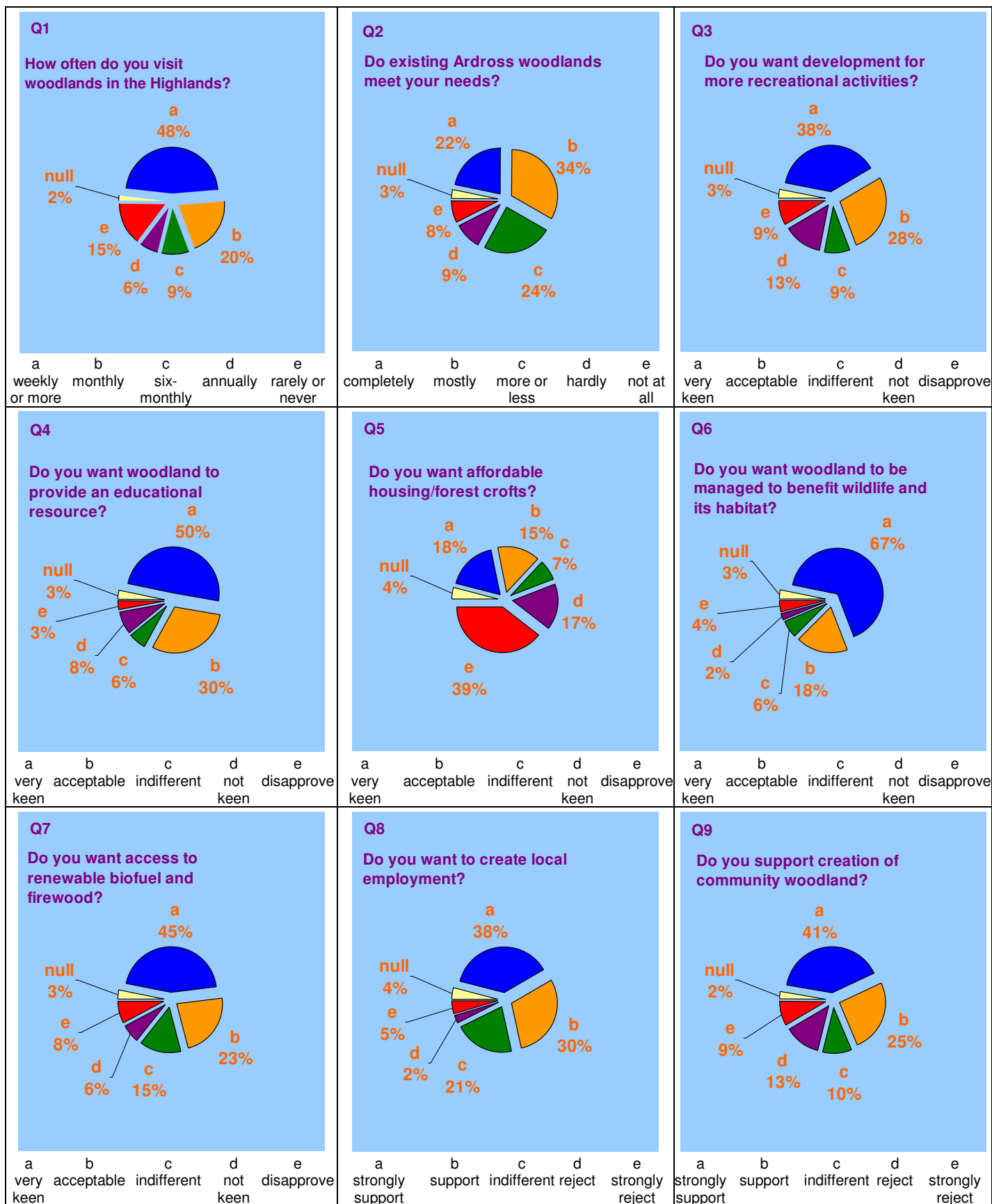


Results of the 'Ardross Community Woodland project' consultation (December '06)

of 346 questionnaires, distributed to adults registered to vote (edited list) and living within the Ardross community council area, 133 have been returned, representing 38% of the community



The most popular comments amongst the 50 themes distilled from the questionnaires

[number of thematic comments in brackets]

develop facilities to enhance/observe wildlife [27]	develop educational opportunities [19]	improve/install access paths and way-marked trails [18]
exercise prudence with respect to long-term finance and management [15]	ensure that facilities are within suitable proximity to community to enable pedestrian/bicycle access [13]	install all-access trails, to accommodate wheelchairs and pushchairs [10]
consider incompatibility of motorised pursuits [9]	enable equestrian activities [8]	discourage home-building [7]
install cycle-paths [7]	develop access to water [river/loch] [7]	develop mountain-bike trails [7]

Further information

The websites of the following organisations include further information on community woodland:

The Community Woodlands Association is the direct representative of Scotland's community woodland groups.	www.community-woods.org.uk
The Woodland Trust is a conservation charity dedicated to the protection of our native woodland heritage.	www.woodland-trust.org.uk
Forestry Commission Scotland advises on and implements forestry policy and manages the national forest estate; details of the National Forest Land Scheme are available on the FCS website or from FCS offices.	www.forestry.gov.uk/scotland
Highlands & Islands Enterprise – Community Land Unit	www.hie.co.uk/CommunityLand.htm
Reforesting Scotland is a network for ecological and social regeneration throughout Scotland.	reforestingscotland.org

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Project strategy

ACTION	NOTES
• form interest group	to provide focus/forum for developing project strategy and accomplishing goals
• obtain start-up grant	to fund meetings/stationary
• consult community (questionnaire)	to build wish-list
• prepare 'Options Appraisal' brief	invite tenders; award and manage contract with consultant
• present 'Options'	to inform selection of option
• consult community	to determine preferred option
• prepare ' Project Design & Business Plan ' brief	invite tenders; award and manage contract with consultant
• secure funding	from Big Lottery Fund; based on draft PD&BP
• negotiate purchase and/or management agreement	with Forestry Commission
• liberate funds, acquire woodland, and start developing facilities to suit the community!	