

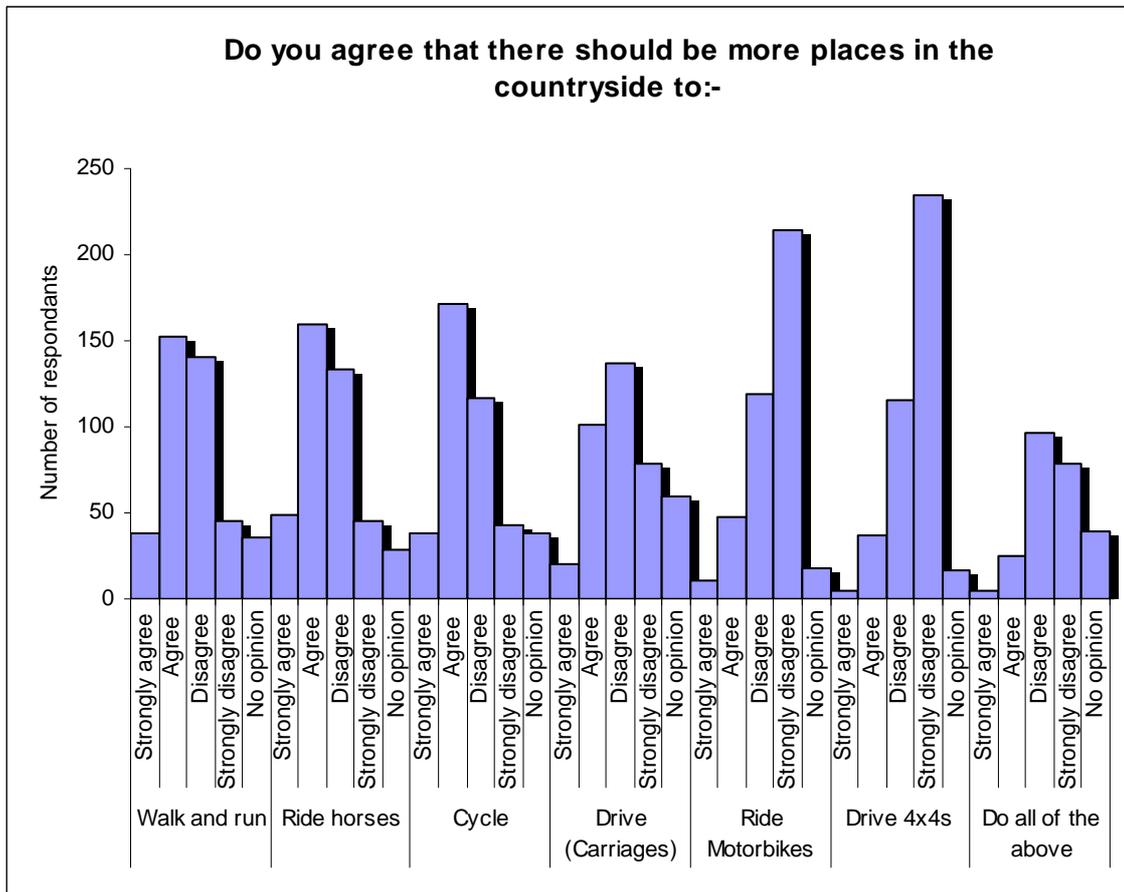
RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

LAND MANAGERS QUESTIONNAIRE

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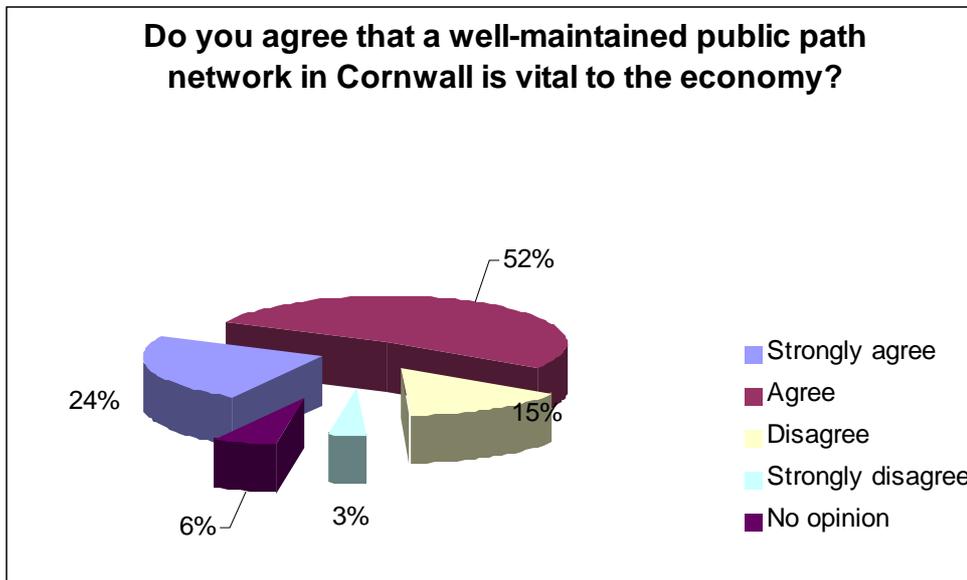
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1. Do you agree that there should be more places in the countryside to:-



