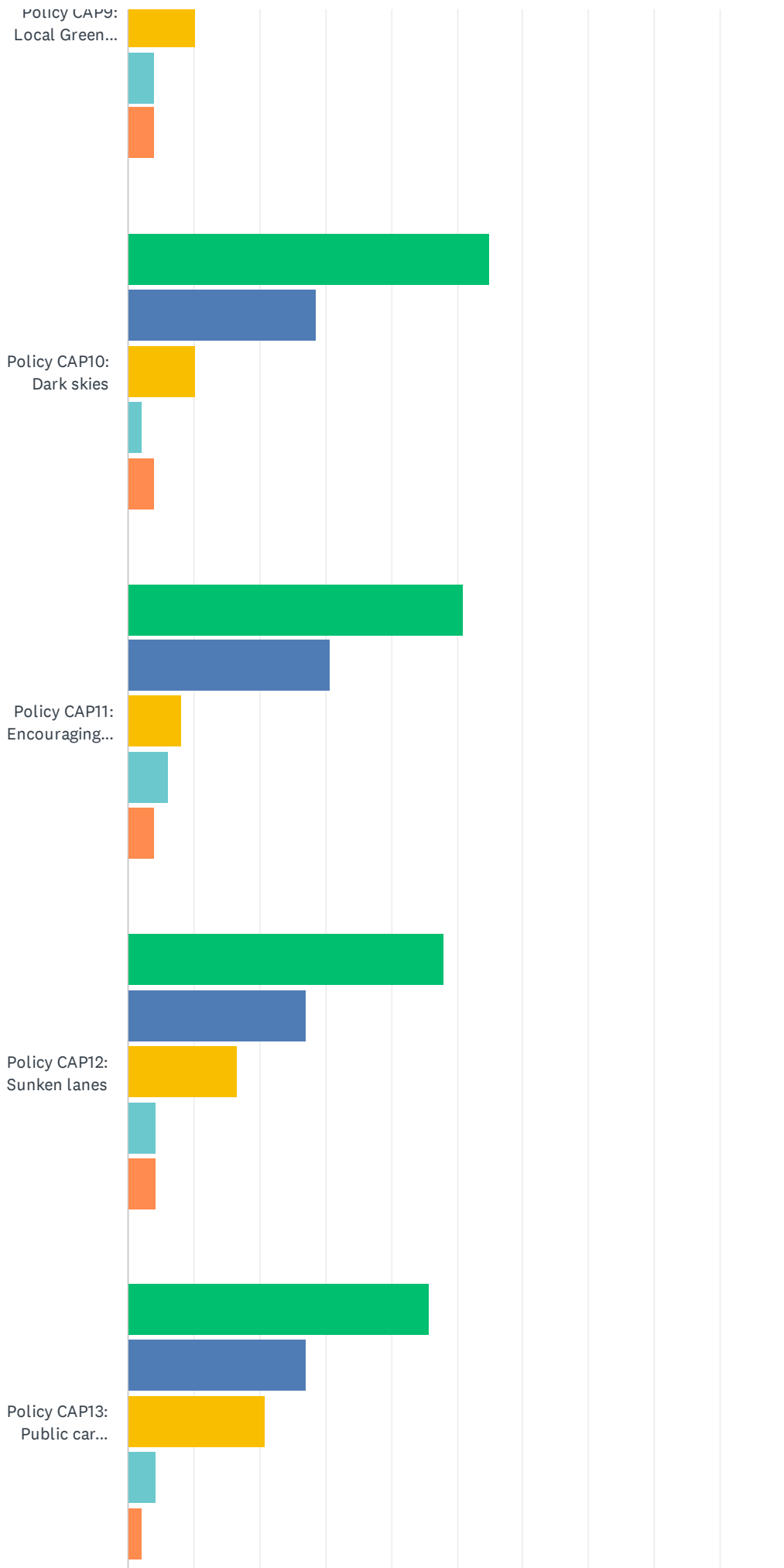


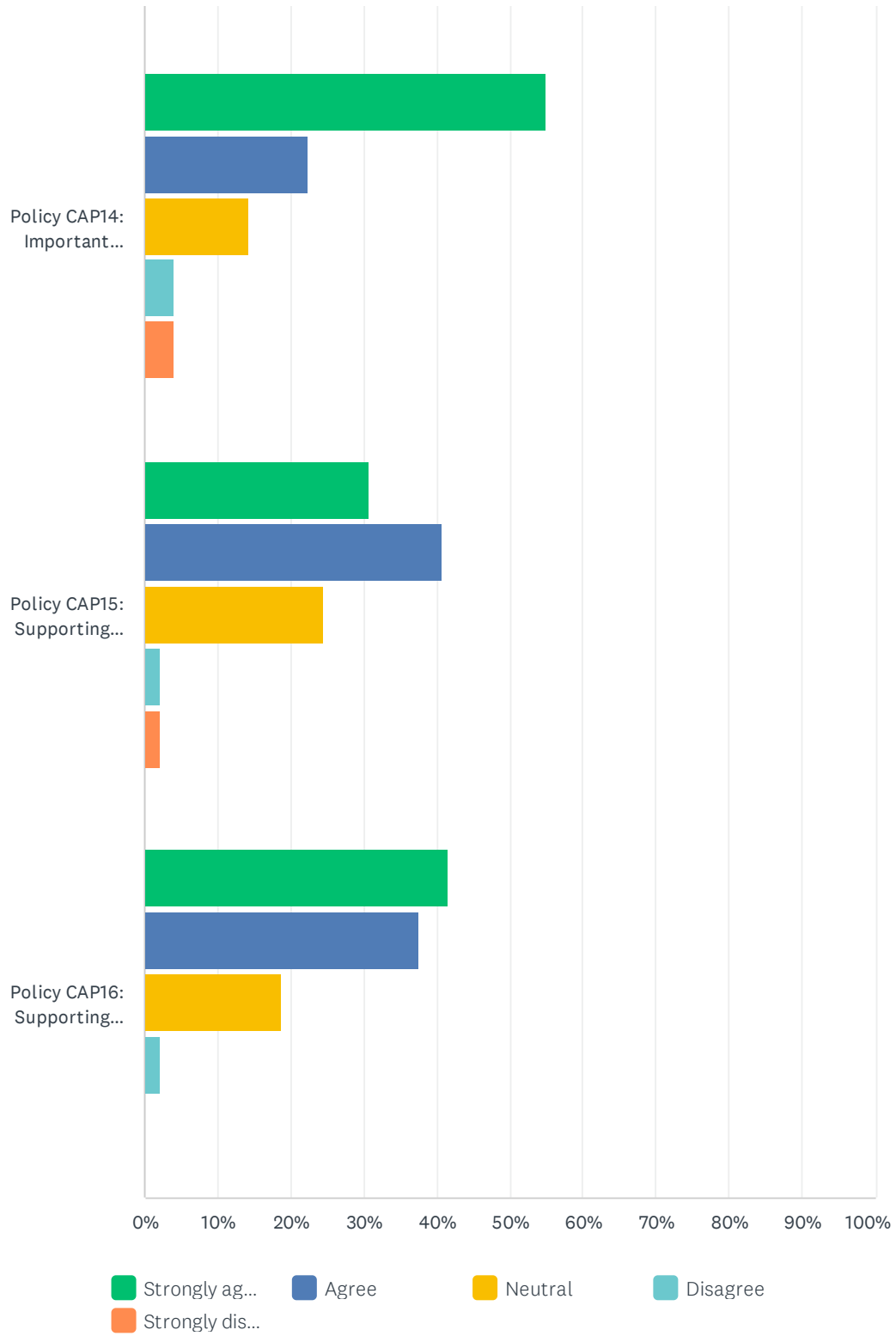
Q1 To what extent do you agree with the following policies?

