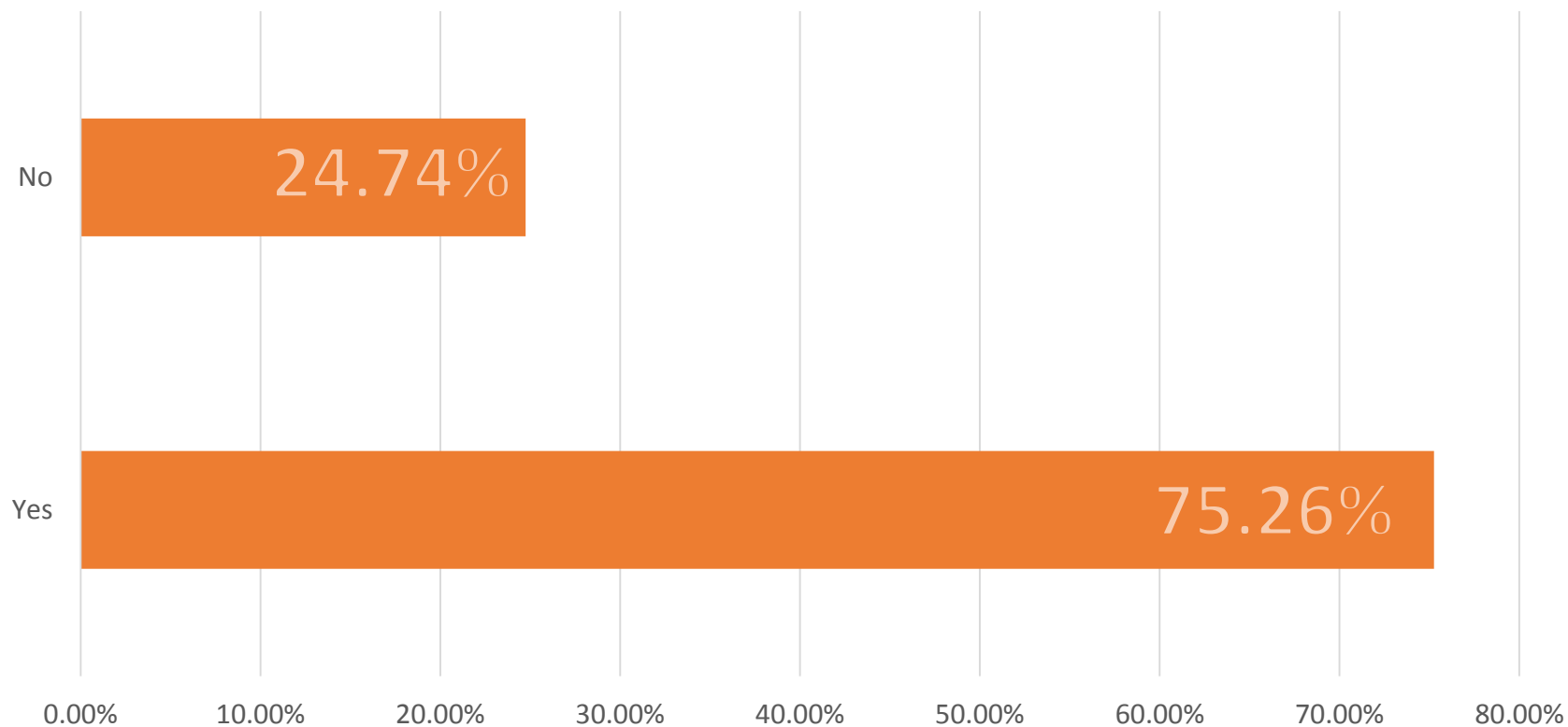