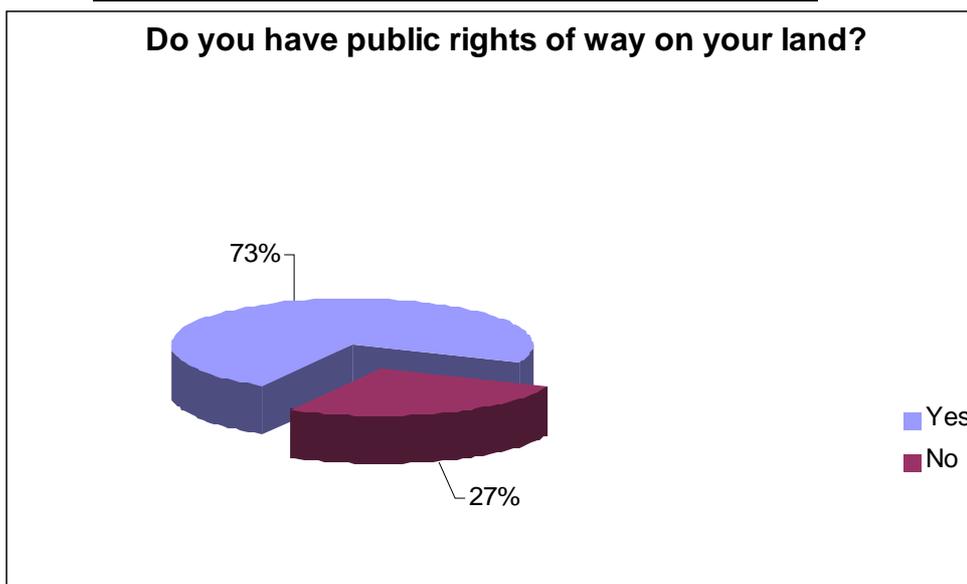
38.22% agreed there should be more places in the countryside to cycle, 35.33% gave horse riding and 33.7% gave walking/running as their key priorities. Horse riders appeared to be well represented, with 10.8% strongly agreeing with the question, and the least popular activities to be given more places to practice in the countryside were motorbike riding (47.55% strongly disagreed,) and driving cars or 4x4s (52% strongly disagreed.) In addition, 26.44% disagreed that more places were needed for motorbikes, and 25.77% disagreed that places were needed to drive cars or 4x4s.

2. Do you agree that a well-maintained public path network in Cornwall is vital to the economy?



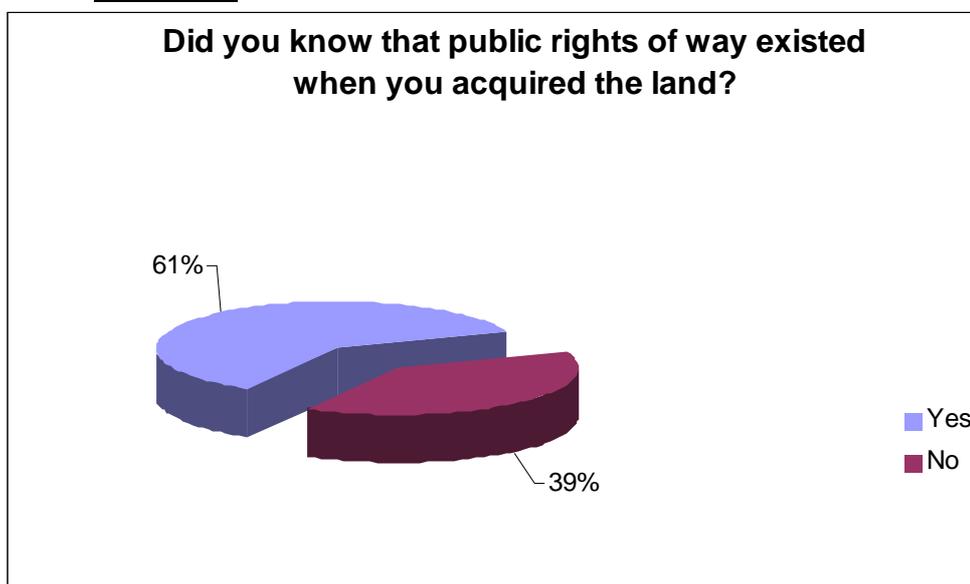
Under 10% of the group gave no opinion on this subject, but 15% disagreed that a well-maintained public path network is vital to the economy and over three quarters of the respondents either agreed (52%) or strongly agreed (24%) that it is vital to the economy. Just 3% strongly disagreed.

