

**Lake District**  
National Park



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# Lake District Local Plan Review

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Infrastructure Survey at  
Parish scale

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November 2016

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## **1. Purpose and Methodology**

- 1.1 As part of the evidence gathering exercise for the Local Plan Review, we sent a survey to all Parish Councils / meetings within the Lake District National Park and also to neighbouring Parish Councils / meetings outside but in close proximity to the Lake District National Park boundary. The survey sought to gain a better understanding of any current infrastructure issues, future needs, and priority improvements within these Parishes.
- 1.2 The survey was available via the 'survey monkey' website which opened in early September, with notification emails sent to all Parish Council clerks, and closed on the 2 November 2016. The survey allowed for some questions not to be answered, and also allowed anonymous responses to be submitted. Parish Councils could send more than one response – recognising that different members of the parish may wish to submit individual views.
- 1.3 A copy of the survey questions is attached in Appendix 1.

## 2. Results of the Survey

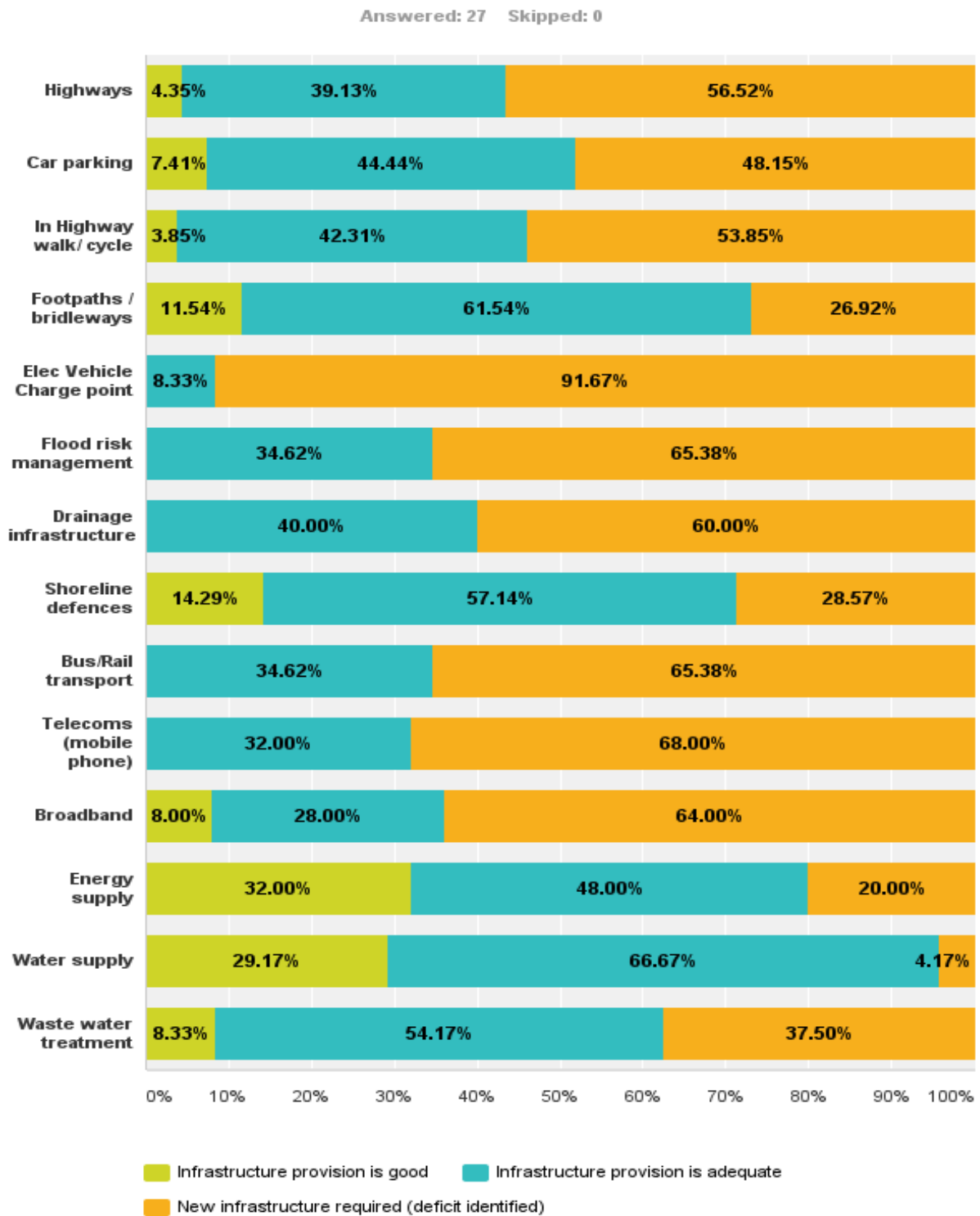
2.1 A total of 27 responses were received in relation to the survey.

