



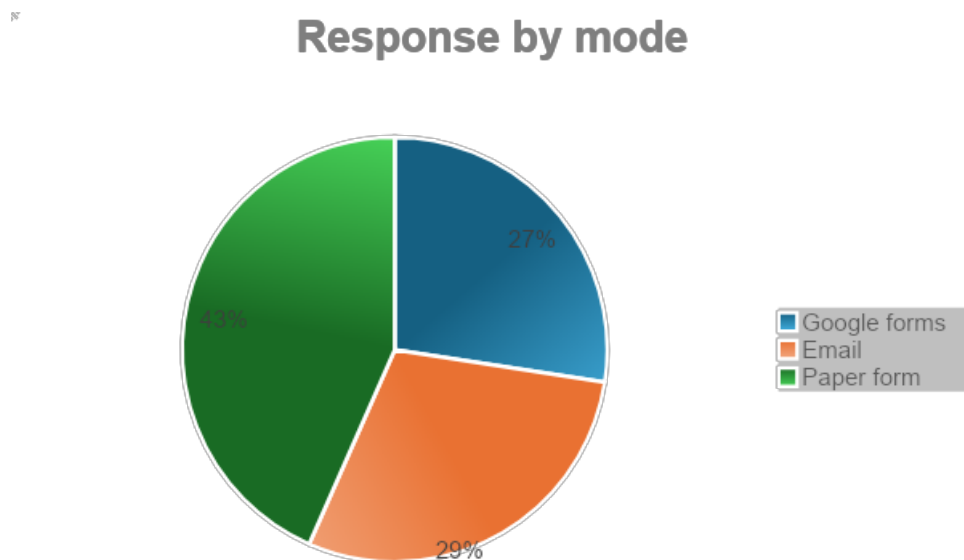
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## **Travel survey February 2024**

## 4Colney Heath Residents' Association Travel Survey, February 2024

### Introduction

- 1.1 4Colney Heath Residents' Association undertook a survey of Colney Heath residents' modes of travel for employment, shopping and healthcare. Additional information was also requested about young people in education, their place of study and modes of travel.
- 1.2 The survey was opened on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024, and responses were accepted up to 28th February.
- 1.3 Initially the survey (see Appendix 1) was sent out via email using the Residents' Association membership list; follow-up hardcopy survey forms were then distributed to most of the homes in the village. The Colney Heath School Parents' Association also distributed forms to all the children attending the school.
- 1.4 Responses could be made on the paper forms or via email using template on the Residents' Association website. A Google online survey was added to the available formats for responses.



- 1.5 A total of 463 responses, including several duplicate responses, was received. Several responses were also received from parents with children attending Colney Heath school but living beyond the village. These latter responses were expected as forms were distributed by the school PTA to all children regardless of where they lived. Responses from out of the village were analysed only in so far as they related to attendance at Colney Heath school.
- 1.6 The results of the survey are presented below, with each question and its responses considered individually; a commentary on the results of each question is also provided. Analysis of the responses has been done with the assistance of members of the Colney Heath Parish Council Planning Working Party.
- 1.7 Respondents were requested to ensure that each adult (>21 years) in the household submitted a response. This is basically a travel survey in which modes of travel, location and distances travelled were the prime interest, so to maximise the number of responses all adults were asked to take part in the survey.

**Q1** About you, street, or road name where you live [ ]

No detailed analysis has been undertaken of this question, beyond due diligence to confirm that the response came from an address in the village (other than those with children attending Colney Heath School living outside the village), and that each street/road was suitably represented.

The street or road was used to calculate the distances travelled to school, employment, and shopping. (N.B. – no house numbers or names were requested for confidentiality reasons).

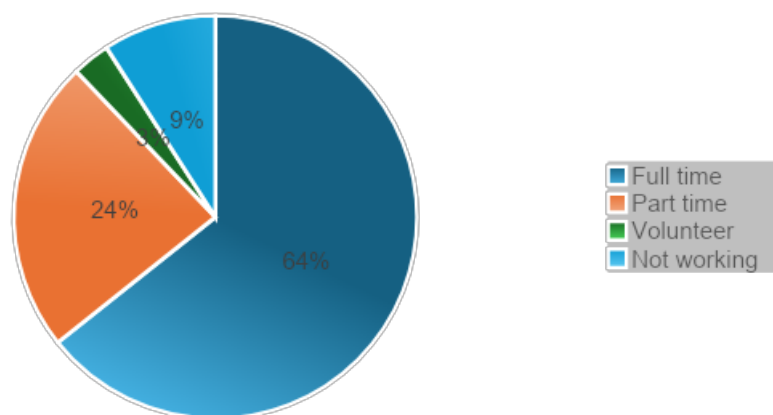
**Q2** What is your age group? Please mark the box [ 22-59 ][ 60-79 ][ 80+ ]

**Q3** Number of people under 22 in your household [ ]

**Q4** Employment status - tick box

[ Working full time ][ Working part time ][ Volunteering ][ Not working ][ Retired ]

### Employment status



**Q5** Do you work mostly from home (3 or more days a week)? [ Yes ][ No ]

31.8 % people responded they worked at home (excludes any volunteer work) for 3 or more days per week.