3. Do you have public rights of way on your land?



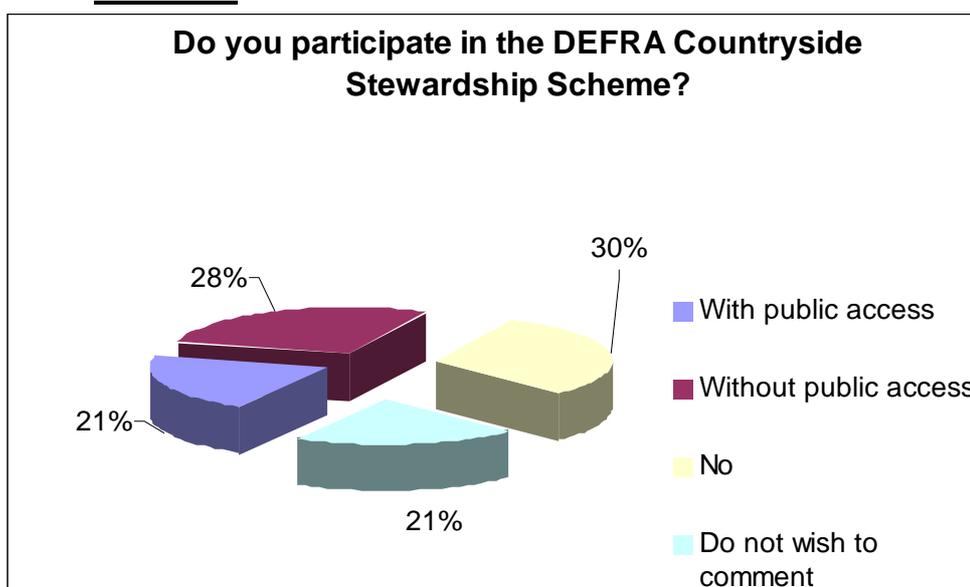
Six respondents did not answer this question. Of the 444 who did, the large majority (73%) of land managers surveyed have public rights of way on their land

4. **Did you know that public rights of way existed when you acquired the land?**



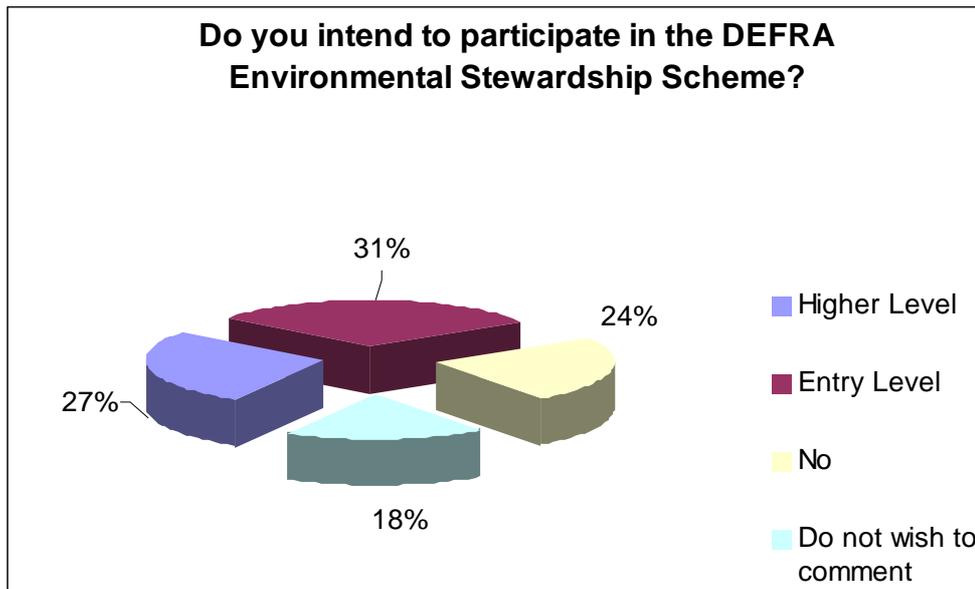
Just under two third of land managers (61%) knew that public rights of way existed when they acquired their land.

