

# **Supplementary Committee Agenda**



## **Overview and Scrutiny Committee Tuesday, 7th June, 2016**

**Place:** Council Chamber, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping

**Time:** 7.30 pm

**Committee Secretary:** S. Tautz Tel: (01992) 564243  
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### **6. MANAGEMENT OF EPPING FOREST (Pages 3 - 86)**

To receive a presentation (attached) from the Superintendent of Epping Forest, Paul Thompson and Judy Adams the Chairman of the Friends of Epping Forest on the present public consultation on the Forest Management Plan.

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# Epping Forest District Council Scrutiny and Review

7 June 2016



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A presentation by Paul Thomson, Superintendent of Epping Forest



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# Introduction

## Management Plan Consultation

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## Management Plan Consultation

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# Management Issues

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Themes

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1 – Public recreation & enjoyment

2 – Preservation of the natural aspect

3 – Protection of the unspoilt Forest

4 – Regulation & management

5 – Heritage

6 – Deer management

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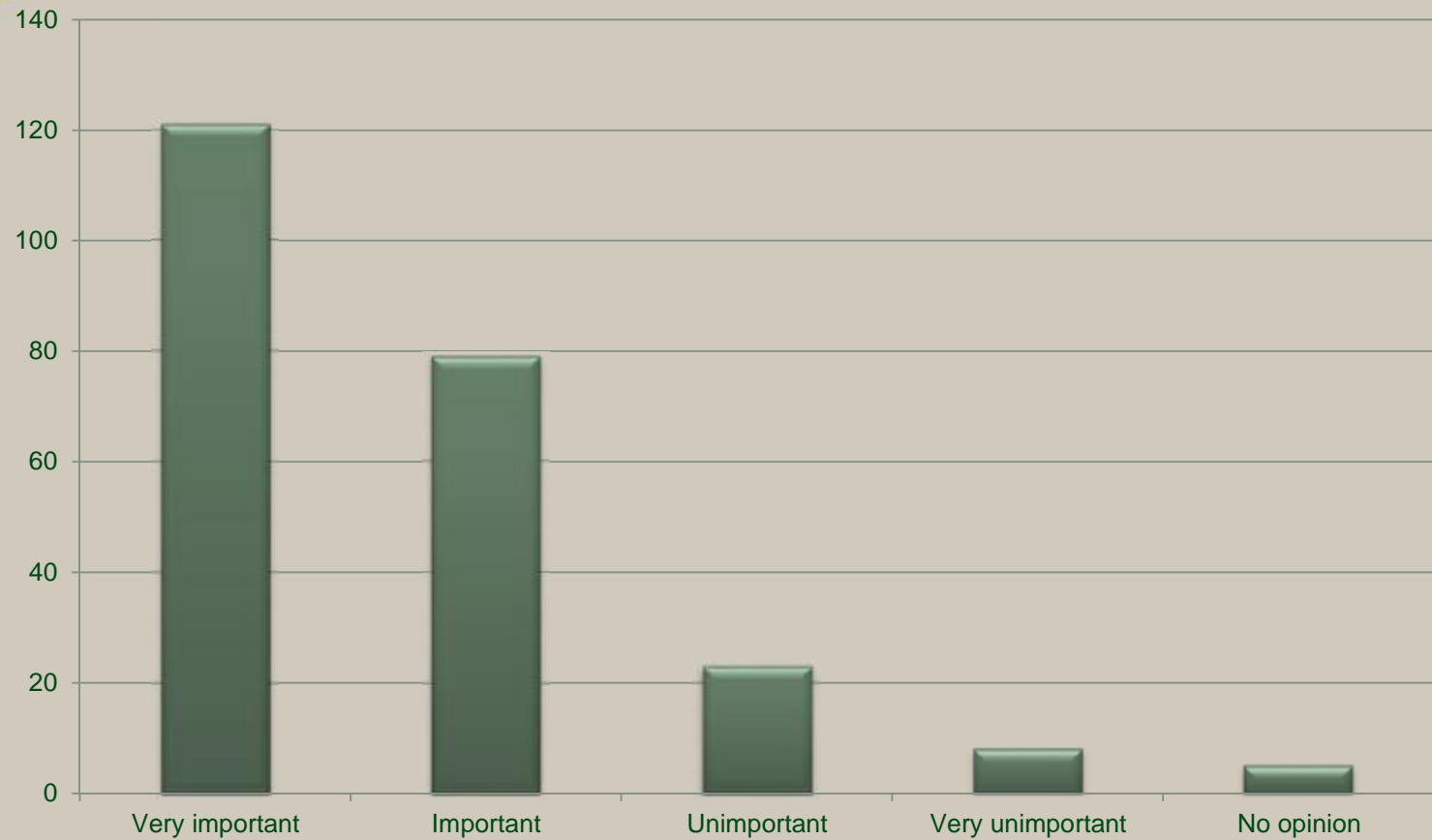
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**STRAVA** Dashboard Training Explore Challenges Store

\* Alice in Wonderland  
New Segment Loughton, England, United Kingdom

0.1 mi -10% 266 ft 329 ft 62 ft  
Distance Avg Grade Lowest Elev Highest Elev Elev Difference 1,840 Attempts By 273 People

Rank	Name	Date	Speed	HR	Power	VAM	Time
1	A Collarbone	12 Aug 2015	29.8mi/h	-	60W	-	14s
2	Dean Hogarth	25 Jun 2014	27.8mi/h	-	-	-	15s
2	Remis Brazys	2 May 2015	27.8mi/h	-	6W	-	15s
4	Michael Hardman	21 Aug 2013	26.1mi/h	-	126W	-	16s
4	Nick Hobbs (Blackmore Apparel)	3 May 2015	26.1mi/h	-	63W	-	16s
6	Colin Donaghy	24 Jul 2013	24.6mi/h	-	-	-	17s
6	Damo K	10 Aug 2013	24.6mi/h	-	98W	-	17s