**Q6** Postcode for your main place of work [ ]

### Distance travelled to main place of employment.

All respondents were requested to give the postcode of their place of employment. Distances were calculated to the centre point of the postcode supplied.

The survey did not request any house numbers or house names for confidential reasons, so for short distance measurements the central residential point in the road or street has been used as defined below; this approach has been used throughout the survey.

If < 5km to the central residential point in the road of residence  
 If > 5km to centre of the village

All respondents distance to main place of employment	Median 8.5km, mean 14.6
Minimum distance to main place of employment	0 (home working)
Maximum distance to main place of employment	200km.
Daily commuters' distance to main place of employment average	Median 9.3km, mean 12.4km
Commuting a few times per week to main place of employment average	Median 7.4km, mean 13.85km
Commuting once per week to main place of employment average	Median 7.75k, mean 25.4km

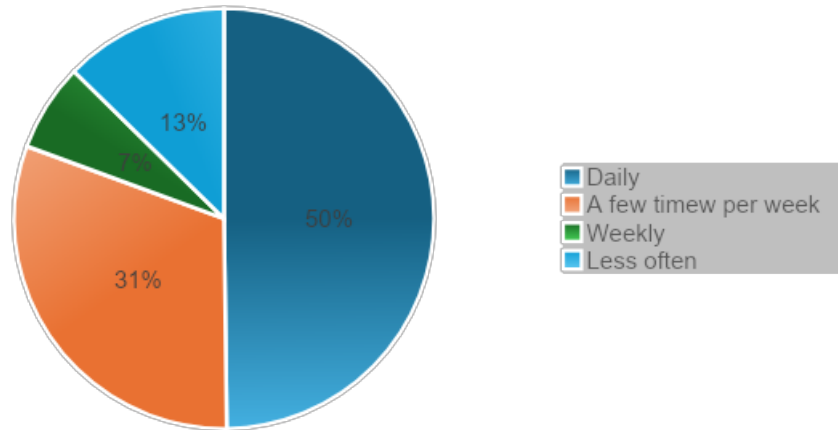
**Q7** *If you work at various locations, please provide details of where you need to travel to [ ].*

Other working locations – some people responded with multiple locations, so in each case the most distant location was used in the analysis.

Distance to alternative employment site average	Median 33.7km, mean 49.2km
Minimum distance to alternative employment site	6km
Maximum distance to alternative employment site	202km

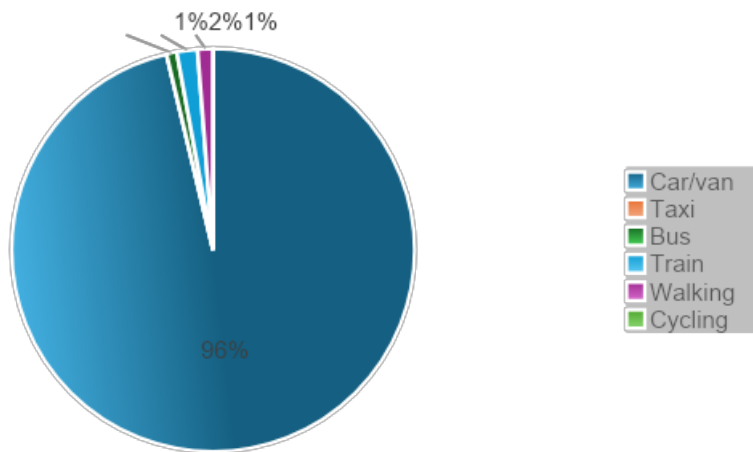
**Q8** *Mark how often you travel to work [Daily ][A few times per week ][Weekly ][Less often ]*

