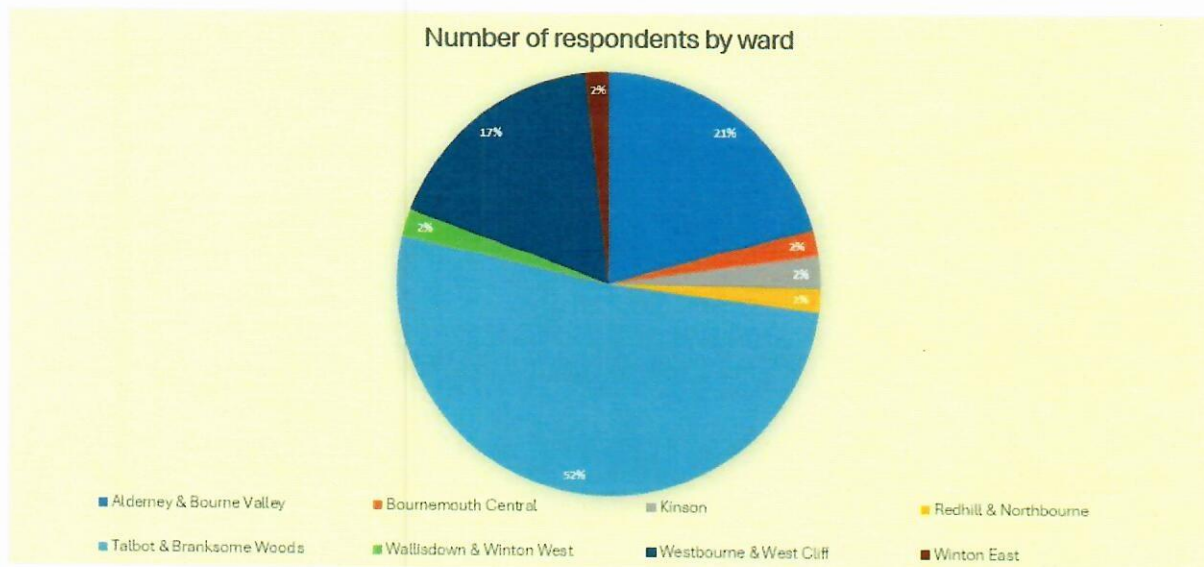


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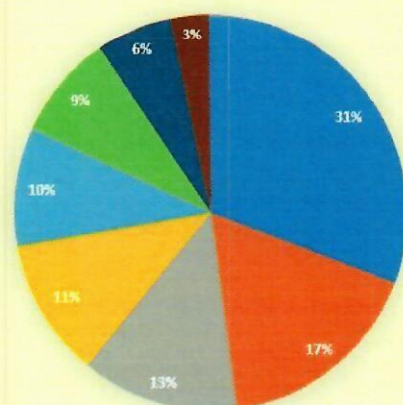
Branksome Triangle Survey Summary

- Of the Bournemouth West respondents who responded to the survey:
 - **94% believed that the Branksome Triangle site was not a suitable location for a 'Settled Traveller and Gypsy Community' site.**
 - **98% said that they had not been consulted by BCP Council on the proposed location as a 'Settled Traveller and Gypsy Community' site.**
- It is worrying that people do not feel like their voices have been heard. To rectify this, we sent every constituent who filled in the survey a QR code linking to BCP Council's Local Plan consultation.



Opposition to Branksome Triangle Site

Number of respondents by reason cited for opposition



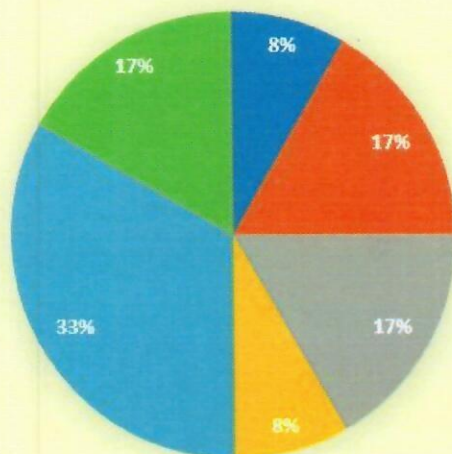
- Increased traffic/congestion
■ Protected green space
■ Contaminated Land
■ Impact on local infrastructure
- Access to Site
■ Protected wildlife in the area
■ Too close to railway line
■ Inappropriate consideration given to other sites

Reason for opposing Branksome Triangle 'Settled Traveller & Gypsy' Site	% of respondents citing this reason
<p>Increased traffic/congestion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why: Bourne Valley Road, Surrey Road and Poole Road are frequent areas of gridlock due to one-way system created by bridges and residents' parking. Already congested due to Tesco across the road, well-used school route for local primary schools. Coming out of Triangle and turning will be unsafe, risk to pedestrians on narrow paths 	31
<p>Access to Site</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why: Single entrance to Branksome Triangle. Not wide enough for large vehicles/static homes, and only accessible via two height-restricted bridges. Also danger to children from huge drop onto Surrey Road. 	17
<p>Protected green space</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why: SSSI/SNCI site, few green spaces in otherwise urban area, contains Japanese Knotweed in abundance. 	13

<p>Protected wildlife in the area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why: Home to sand lizards, with South-East Dorset the only remaining UK stronghold, holding an estimated 90% of the remaining UK population. Wildlife corridor from Talbot Heath – deers use to cross. Also home to foxes, badgers, owls, bats, butterflies, slow worms, viviparous lizards. 	11
<p>Contaminated Land</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why: Former coal depot. Cost impact for taxpayers to remedy this for inhabitancy. Landfill site. 	10
<p>Too close to railway line</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why: Disruption to site during future railway work, including during existing 24/7 multiple-day network rail maintenance windows. High voltage lines on active track and limited prevention of access to the tracks creates safety risk due to proximity. Site borders Branksome Maintenance Depot – active depot. 	9
<p>Impact on local infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why: Existing pressure on GPs, school places, NHS Dentistry locally. Fear this would be exacerbated. 	6
<p>Inappropriate consideration given to other sites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why: Other sites considered not made public. Local Councillors and residents opposing plans not given appropriate notice. No specific consultation on this site 	3

Support for Branksome Triangle Site

Number of respondents by reason cited for support



- History of traveller settlements in Branksome
- Better than alternative sites
- Legal obligation to have 'Settled Gypsy & Traveller' sites
- Good access
- Site not used for anything else
- Settled Gypsy & Traveller community need somewhere

Reason for supporting Branksome Triangle 'Settled Traveller & Gypsy' Site	% of respondents citing this reason
Site not used for anything else	33
'Settled Gypsy & Traveller community' need somewhere	17
Better than alternative sites	17
Legal obligation to have 'Settled Gypsy & Traveller' sites <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>'They have to have sites somewhere under present legislation', 'BCP must follow the law and provide these facilities,'</i> 	17
Good access	8
History of traveller settlements in Branksome <i>'there's been Branksome settlements before any of the council took over'</i>	8