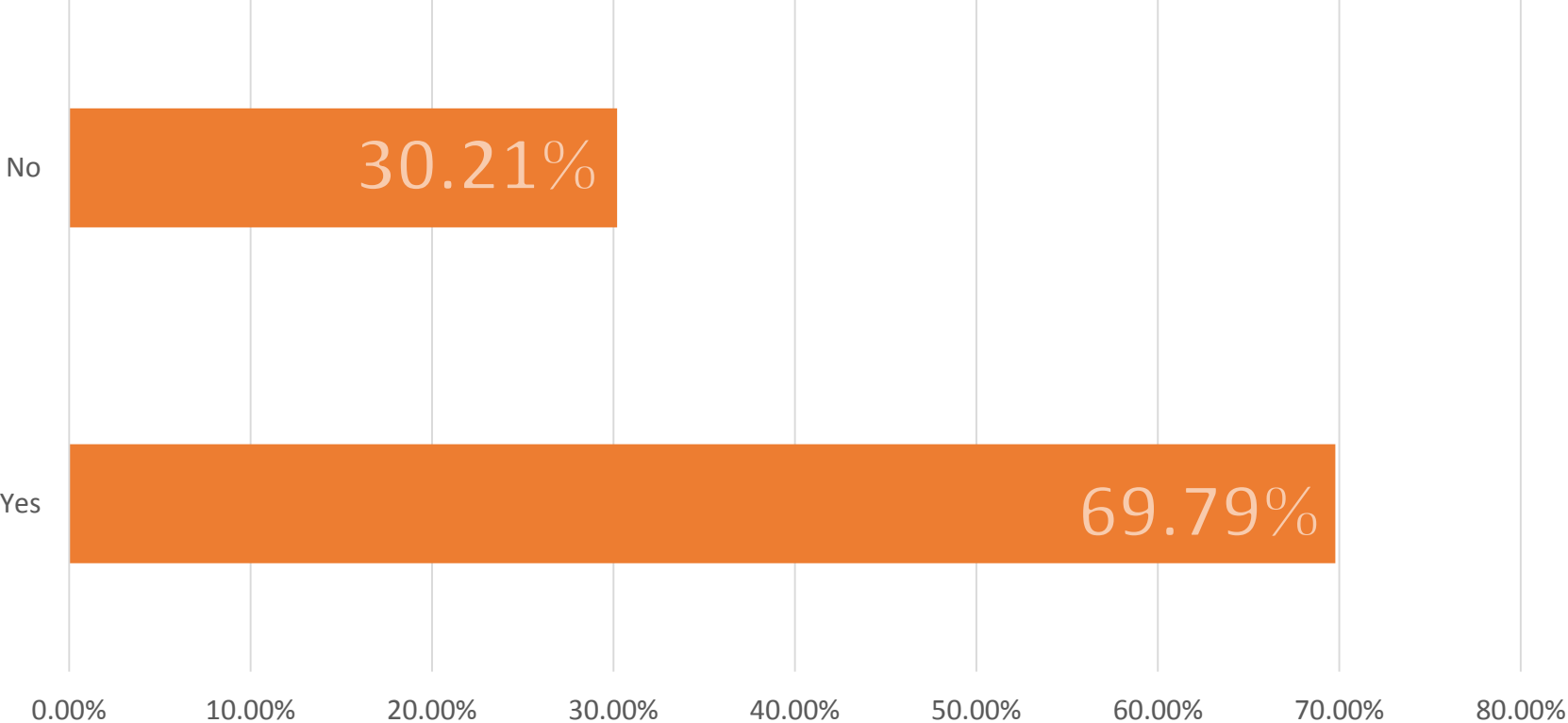