### Frequency of travelling to work

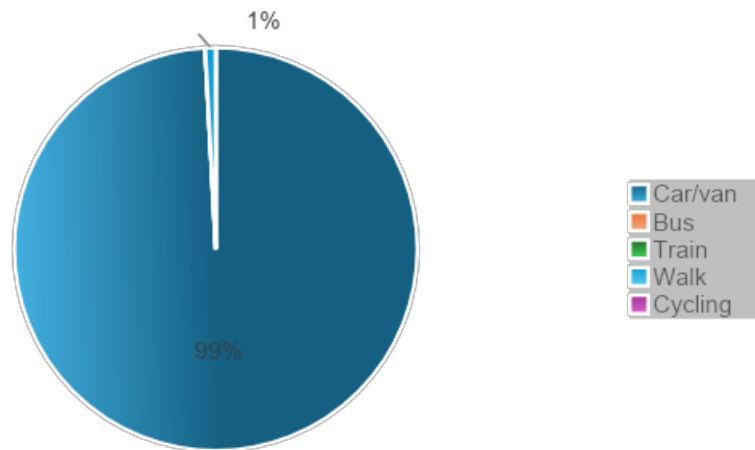


**Q9** Mark how you usually travel to work (if you travel by train select how you travel to the station) [ Car ][ Van ][ Taxi ][ Walk ][ Cycle ][ Bus ][ Train]

### Mode of travel to work (all)



## Mode of travel to work (full time only)

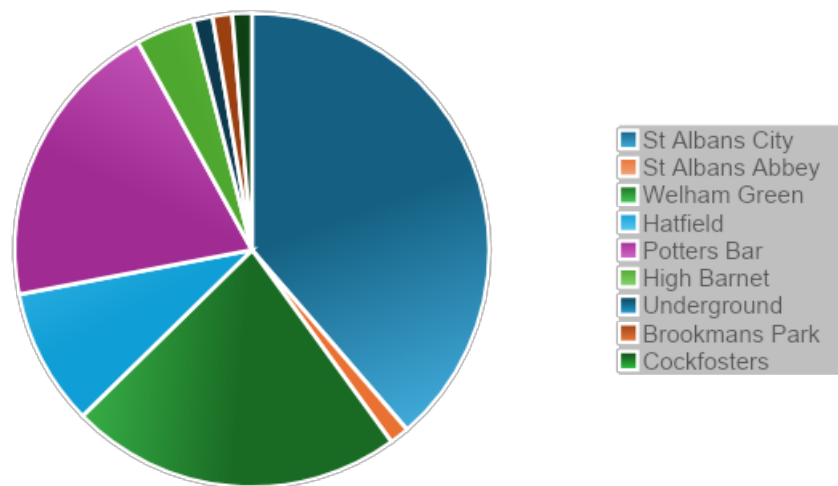


122 respondents

**Q10** if you travel by train, select the train station you use to get to work

[ St Albans City ][ St Albans Abbey ][ Welham Green ][ Hatfield ][ Potters Bar ][ Other - which one? ]

## Railway stations used



**Q11** Going to School/Uni/College (only one parent/carer need offer this)

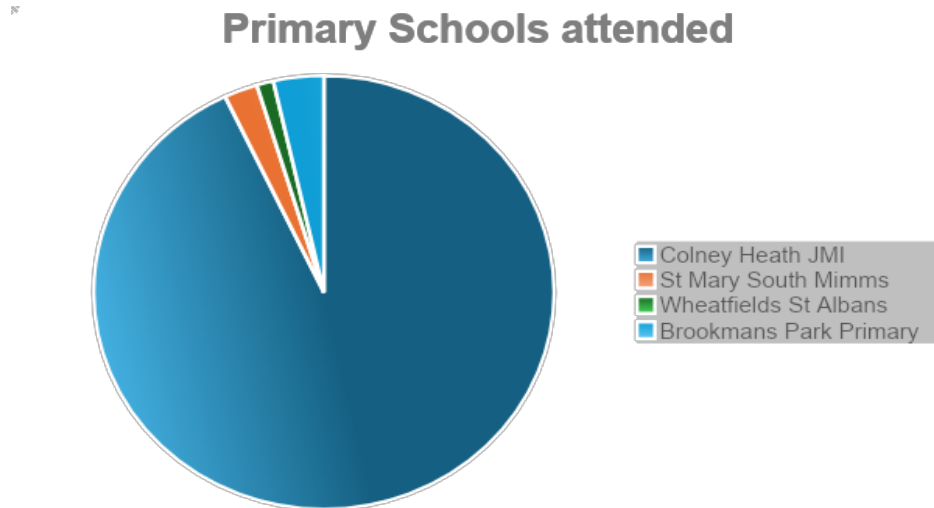
Name of school Uni or college Usual way of travelling

[ Walk ][ Cycle ][ Bus ][ Car/taxi ]

