

Grange Lane Survey 2021

Headlines





Background & Purpose

- Dulwich Estates alerted to structure non-compliance
- Lease update and modernization required
- Consultation to solicit views and inform lease negotiations with DE
- And to inform new, modernized rules for GL



Process

- Qualitative then quantitative survey
- Largely online
- Some paper submissions
- 230 plots
- 101 completed #1
- 118 completed #2

Headline Findings





Site Operation

- **More manure!**
- **Paths** – levelling, encroachment, safety
- **Drainage** improvements
 - More burning days/less burning days
 - Limit on toxic substances
 - Tree heights to be checked
 - More rubbish/organic waste disposal

“The well rotted manure has helped me tremendously”

“Things have improved a lot in recent years”

“The paths and drainage need urgent attention”



Structures

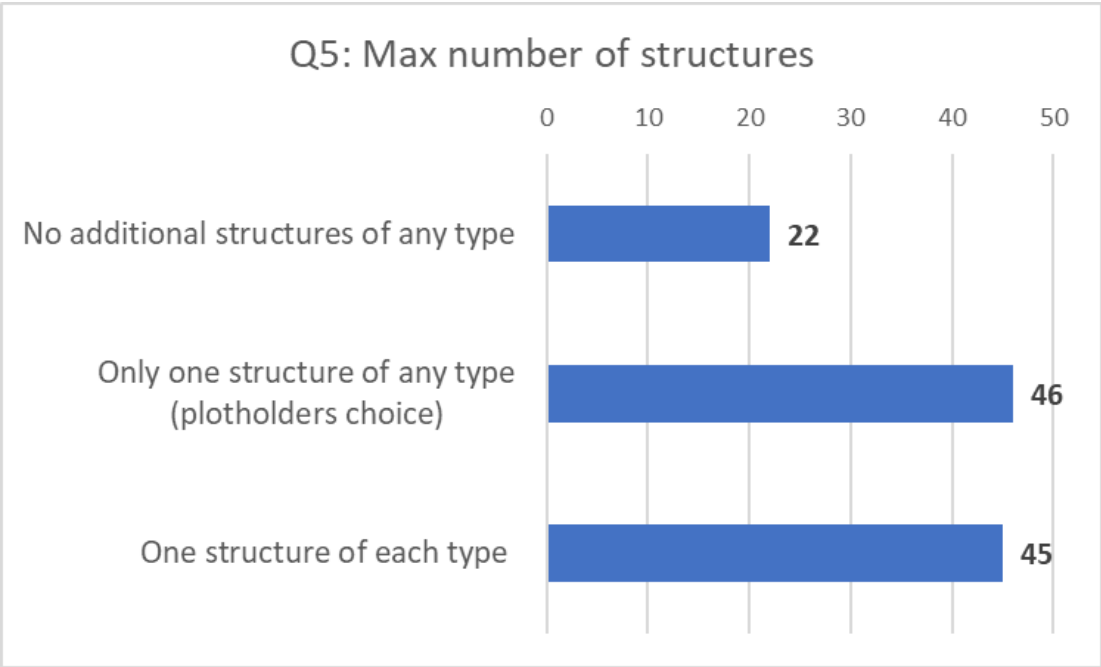
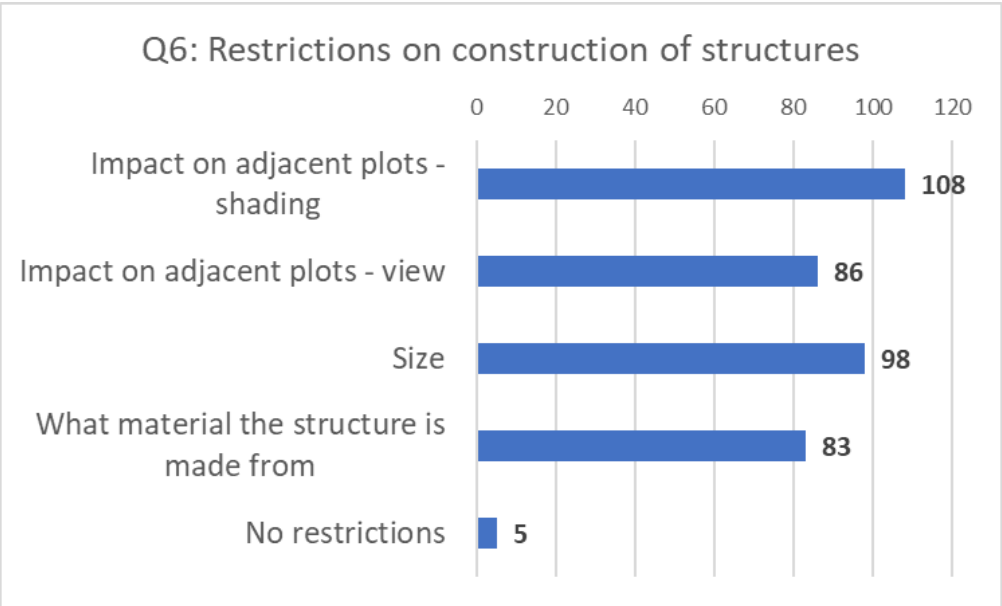
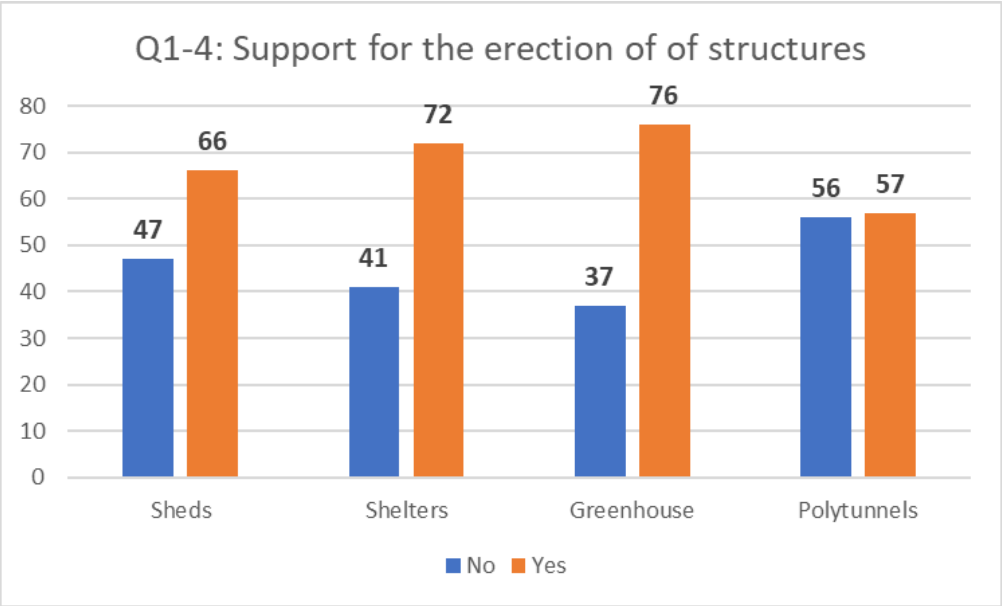
- Support for some structures currently not allowed
- Support for restrictions on number, size, material and impact on others
- Access to the hut!