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	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	TOTAL
Policy CAP1: Location of development	48.98% 24	30.61% 15	6.12% 3	6.12% 3	8.16% 4	49
Policy CAP2: Local character and heritage	61.22% 30	22.45% 11	8.16% 4	4.08% 2	4.08% 2	49
Policy CAP3: Design of development	46.94% 23	34.69% 17	10.20% 5	6.12% 3	2.04% 1	49
Policy CAP4: Sustainable design	51.02% 25	28.57% 14	16.33% 8	4.08% 2	0.00% 0	49
Policy CAP5: Minimising the risk of flooding	52.08% 25	35.42% 17	8.33% 4	4.17% 2	0.00% 0	48
Policy CAP6: Biodiversity and the network of green and blue infrastructure	59.18% 29	22.45% 11	12.24% 6	6.12% 3	0.00% 0	49
Policy CAP7: Managing the environmental impact of development	62.50% 30	22.92% 11	6.25% 3	8.33% 4	0.00% 0	48
Policy CAP8: Iconic views	57.14% 28	22.45% 11	12.24% 6	6.12% 3	2.04% 1	49
Policy CAP9: Local Green Spaces	67.35% 33	14.29% 7	10.20% 5	4.08% 2	4.08% 2	49
Policy CAP10: Dark skies	55.10% 27	28.57% 14	10.20% 5	2.04% 1	4.08% 2	49
Policy CAP11: Encouraging sustainable movement	51.02% 25	30.61% 15	8.16% 4	6.12% 3	4.08% 2	49
Policy CAP12: Sunken lanes	47.92% 23	27.08% 13	16.67% 8	4.17% 2	4.17% 2	48
Policy CAP13: Public car parking	45.83% 22	27.08% 13	20.83% 10	4.17% 2	2.08% 1	48
Policy CAP14: Important community facilities	55.10% 27	22.45% 11	14.29% 7	4.08% 2	4.08% 2	49
Policy CAP15: Supporting commercial businesses and expansions	30.61% 15	40.82% 20	24.49% 12	2.04% 1	2.04% 1	49
Policy CAP16: Supporting SMEs, flexible start-ups, and homeworking	41.67% 20	37.50% 18	18.75% 9	2.08% 1	0.00% 0	48

#	PLEASE ADD ANY COMMENTS YOU HAVE ON ANY OF THE POLICIES. PLEASE INDICATE WHICH POLICY YOU ARE COMMENTING ON BY QUOTING THE POLICY NUMBER.	DATE
1	Good document overall. CAP14 - care needed when considering any further development of the Hermitage rd rec ground, which should not risk destroying the essentially village ambience and relaxed, tranquil nature of the rec ground. It must not be turned into a suburban park with all the associated anti-social behaviour. There is already a great deal of use of the rec ground and it cannot be made into all things for all people without ruining it.	4/18/2023 7:02 PM
2		4/18/2023 5:25 PM
3	CAP14 -I feel that the recreation ground is already fully utilised, in fact getting over used - the sports activities tend to dominate the area to the detriment of picnics, dog walking etc I would strongly object to any development of the rifle shed -the parking on ashmore green road for the current sporting activities already causes obstruction and danger. There is already a community space in Acland hall which if necessary could be maximised. This contains toilets and i can see no legitimate reason for public toilets being added to the site - this will only attract antisocial behaviour. There is a well used play ground and the teenagers have the tennis courts, basketball hoops and the field to play in. The provision of set gym equipment and/or other youth play areas will again over develop the recreation ground in my opinion -any development should respect the village ambience CAP16 - would want to	4/18/2023 3:39 PM

	ensure that no commercial activity is permitted in peoples houses or gardens which reduces residents amenity	
4	<p>CAP8 - iconic views - V4 is incorrectly shown on fig 6.5 map. Please amend! Section 9 - is misinformation and needs re-writing!! : This is a rural parish, which has grown off the back of the rural economy and local farming and agricultural enterprises, and it is disappointing, if not dangerous, to see such alarming misinformation readily published in the draft NDP. Section 9.2 reads: "In line with experiences across the British countryside, employment opportunities in the agricultural sector have reduced". As the parish representatives for this community, you simply must do better. Publishing broad misstatements will not do, and clearly there needs to be an element of education here to bring greater awareness of the true opportunity that exists within the agricultural sector and wider rural industries. "Employment opportunities in the agricultural sector" have not "reduced" – the truth is in fact, the exact opposite. Registrations to study land-based degrees are on the rise, and the agricultural industry has the highest level of new entrants (from non-farming backgrounds) and diversity than ever seen previously. As the sector transitions to meet net-zero targets and work towards food production in light