

TODDINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN BUSINESS SURVEY SUMMARY

The Business Survey was conducted in March/April 2026 to offer the opportunity for local businesses to have their say on the production of the Toddington Neighbourhood Plan.

Approximately 70 businesses, including those located on the High Street/Market Square and those in a number of small business estates and a converted public house, located in the centre of the village, were consulted. These businesses were requested to complete an online survey comprising 10 questions. 15 businesses completed the survey, equating to a 21.4% return.

In summary;

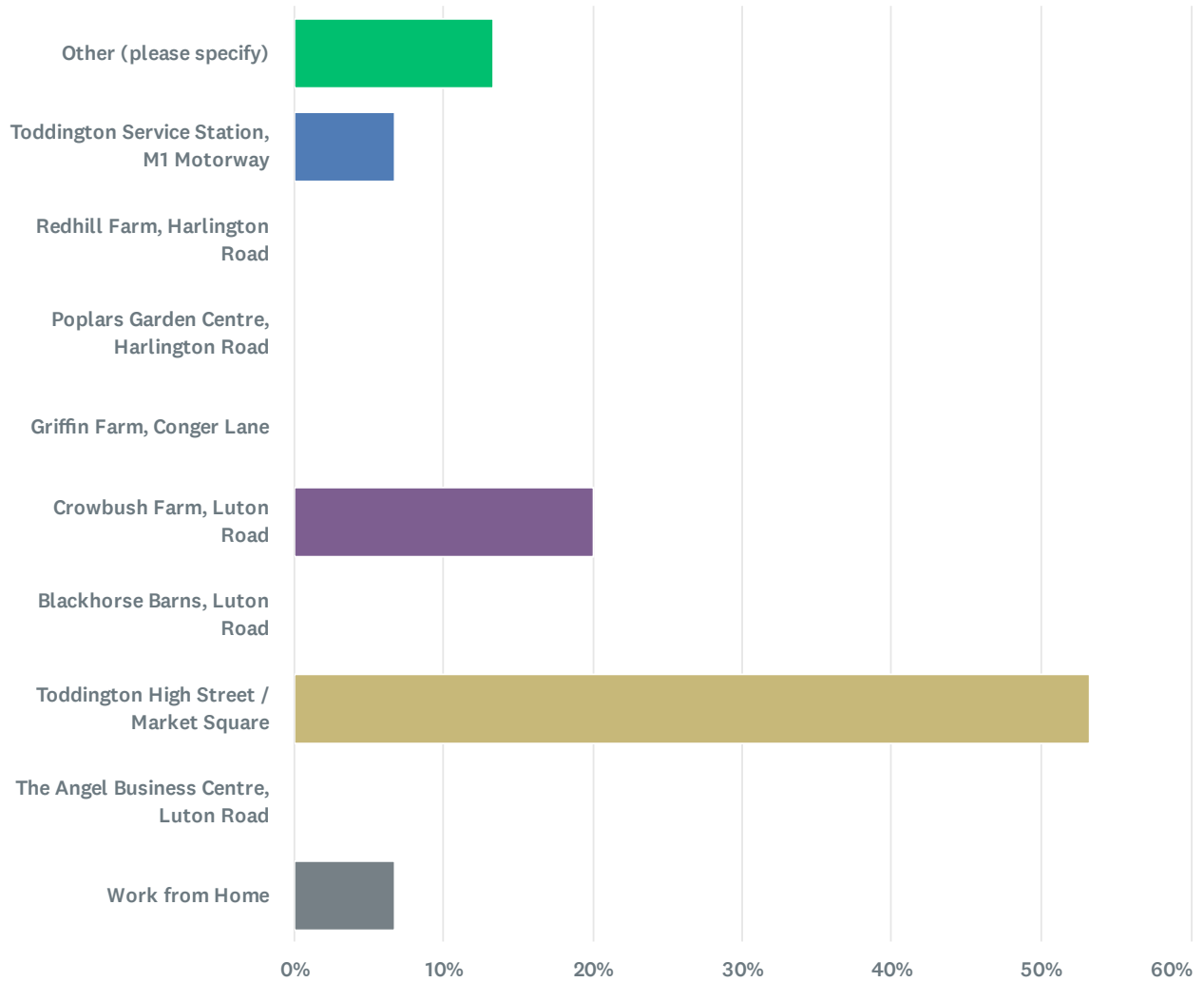
- More than half of the businesses that responded were in the High Street/Market Square with 20% from Crowbush Farm Business Park.
- 9 of the businesses employ in total 107 employees, of these 2 employ 58 employees between them.
- Nearly 65% of the businesses that completed the survey had been established for more than 20 years in Toddington, whilst a further 28% had been operating between 1-5 years. The main reasons why these businesses set up business in Toddington were the availability of suitable premises, easy access to transport infrastructure (road and rail networks) and convenience to home.
- The survey found that the main reasons why a business would consider relocating away from Toddington would be the lack of suitable premises and the availability of parking provision. 65% of businesses that responded to the survey lease their premises with the remaining 35% owning the freehold.