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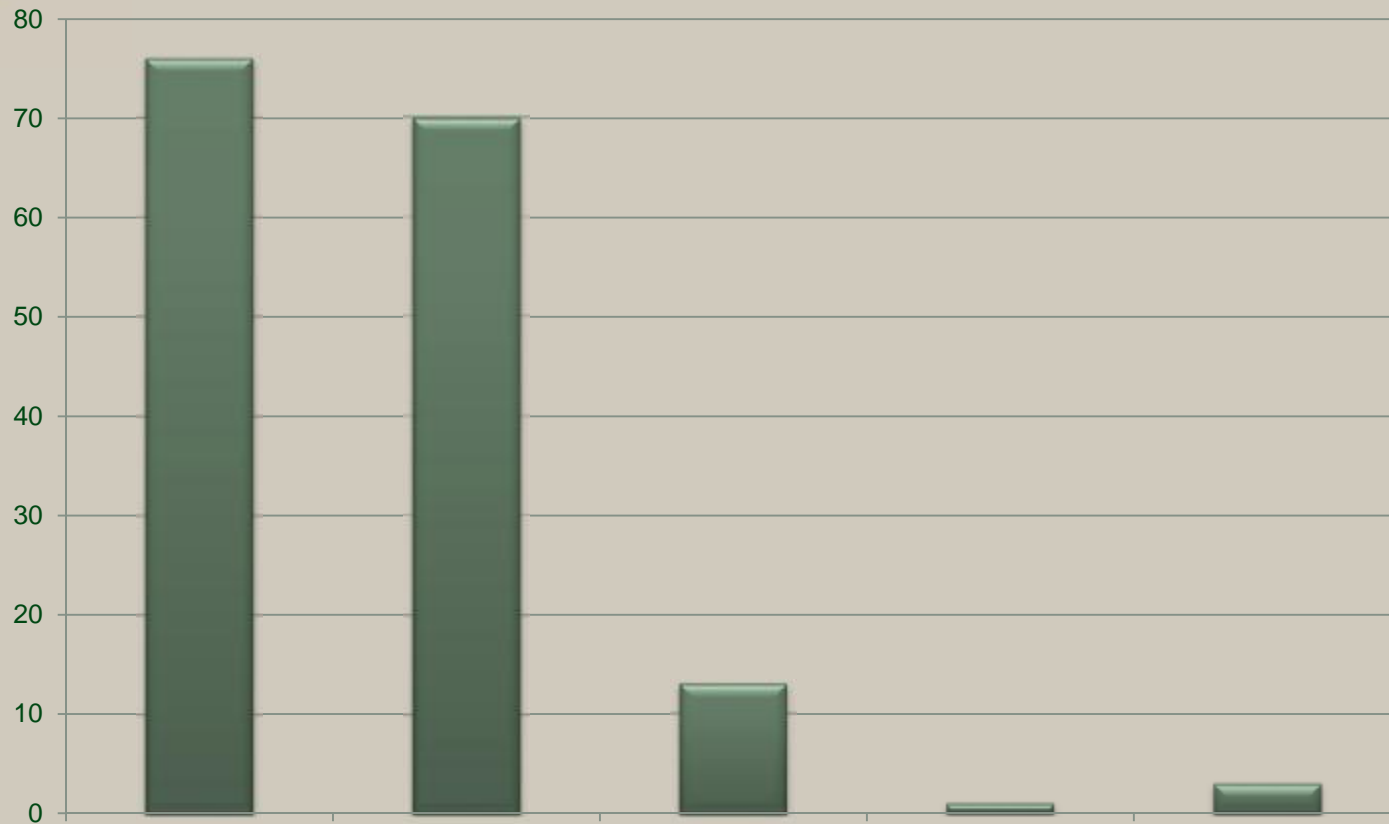
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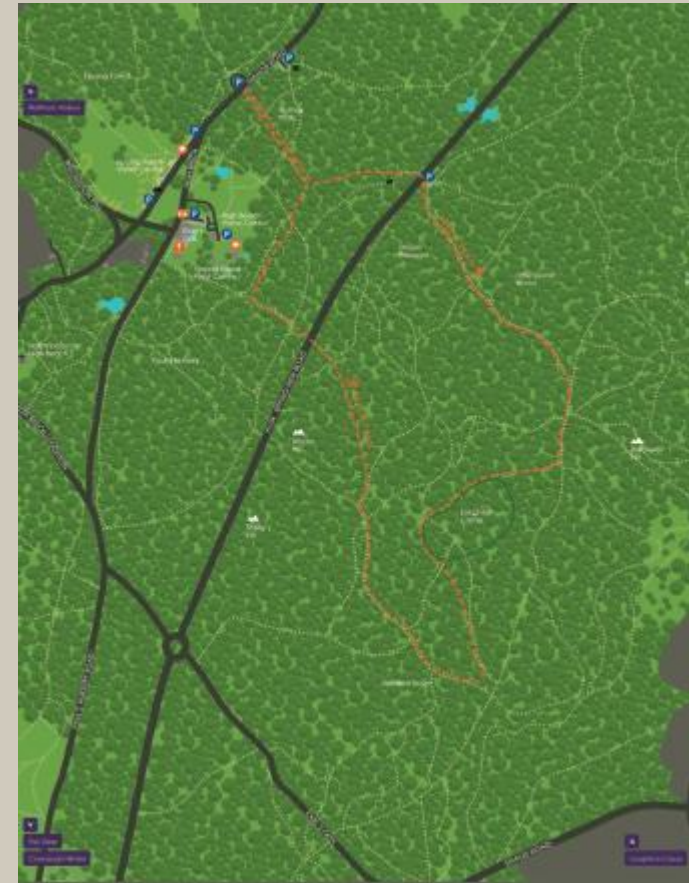
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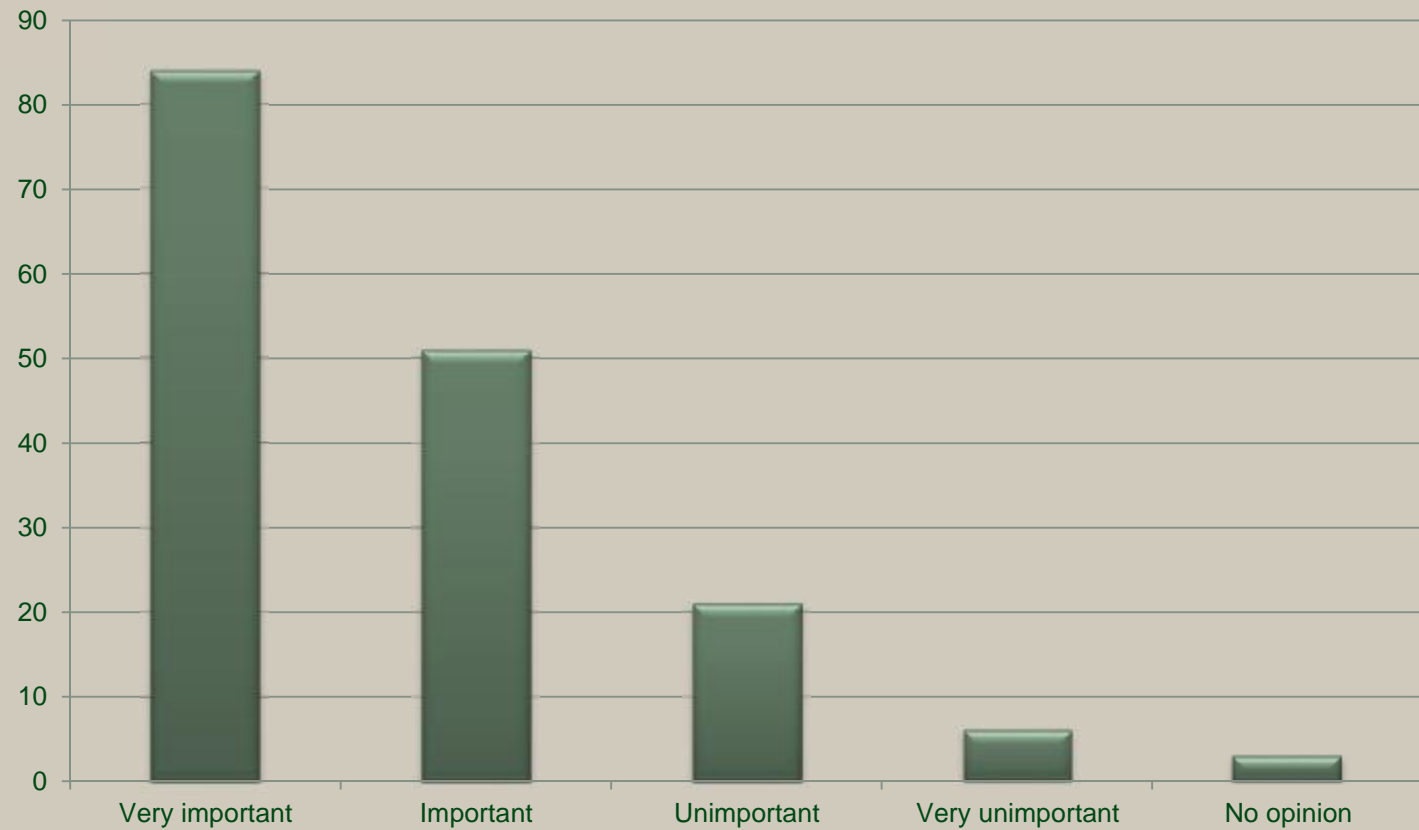