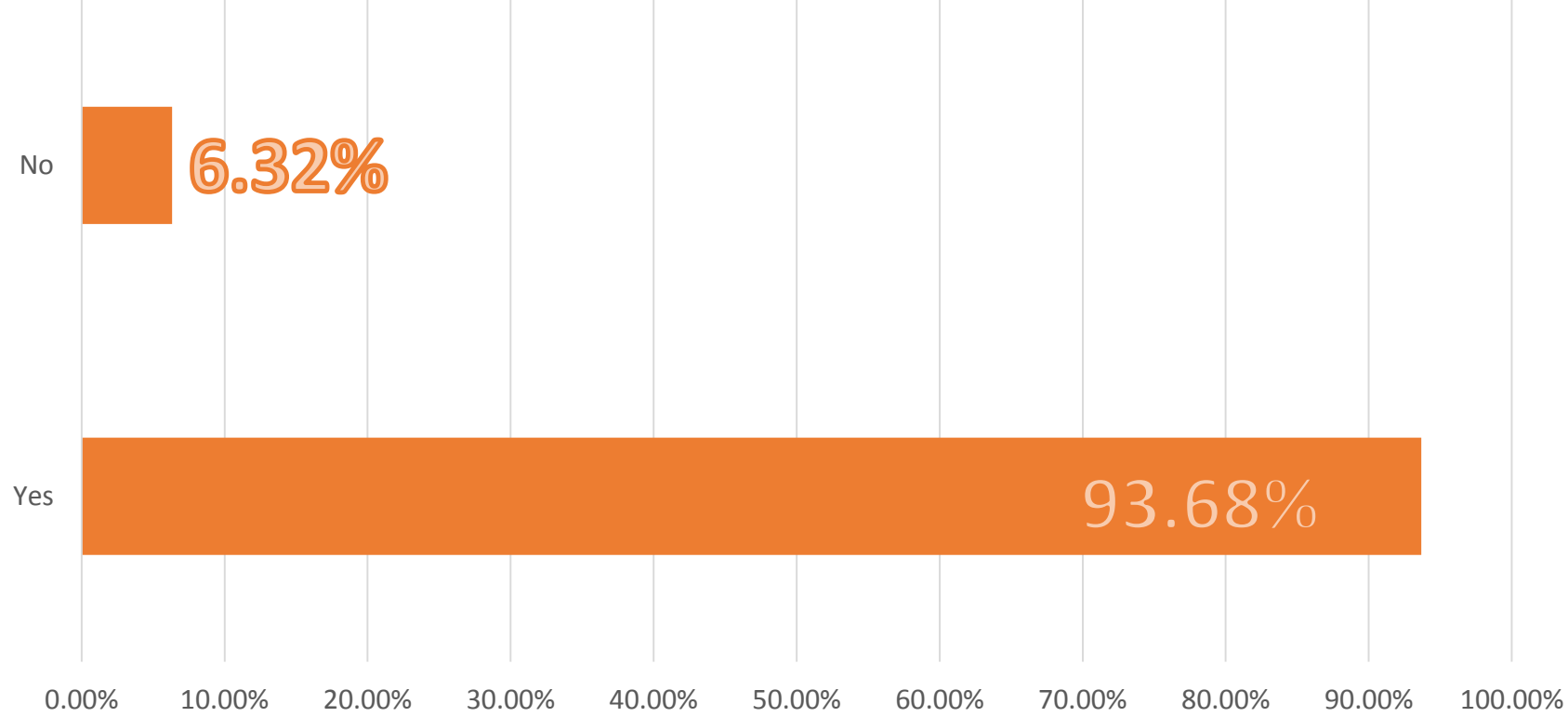
# Would you welcome a new multi-story car park next to the rail station?



