

# Bus Survey Results

Survey promoted by Castor Parish Council  
to the residents of Castor & Ailsworth

Prepared using survey data up to and including 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023



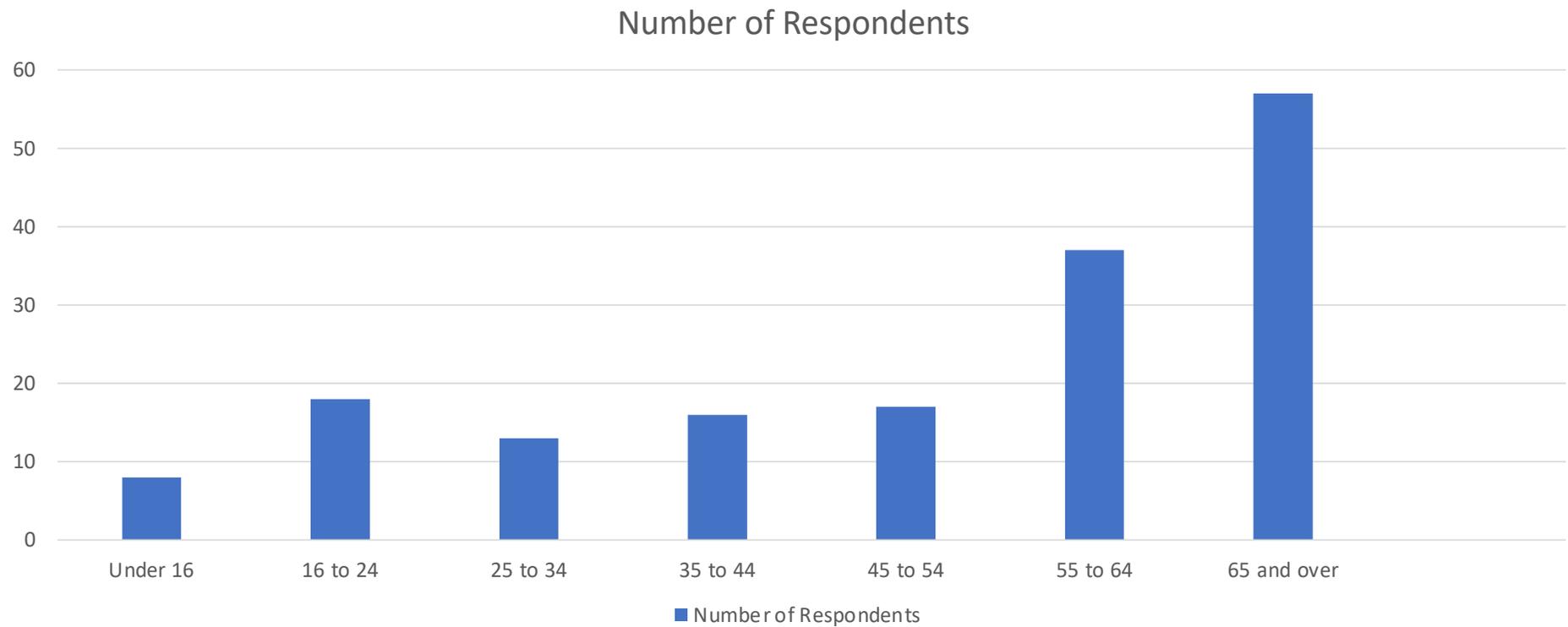
# Summary

Number of respondents: 166

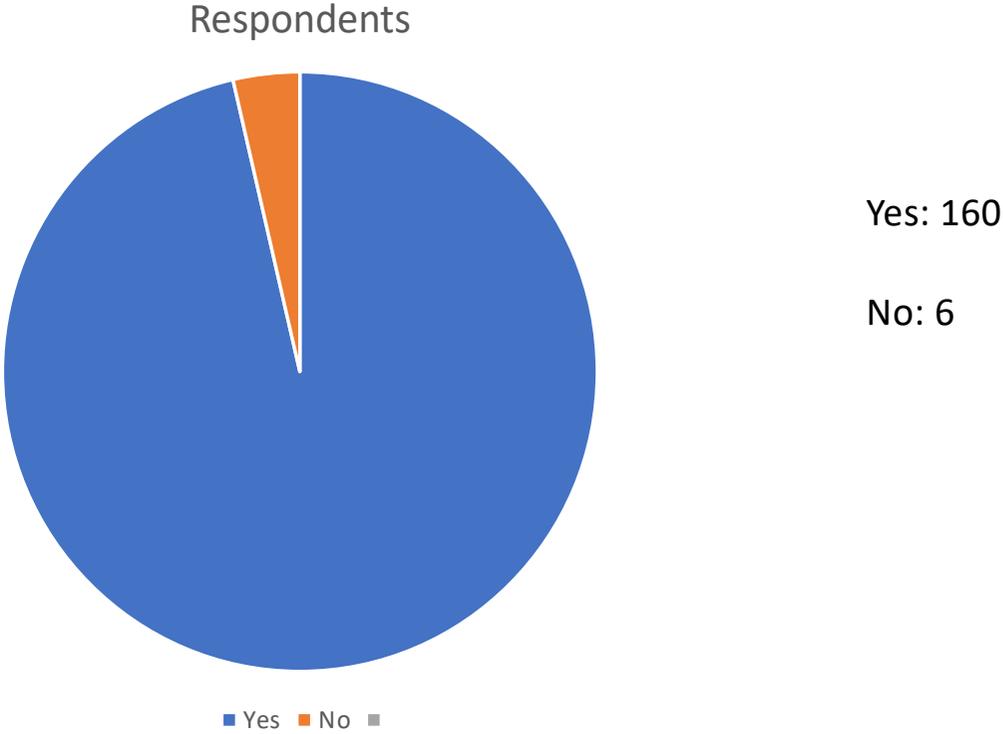