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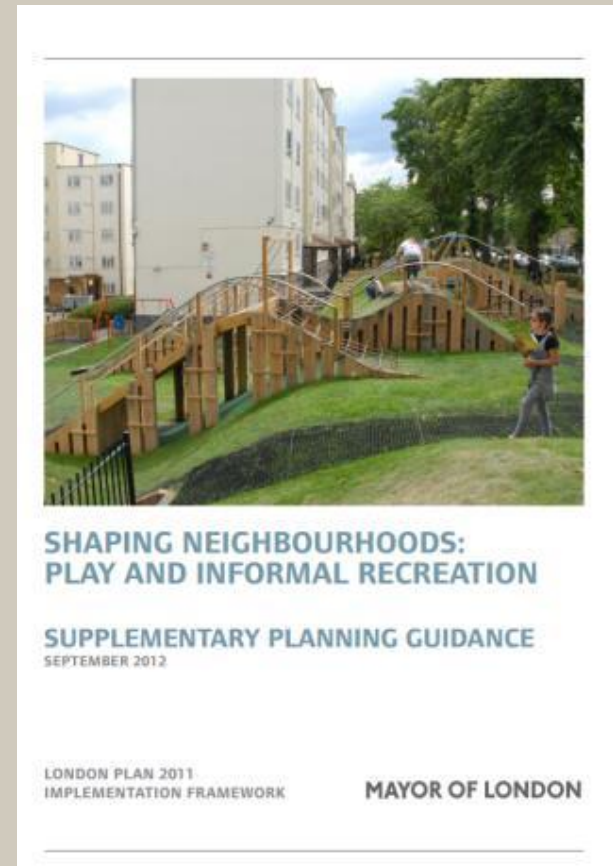
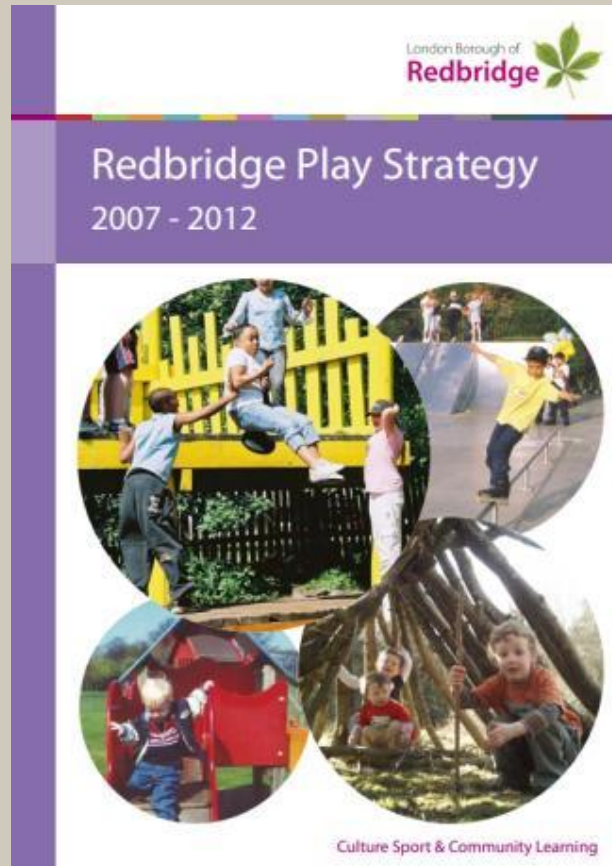
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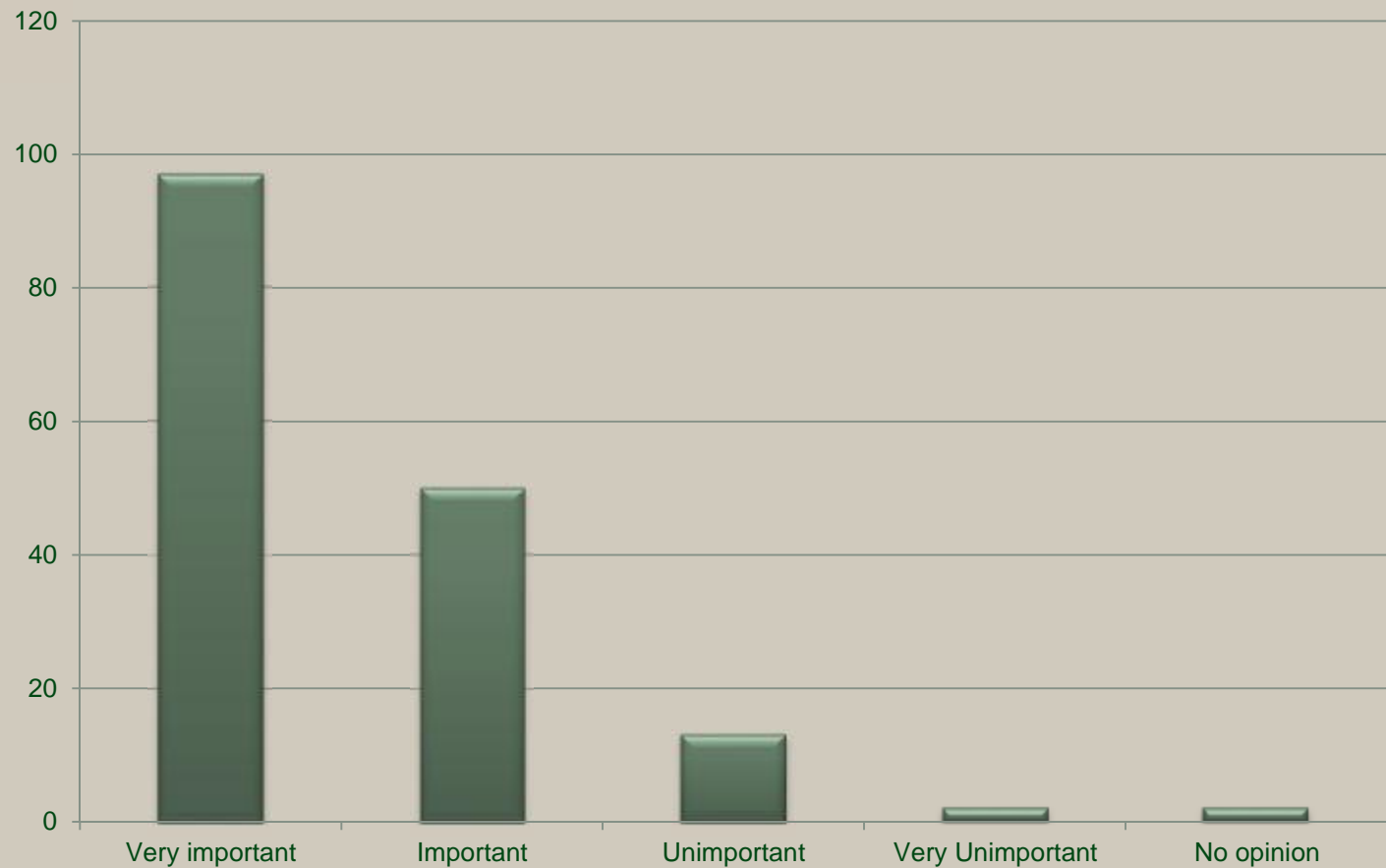
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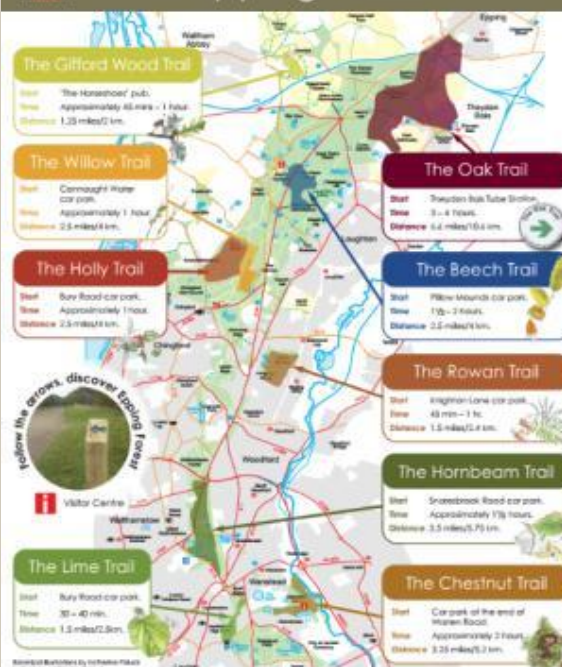