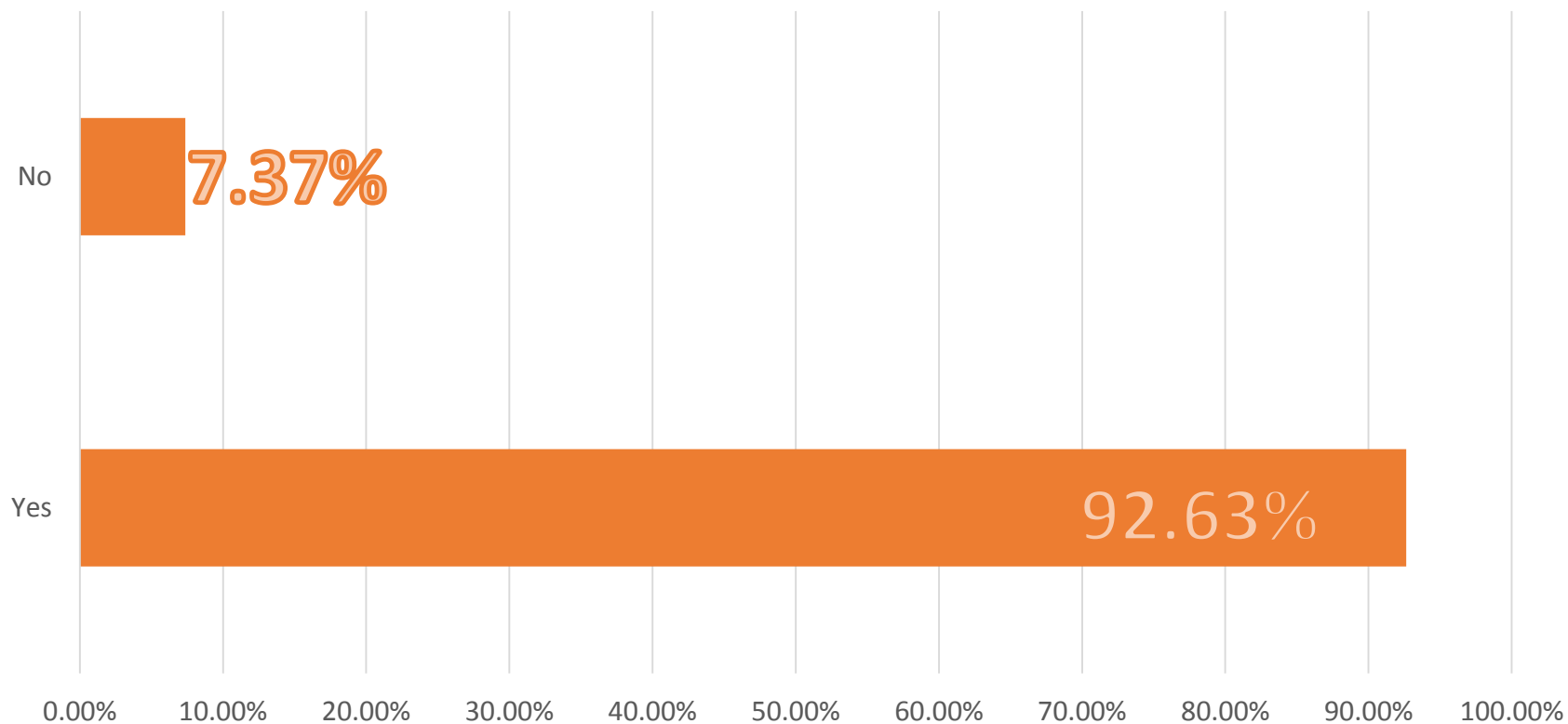
# Do you think a multi-story car park would help alleviate local parking issues?