5. **Do you participate in the DEFRA Countryside Stewardship Scheme?**



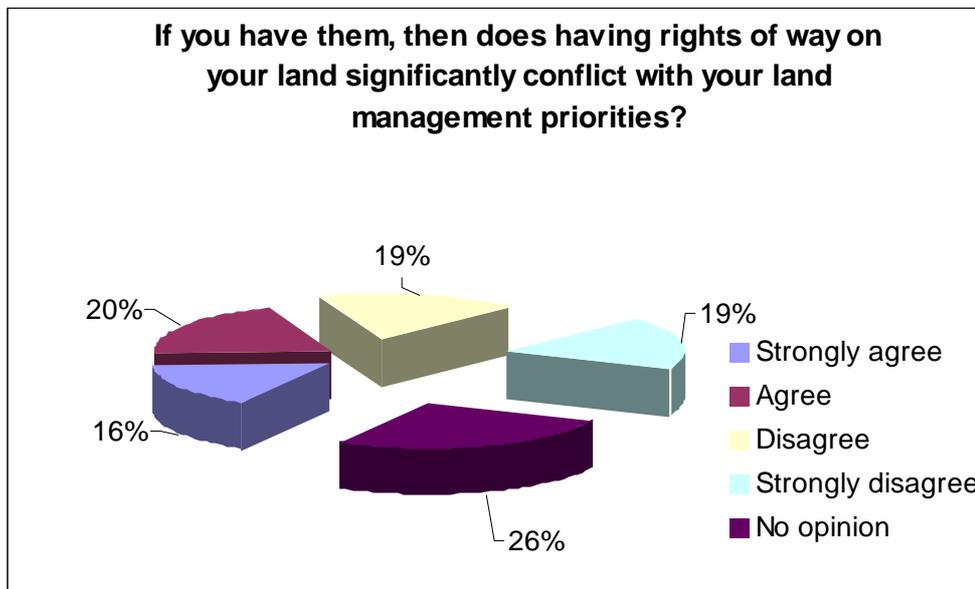
Approximately one fifth (21%) declined to respond to this question, but of those who did, just under one third (30%) answered that they do not participate. 21% do, with public access, and 28% do participate, without public access.

6. Do you intend to participate in the DEFRA Environmental Stewardship Scheme?



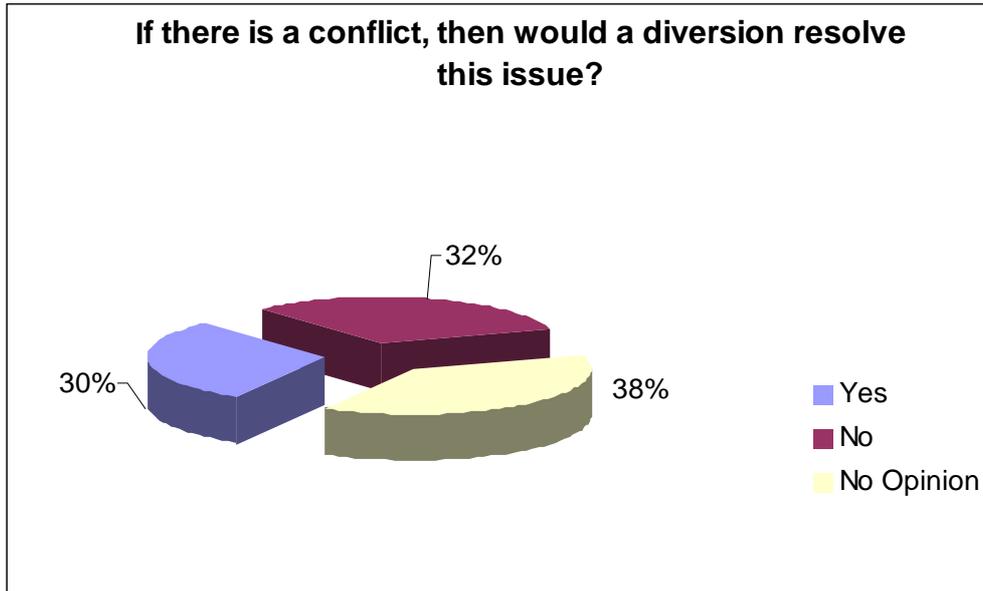
When asked about intentions to participate in the DEFRA Environmental Stewardship Scheme, approximately one quarter (24%) of respondents said they would not be and a combined 58%, the majority, answered that they would be participating at either Higher Level (27%) or Entry Level (31%) A substantial 18% did not wish to comment.

7. If you have them, then does having rights of way on your land significantly conflict with your land management priorities?



This question may be seen in relation to question 3, in which two-thirds of respondents said they have public rights of way on their land. Here, a significant 26% gave no opinion on the subject of rights of way conflicting with land management priorities. 38% disagree to a greater or lesser degree that there is a conflict, and 36% agree to a greater or less degree – a comparatively even division of the respondents who gave an opinion.