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**Way Marked Trails in Epping Forest**

LOTTERY FUNDED



Trail Name	Start	Time	Distance
The Gifford Wood Trail	The Horsehoe pub	Approximately 45 mins - 1 hour	1.25 miles/2 km
The Willow trail	Cornough Wood car park	Approximately 1 hour	2.5 miles/4 km
The Holly Trail	Bury Road car park	Approximately 1 hour	2.5 miles/4 km
The Oak Trail	Thaxted Bus Tube Station	30 - 45 mins	0.4 miles/0.6 km
The Beech Trail	Willow Mounds car park	1 1/2 - 2 hours	2.5 miles/4 km
The Rowan Trail	Kinghorn Lane car park	45 mins - 1 hr	1.5 miles/2.4 km
The Hornbeam Trail	Snettisham Road car park	Approximately 1 1/2 hours	3.5 miles/5.75 km
The Lime Trail	Bury Road car park	30 - 40 mins	1.5 miles/2.5 km
The Chestnut Trail	Car park at the end of Warren Road	Approximately 2 hours	3.25 miles/5.2 km

Download the maps:  
[www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/eppingforestwalking](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/eppingforestwalking)  
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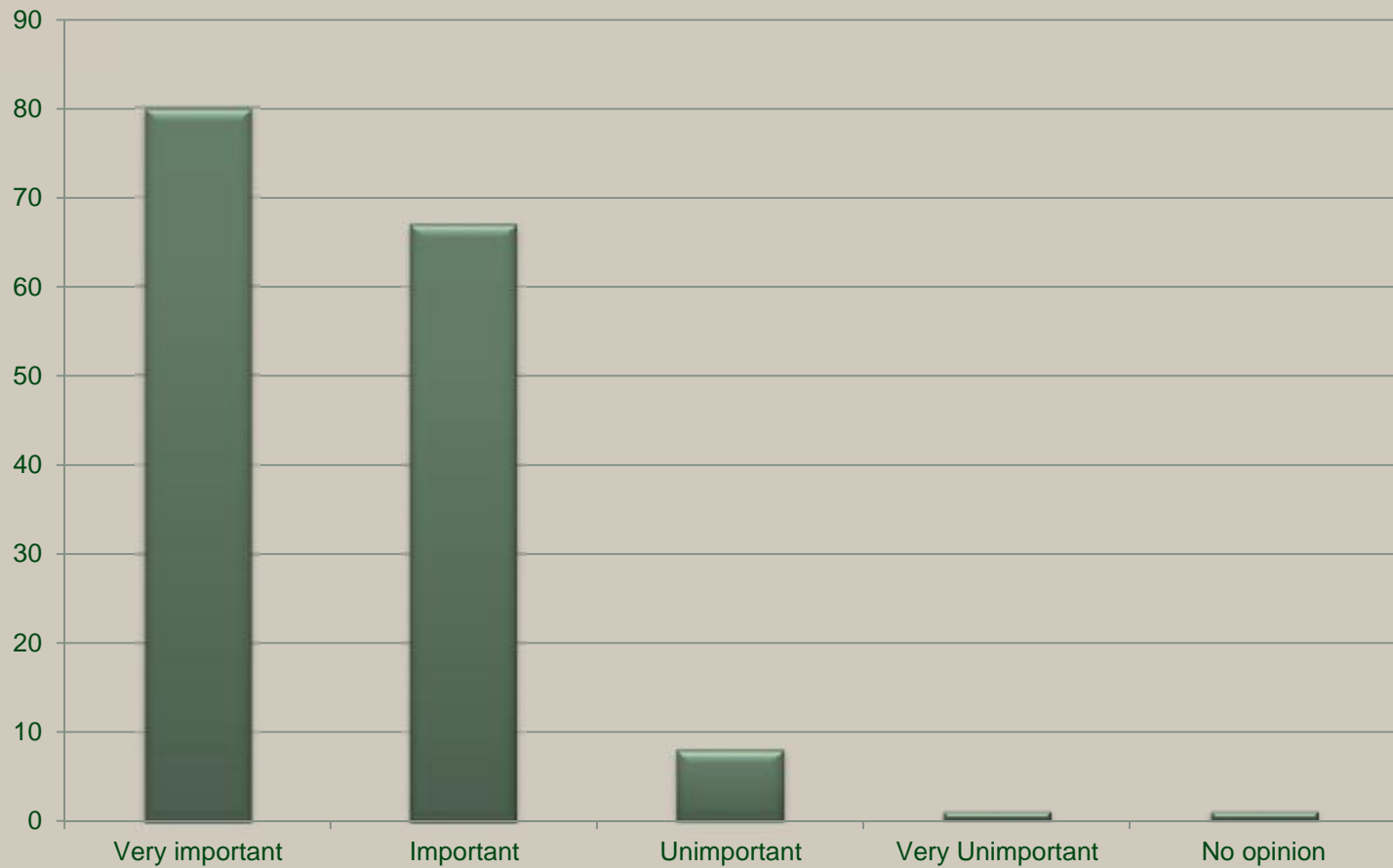
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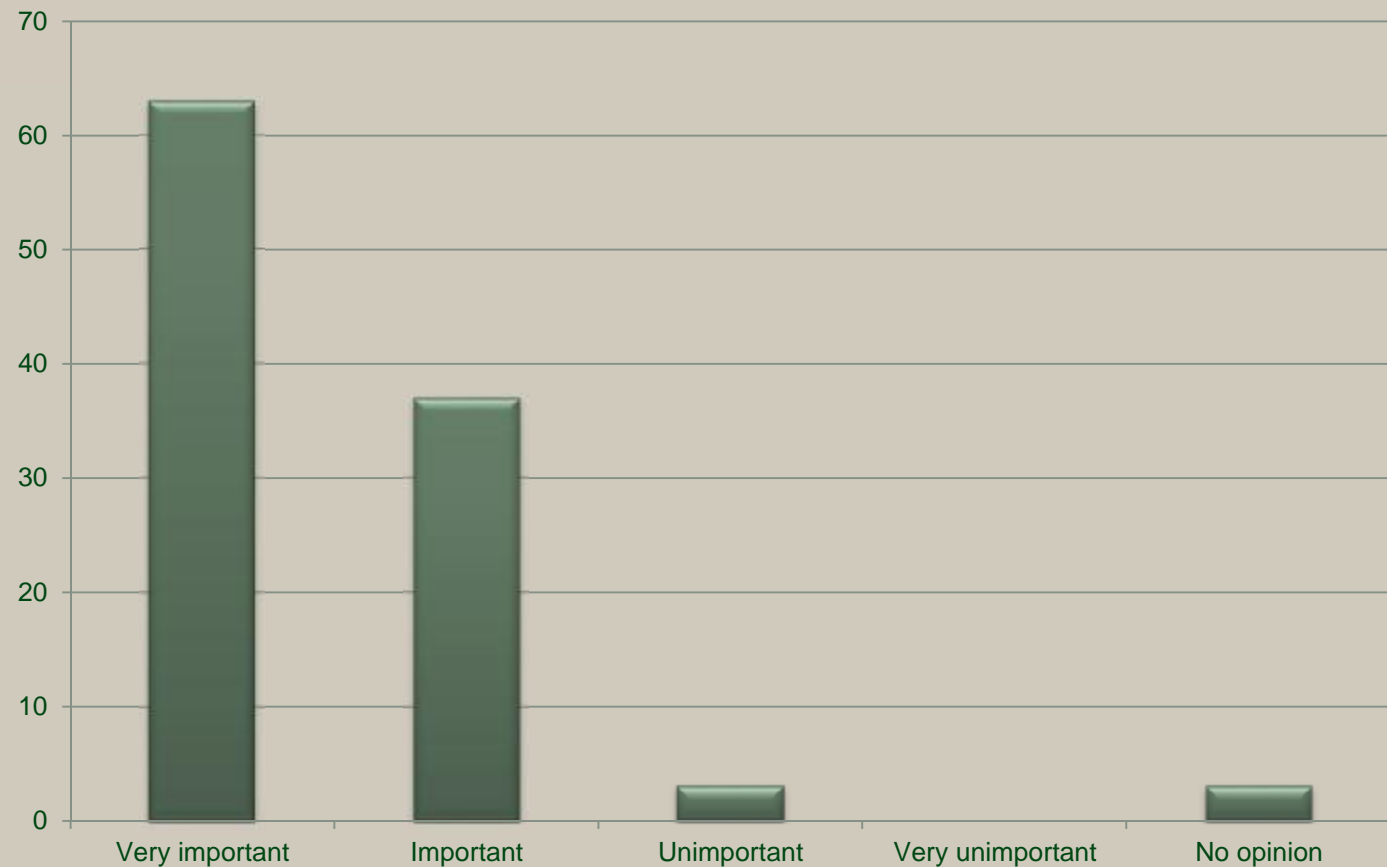
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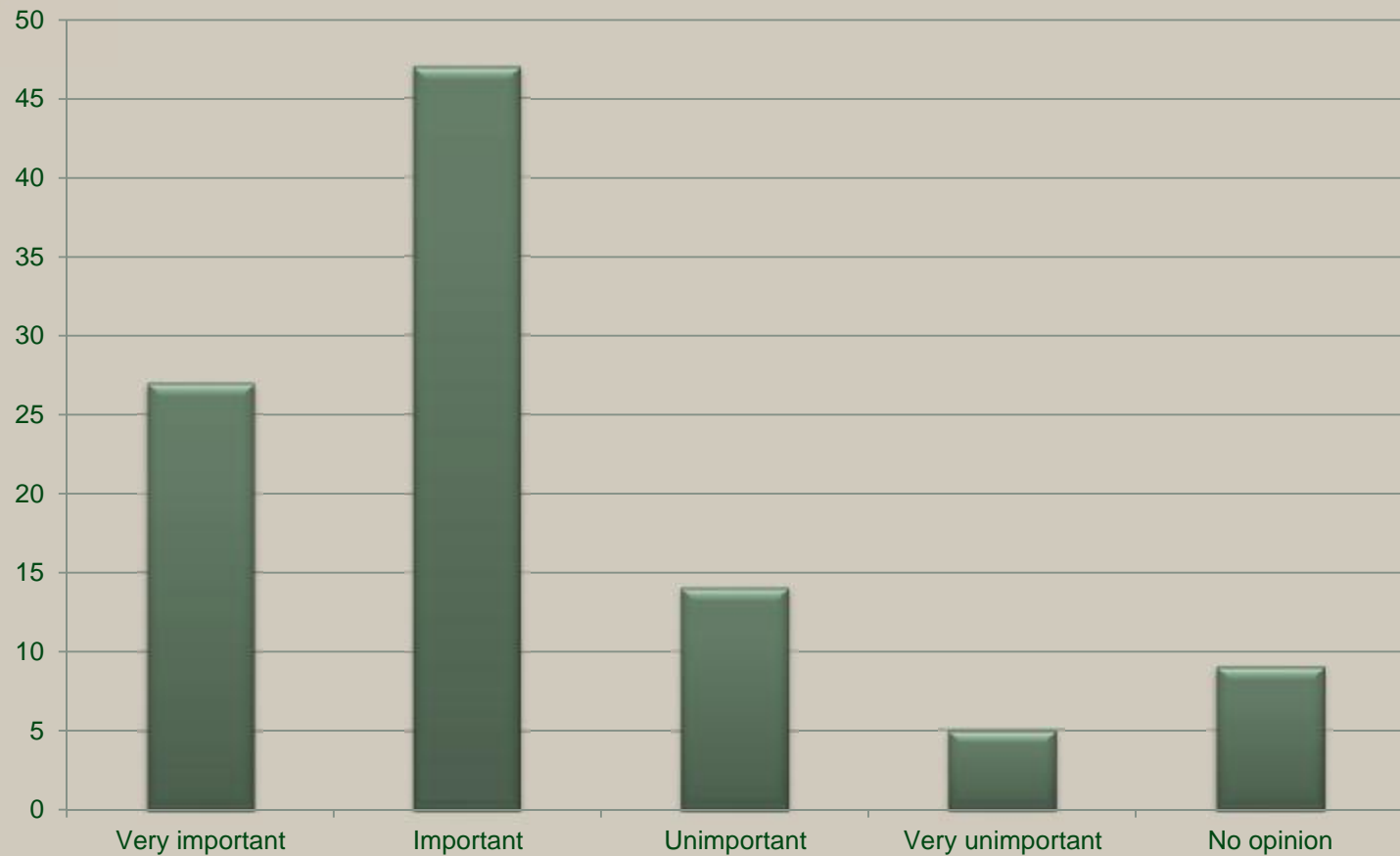