of ever-changing legislation and sustainability goalposts, the industry has welcomed a wealth of new career opportunities and working professionals. Farming and agricultural industries permeate a far larger social sphere than you have given credit, and to imply that the sector offers up no new opportunities is damaging and frankly insulting. It highlights a stark disconnect of the councillors with the parish and rural landscape within which they live, and supposedly represent. More than ever, the sector needs agronomists, meteorologists, geologists, data analysts, recruiters, PR, journalists, lawyers, policy writers, policy analysts, vets, land agents and estate agents, quality assurance (especially in light of the recent food fraud scandal unearthed by Farmers Weekly), renewables specialists.... The list goes on. I have linked below an article which I hope will be enlightening as to the vast opportunity that exists within the land-based industries, and I hope you will take this into account and revise the above statement in section 9.2 of the NDP. In light of the current economic climate and drive for sustainability, it is not wise to devalue and isolate those working within the agricultural sector. Who puts food on your tables? Who upholds the strict and world-leading welfare standards on British farms? Who produces sustainable food goods with a lower carbon-footprint than you will see in any supermarket? Who produces a significant share in this country's renewable energy supply, via solar, wind turbines, anaerobic digestion plants and biomass boilers? Who stewards the countryside, for the enjoyment of the parish? Your local farmers. Please do see the links below, for your perusal. https://www.fwi.co.uk/farm-life/a-z-of-careers-in-agriculture https://www.fwi.co.uk/careers/beginners-guide-careers-agriculture-farming#tabs-1 https://www.fwi.co.uk/farm-life/how-farmers-are-helping-to-educate-school-children-about-agriculture The last of the links above includes a statement from Anna Jarratt, head teacher at St Finian's Catholic primary school in Cold Ash, on the importance of the link between schools and agriculture. I welcome your thoughts and look forward to your comments. ' Kind regards Sharon Bovington - Broad View FARM, The Ridge, COLD ASH RG189HX - 07901607922.</p>	4/18/2023 3:02 PM
5	<p>CAP1 1. Irrespective of the number of houses mandated to be built (I understand to be currently zero) I believe there should be a goal to build a small number each year to fulfill the previously stated need for housing to bring in young families to the community and, secondly, housing to allow those with large houses and gardens to downsize but stay within the community. 2. Given the huge national shortage of housing our own community should be prepared to make a contribution by scheduling a limited number of houses per year. 3. The current Settlement Boundaries effectively prevent development. Given that 'ribbon development' along the major parish roads already exists (Red Shute Hill, Hermitage Road, The Ridge etc.) the Settlement Boundaries should be redrawn to include these roads to a depth of, say, 100m either side. Given the number of access points already existing it would be possible to build individual houses and small developments with very little visual impact.</p>	4/16/2023 4:51 PM
6	Thank you for an extremely thorough document w which We support Thanks for all the hard work that has gone into it	4/11/2023 7:27 PM
7	Regarding CAP 10 point d. There are alternative technology's to passive Infrared detection for movement detection such as Microwave doppler. I suggest adding text in[] to cover: "Where appropriate, lights should be controlled by passive infrared detectors [or by other suitable means] so that they only come on when needed".	4/11/2023 5:14 PM
8	CAP 12 The sunken lanes are an interesting link with the past, and should be preserved as far as possible	4/10/2023 12:35 PM
9	Generally good policies. Sceptical about sustainable development - how is building houses better for environment and resources? But good job overall, well done. CAP14 Don't try to do too much, especially with recreation ground. Trying to squeeze too much into the ground will cause problems. Stick with little improvements. Don't turn it into a suburban leisure park	4/1/2023 4:20 PM

- it will lose its character. One of its appeals is its general quietness for dog walkers and people just walking around or sitting on benches.