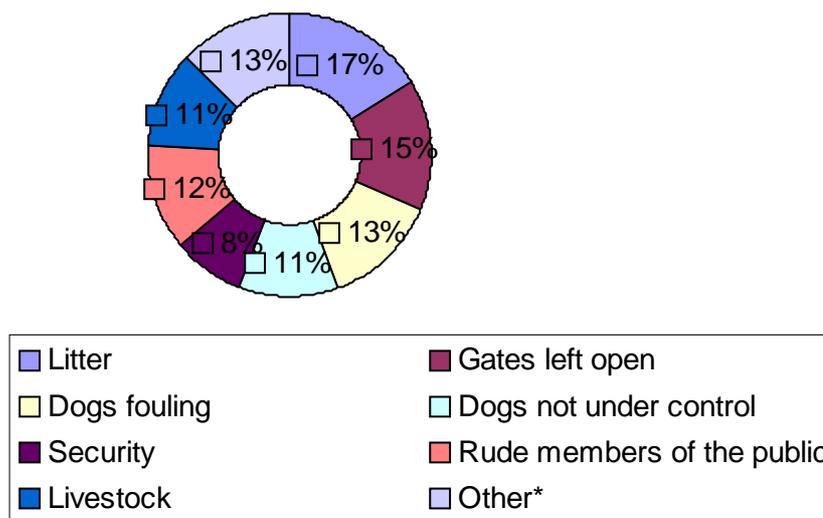
8. If there is a conflict, then would a diversion resolve the issue?



Again, a high number of 'no opinion' responses on the issue of conflict, which perhaps reflects the contentiousness of the subject. There was an almost even divide, however, between those who feel a diversion would resolve the issue (30%) and those who don't think so, (32%)

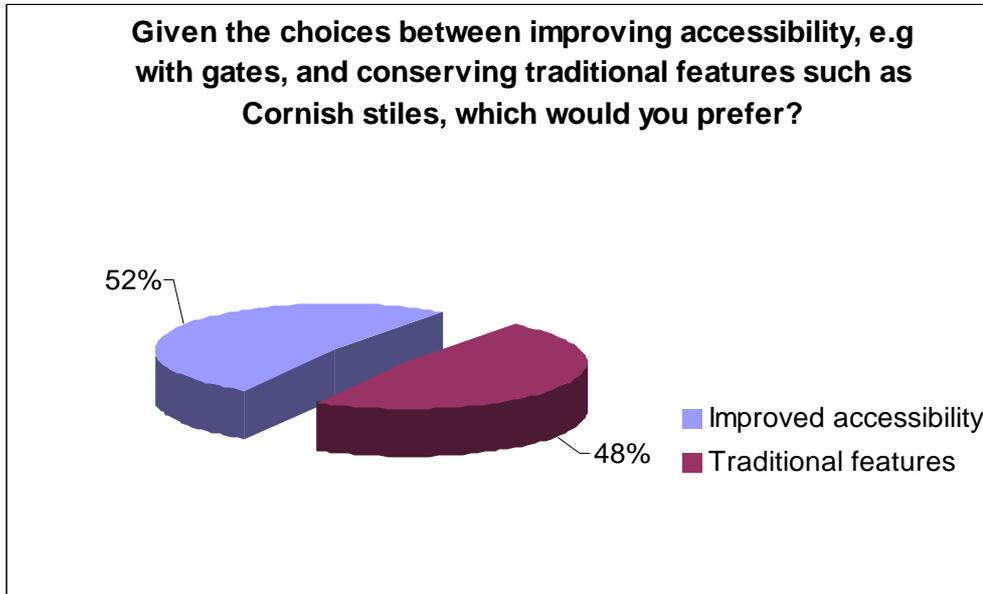
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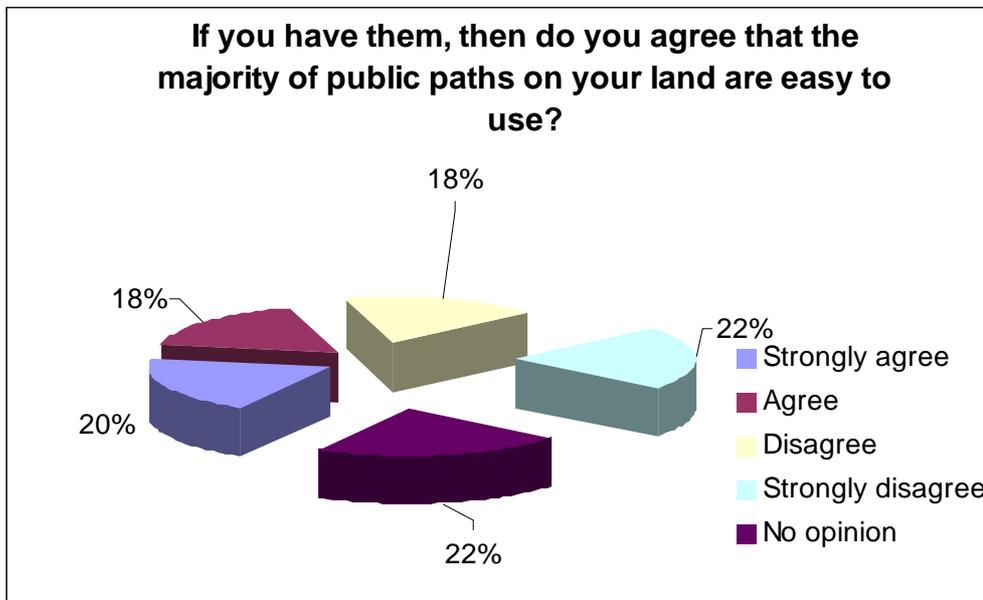
The main problems encountered appeared to be those of litter (17%), and gates left open (15%) No further details are given for 'other' (13%) but the least number of respondents cited security as being a problem (8%)

10. Given the choice between improving accessibility, e.g with gates, and conserving traditional features such as granite Cornish stiles, which would you prefer?