Personal data collected but not shown in this report:

- Names
- Addresses (for online submissions and respondents aged 16 and over)
- Consent to data processing
- Consent to email contact

# Age Range



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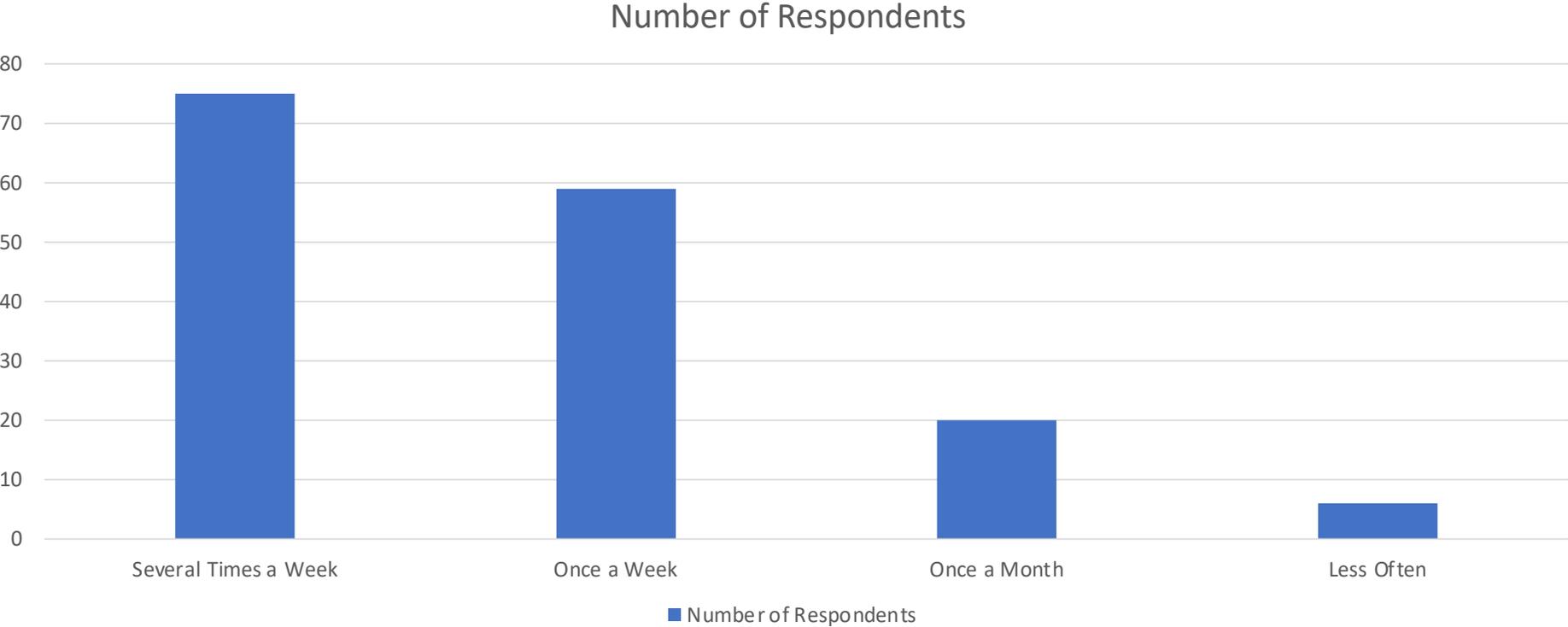