- Only 15% of businesses are highly likely to require larger premises within the next 3-5 years, with 65% unlikely or very unlikely to require larger premises.
- The two main transport concerns affecting businesses in Toddington are the adequacy of parking and highway maintenance.

The results of the Business Survey will inform the development of the Toddington Neighbourhood Plan.

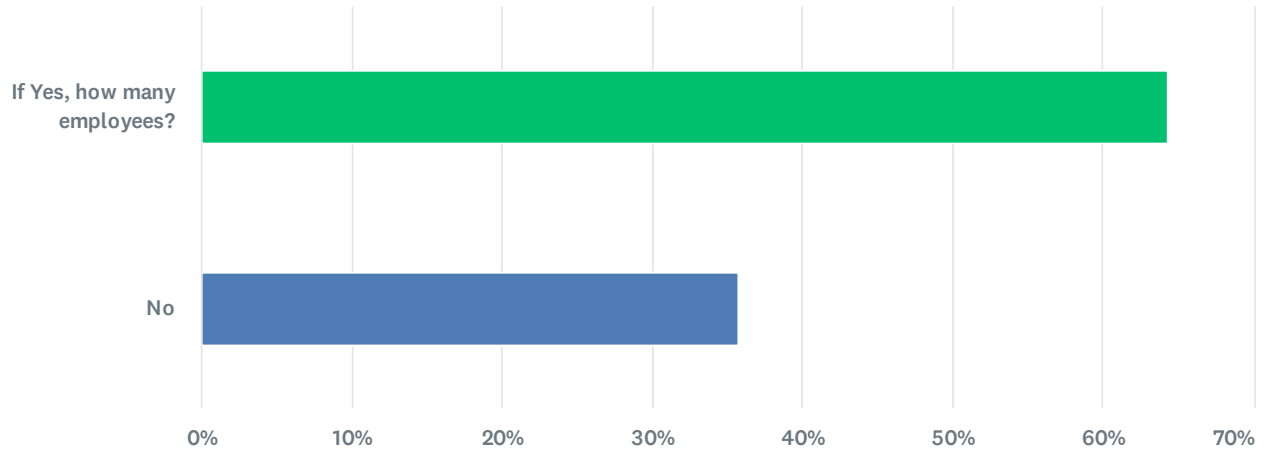
Q1 15 responses

Where is your business located? Tick box



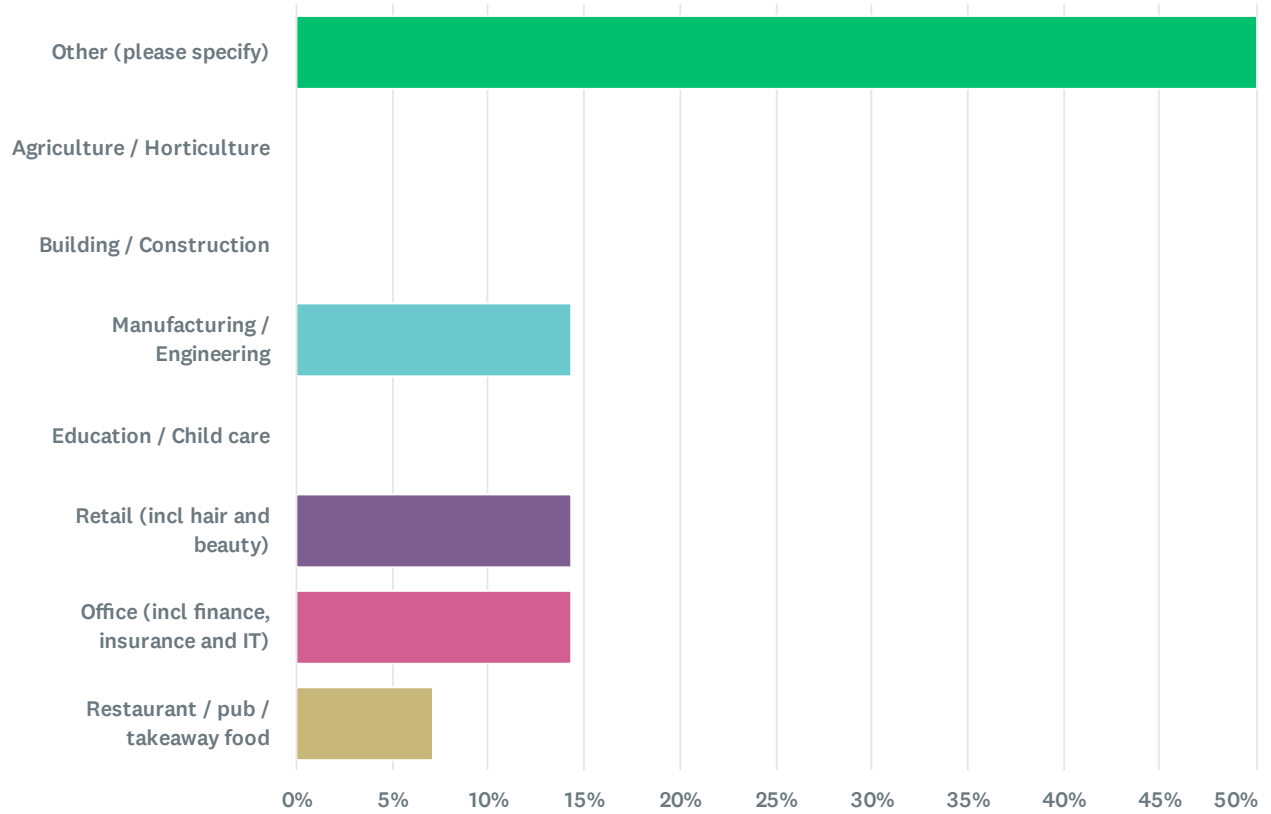
Q2 14 responses

Are you an employer? Tick box