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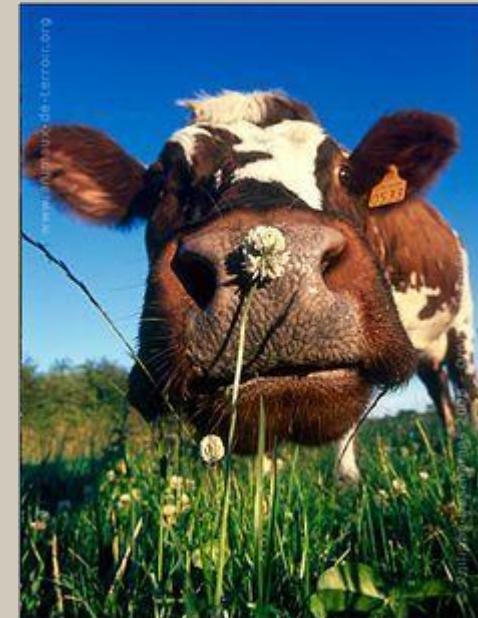
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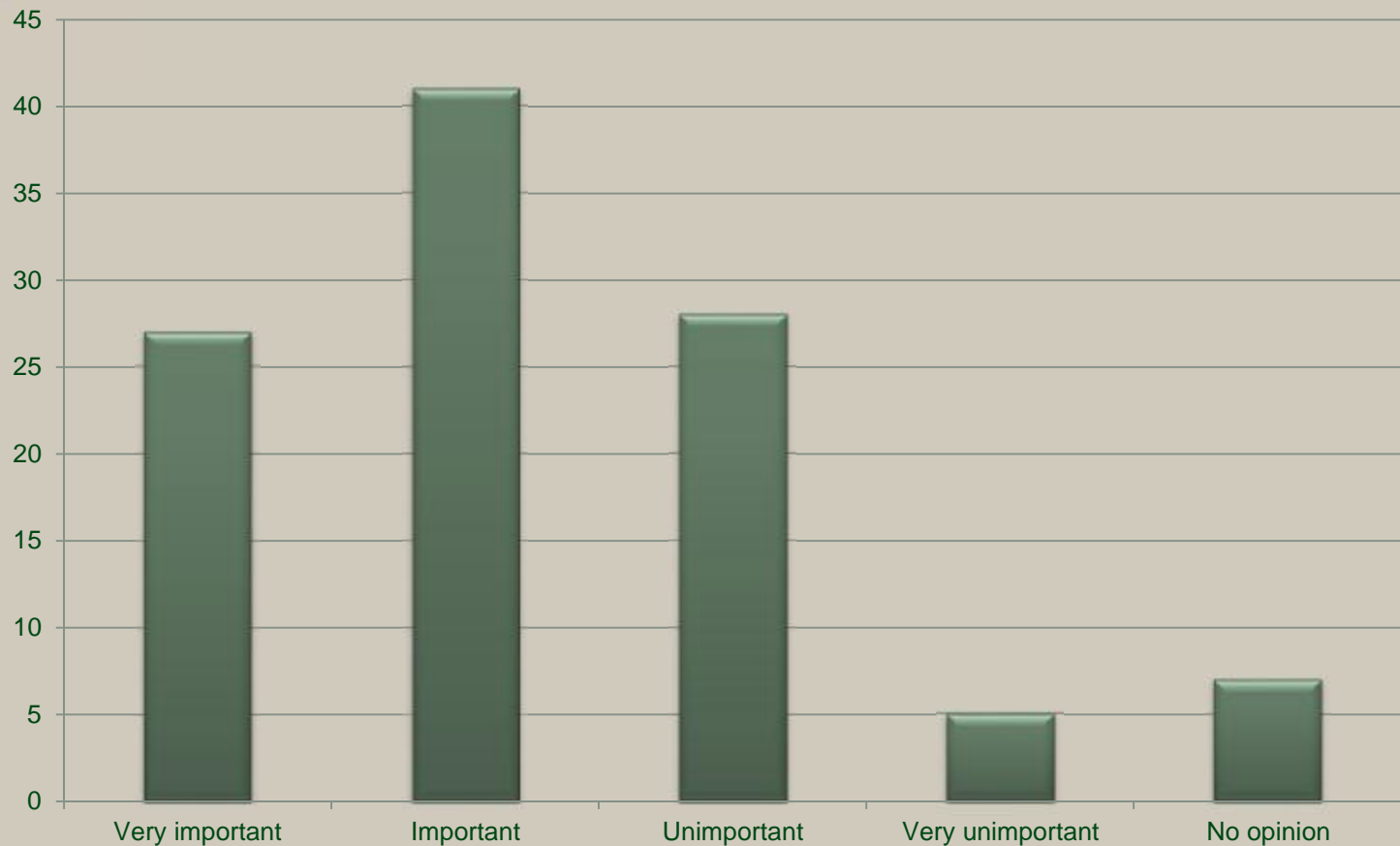
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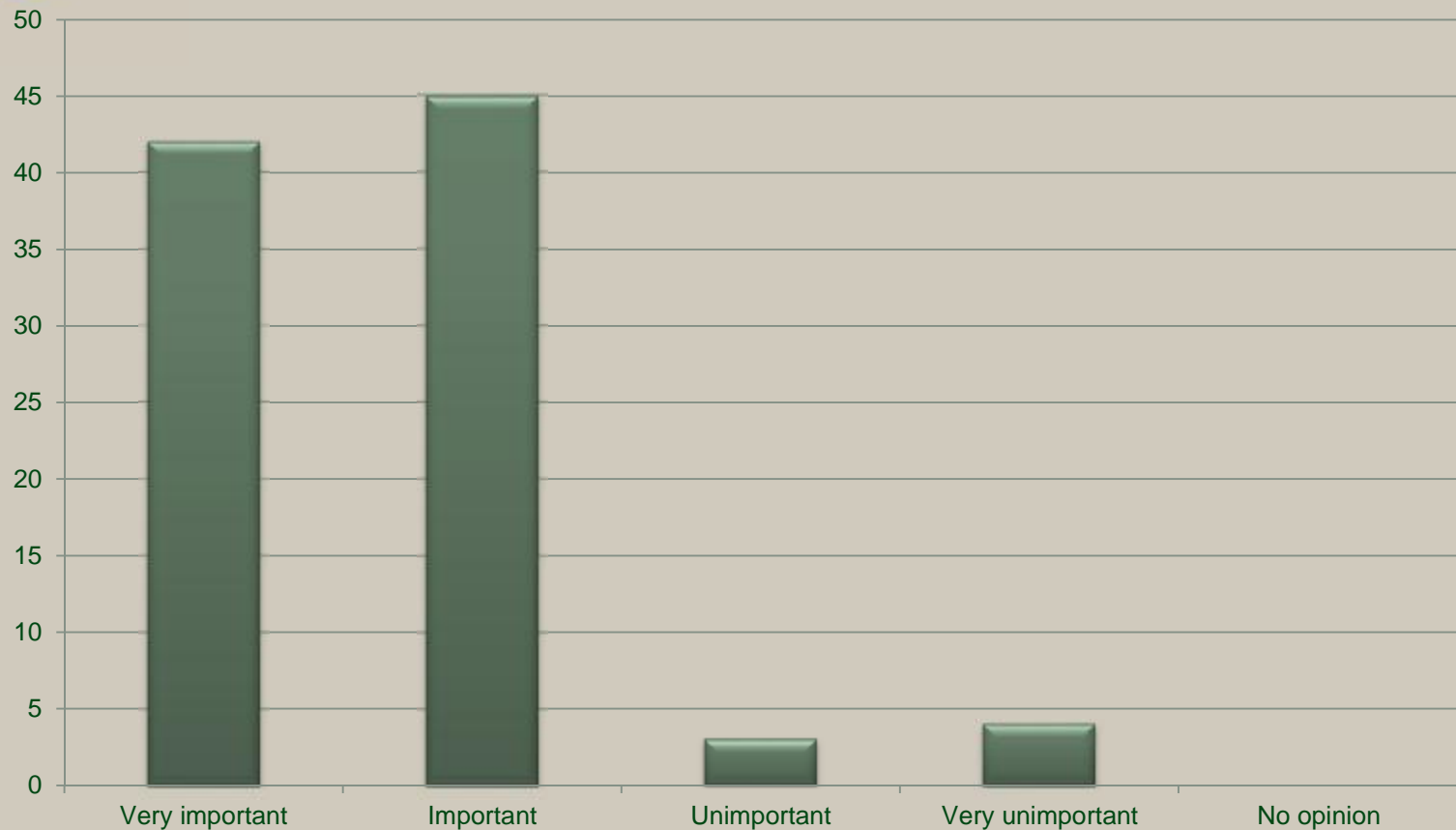
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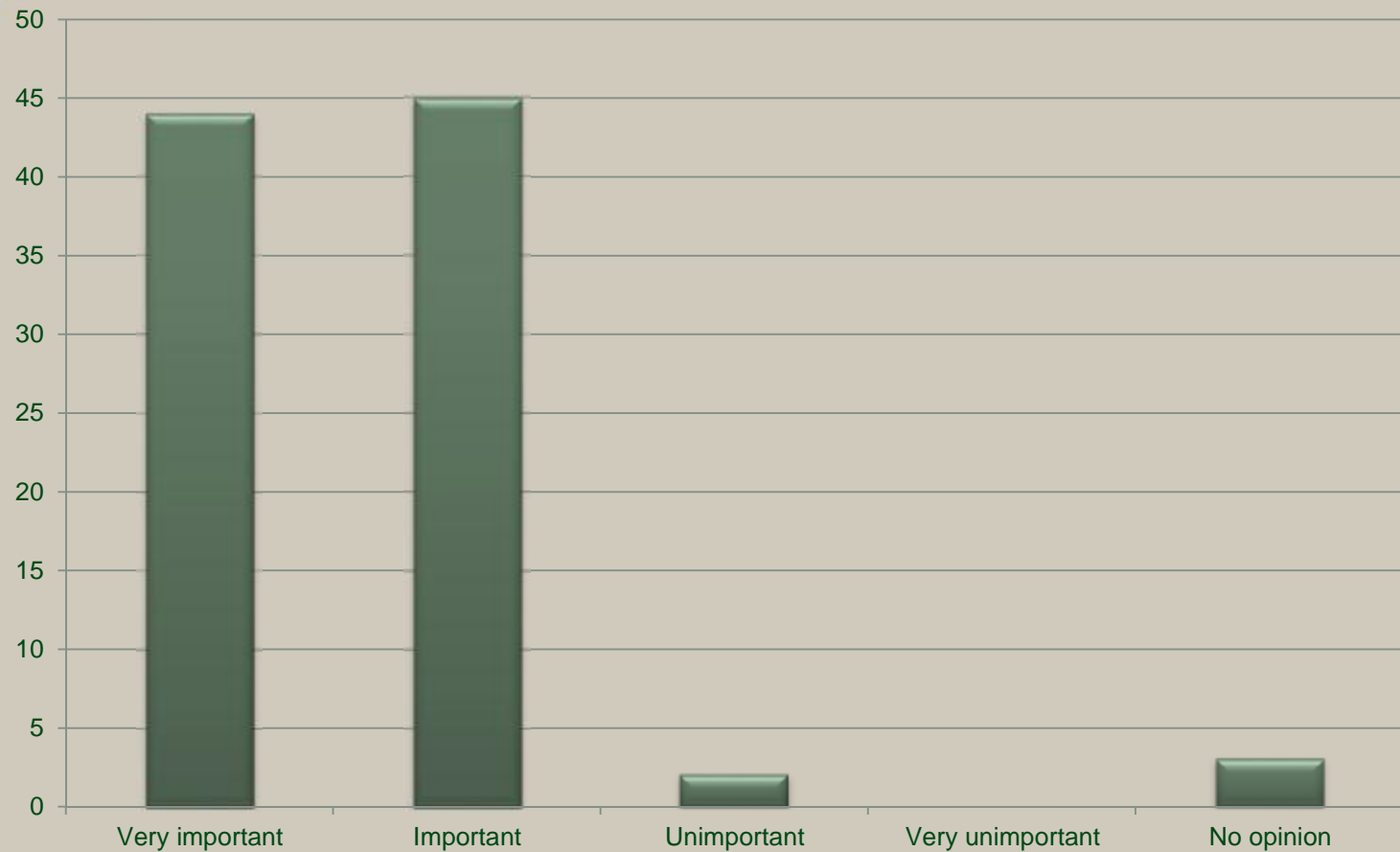
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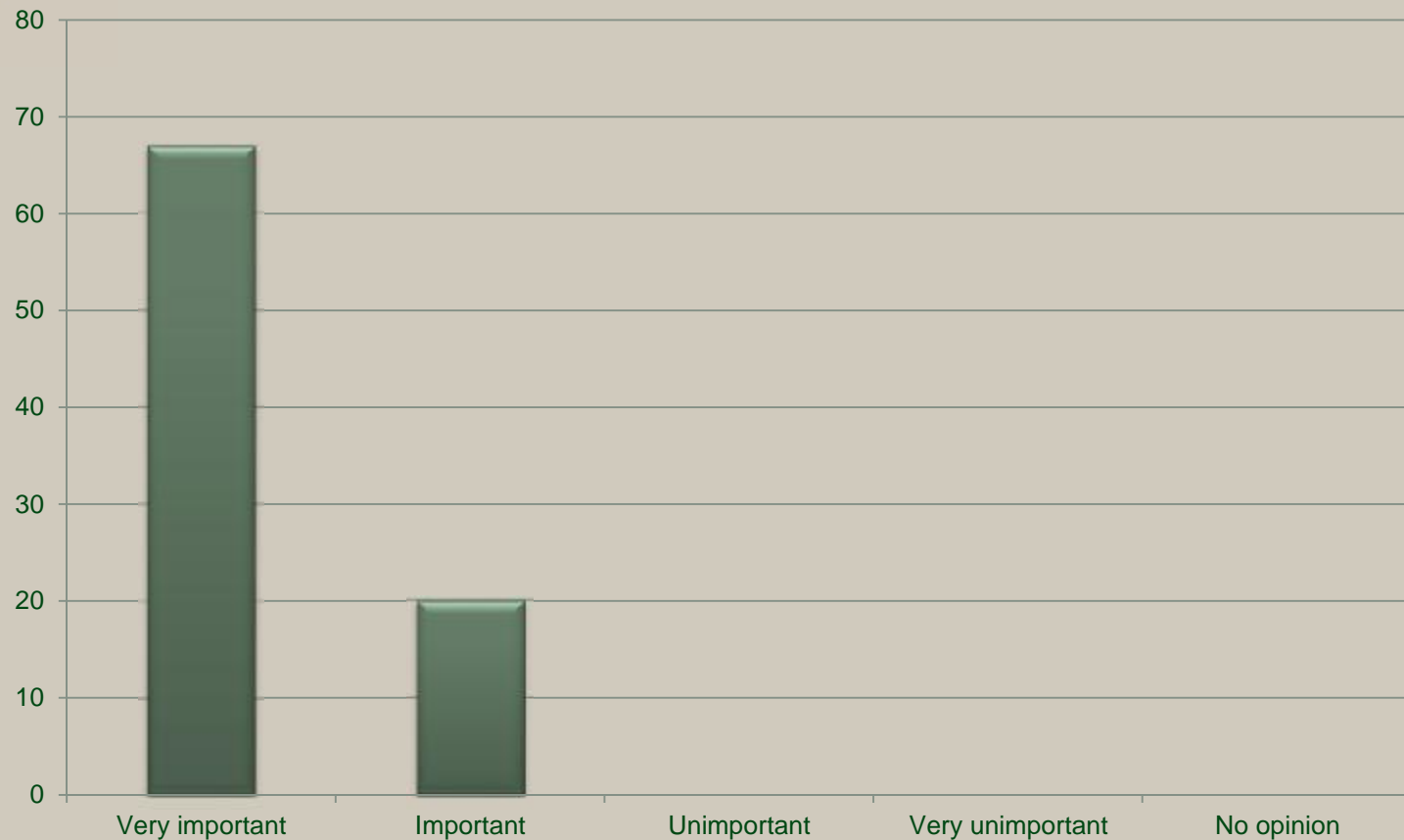
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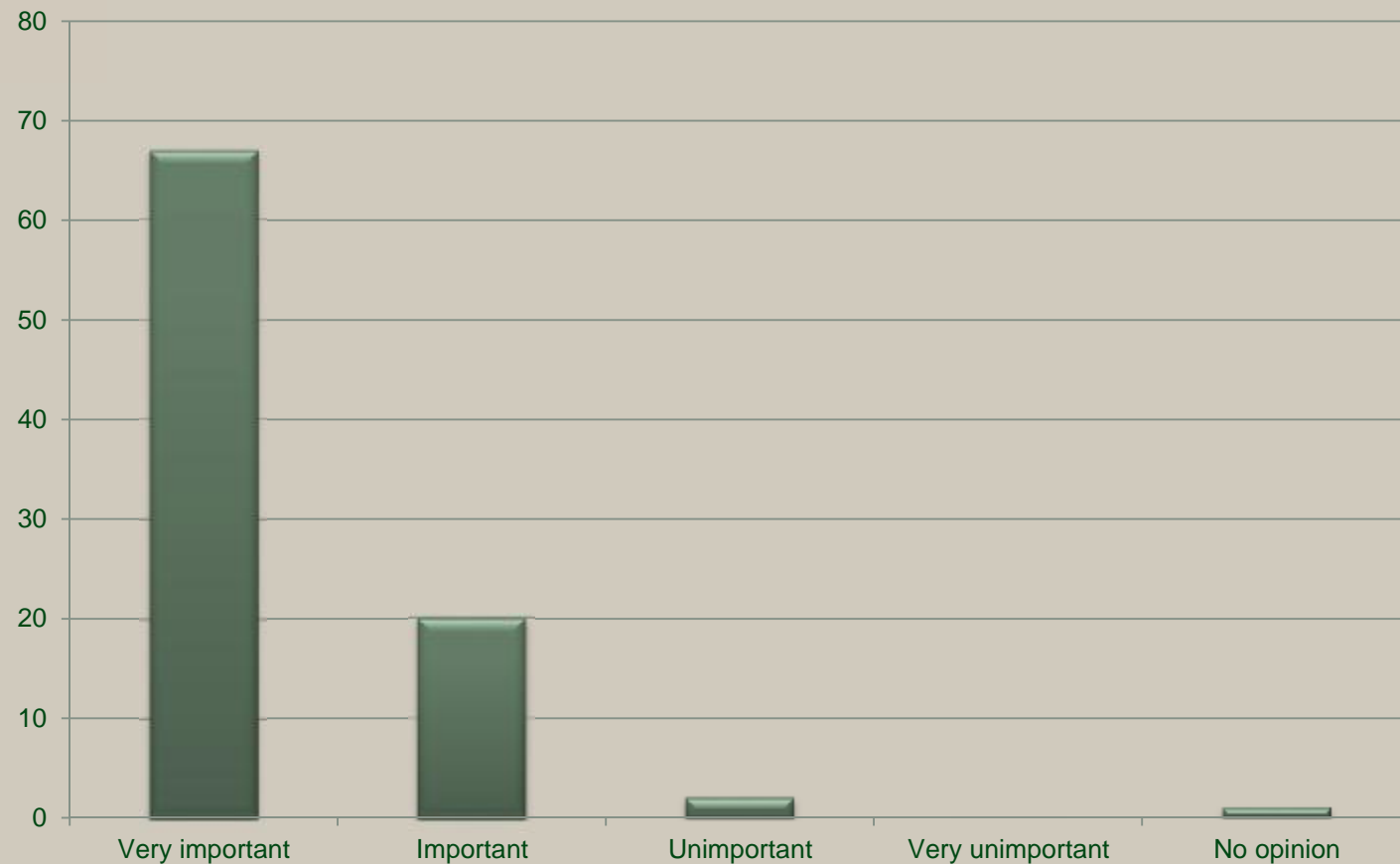
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THEME 4 – Regulation & management