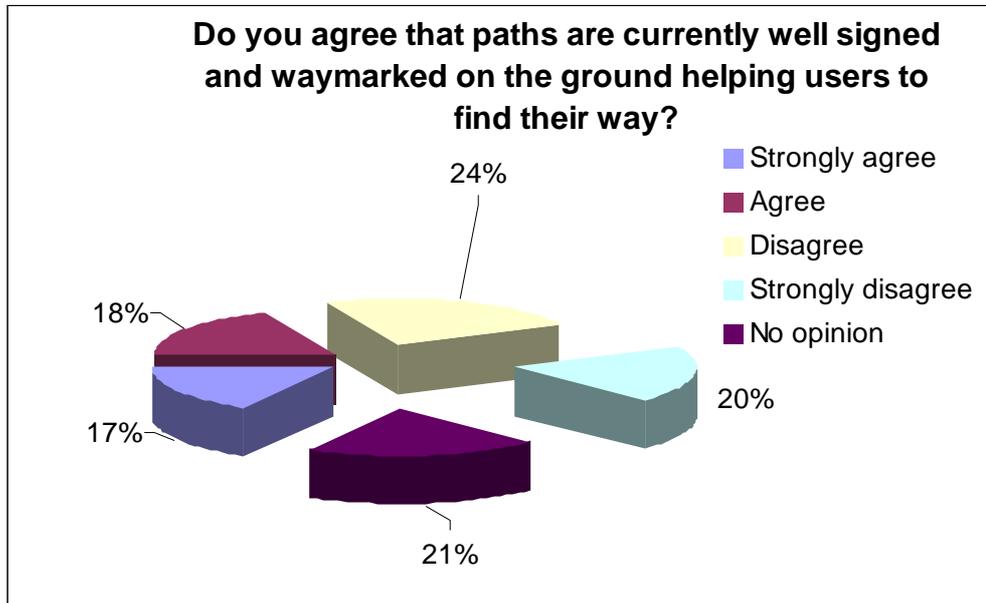
The landowners would prefer to improve accessibility (52%) over conserving traditional features (48%) but the split in responses is almost equal.

11. If you have them, then do you agree that the majority of the public paths on your land are easy to use?



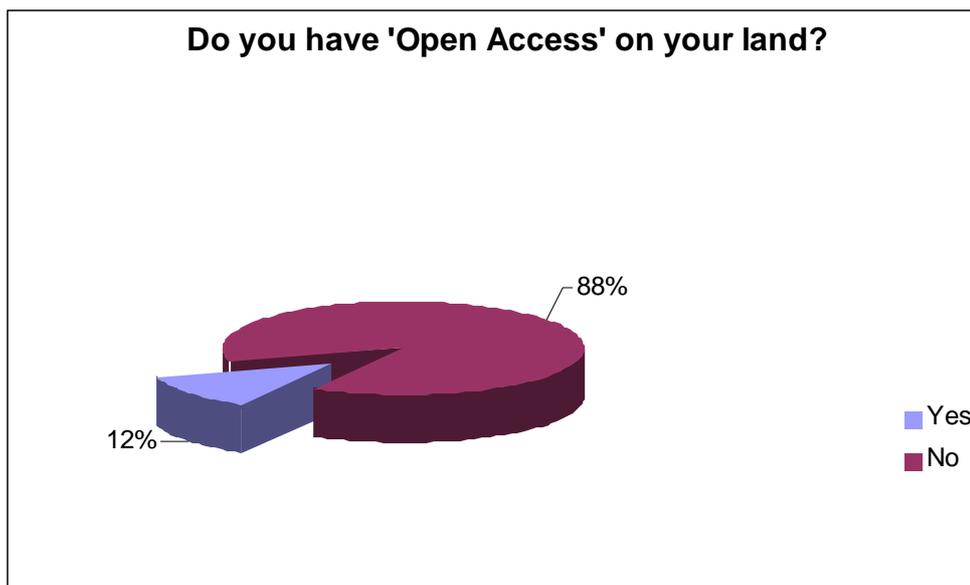
This question provided a good range of responses, with no clear majority opinion. 22%, a high proportion, did not offer an opinion, possibly because they do not have paths on their land. The same number of respondents agreed as disagreed (18% each.) Similarly, 20% strongly agreed that the majority of paths on their land were easy to use and 22% strongly disagreed.