2.2 Question One - Is there a deficit in your Parish for any of the following types of infrastructure? The responses to this Question are set out in **Table 1** and **Figure 1** below.

**Table 1: Number of responses to Question 1**

Answer Options	Infrastructure provision is good	Infrastructure provision is adequate	New infrastructure required (deficit identified)	Response Count
Highways	1	9	13	23
Car parking	2	12	13	27
Walking and cycling routes (in highway)	1	11	14	26
Walking and cycling routes (public footpaths/bridleways)	3	16	7	26
Electric vehicle charge points	0	2	22	24
Flood risk management or flood defences	0	9	17	26
Drainage infrastructure	0	10	15	25
Shoreline defences	2	8	4	14
Public transport (bus/rail)	0	9	17	26
Telecoms (mobile phone)	0	8	17	25
Broadband	2	7	16	25
Energy supply	8	12	5	25
Water supply	7	16	1	24
Waste water treatment	2	13	9	24

Figure 1: Responses set out as a percentage



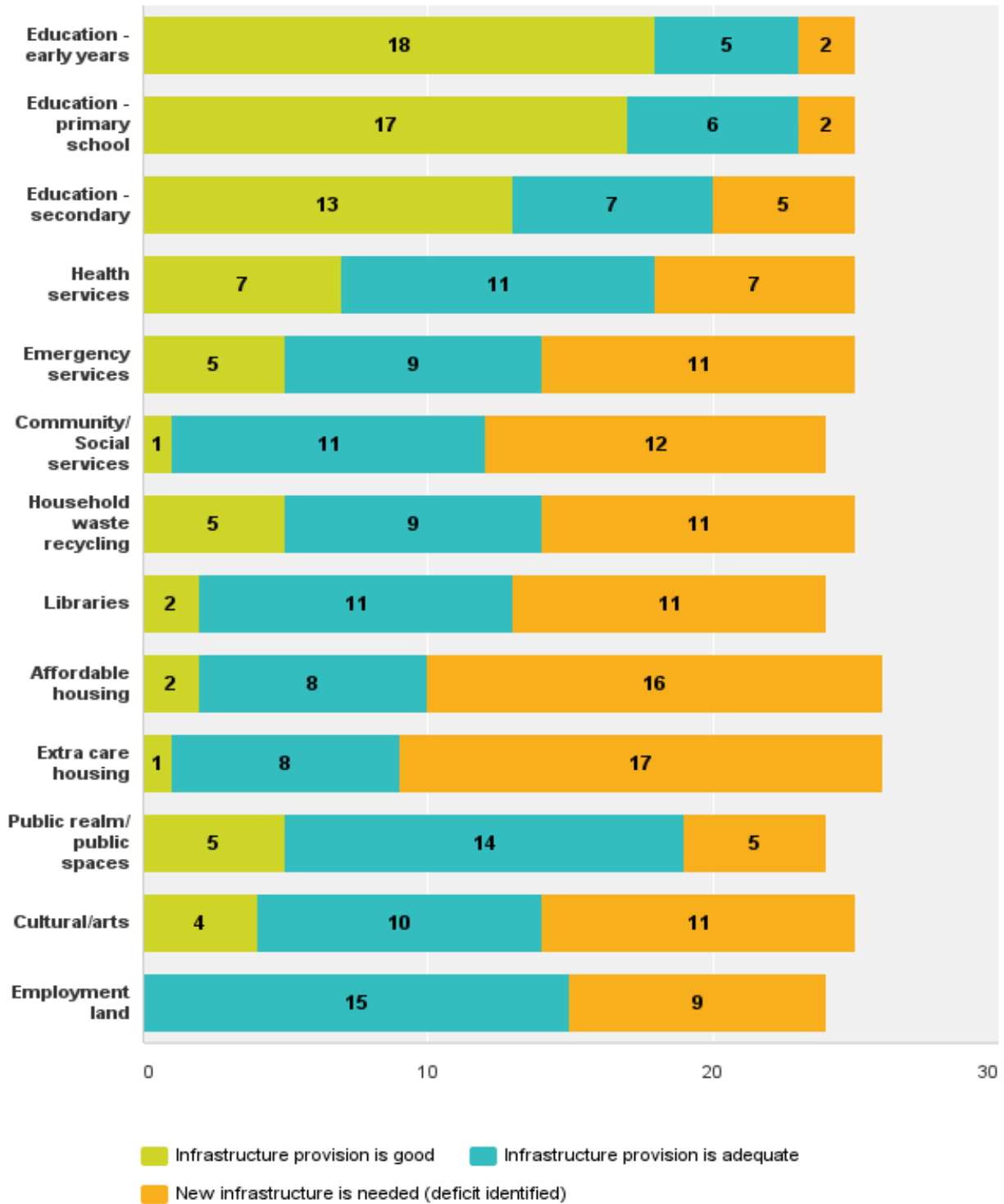
2.3 Question 2 - Is there a deficit in your Parish for any of the following types of infrastructure?  
 The responses to this question are set out in **Table 2** and **Figure 2** below.

**Table 2: Responses to Question 2 by number**

Answer Options	Infrastructure provision is good	Infrastructure provision is adequate	New infrastructure is needed (deficit identified)	Response Count
Education - early years	18	5	2	25
Education - primary school	17	6	2	25
Education - secondary	13	7	5	25
Health services	7	11	7	25
Emergency services	5	9	11	25
Social/ community services	1	11	12	24
Household waste recycling	5	9	11	25
Libraries	2	11	11	24
Affordable housing	2	8	16	26
Extra care housing	1	8	17	26
Public realm/public spaces	5	14	5	24
Cultural/arts	4	10	11	25
Employment land	0	15	9	24