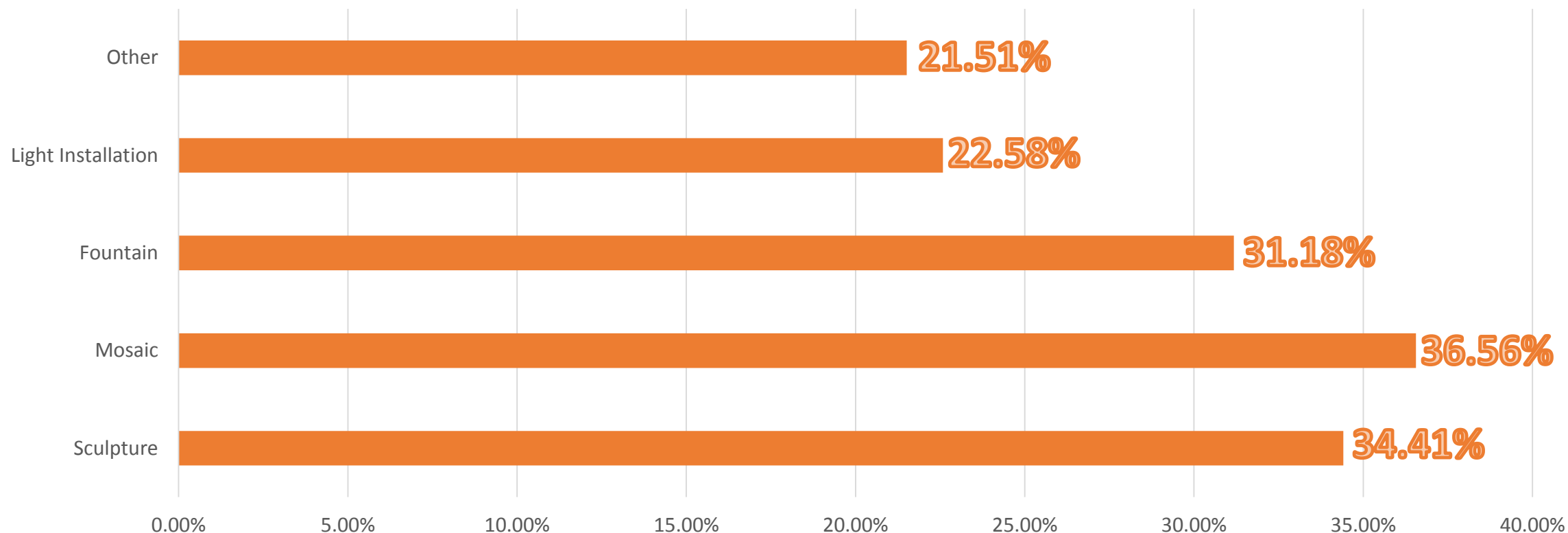
# Would a Bus interchange be valuable to the area?