12. Do you agree that paths are currently well signed and waymarked on the ground helping users to find their way?



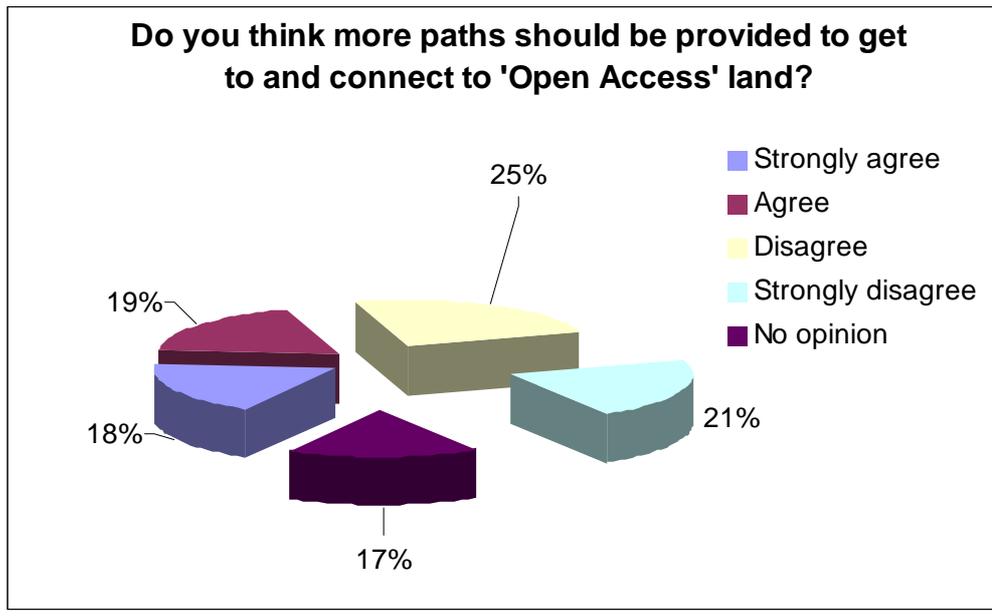
Just over one fifth of respondents (21%) gave no opinion on the subject of paths being signed and waymarked. Of those who did have an opinion 24% disagreed that the paths are well signed and waymarked and 20% strongly disagreed (of the 79% of total respondents.)

13. Do you have 'Open Access' on your land?



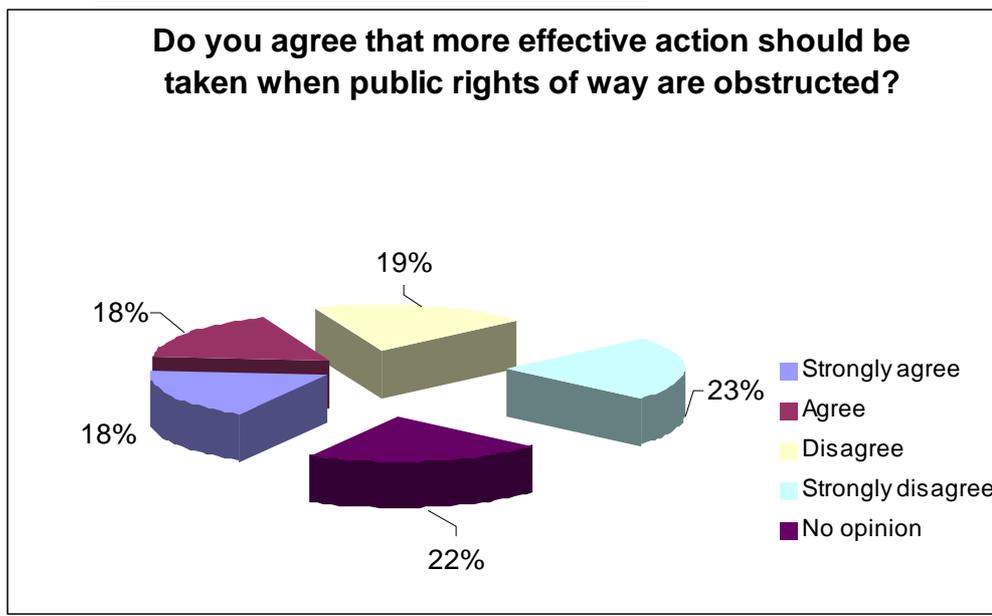
The large majority (88%) do not have 'Open Access' on their land and 12% (n 53) do.