Figure 2: Adequacy of social infrastructure by number

Answered: 27 Skipped: 0



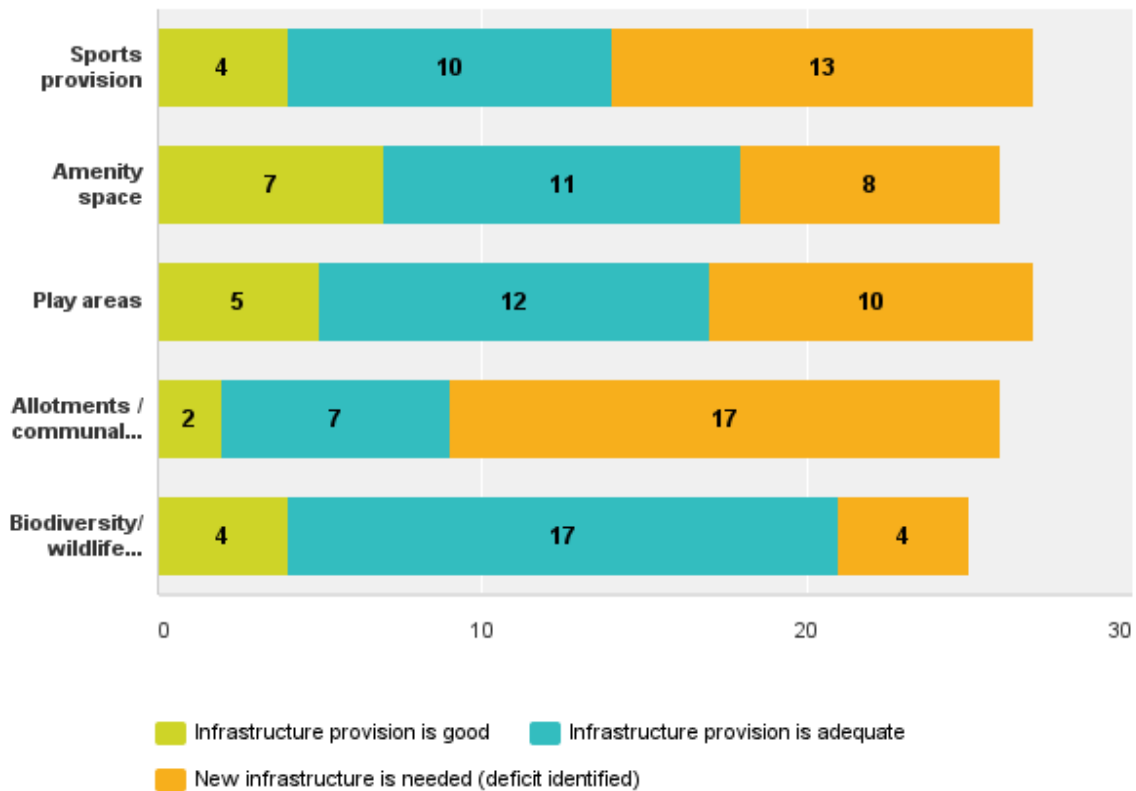
2.4 Question 3 - Is there a deficit in your Parish for any of the following types of infrastructure?  
 The responses to this question are set out in **Table 3** and **Figure 3** below.

**Table 3: Responses to Question 3 by number**

Answer Options	Infrastructure provision is good	Infrastructure provision is adequate	New infrastructure is needed (deficit identified)	Response Count
Sports provision	4	10	13	27
Amenity space	7	11	8	26
Play areas	5	12	10	27
Allotments and communal gardens	2	7	17	26
Biodiversity/wildlife corridors	4	17	4	25

**Figure 3: Adequacy of open spaces by number**

Answered: 27 Skipped: 0



2.5 Question 4 - Please identify your top three infrastructure priorities that need addressing in your Parish. The responses to this question are set out in **Table 4** and **Figure 4** below.

**Table 4: Responses to Question 4 by number**

<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Priority 1</b>	<b>Priority 2</b>	<b>Priority 3</b>
Highways	5	2	0
Car parking	0	1	3
walking and cycling routes (in highway)	1	1	1
Walking and cycling routes (footpaths/bridleways)	0	1	0
Electric vehicle charge points	0	0	0
Flood risk management or flood defences	3	3	1
Drainage infrastructure	2	2	0
Shoreline defences	0	1	0
Public transport (bus/rail)	4	1	5
Telecoms (mobile phone)	0	0	4
Broadband	1	3	2
Energy supply	0	1	0
Water supply	0	0	0
Waste water treatment	0	0	0
Education - early years	0	0	0
Education - primary school	0	0	0
Education - secondary school	0	0	0
Health services	1	0	1