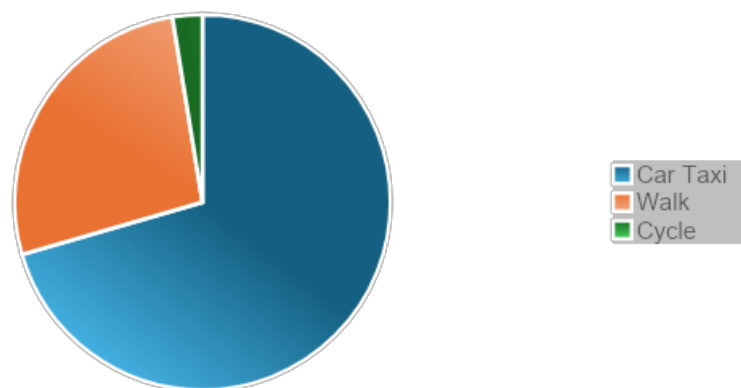
### Education - primary schools

Colney Heath school

Number of children included in the response	79
Mean distance from school to home	1.2km.
Minimum distance from school	0.25km.
Maximum distance from school	12.2km.



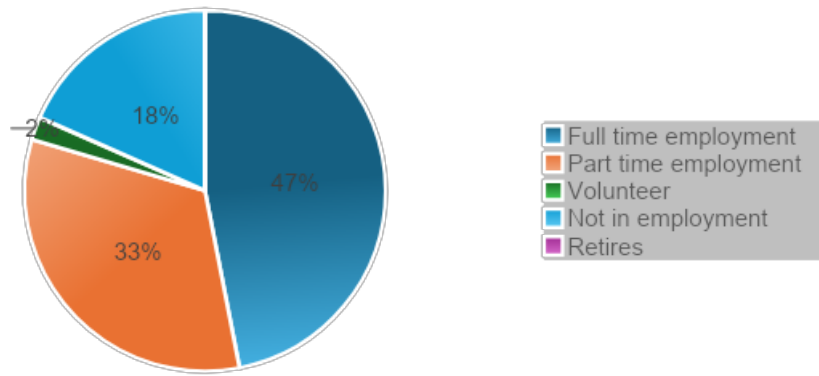
**Modes of travel by children to Colney Heath School**



**Mean distances travelled to school per child by mode**

Car / taxi	1.8km	minimum 0.85m	maximum 12.5km.
Walking	1.1km.	minimum 0.25km	maximum 1.8km
Cycling	1.2km.	minimum 1.2km.	maximum 1.2km

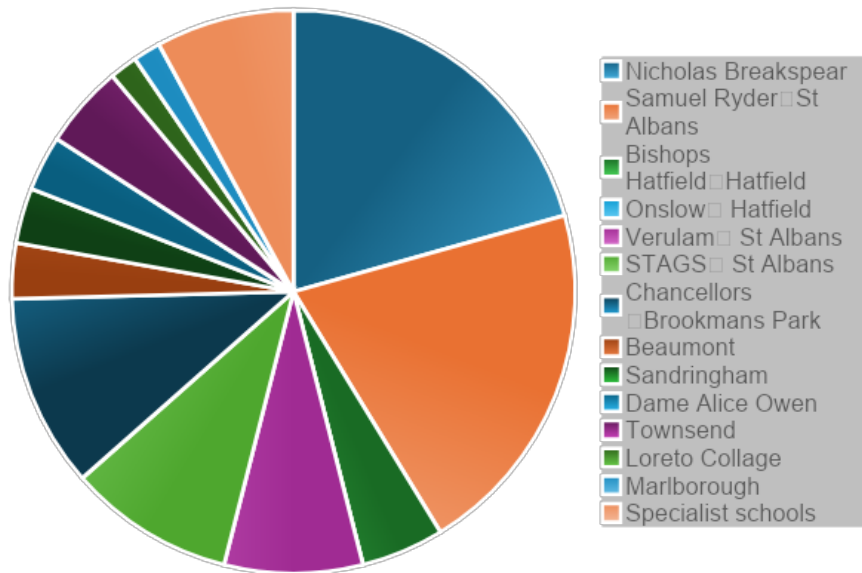
### Employment status of parents with children at CH school