4.3 - Litter



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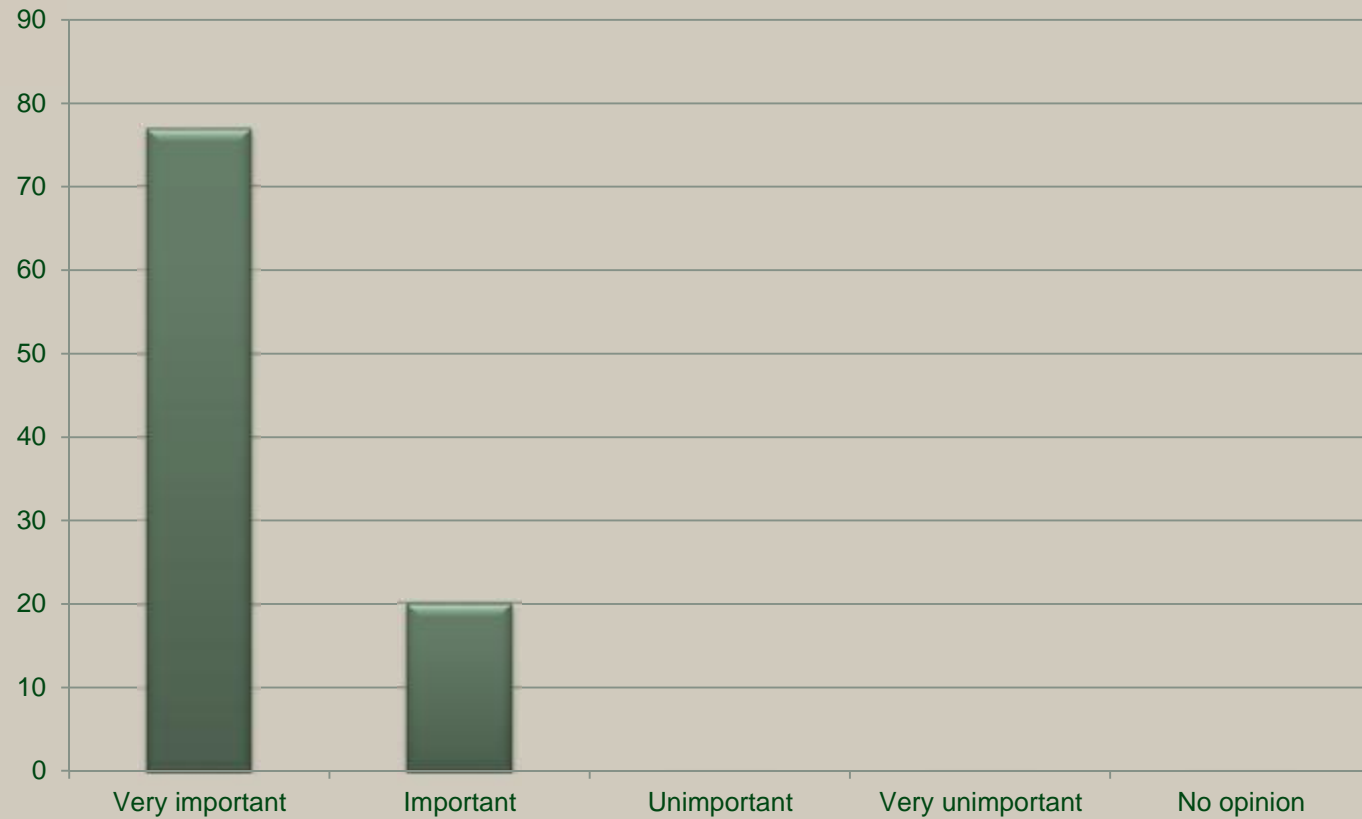
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## 4.4 - Fly-tipping



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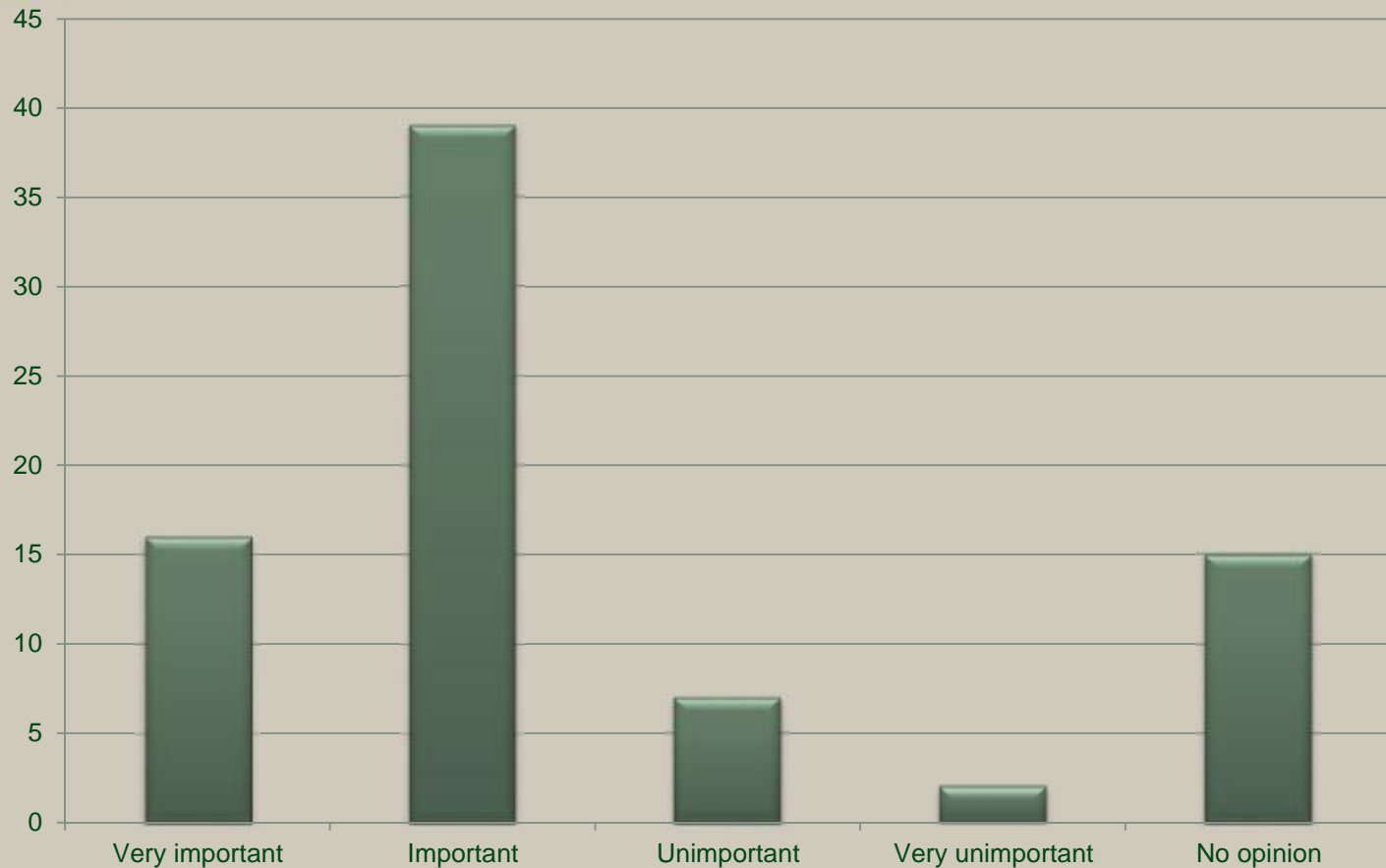
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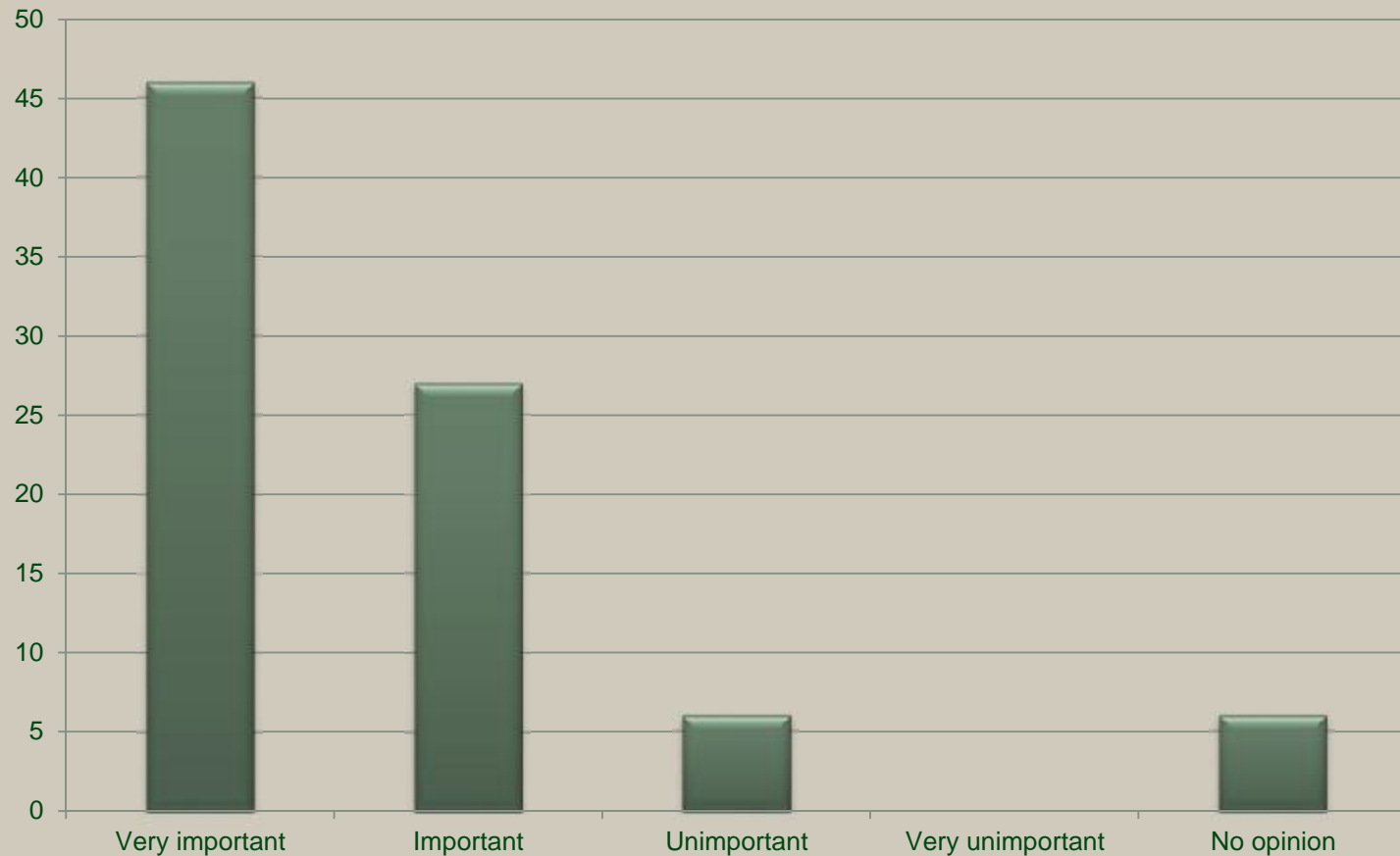
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THEME 5 – Heritage