<b>Emergency services</b>	1	1	0
<b>Social/community services</b>	0	0	0
<b>Household waste recycling</b>	0	0	0
<b>Libraries</b>	0	0	0
<b>Affordable housing</b>	1	2	0
<b>Extra care housing</b>	1	0	1
<b>Public realm/public spaces</b>	0	1	0
<b>Cultural/arts</b>	0	0	0
<b>Employment land</b>	0	0	2
<b>Sports facilities</b>	1	0	0
<b>Amenity spaces</b>	0	0	0
<b>Play areas</b>	0	0	0
<b>Allotments and communal gardens</b>	0	0	0
<b>Biodiversity/wildlife corridors</b>	0	0	0
<b>Response Count</b>	21	20	20



2.6 Question 5 - Have you or are you aware of any projects being developed or delivered to address infrastructure problems in your Parish? Have plans been costed? If so what is the anticipated cost? Please outline any details you can provide. The responses to this question are set out in **Table 5** below.

**Table 5: Responses to Question 5**

Responses
United Utilities work Glebe to Tower Wood to upgrade waste disposal, will greatly improve the situation.
Development of proposals to renew the village hall which is a key social and cultural hub. This project is currently in the feasibility stage.
Priority 1 - Flood risk management or flood defences - Plans were published after Dec 2015 flooding (Environment Agency / CCC), but more statutory duty than practical solutions. No further work done to date (e.g. removal of tree growths from river, gravel control, return valve drainage from road, drainage/sewerage system faults in Crown Square/ Finkle St - promised in May 2015 - surface water flooding from drains in Church Croft and mini roundabout area). Priority 2 - Highways - Permanent Bridge Replacement - CCC now have a defined draft scope for the project to permanently replace the Bridge in Pooley. A working group of all stakeholders is to be formed to ensure effective consultation during planning / construction. No costings available at this stage. Priority 3 - Car and coach parking - Via "See More Cumbria" group (& CCC) a feasibility study was undertaken by Mott MacDonald which has produced many options to help solve critical coach (and car) parking problems in and around Pooley Bridge) - project costs vary from a few thousand pounds up to £230,000. Currently there is no funding available.
Super-fast broadband fibre optic runs through parts of the parish but is not accessible to most of the parishioners as the cabinet is located outside the parish boundary, too far from many homes
In the initial stages of costing out and then trying to find funds to support upgrading of the MUGA, the tennis courts and the play area.
Hawkshead Squares Project is at last being treated as a priority. Costs vary and depend on what scheme is put in place.
LDNPA continues to allow major developments along the A591 with seemingly littler regard to the impact this has on traffic flows. Gridlock at times

- 2.7 Question 6 - Are there any other types of infrastructure deficit that need addressing in your Parish that are not identified? Please outline. The responses to this question are set out in **Table 6** below.

**Table 6: Responses to Question 6**

Responses
Urgent repairs to St Michael's Church Lamplugh, a historically important resource in the parish. Currently subject to Heritage Lottery funded feasibility study.
Countless pot holes, inadequate footway lighting, practical garden refuse system.
Drainage for the constantly flooded recreational playing field area which has rarely been used this summer due to it being so boggy and wet.
There is a need for more opportunities for employment in the town and also training and learning opportunities for adults/post school leavers
High Speed Broadband is not available to a large part of the parish.
CCC have the cost. Cycleway connecting Gosforth with Seascale initially, but linked to coastal cycle path. Bradbury House in Gosforth is looking at extra care housing which has Parish Council support.
Continued support for affordable housing for rent

- 2.8 27 Parish Councils responded to the survey. Of these, nine Parish Councils completed the survey anonymously. **Table 7** sets out those Parish Councils who identified themselves when submitting the survey.