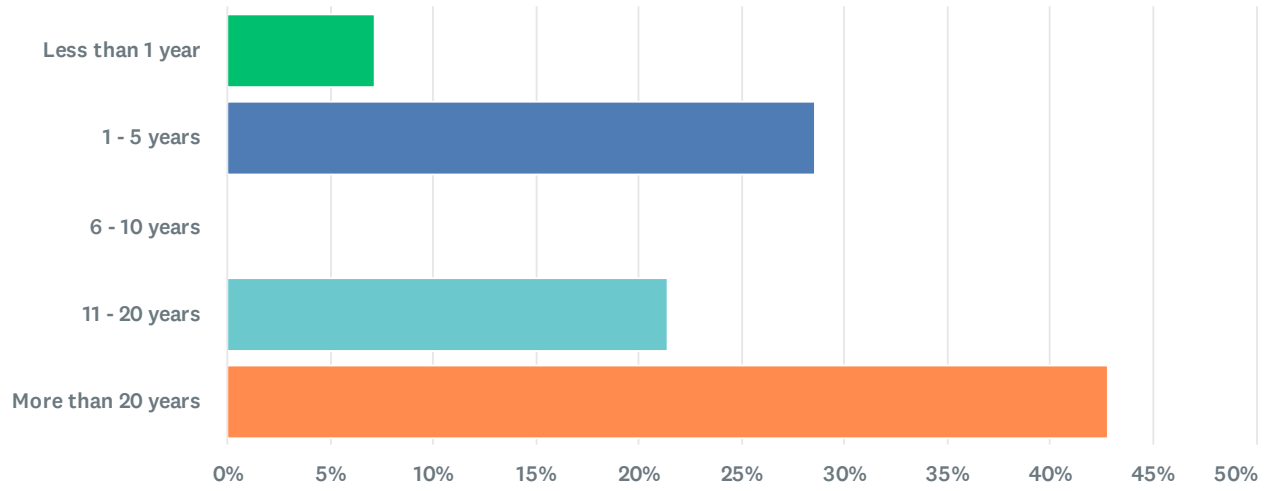
Q3 14 responses

Which sector best describes your business? Tick box



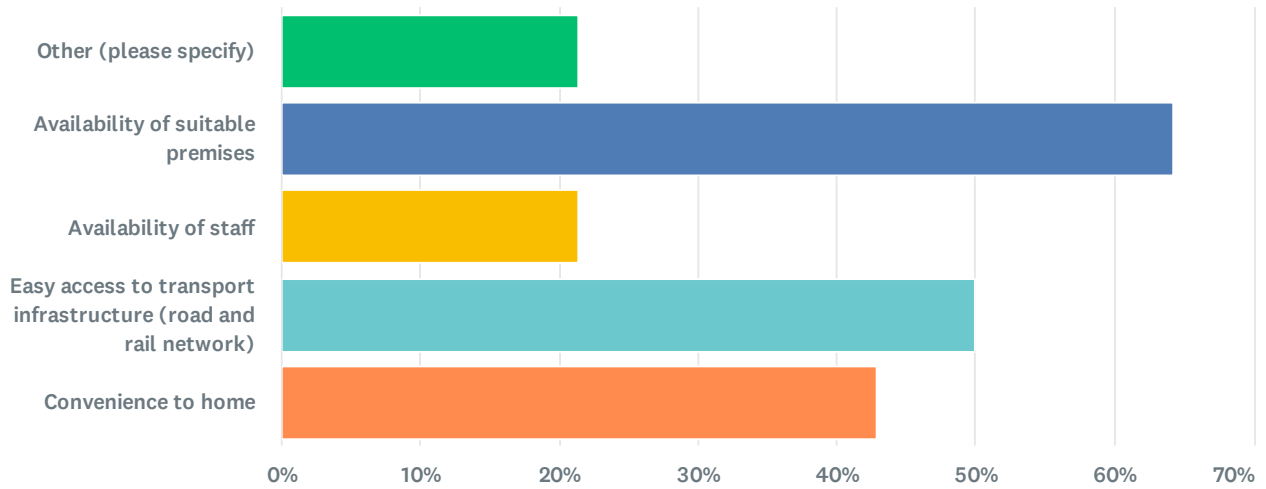
Q4 14 responses

How long has your business been located in Toddington? Tick box



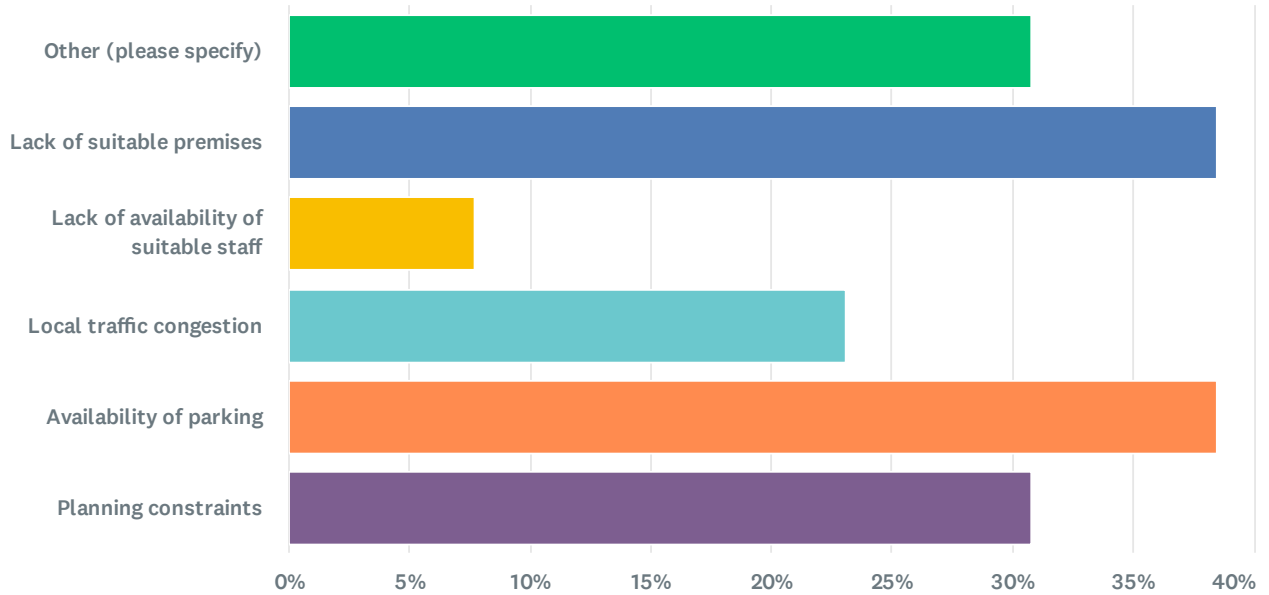
Q5 14 responses