# If there was a regular bus service, would you use it?

Reasons given by the six respondents who said they would NOT use the bus service.

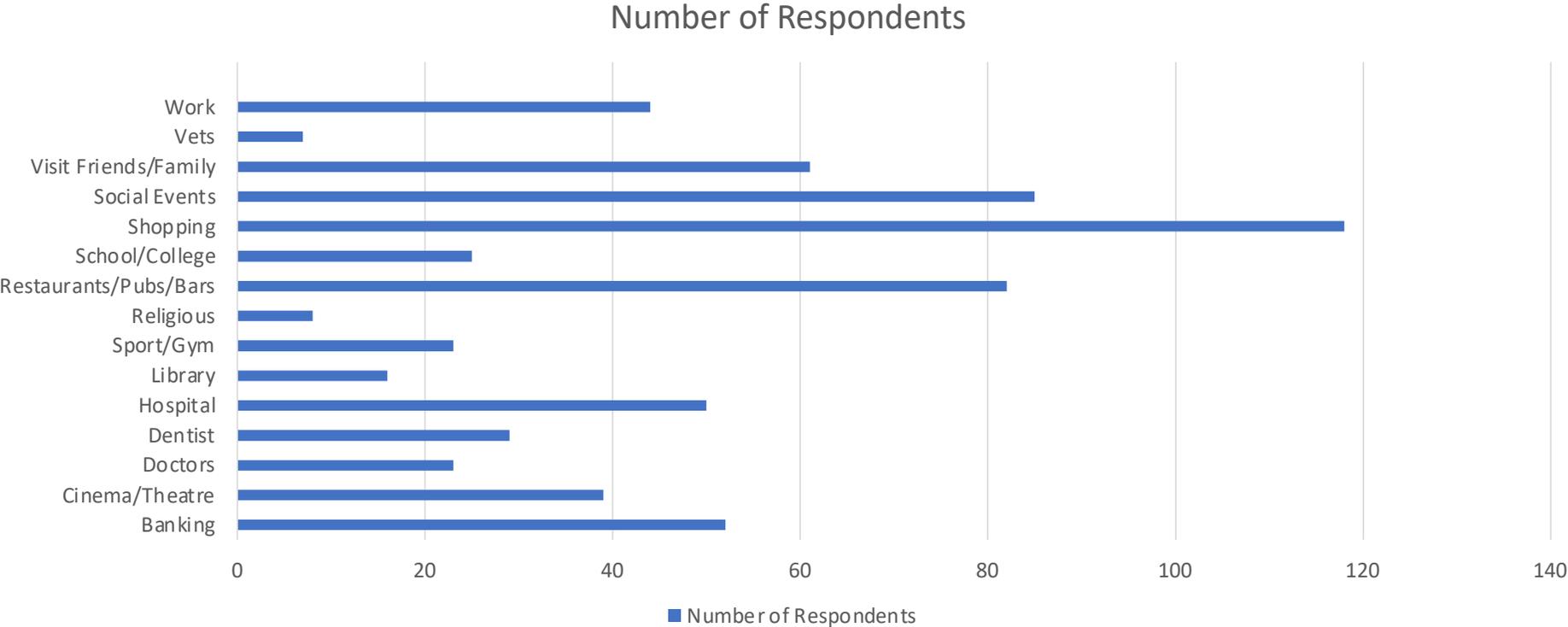
1. "Predictability, destinations and frequency before I could make any comment"
2. "Do not travel in the direction of bus routes"
3. "Use a car or taxi. If buses were at convenient times I would consider using them if going out in the evening - or to get to the railway station. My 12 yr old daughter would probably use a service more regularly if the times were regular and convenient.."
4. "There is no bus service"
5. "I have a car , but if I couldn't drive, then I would."
6. "I have a car that will take me, at a time of my choice, exactly where I want to go in Peterborough within 15 minutes. A bus would go only once or twice a day and to a bus stop in Peterborough that would not be where I want to go, such as Sainsbury's - Bretton, Serpentine Green, a garden centre, Maskew Retail Park, Wickes, the recycling centre, etc. However, there are people in the village who would find the service invaluable, so I would be in favour of Castor and Ailsworth having a service"