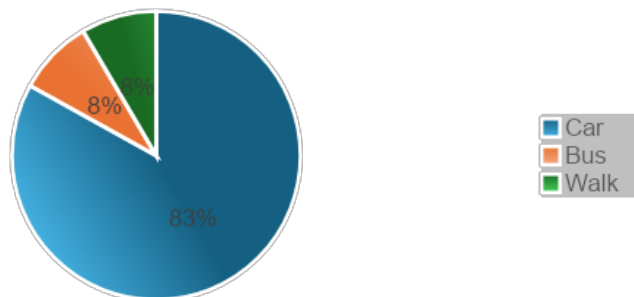


## Secondary Schools

### Secondary Schools attended



### Modes of travel to secondary school

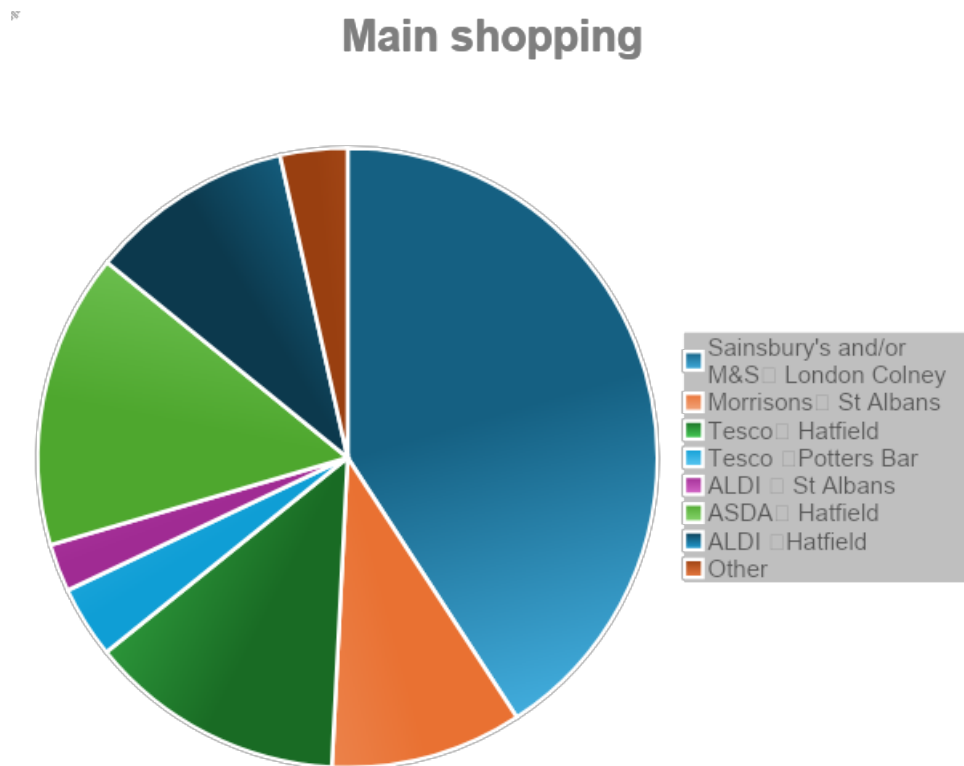


**Q12 Main shopping**

Where do you get your main regular household shopping from? (select all used)

[ Home delivery ] [ Sainsbury/M&S London Colney ] [ Morrisons St Albans ] [ Tesco Potters Bar ]

[ ASDA St Albans ] [ ASDA Hatfield ] [ Aldi Hatfield ] [ Other ..... ]



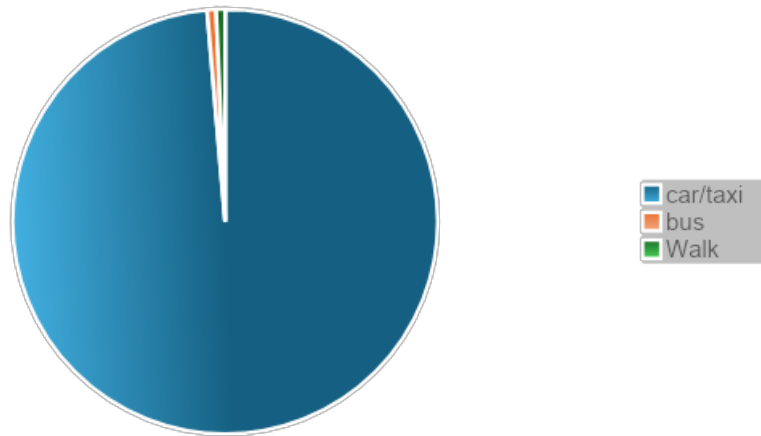
**Q13 How often do you normally do your main shopping?**

Mean frequency of main shopping      4 times per month (all shoppers)

**Q14 How do you normally travel to buy your main shopping?**

[ Car ] [ Taxi ] [ Walk ] [ Cycle ] [ Bus ]

## Shopping - mode of Travel



This data excludes those people who used home deliveries.