What were the reasons for establishing your business in Toddington? Tick all boxes which are relevant



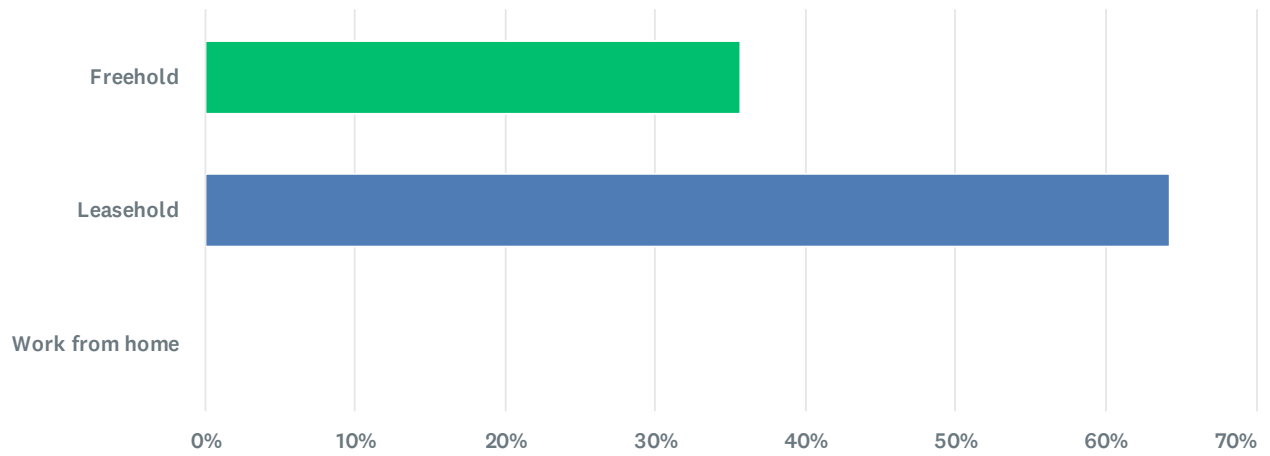
Q6 13 responses

If you were to consider relocating your business away from Toddington, what would be the main reasons? Tick all boxes which are relevant



