

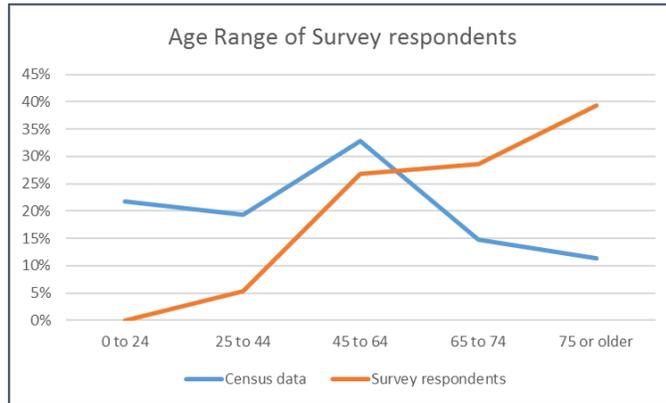
Findhorn Village Conservation Company

Workshop Survey Results

The survey was circulated by the Findhorn Village Conservation Company to all households in the village.

60 were returned from 341¹ households, a response rate of 18%.

The surveys were disproportionately returned from older respondents, as shown in the chart below.



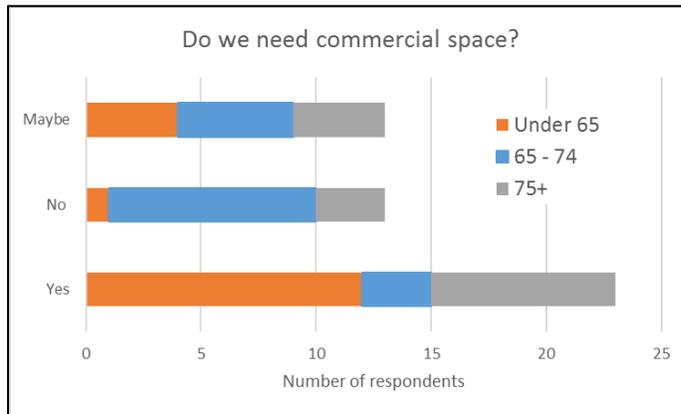
This is very usual for community surveys: younger adults and adults of prime working age tend not to answer surveys due to general life pressures.

Respondents answers were analysed by age group, to determine whether different age groups tended to have differing views from others.

Question 1. Do you think there is a need for local Workshop spaces, office space, or other forms of commercial space in Findhorn?

Almost half, 47% of respondents answered “yes”, with 25% “no” and 28% “maybe”.

People of working age were much more likely to answer “yes” or “maybe” to this question, and those of earlier retirement age were much more likely to answer “no”:



¹ Note: the Moray Council censuses data states 445 households: this includes the Findhorn Eco Village, which is not included for the purpose of this research and was not included in the household survey.

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The 27 comments are reproduced below:

1	It might be necessary to sell site for option a
2	It could be left as is and used for work shop to generate income in the first instance. Any development would then be in keeping with the area not to house build, if developed and owned FVCC
3	1) FVCC should definitely proceed with the purchase 2) we are not sure how much other development land will be available for workshops or housing for If none were available, Is it garage site would make a good, sheltered housing facility as it is so central
4	I think it would be a very good thing to do. I think there should be sheltered accommodation somewhere in the village not necessarily there. Answered this in other questionnaire . Garages for rent would be great on this site
5	Would be good to have title and community ownership so that those who live in Findhorn could have a say on what type of housing, workshops, office space that is needed
6	Mixed use accommodation provides the ideal work/living relationship and has been the essence of Traditional villages throughout the UK. The Garage sites are outstanding for development of this kind
7	Within the village context of Findhorn. I am concerned about the disappearance of non-residential buildings over the years. Distant communities need work space to keep a young working community
8	What about "shared" ownership housing and workshops for first time buyers that way workers will be able to buy shared house affordably in Findhorn. The part owner ships would also pay monthly amount management, maintenance etc
9	Small offices or units built in terraces that could have walls that move to make bigger units
10	Workshops are fine as in arts, crafts, office space, but not in industrial as in garage workshop or boat building or repair using power tools as it is a residential area. Sheltered housing with warden
11	How about making a car park - taking cars off the street
12	Garages should be kept as is but with workshops and offices on periphery. Inner courtyards for raised beds for flowers or vegetables for community use
13	I am willing and keen to be part of this community on this site. Simplicity and affordability and suitable for multiple uses
14	I would not be happy if the new buildings are flats and be sold to second home owners and be used as holiday flats.
15	Use the land for car boot sale. If we could buy the land. then we could raise money in the meantime until work started on the garage site. We could count about £200 per Sunday. If this was going on it could be really popular as there is no car boots being held in the vicinity. When the farmer at Kinross held the car boots every Sunday there was always loads of people who attended. This is a good and free idea.
116	Workshop spaces are very creative and sometimes it seems important part of village life a coming together of all ages and abilities to make things and have tea

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17	Bring a diversity into the community rather than a village occupied by 2 home owners and retired people and support our elderly when we develop more ways to live in the village as independent as possible
18	It is essential to keep garages, workshops etc. available in a living village rather than it all being developed as expensive housing or holiday accommodation
19	The organisation I run, Moray Carshare could help reduce parking needs if more people from the village joined. currently we have 21 such members
20	Sheltered housing for the elderly would be a good use for the site
21	A good idea
22	Functional site for village clubs to hold fund raising car boot sales, BBQ's, picnic area
23	Alternate to option, a quite small residential care home for 10-15 residents
24	No houses on the site
25	I strongly believe the site should be used for income to the village
26	In addition to option A I suggest the open area within the site fulfils 2 options : 1 parking (machine charging £1); 2 community space -village fairs / car boot sales
27	Take the opportunity if viable will be very difficult to buy this or similar in the future