Mean distance to main shopping outlet 4.7km.

Minimum distance to main shopping outlet 4.1km

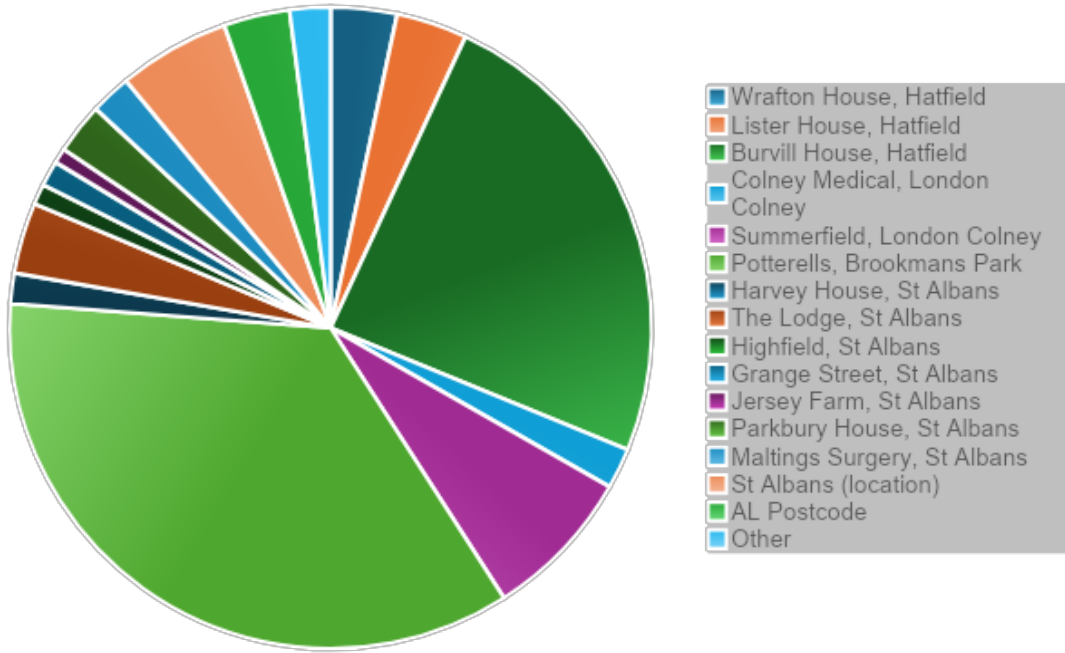
Maximum distance to main shopping outlet 9.0km

Note - the distance is the shortest route by car as that was recorded as the main mode of transport to the central point in the road given by the respondent.

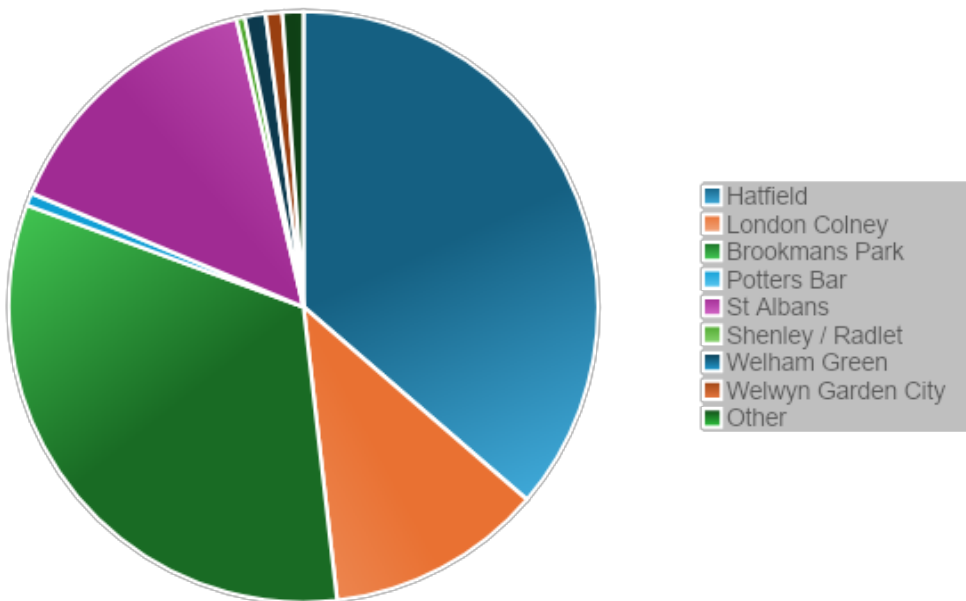
### Q15 Healthcare – doctors

Your GP – name of surgery or location .....