10	CAP14 - danger of over developing rec ground. Loud music and antisocial behaviour increased in last few years so further development must be carefully thought through and put no noise or loud music notices up. Rifle shed ok as storage but not sensible to use as café or meetings; not enough parking and would add to congestion on Ashmore Green Rd. Acland hall is obvious place to put a cafe because the car parking and kitchen & toilets are already there!	3/30/2023 11:34 AM
11	<p>COLD ASH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN. Response of the British Horse Society. I am responding to CAP 11 and CAP 12 and making some general points on behalf of the British Horse Society as its local Access & Bridleways Officer. I have submitted these comments both online and by email as the online submission removes the formatting which makes the submission less easy to read. A neutral response has been given where that policy is outside the Society's remit. The Society supports CAP11 and 12 but would like to suggest some different wording in places, if it is possible at this stage, to ensure equestrians are not excluded and are catered for. This is essential if the parish is to remain horse friendly. It might be noted that horse keeping in the parish helps to keep a rural ambience which the plan mentions a number of times. It also makes a significant contribution to the local economy.</p> <p>1. CAP 11 point 3: The current wording says 'The provision of new footpaths and cycle routes that, where feasible, are physically separated from vehicular traffic will be strongly supported'. The Society requests that the wording is amended as follows 'The provision of new public and permissive rights of way, and cycle routes that, where feasible, are physically separated from vehicular traffic will be strongly supported'. Footpaths are not legally open to horse riders. Broadening the term will mean they are not excluded. If amended, the Society strongly supports this policy. You will no doubt be aware of the permissive bridleway through Westrop Farm created by Bernard Clarke. This is a godsend to local horse riders as it provides safe access to the Pang Valley bridleway network especially as the definitive bridleway though Broad View Farm was inhospitable for many years. Further permanent (definitive) or permissive bridleways would be much welcomed by the equestrian community and, of course, bridleways can also be used by walkers and cyclists.</p> <p>2. CAP 12 Sunken Lanes. 7.13 and 7.17: The Society welcomes and appreciates the inclusion and needs of horse riders here. Although not mentioned in the plan, there are a number of horses kept in the parish, some owned by Cold Ash residents, some not, particularly at Elmshurst Farm and Poplar Farm. In addition, many riders from Hermitage, Curridge, and Bucklebury parish ride through Cold Ash parish using these lanes and the bridleways and byways, the Ridge and even the Hermitage Rd as part of their circular rides in the area. Furthermore, horse drawn carriage drivers, with horses kept at Poplar Farm, use the local roads. These horses support rural economies and help keep the parish rural. The Society will strongly support the concept of 'Quiet lanes' and any measures to make the roads safer for horse riding and carriage driving in the hope that these roads will remain suitable for horses. We do not see this listed in section 10 as a non-policy action. The focus on sunken lanes, while interesting as a feature, does lead to the lack of mention of the other lanes, Bucklebury Alley and Lawrences Lane. Bucklebury Alley is particularly important for horse travel and favoured by horse riders. . The public rights of way network is mentioned throughout the plan and appears to be very much valued. Thus it is a somewhat surprising that it does not have its own headed section. However, it is covered in Section 7 and policy CAP 11. Inaccuracies and unclear statements: There are some inaccuracies in the description of the public rights of way network. We request these are corrected because, while walkers can use all types of public rights of way, other user groups cannot. Para 2.3 is not factually correct as not all the public rights of way in the area covered by the plan are footpaths. We suggest the word 'footpaths' is changed to 'public rights of way.' Para 2.29: The Society welcomes and supports the statements here. However, we suggest that for accuracy mention should be made that the parish does have three BOATs (byways open to all traffic): Cold 5/1, COLD 5/2, COLD 5/3, COLD25/1 and COLD26 /1. We suggest mention is made of these because they legally cater for more than just walkers, ie. horse riders, cyclists, horse drawn carriages and public motor vehicles. This needs to be recognised by all to avoid confusion and conflict. Para 5.57. 'Existing public footpaths are to be maintained, with new landscaped connections into the site and the wider footpath network encouraged.' It is unclear whether this is referring to footpaths as part of the public rights of way network or footways (pavements) alongside roads. If footways (pavements) are meant, we suggest the correct term is used according to Highway designation. If public rights of way are being referred to, we suggest the term 'public rights of way' is used. This point also applies to the summary where footways (pavements) may be meant in this statement 'Movement around the parish is a recognised issue, as many of the roads are little more than upgraded country tracks, several without footpaths' 6.16. '• a comprehensive network of Public Rights of way (see Public Rights of Way), including a network of bridleways': there really isn't a network of bridleways. As alluded to elsewhere, most of the public rights of way are of footpath status. Page 104 V4: 'footpath' 25 is not a public footpath but a byway</p>	3/29/2023 6:47 PM