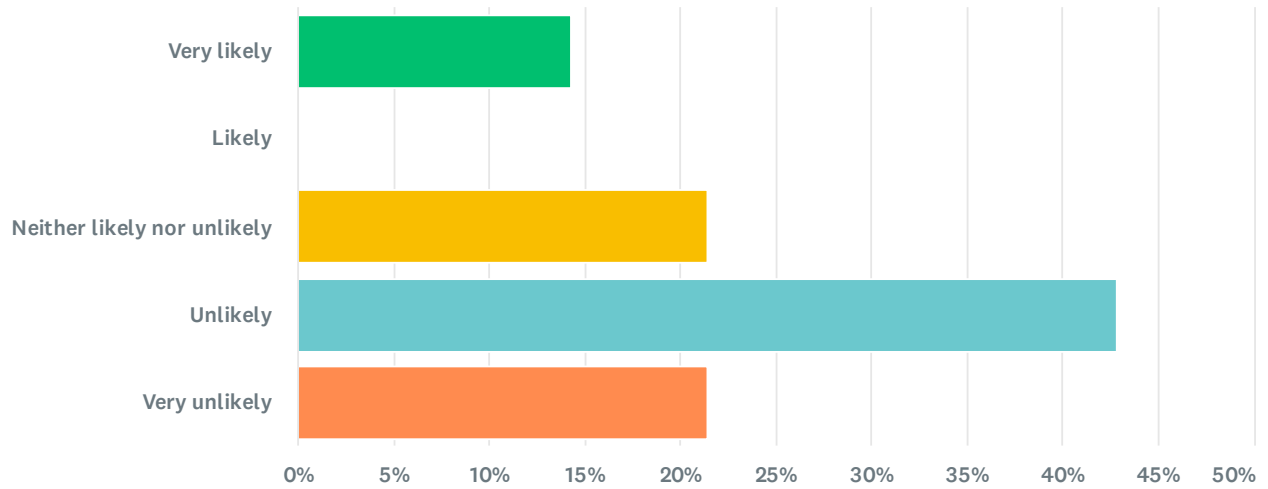
Q7 14 responses

What status is your premises? Tick box



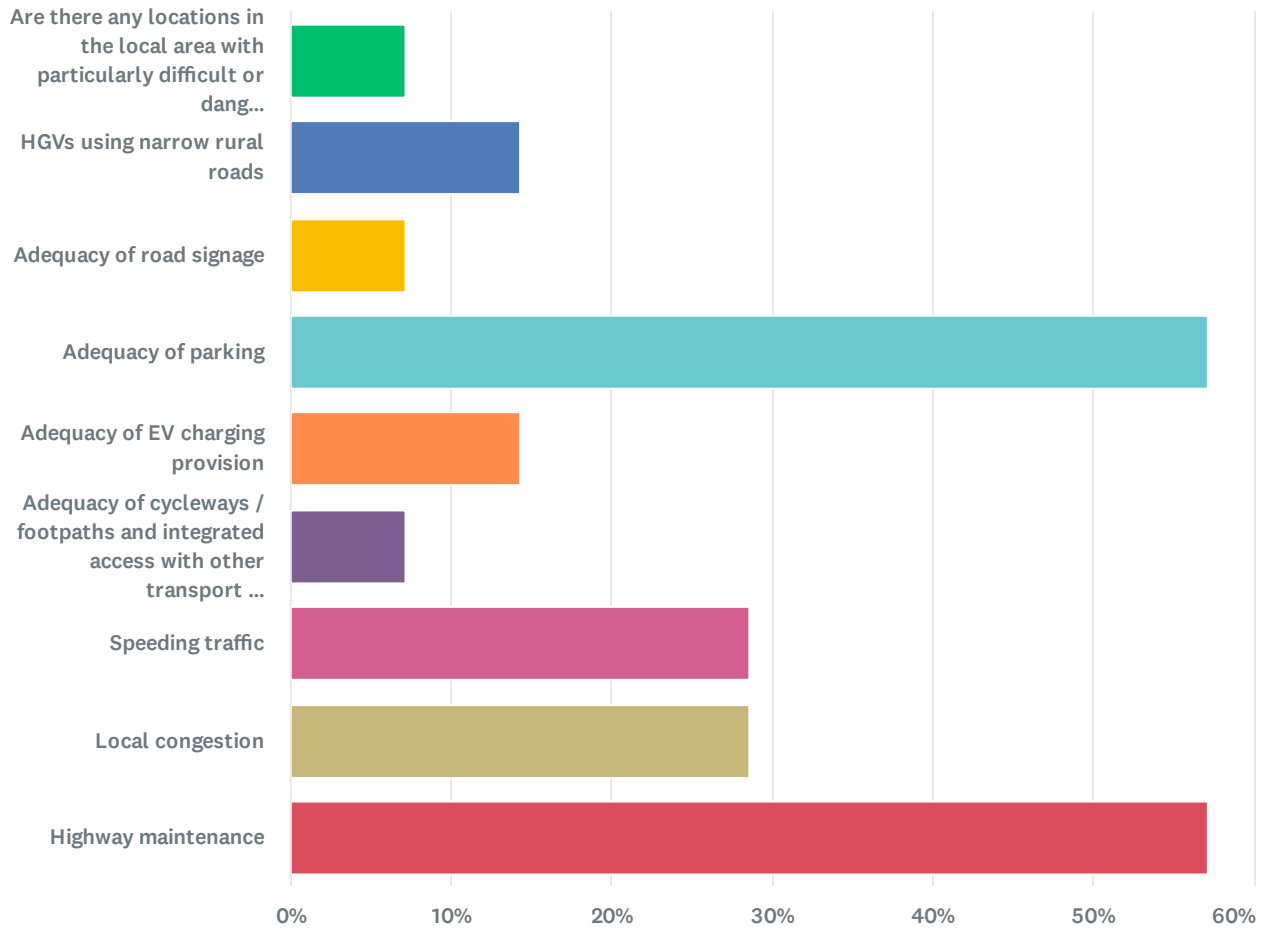
Q8 14 responses

Are you likely to require larger premises in the Toddington area within the next 3-5 years? Tick box



Q9 14 responses

What are the main transport concerns affecting your business? Tick all boxes which are relevant



Q10 Please share any other comments you have below:

Answered: 4 Skipped: 11

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Customer parking is essential to the success of our business. Unfortunately there are very limited spaces with a 2 hour time restriction and to make things worse this is not monitored and therefore the 2 hour time limit is not adhered to. This is badly affecting our business and our customers experience of visiting Toddington	2/27/2026 4:26 PM
2	Parking is a major issue for our clients	2/27/2026 1:03 PM
3	Not enough traffic flow to do the business	2/27/2026 11:15 AM
4	Parking is atrocious in Toddington and comes across as very anti-outsiders. We are the people who keep Toddington's high street in business. If i get a parking fine I won't spend money in the local shops. Also, the kerb stones here are far too sharp, they have completely destroyed my alloy wheels	2/27/2026 10:39 AM

What responses say

Feedback centres on concerns about parking, with most respondents highlighting significant issues with parking accessibility in Toddington. Some feel that current parking arrangements discourage visitors and negatively impact local businesses. Additional comments mention challenges with traffic flow and dissatisfaction with road infrastructure, specifically the condition of kerb stones. Overall, responses suggest that improvements to parking and road quality are seen as important for supporting business activity and encouraging more visitors to the area. While the sample is small, the feedback consistently points to parking as a key area for attention.