## Doctors by Surgery



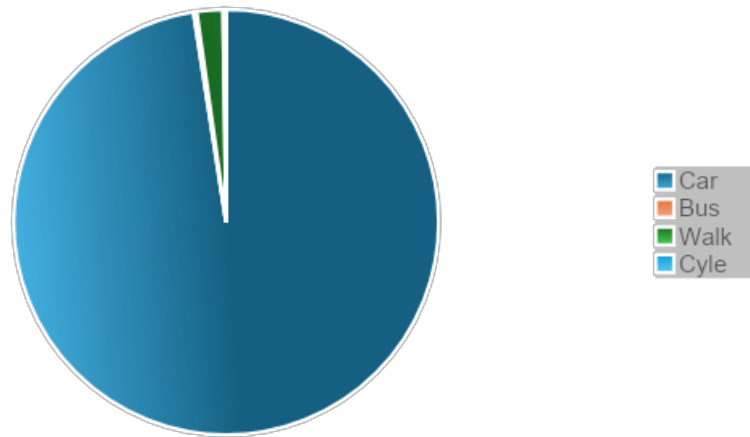
## Doctors surgery by location



**Q16** How do you travel there?

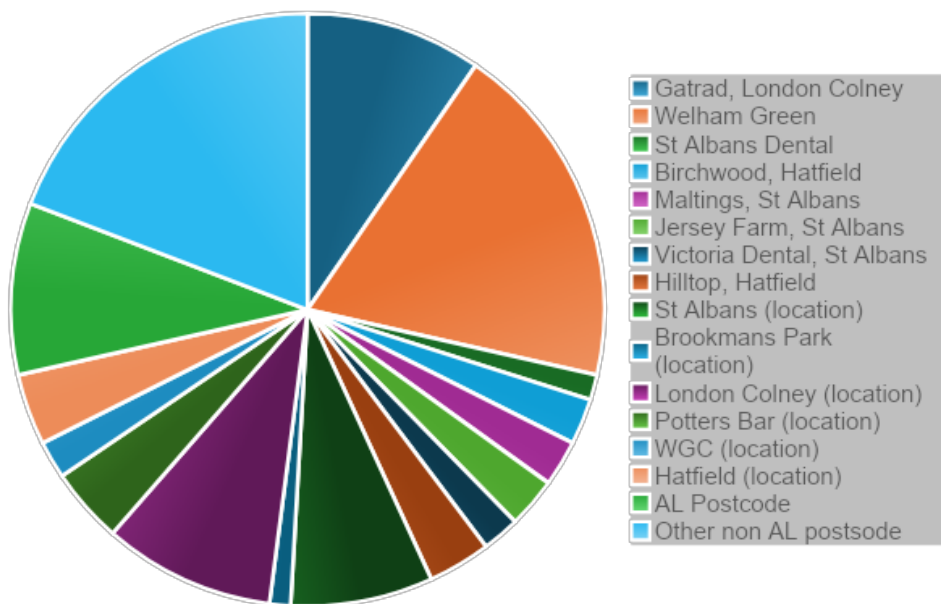
[ Car ][ Taxi ][ Walk ][ Cycle ][ Bus ]