**Table 7: List of Parishes that completed the survey and completed the name of their Parish**

List of Parishes
Barton Parish Council
Claife Parish Council
Cleator Moor CP
Coniston Parish Council
Eskdale Parish Council

Haverthwaite Parish Council
Hawkshead Parish Council
Irton with Santon Parish Council
Lakes Parish Council
Lamplugh Parish Council
Orton Parish Council
Tebay Parish Council
Torver Parish Council
Upper Allithwaite Parish Council
Whicham Parish Council
Windermere Town Council

### **3. Analysis**

- 3.1 It is clear from the survey results that the infrastructure needs of Parishes are varied across the Lake District National Park. Respondents consider that some new infrastructure is needed across all areas of infrastructure provision.
- 3.2 In respect of open space deficits the responses suggest that the greatest area of deficiency and where improvements are required is for Allotments and Communal Gardens. The largest number of responses to deficits in social infrastructure was for 'Affordable housing' and 'Extra care housing'. Respondents considered that there is deficits across the majority of physical infrastructure types, the largest proportion being for 'Electric Vehicle Charge Points' closely followed by 'Flood Risk Management or flood defences', 'broadband', 'telecoms (mobile phone)', 'public transport (bus/rail)', and 'drainage infrastructure'.
- 3.3 A range of answers were given to the top priority infrastructure issues that need addressing. The most common response was to address 'highway' issues. This also formed the equal highest score for the second priority. Addressing infrastructure issues for 'Flood risk management or flood defences' also featured in many of the Parish Council top three priorities, as did 'Public Transport (bus/rail)'.
- 3.4 When comparing the deficits in infrastructure against the priorities identified by communities, it is apparent there are some key areas which the Local Plan Review should consider in order to seek to address the infrastructure deficits, these are:
- Affordable Housing
  - Broadband and Telecoms (mobile phone)
  - Highways
  - Car parking
  - Flood Risk Management or flood defences
  - Public transport (bus/rail)

## APPENDIX 1: LIST OF QUESTIONS



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## Infrastructure requirements survey

We are undertaking a review of the Lake District Local Plan. To support this review we are developing a robust evidence base to support any new planning policies. We are required to demonstrate that an adequate provision of physical, social and green infrastructure is present within the Lake District to support new development proposed.

To help us understand the current infrastructure provision we would like you to complete this short survey so we can understand if there are any specific infrastructure issues in your local area or projects being developed to address certain issues. We will also be talking to infrastructure providers to understand their requirements and needs.

Click 'next' to begin the survey





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## Infrastructure requirements survey

# Physical infrastructure

\* 1. Is there a deficit in your Parish for any of the following types of infrastructure?

	Infrastructure provision is good	Infrastructure provision is adequate	New infrastructure required (deficit identified)
Highways	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Car parking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Walking and cycling routes (in highway)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Walking and cycling routes (public footpaths/bridleways)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Electric vehicle charge points	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Flood risk management or flood defences	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Drainage infrastructure	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Shoreline defences	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public transport (bus/rail)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Telecoms (mobile phone)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Broadband	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Energy supply	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Water supply	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Waste water treatment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)



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## Infrastructure requirements survey

# Social infrastructure

\* 2. Is there a deficit in your Parish for any of the following types of infrastructure?

	Infrastructure provision is good	Infrastructure provision is adequate	New infrastructure is needed (deficit identified)
Education - early years	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Education - primary school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Education - secondary	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Health services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Emergency services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Social/ community services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Household waste recycling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Libraries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Affordable housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Extra care housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public realm/public spaces	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cultural/arts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Employment land	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)



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### Green infrastructure

\* 3. Is there a deficit in your Parish for any of the following types of infrastructure?

	Infrastructure provision is good	Infrastructure provision is adequate	New infrastructure is needed (deficit identified)
Sports provision	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Amenity space	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Play areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Allotments and communal gardens	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Biodiversity/wildlife corridors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)



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\* 4. Please identify your top three infrastructure priorities that need addressing in your Parish

Priority 1

Priority 2

Priority 3

5. Have you or are you aware of any projects being developed or delivered to address infrastructure problems in your Parish? Have plans been costed? If so what is the anticipated cost? Please outline any details you can provide

6. Are there any other types of infrastructure deficit that need addressing in your Parish that are not identified?

Please outline

\* 7. Which Parish are you responding on behalf of?