There are plans for improved cycle routes from Firepool to the centre of town, would this be welcome?

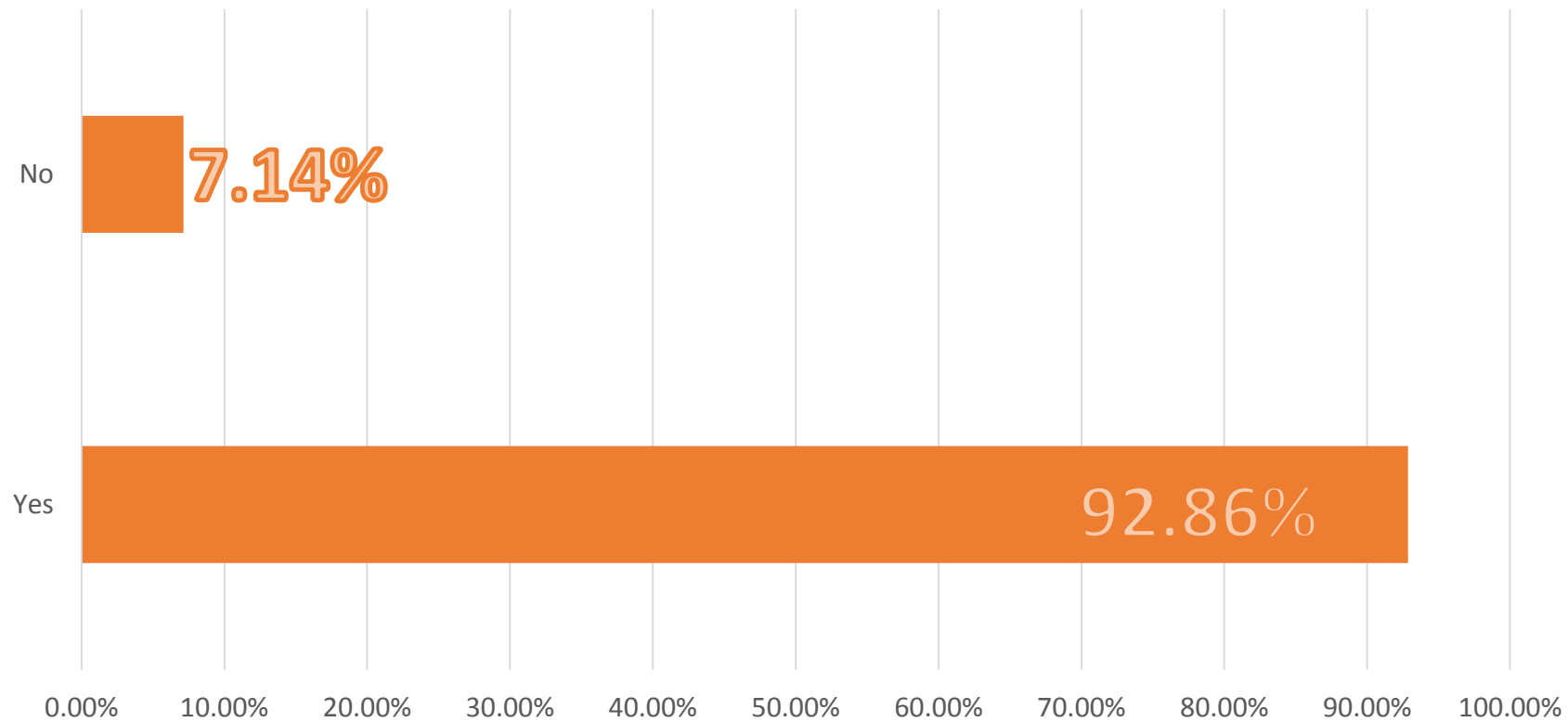


## What type of artwork would you like to see in the new development?

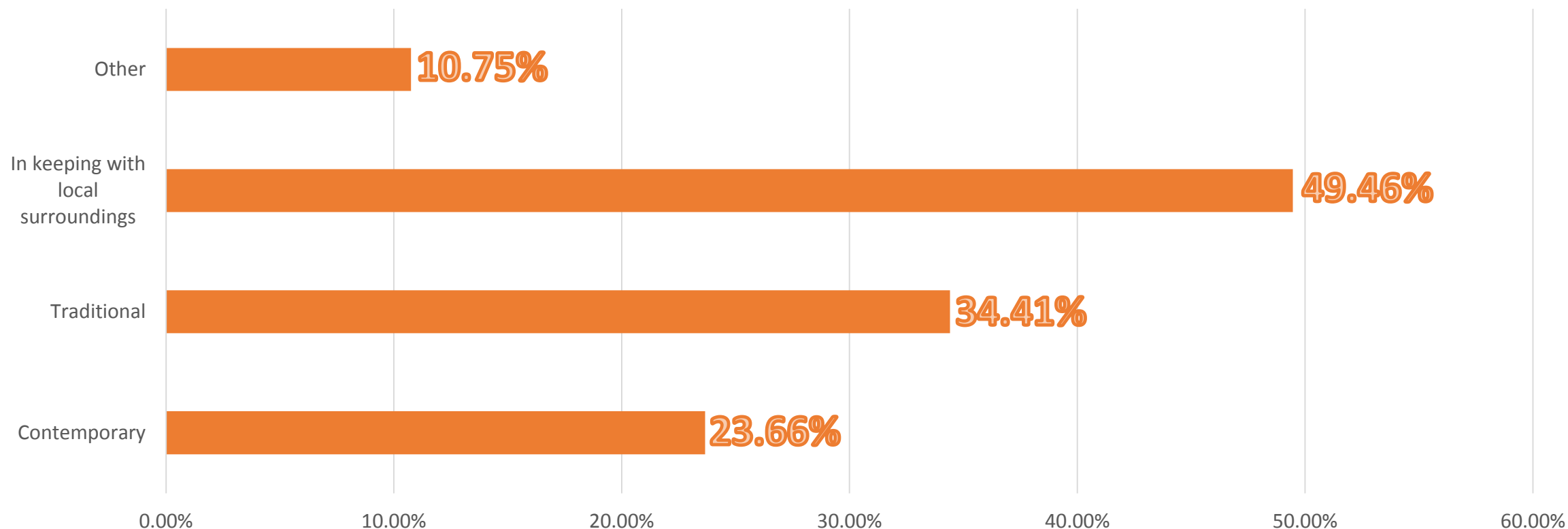


In other, suggestions included: work by local adults and children, trees and flowers, none. However, the main thoughts were art by local people.