(BOAT) and bridleway. This needs to be corrected. Ridden horses and cyclists can thus use this path and need to be accommodated along it. J C Bridger 29th March 2023
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12	Policy CAP3 - Design of Development - crucial Policy CAP7 - Managing the environmental impact of development - crucial	3/29/2023 4:28 PM
13	CAP8. Inclusion of another Iconic view, looking south east towards the Downs, from the Quiet Garden off Gladstone Lane.	3/28/2023 12:03 AM
14	CAP 10 The dark skies policy could go further to cover adding lighting, whether security or garden enhancement to existing homes. Consider how to make homeowners aware of policy particularly in an area of AONB?	3/27/2023 9:37 PM
15	Cap14. I would have expected the NDP to highlight more significantly what services are NOT currently available within the area. There is a brief mention in 8.1, but I think it is important in a planning document to highlight this more strongly, as it is an important consideration when considering future development as to whether the area can support the extra population requirements. So I would also think it would be useful to include the distances/maps showing the nearest secondary schools, doctors, dentists, shops, fuel station, train stations, etc. Are local schools full or is there capacity to support new residents? I appreciate this will change with time, but an indication would be helpful.	3/24/2023 7:40 PM
16	Whilst I approve of all the proposed policies in particular I would say: CAP 1: I believe the maintenance of the settlement boundaries is paramount CAP 10: Dark skies retention is very important CAP 12: The protection of the sunken lanes as these, once lost, cannot be recovered CAP 13: Promoting the use of bikes/e-bikes and electric cars will be beneficial, but sufficient parking should be available for all vehicles as restricting car park spaces rarely stops people using them, they just park on verges, etc.	3/24/2023 11:49 AM
17	I feel Cold Ash has become rather offensive in the way they protest to every planning that is put forward unless it is for themselves, in their gardens etc.. We own a farm. We have found on the whole that Cold Ash Parish Council feel they own our land and not my dear Father who is in his 80's now. I saw a drone photo published last week of our farm as if it is owned by The parish council . We were not asked . Let alone thanked for the hard work that goes into the daily running of a farm to keep it up. We have suffered vandalism and harsh words . We are gentle folk . I think giving this kind of power, these 'steering groups goes to peoples heads. I wish it was more friendly.	3/17/2023 10:24 PM
18	Where is the infrastructure to sustain all this development! Site plans and existing and future developments would have been helpful. Traffic will increase, what provision for highway maintenance of new roads when they can't maintain existing, no mention about public transport, we cannot even have gas or mains sewage so how will this affect existing?	3/17/2023 11:10 AM
19	CAP2, CAP3. personally I have no problem with modern building design sitting along side older buildings. I think it is more honest than attempting a recreation of a design from the 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s just because that is what is next door. We should allow the world to move forward and if different materials and philosophies dictate different building designs then they should not be asked to replicate something older. Deliberately avoiding challenging someone's view of what is aesthetically pleasing to them, based on what they have today is not the right approach. A specific example would be if a passiv house (ultimate eco friendly approach) was proposed. There would be very specific design criteria driven by the need to maximise solar gain (large windows on south side), prevent heat loss (small windows on north side), and potentially other impacts to roof design based on air circulation and the need for optimal angle for solar panels. These policies should not provide an excuse for someone to object to change because 'it doesn't look like a proper traditional house'. Separately, I have pointed out a mistake to the labelling of Cleardene Woods. I contacted Ivor directly, but he asked that I put it into the comments here to track it.	3/16/2023 5:35 PM
20	CAP1 - Strikes of nimbyism - whilst non-settlement boundary development should be avoided, diverse housing requirement should be considered. Small, sensitive developments outside of settlements can be done well. It's just that effort is required. CAP10 - Should not prioritise dark skies over safety which itself is unmentioned within the policy CAP. CAP12 - Some urgency should be given to the condition of these sunken roads. Fisher's Lane for example, should be considered as a quiet lane given the otherwise lack of safe East-West pedestrian or cycle access until Red Chute or North Thatcham. CAP14 - There should be no permitted circumstances where development may result in the loss of any public community facility whether in terms of buildings, developed areas (car parks, tennis courts, etc) or a loss of community space.	3/13/2023 1:38 PM
21	Is there not a spelling mistake on page 87? Under ref 12 should it not be 'Quiet' not 'Quiet'?	3/13/2023 1:13 PM
22	CAPC8: it's disappointing that one of the iconic views of Ashmore Green and up to Cold	3/7/2023 9:08 AM

Ash one way and into Thatcham and Newbury the other, comes from the footpath next to Stone Copse across to Henwick Farm doesn't get mentioned here. This was submitted at the time of asking but this end of Ashmore Green seems to have been missed out.