"I'd like somewhere to sit & shelter when it rains"

"Its difficult to keep tools on my plot because of the restrictions"

"It's a very beautiful site and we should keep it that way"

Structures - The Stats



A photograph of a garden scene. In the foreground, there are various green plants, including leafy greens and some small pink flowers. In the background, a wooden trellis structure is visible, covered with climbing plants. The sky is overcast with grey clouds.

"A tree pruning day would be nice"

Sharing, learning & support

- More /sharing of ideas & knowledge, eg.
 - *A mentoring or buddying programme*
 - *An interactive section on the website*
 - *A seed sharing initiative*
 - *A help scheme for elderly people struggling*
- Talks/speakers, master classes
- Plot holders involved in site upkeep
- More looking outwards
 - *A plot for school children or refugees*

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"When first given a plot, its sometimes difficult to know where to start"



Rules and Enforcement

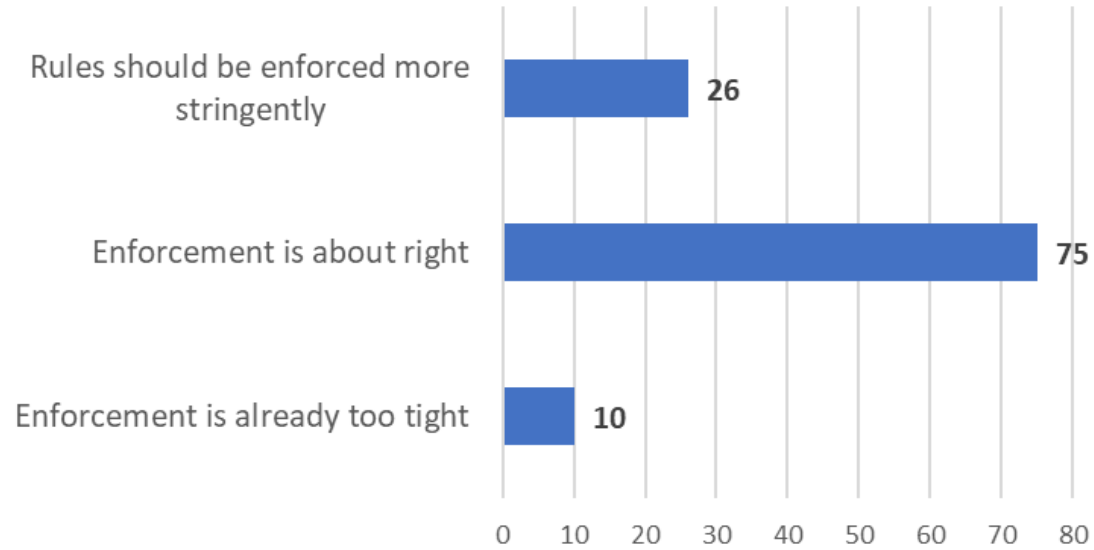
- **Strong support for review of the rules**
 - **More enforcement/less enforcement**
 - **Consistent application of rules**
 - **More clarity on rules & processes**
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- Limit to one plot in future
 - Role & responsibilities of helpers

"I shudder at the thought of even more rules"

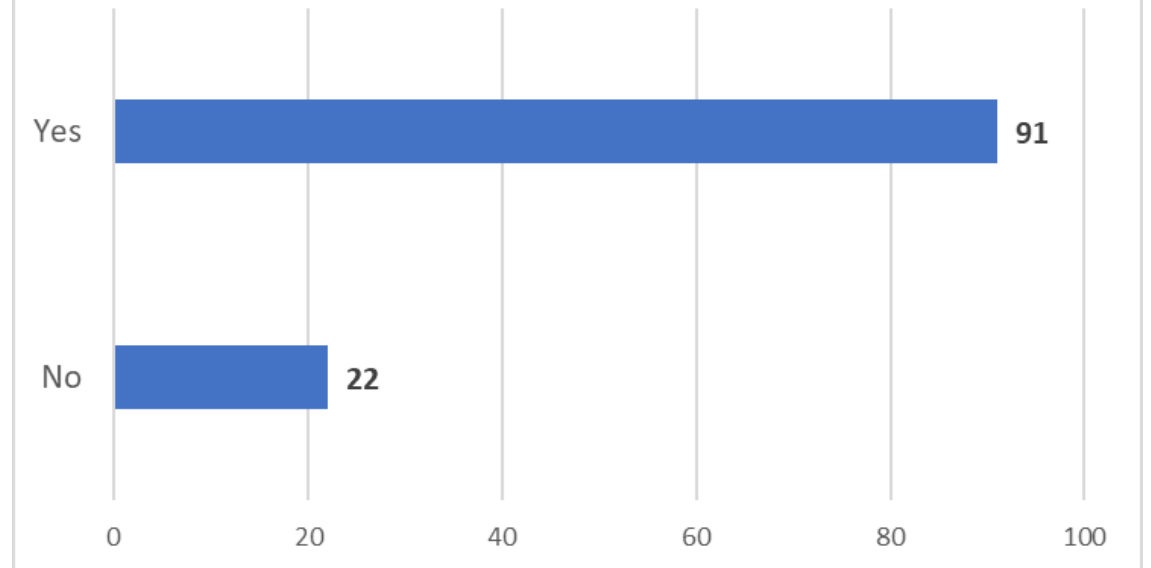
"I think the committee are WAY too lenient"