# Is the style of the buildings important?

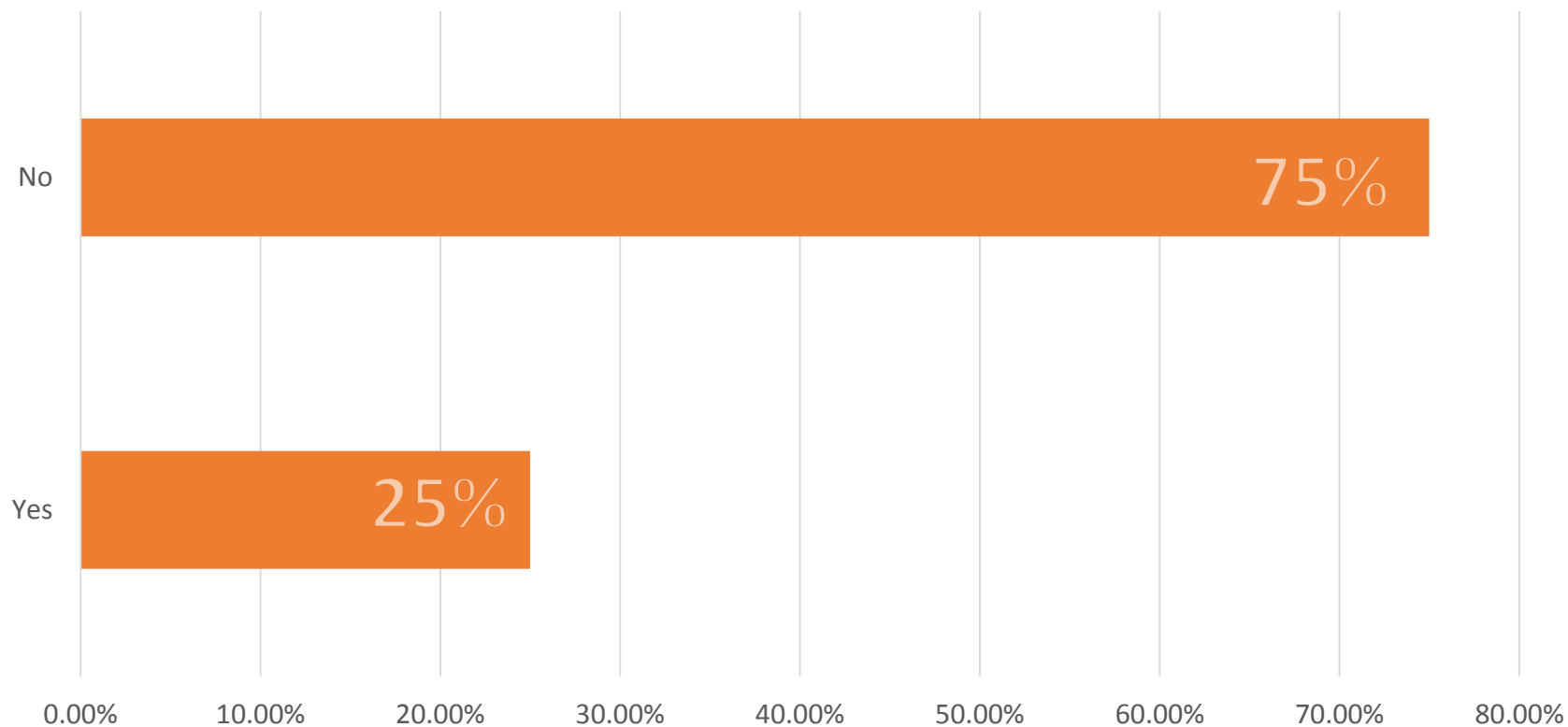


## If yes, what style would you like to see?



In other, suggestions included: something that incorporates architecture from local churches, 'Please stop these hideous prison block 70's style. le Viridor, new apartments etc.', a mixture of traditional and contemporary, environmentally friendly including solar panels and a grass roof