23	Protecting settlement boundaries is very important to keep Cold Ash a village and protect wildlife and green spaces.	3/1/2023 9:57 AM
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Q2 Please provide any comments you have on the Non-Policy Actions (Community projects) contained in Section 10 of the Cold Ash Neighbourhood Plan?

Answered: 18 Skipped: 32

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	More should be done to create cycle facilities. Why not a leisure track along the Ridge.	4/19/2023 10:56 AM
2	Some good ideas, but not regarding development of the rifle club, which does not have the parking and is already congested. The Acland Hall already provides good facilities and has the space and facilities and parking and is the logical place to develop any further facilities.	4/18/2023 7:02 PM
3	i strongly disagree with the proposal to re-purpose the rifle shed as a community amenity such as a cafe -we have a village hall which is purpose built for such activity and has adequate parking, in addition we have the church meeting rooms - any developemt of the rifle shed will impact parking on ashmore green road already under pressure with the increased football activities taking place. any proposal to increased community faciities should clearly demonstrate why the Acland hall is not meeting this need. Ideas to develop options for older children /teenagers beyond the activities already provided should have been articulated in the project list -the older children have football clubs and cricket -any formal further development will impact the rural ambiance of the recreation ground and be less family and older people friendly	4/18/2023 3:39 PM
4	All of the actions seem very appropriate	4/11/2023 7:27 PM
5	I broadly agree with these actions. I (we) would like to see a local planning bylaw added whereby anyone who fells trees or otherwise clears land without the Parish Council (PC)'s knowledge and agreement prior to applying for planning permission is compelled to replace all trees 3 fold as a penalty and any subsequent planning application refused until the matter has been addressed to the complete satisfaction of the PC.	4/11/2023 5:14 PM
6	Apart from the "dark skies initiative, most of these ideas are of little practical value.	4/10/2023 12:35 PM
7	There is a wide variety of subjects/interests covered by these actions, only a few of which are of direct interest to myself. None though would cause me any particular concern.	4/3/2023 3:09 PM
8	Some ideas seem sensible like protecting trees and WAG. But community cafe in rifle shed sounds nuts, when there is the Acland Hall with much better parking and kitchen etc already.	4/1/2023 4:20 PM
9	Good re biodiversity / wildlife. What would community energy scheme look like? Protect trees / hedges.	3/30/2023 11:34 AM
10	We would like to see 'Quiet lanes' mentioned here	3/29/2023 6:47 PM
11	Attempt to address the sheer volume and speeding of traffic in the village, including 'rat running' on Cold Ash Hill to M4/A34 and on Collaroy Road to St Finians School?	3/29/2023 4:28 PM
12	Any 20mph zones outside schools be operational only at school opening/closing times.	3/28/2023 12:03 AM
13	18. Agree. Play areas need to be larger with more equipment for toddlers and primary school age. Equipment for teenagers needs to be considered.	3/27/2023 9:37 PM
14	In particular I support No 12, making the sunken lanes into 'quiet lanes' [NB in No 12 there is a typo 'quite' for 'quiet']	3/24/2023 11:49 AM
15	Community is important and should be inclusive, not exclusive	3/17/2023 10:24 PM
16	Cold ash and its surrounding areas need to stay the way it is ! We don't need more houses or people destroying the wild life and it's natural beauty. Corporate greed needs to stop .	3/14/2023 8:25 AM
17	Providing cycle parking next to a rifle club shed? Quite frankly, ridiculous that that has even made it to such a document, along with the dark skies item (6) which is well covered in CAP10.	3/13/2023 1:38 PM
18	No more houses should be built without public transport and more doctors as Thatcham Medical Practice is already over capacity.	3/1/2023 9:57 AM