# How often would you use a bus service?

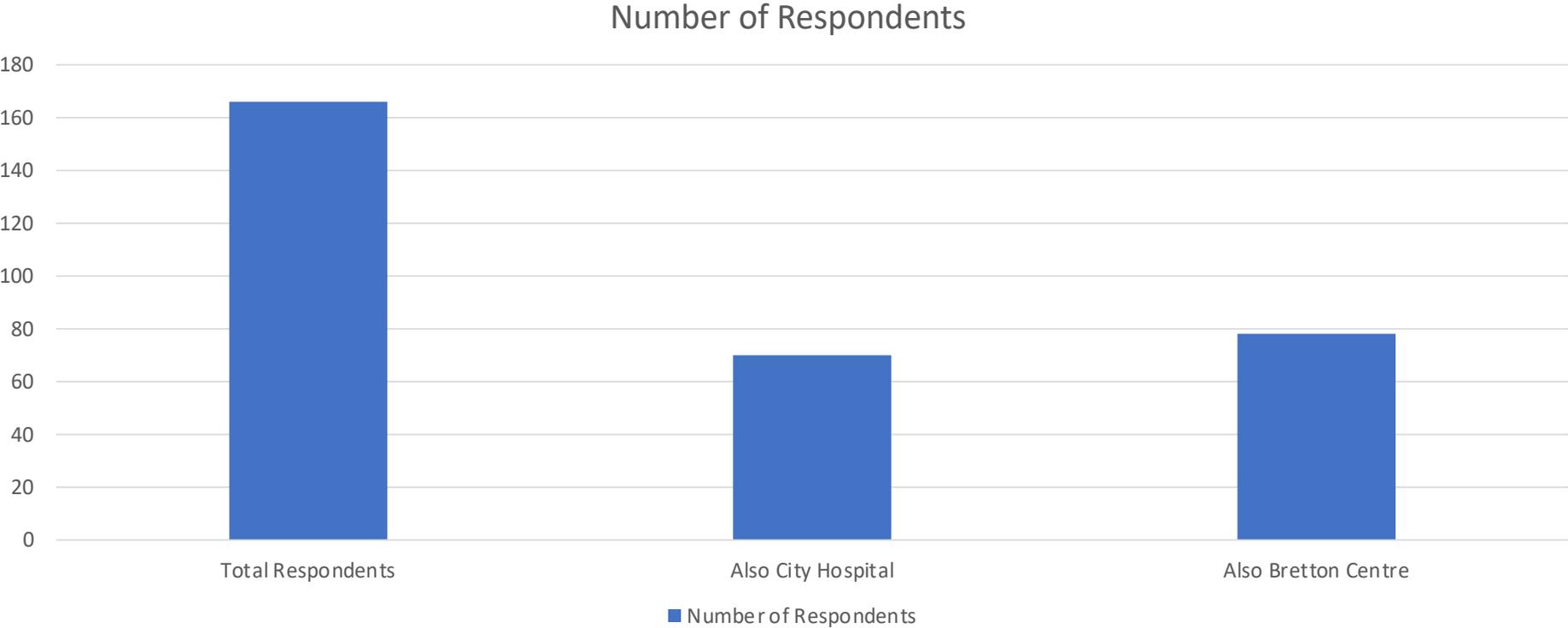


# What would be your reasons for using the bus service?

Note: This was a predefined list

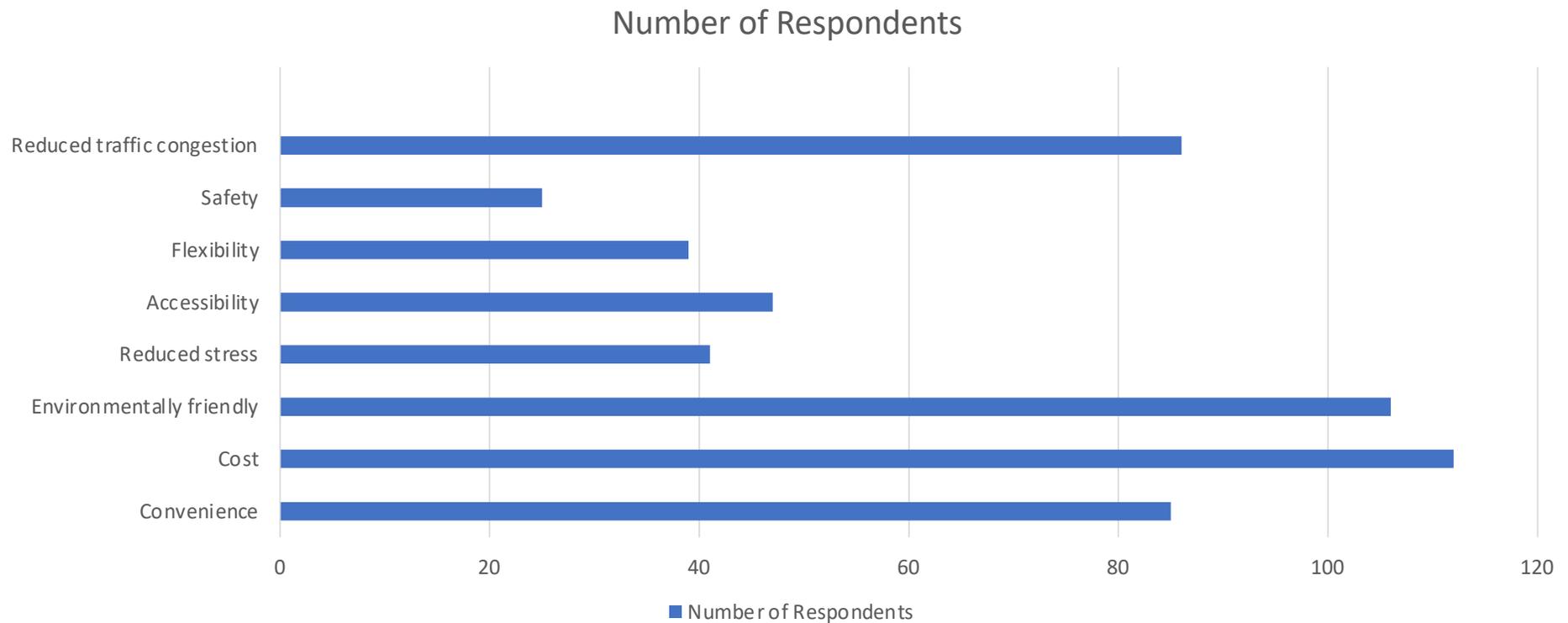


In addition to Peterborough/Stamford would you also like the bus to call at the hospital and/or Bretton Centre?



# Which of following are important reasons why you would choose to use a bus rather than a car/tax?

Note: This was a predefined list of eight choices



# The following text comments were left by respondents

1. "So villagers can get out not stay at home"
2. "A lifeline to the villages"
3. "It would benefit so many to have a regular bus service as it is not always possible for the alternative"
4. "Medically disqualified from driving a car"
5. "I want to go to college in Stamford when I am 16 to study for a BTEC which is not available in Peterborough, Arthur Mellows or Kings (where I am at the moment). I want to study for this particular BTec as it will enable me to apply for a role as a Royal Marine Commando officer role which is what I want to do after school. I need to be able to get the bus daily to Stamford from Ailsworth. At the moment I get the bus daily from Ailsworth to the Kings school. It often is late or does not turn up, affecting education"
6. "Since this is on Facebook I suspect you won't get many views from elderly people but these and teenagers are the ones who most need this service, plus people who can't drive for medical reasons"
7. "This would be very convenient having to take a taxi there and back costing 20 pound when I could get a bus there and back for under 5 it would be very useful"
8. "This bus service would be greatly appreciated by both younger generation and elderly with no Vehicles this will also be a great use to many others as well to get to their destination"
9. "The bus service needs to be reliable. The previous bus services became unreliable which made the service difficult to use."
10. "My use would be so that I could avoid maintaining and using a car but I would want to be able to get from Castor to David Loyd Centre, Peterborough station and the hospital but it would need to be at a frequency of about every 30 mins to make this feasible or at the very least every hour."