### Mode of travel to Doctors surgery

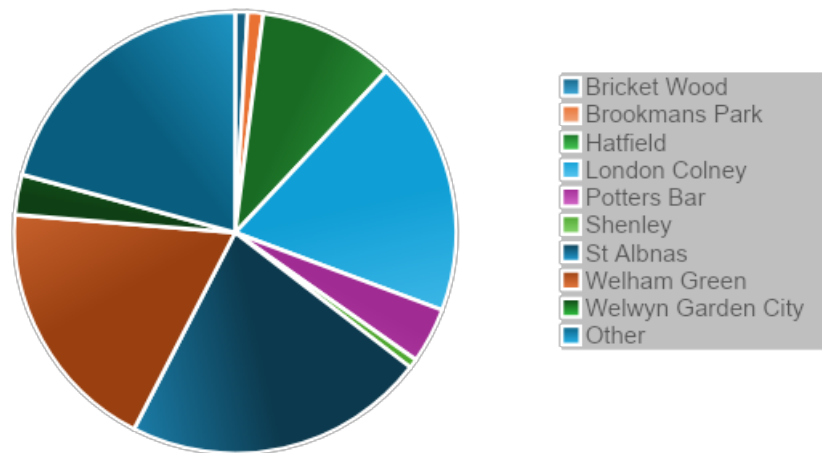


**Q17** Your dentist – name of dentist or location .....

### Dental Practice

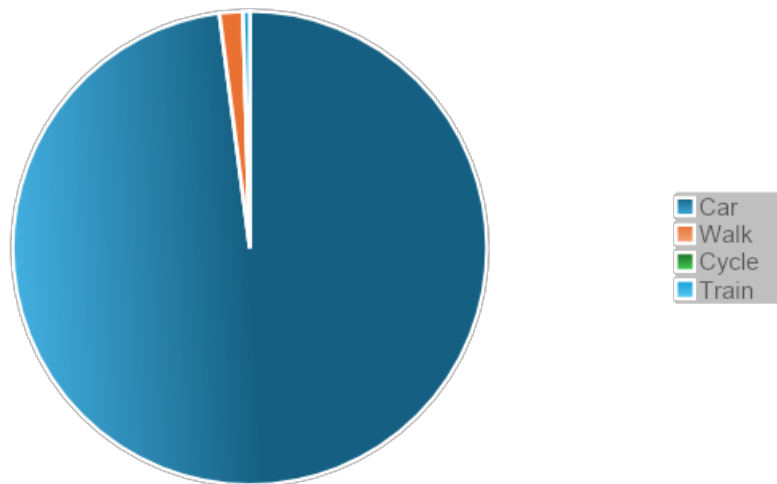


## Dental Practices by location



Q18 *How do you travel there?*

## Mode of travel to Dentist



### Conclusions

- 2.1 The conclusions to be drawn from this survey are very clear. With the exception of the primary school, all the essential needs of Colney Heath residents can be met only by travelling to the neighbouring villages and towns. In order to access doctors, dentists and supermarkets almost all residents use their car. To reach schools, including the village primary school, a large majority of children travel by car; relatively few walk, even to the local school. Only a tiny proportion of children cycle to school, probably due to concerns regarding the safety of such journeys.
- 2.2 Owing to the lack of employment in the village 99% of respondents use their cars for part or all of their journeys to their places of work.

- 2.3 The need for Colney Heath residents to use their cars for travel to work and to access essential services clearly demonstrates that Colney Heath is not a sustainable location for large scale housing development.

Appendix 1: blank survey form

TRAVEL SURVEY



FEBRUARY 2024

Please complete for each adult in your household over 21 Email to [4colneyheath@gmail.com](mailto:4colneyheath@gmail.com)

**ABOUT YOU**

Street or road name where you live →

What is your age group? Please mark the box here →  22-59  60-79  80+

Number of children under 22 years in your household →

Working full-time  Working part-time  Volunteering  Not working  Retired

**WORKING**

Do you mostly work from home? (3 or more days a week) →  Yes  No

Postcode for your main place of work →

(If you work from home, insert the postcode the office if you travel there sometimes)

If you work at various locations, please provide examples of where you need to travel to here: .....

Mark how often you travel to work  Daily  A few times per week  Weekly  Less often

Mark how you usually travel to work (if by train, select how you travel to the station)

Car  Van  Taxi  Walk  Cycle  Bus  Train

If you travel by train, select the train station you use to get to work

St Albans City  St Albans Abbey  Welham Green  Hatfield  Potters Bar  Other, which one? .....

**GOING TO SCHOOL / UNI / COLLEGE** (only one parent/carer need offer this)

	Name of school, uni or college	Usual way of travelling			
		Walk	Cycle	Bus	Car/taxi
Child A					
Child B					
Child C					
Child D					

**MAIN SHOPPING**

Where do you get your main regular household shopping needs from? (select all used)

<input type="checkbox"/> Home delivery	<input type="checkbox"/> Sainsburys/M&S London Colney	<input type="checkbox"/> Morrisons St Albans	<input type="checkbox"/> Tesco Hatfield	<input type="checkbox"/> Tesco Potters Bar
<input type="checkbox"/> ASDA St Albans	<input type="checkbox"/> ASDA Hatfield	<input type="checkbox"/> Aldi Hatfield	<input type="checkbox"/> Other .....	

How often do you normally do you main shopping?

More than once a week  Weekly  Every couple of weeks  Monthly/less often

How do you normally travel to buy your main shopping?

Car  Taxi  Walk  Cycle  Bus

**HEALTH CARE**

Your GP – name of surgery or location: .....

How do you travel there?

Car  Taxi  Walk  Cycle  Bus

Your dentist – name of dentist or location: .....

How do you travel there?

Car  Taxi  Walk  Cycle  Bus

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