# Are you concerned about the disruption of the development?





# Any other comments?

- Ease of use and low cost are the keys to linking the town with better public transport
- Please lose the Kings' School signage as it is inappropriate. Keep the brilliant station staff. Drop Starbucks.
- Cycling promotes physical and emotional well being and facilitates free movement of people. The train and the bicycle are a marriage made in heaven. Make it safe and easy. Make it symbiotic with train travel.
- Investment in the station alone, whilst beneficial to the town, is not all that is needed. The fact train services themselves are poor needs addressing! Getting home from Exeter is impossible beyond 8pm and in 2016 that's terrible! In addition the 'shopping' area between the station and the town is dismal and depressing. We have one chance to make a first impression and when you get off the train at Taunton it is like going back in time (not in a good way) you are then welcomed by run down shops and takeaways! Much investment is needed to improve the town and we are 15 years beyond Bridgwater, Exeter and Bristol
- Why not specify required facilities and a budget and then hold an architectural design competition limited to local Somerset architects? All designs should be fully-costed by the architect and come in on budget. The reward would be overseeing the project.
- How tall is proposed multi storey? Would feel happier about it if land currently used for parking is released for housing. Station Road is terrible for cyclists and is a barrier to cycling into Taunton
- The importance of the Railway Station becoming a transport interchange for all forms of transport ( Rail, Bus, Car, Bicycle, Pedestrian and Helicopter) cannot be overstated.
- The last thing we need is another car park. A compact town like Taunton should be able to make much more use of cycling, walking and buses to connect to the station. Many do cycle of course. The expanded cycle parking on platform 5 is close to. Capacity, and platform 2 is full most of the time. How about walking and cycling access direct to platform 5 from the top of Railway Street for ticket holders?
- What about the proposed walkway into town which is essential. Also, any development must include landscaping, trees etc
- I live ten miles out of Taunton in the Blackdown Hills. My wife and I are both, separately and together, regular users of the station. Availability of parking at the station is critical. Park & Ride neither goes there nor is open into the evening. A multi story facility is sorely needed. However, it will be most important not to reduce the current, inadequate provision, while the new capacity is being built.

- The station is the first place many people see on arriving in Taunton, it needs to represent an outward looking town which welcomes visitors and businesses alike. The importance of cycle routes cannot be over stated, many locals and visitors to the town request routes both for walking and cycling which are safe and convenient. Parking is often at a premium in town, anything which attracts people to Taunton and generates income and trade for the town is welcome.
- Get rid of the pigeons. Make station an attractive gateway to Taunton.
- A new multi-storey car park should be sympathetic to its environment; unlike the existing one in the town centre which is a monstrosity dominating the town's skyline. Maybe consideration could be given to its demolition if adequate provision is made elsewhere in the future.
- The development needs maximum 'green infrastructure' (i.e. living things as opposed to concrete and brick).
- Multi-story car park. 3stories max. similar in style to High Street multi-story - NOT a monstrosity like the Paul Street multi-story.
- As a member of Rotary I was given a tour of Firepool by a planning counsellor. I was dismayed to hear that amongst the plans for that area is a cinema. Why? We now have three in Taunton! One purpose built - Odeon, two designated - CICCIC and Brewhouse. For goodness sake let's have something for the younger generation. Look to larger successful cities to gain some ideas. Please, please reign in these redundant dinosaur counsellors and find more innovative ideas.
- The whole traffic system in the station area is badly choked much of the time. Could there be a brave and imaginative re-development of the area? A lot of traffic trying to get to the motorway and major routes out of Taunton struggles with the narrow streets and slow traffic lights. Inevitably quite a lot of traffic in and out of the station, especially at commuting times. And please can we have a station in Wellington!
- Most important is that existing, disgusting, run down Bus Station in Tower Street needs to be replaced and re-sited to a more appropriate site or sites and be fit for purpose. It is a disgrace to Taunton with its the lack of facilities, amenities and shambolic entrance and exit routes to an already overcrowded town centre road system. Perhaps this would be covered a bus interchange at the Railway Station plus a coach/bus station at both Park and Rides.
- Etc etc