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11. "Disgraceful and inconsistent that the "Environmental Capital" allowed our bus service to be withdrawn in the first place!"
12. "With a very large number of Castor and Ailsworth villagers in the 'elderly' bracket, a bus service is imperative for many reasons which are obvious. To have lost this facility is outrageous in my opinion, for the elderly in particular."
13. "My parents would love to move to castor/Ailsworth but they won't unless it gets a bus service."
14. "For my children to meet their friends in town and for shopping"
15. "Much better environmentally to have one vehicle travelling instead of several. No parking problems."
16. "While not a regular bus user I think it is good to have the accessibility to be able to use one when needed. I would certainly go into the city centre at least once a week. Since the bus stopped I've been into Peterborough about 4 times.v"
17. "I feel very strongly that Ailsworth should be accessible by bus - older and younger residents alike need to be able to get to places without the expense of a taxi. aware that 16+ young students have to go to Stamford college as they run a bus as opposed to Peterborough RC. Restrictive choices for education, having to stay all day if only one session in a day. Older folk, young stay at home parents, those who are not able to drive maybe for medical reasons are discriminated against. In this climate of financial hardship less money available for second car."
18. "I would like to be more independent by using a bus service to meet friends more and have flexibility"
19. "We moved to the village based on the fact that when I was older I would have a way of being more independent."
20. "A bus service is essential for a community. Teenagers as well as the elderly and disabled need to not feel isolated and gain publicity independence. Villages who run business need to be accessible to people whomp Ve in the town also people coming into the village for work in the care home and local pubs."

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21. "It is essential to have a bus service that provides all of the above for the community to not feel isolated and depressed"
22. "Getting a bus service would allow me to get to work and not constantly need to get a taxi from Peterborough to Castor which cost £9 getting to castor cost £26 a day"
23. "Although I can drive, I do not know how much longer I will be able to do so. I would dearly love to live in this village until I die and it would be much more difficult to do so if I were unable to attend sight, hearing, doctors and hospital appointments if there were no bus service available. There are many elderly people in this area and it would be a shame if we were all forced to leave because we could not afford to go everywhere by taxi. It also benefits the community as a whole to have a full range of people of all ages living in the locality. Also, for young people unable or without funds to buy and run a car this would be vital for them to have a social life and see their friends. A regular bus service is vital not only for the elderly, but for the young too and having this available is essential for all residents."
24. "there is a need for a Castor an Ailsworth bus. Since it ceased it has caused a lot more traffic in and out of the villages and been very difficult for both the elderly and those without cars."
25. "Relative is in castor care lodge. My daughter doesn't drive so relies on us or a taxi to get there"
26. "Although I have a bus pass I would be happy to make some payment if it meant we could have a bus service."
27. "I work in Castor village and do not drive , a bus service would be fantastic."
28. "I don't drive and since my mum moved into castor lodge care home I was surprised to find out there is no bus service, so have to rely on other family members to drive there. I would use the service between castor and Peterborough queen's gate"
29. "This would make life working in and around the area considerably easier."

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30. "We lost our bus service just as we were starting to choose to use the bus to go to town for convenience. Recently I have needed to go to the hospital - I hate parking there it would be great to have an hourly service so that I could use it for the hospital. I can't use the call connect because of variable health reasons and fear of missing it, complications with health mean I cannot always look at computer screens without feeling unwell - so if I missed it I couldn't rebook or there may not be a slot. My partner sometimes needs to take a wheelchair there's no room for the chair. Call Connect is no good for ppl with variable conditions as there is no flexibility easily coped. Partner can't drive and relies on me - they used to use the bus at least 3 times a week"
31. "My husband and I would like to be able to use a bus pass from home."
32. "Think a regular service could work in conjunction with a Call Connect type service"
33. "Would love to be able to get to Peterborough centre and Bretton without using the car. Better for the environment and for villagers who don't drive or for whom car ownership is too costly."



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Raw data is available on request.



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