## 5.3 - Preserving scheduled ancient monuments



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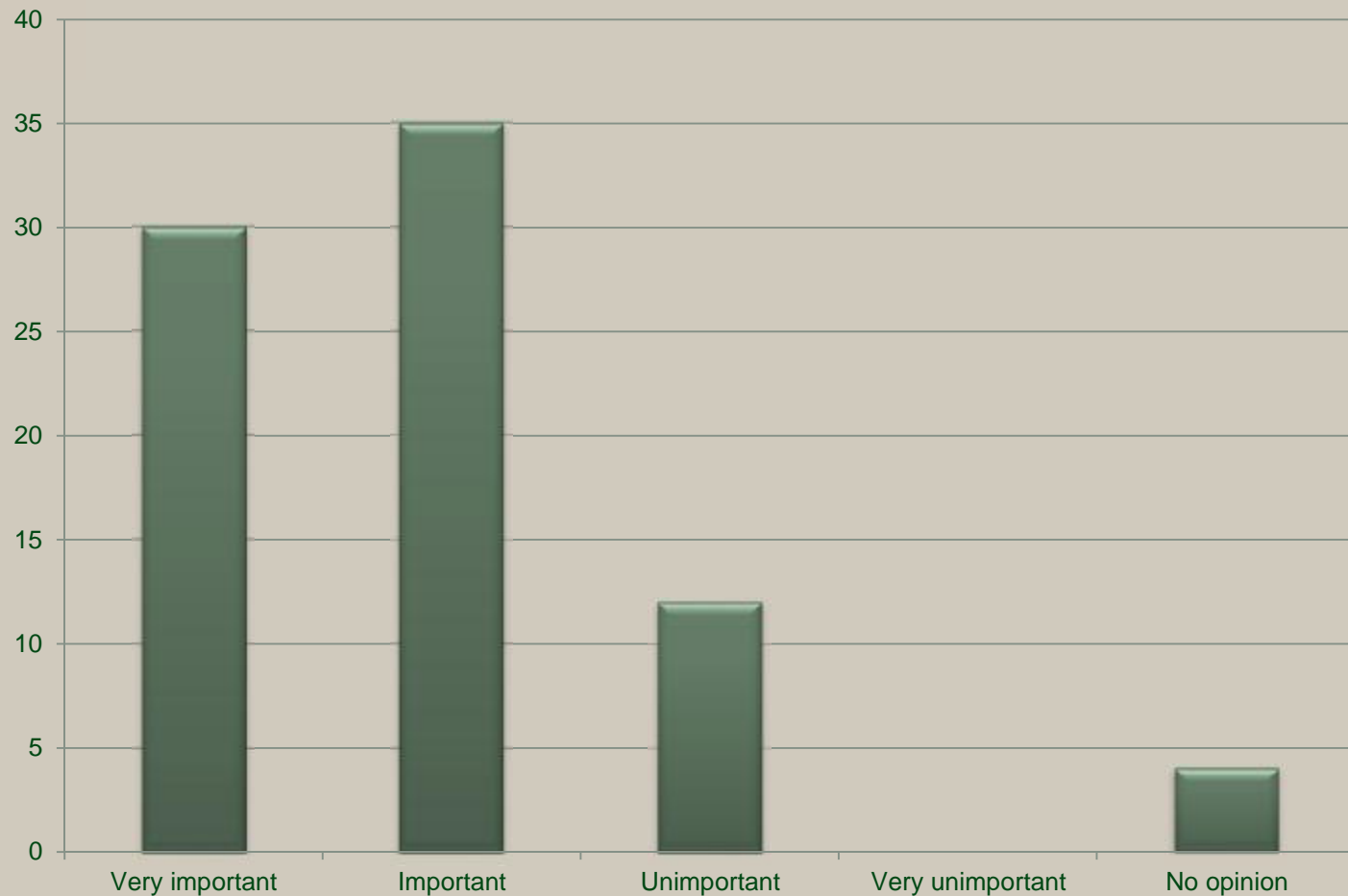
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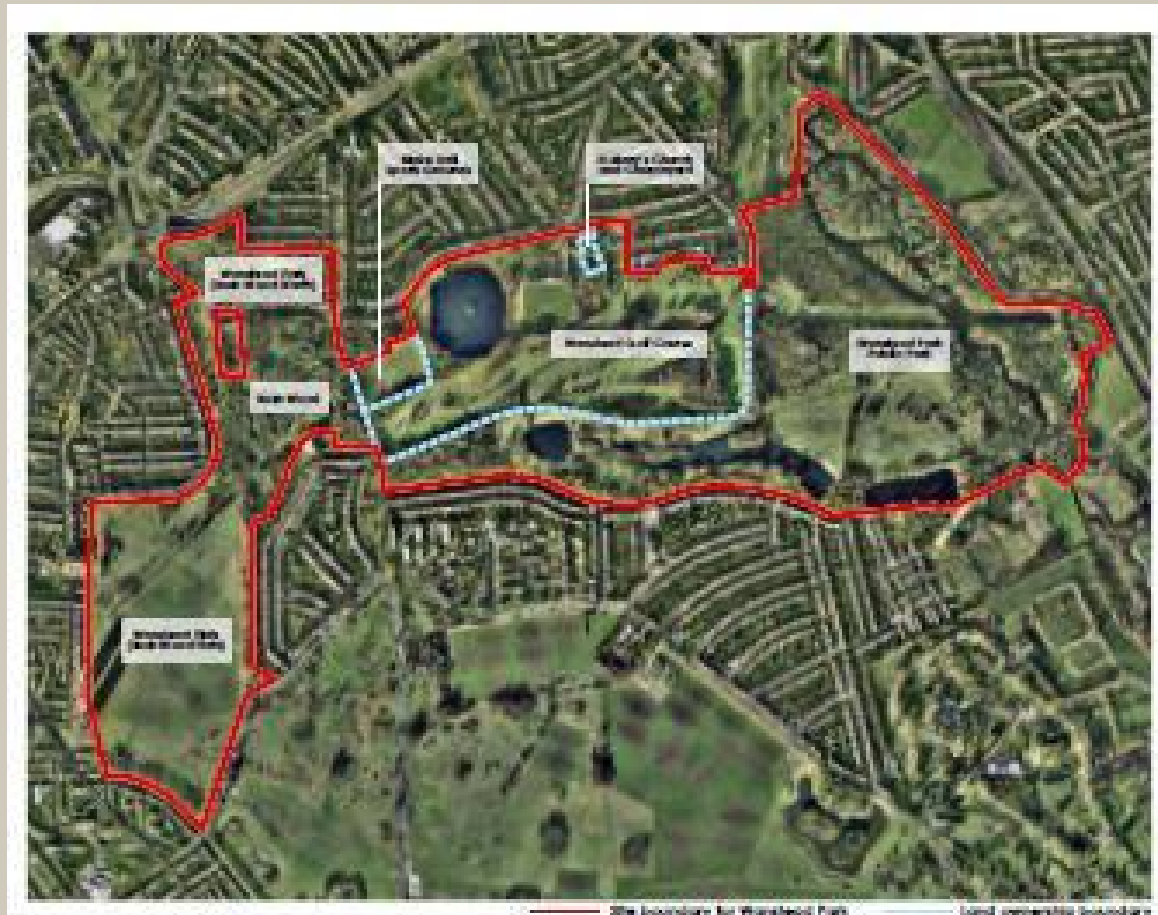
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THEME 6 – Deer Management

## 6.3 - Minimising the incidence of deer-vehicle collisions



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# Golden Threads

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- **Equality**
- **Training**
- **Accessibility**
- **Public involvement**
- **Communications,  
information and marketing**
- **Partnerships**

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# Golden Threads

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- **Finances and resources**
- **Visitor experience**
- **Sustainability**
- **Health & Safety**
- **Outreach**
- **Lifelong learning**
- **Volunteering**

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# Next Steps

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- Consultation Document
- Public Consultation on 6 themes to summer 2017

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# Questions

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# Epping Forest- changing times

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**How do we or do we respond?**

# Partners play a part in the Forest ..... Friends of Epping Forest



With a great past over 45 years

'The only group focussed on the Forest as a whole and all interests'

Knowledgeable about the Forest, over time

Largest single voluntary membership organisation in the Forest

The Forest has benefitted from 'Friends'

# What do we do?



**Preserve the Forest  
(planning and consultations)**

**Encourage an interest in,  
enjoyment & understanding  
of the Forest**

**Guided walks**

**Epping Forest Centenary Walk**

**Occasional publications**

**& now operate the Visitor Centre**



**Caring for Epping Forest**





# Gifford Wood fundraising



# Enabling the Forest to grow by 30 acres Purchased 2012; planted in 2013





**Operated the Centre from April 5, 2014**

# Clocked up....



**361 days open**

**35,000 visitors**

**772 volunteer days**

**Part of Loughton  
Festival 2016**

**Focussing on the  
Easy Access Trail  
– 8 groups, 74  
participants**

# Our concerns about the Forest



**Wood pasture restoration**

**Cycling**

**Litter**

**Development threatening the Forest**

**Risk of the Forest losing its naturalness**

**Localism- a fantastic PLUS, but a risk**





**Wood pasture – what was it like?**

**How much can/should be restored?**

# Cycling



**Does it pose a risk to our soils and wildlife?**







**Litter is about Forest quality, public value & cost**





**When does it become  
a park?**





**For us... we want to do more-  
policy, research, delivery on the  
ground.**



*‘The best classroom and the richest cupboard are roofed only by the sky’*

Enriching lives, enriching Epping Forest







# Stronger together

## Working together for Epping Forest & its communities

Preserving the Forest

Increasing understanding, enjoyment & appreciation

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