14. Do you think that more paths should be provided to get to and connect to 'Open Access' land?



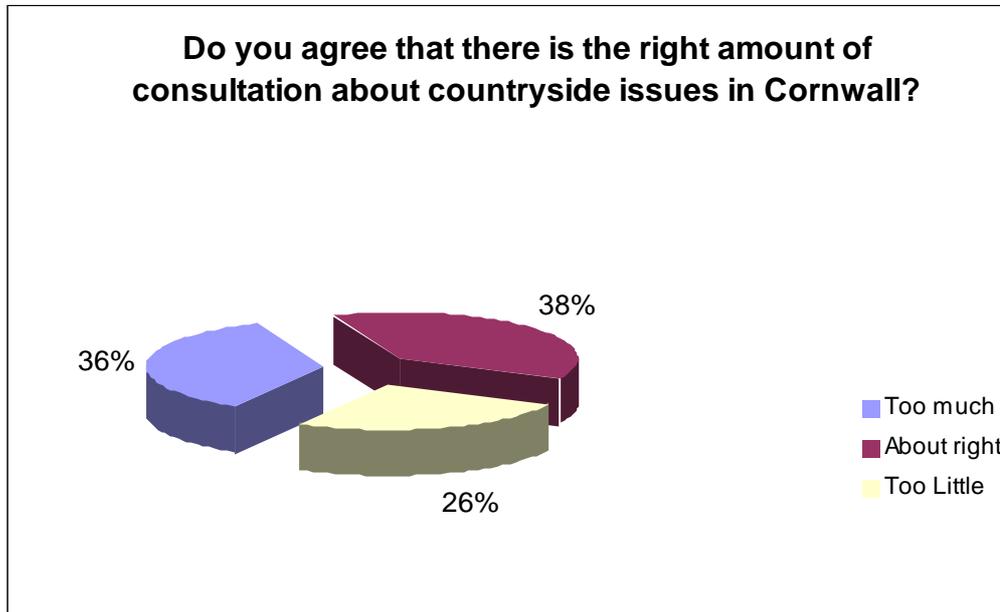
The findings from this question should perhaps be seen in relation to the answers given in the previous question. Nearly half of the respondents (46% total) say that they strongly disagree (25%) or disagree (21%) that more paths should be provided to 'Open Access' land. 17% did not give an opinion on this subject.

15. Do you agree that more effective action should be taken when public rights of way are obstructed?



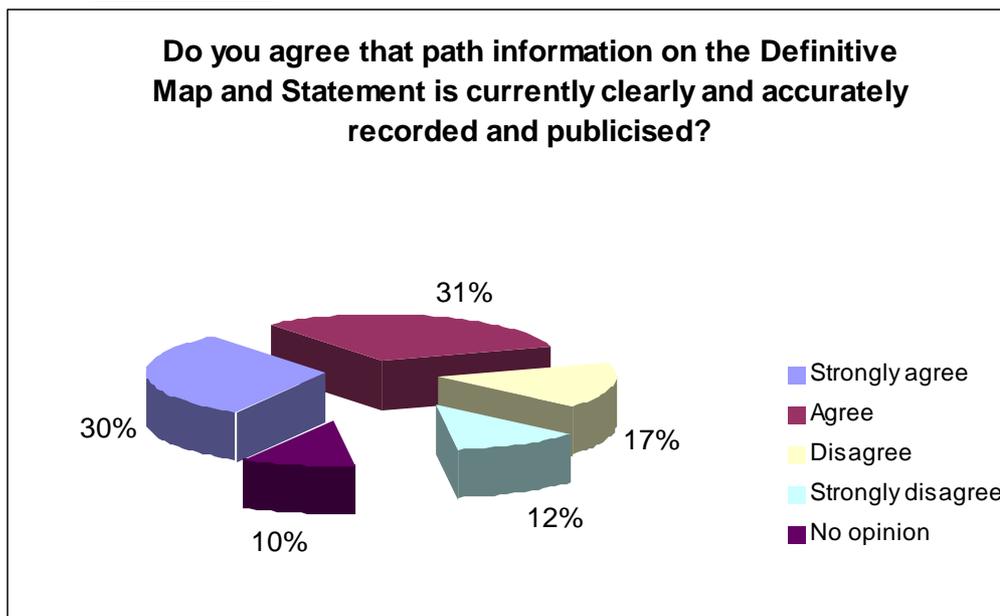
This question provided an even distribution of responses, but a high number (22%) held no opinion. However, the majority (42%) disagreed or strongly disagreed, whereas a total of 36% agreed or strongly agreed.

16. Do you agree that there is the right amount of consultation about countryside issues in Cornwall?



Just over a quarter of respondents (26%) feel that there is too little consultation on this matter, and 38% feel the level of consultation is about right. Just over third consider that there is too much (36%.)

17. Do you agree that path information on the Definitive Map and Statement is currently clearly and accurately recorded and publicised?



A combined 61% of respondents either strongly agreed or agreed that the path information is clearly and accurately recorded and publicised. Under one third (29%) disagreed to a greater or lesser extent, and 10% gave no opinion.