Rules and Enforcement

Q7: Enforcement of existing rules



Q8: Review and reform of rules



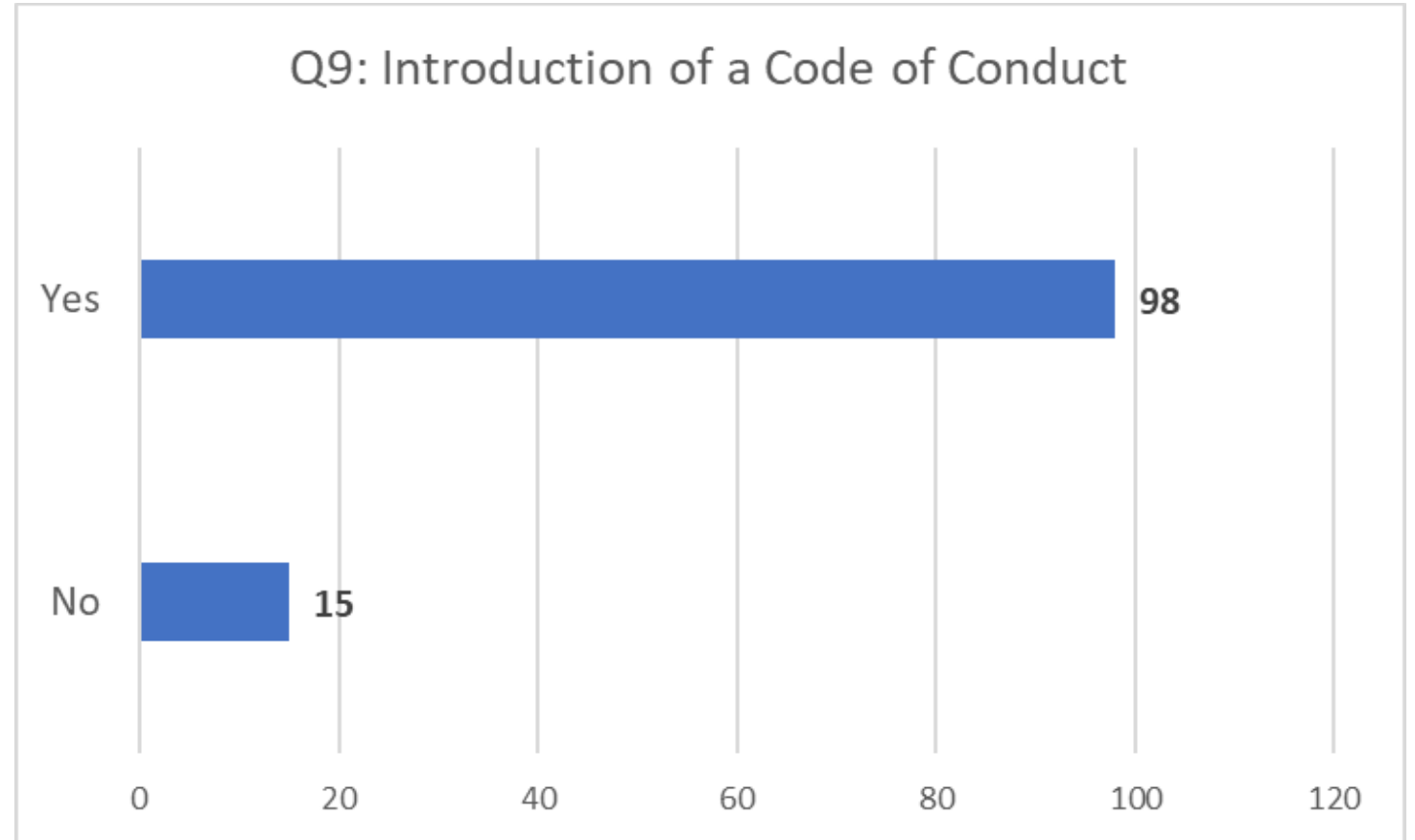



Code of Conduct

- **Yes to a Code of Conduct**
 - Good manners and **respect** for each other
 - Tolerance of the views of others
 - Be welcoming and helpful
 - People should sign a contract when they take a plot
 - Maintain their plot
 - Plot holders should be responsible for helpers and visitors



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“More regular surveys – great to have the opportunity to feed back & share ideas”

Committee

- Majority endorsement - committee & site improvements
- 79% say the committee is effective
- More communication & interaction
- More inclusivity & diversity – site and committee
- More info on who are the committee & committee activity
- Find ways to engage people beyond the committee – appreciation of the consultation
- Rotation of committee members

“A few do an enormous amount of work behind the scenes’ ‘perhaps helping could be a condition of membership?....”

“Frankly I do not want to get involved..its a thankless task”



Other Suggestions

- Better info on what is allowed/not allowed
- Facilities at the bottom – toilet, manure
- Communal suggestions eg Community shredding days, shared greenhouse and tool library
- More composting on site
- More wildlife spaces
- Hose pipes
- Notification of manure deliveries & skips

Next Steps and Questions

- Priorities for the year - break
- Volunteering opportunities - break
- Results on the website
- Consider results & liaise with DE. Other committees liaison. Common lease?
- Revised rules in 2022

