

## Rural Proofing: Seminar Feedback Analysis

### 1. Did you find the presentations useful and relevant?

Yes (6)

OK (1)

No (1)

Yes, as I did with the relevant speakers, who engaged in informative debate

Good to hear from people that link closely to Government and Whitehall Departments

Good discussion session. Presentations provided overview of role of Defra and Rural Proofing

Yes all. Interaction between national/regional/local valuable for all

Defra 'dry' at first but warmed up well when given the floor!

No - CRC was all over the place. Defra was ok but nothing that wasn't pretty obvious. Maybe my expectations were wrong! DRN - Philip Wagstaff was fine

### 2. Did you feel the event was interactive enough?

Yes (8)

Very good, quality debate, left me thinking

Second half yes

Yes - Q&A session worked well. Networking opportunities over tea/lunch

Always could have more time for questions but the cross-[interaction] was good

Would have preferred more of this element

Yes (could have had an extra half hour debate!)

Yes, but not enough time to debate

Yes - More informative than the CRC or Defra speakers

### 3. Did you feel the speakers addressed the topic fully?

Yes 6

No 3

Yes and No 2

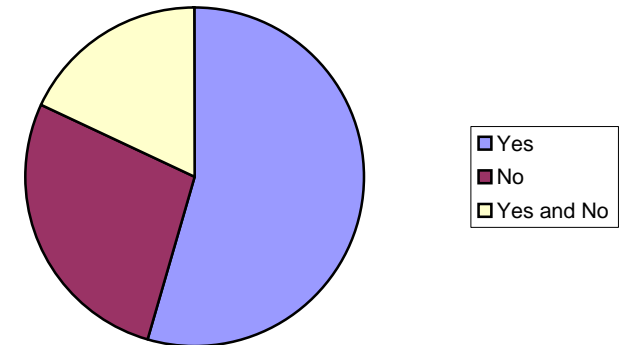
### Additional Comments

Excellent

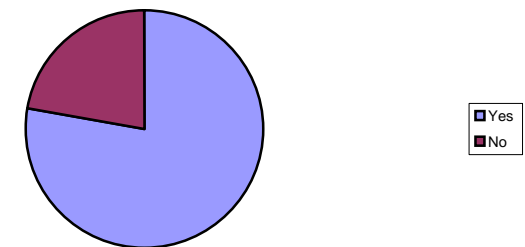
Though expected more on the toolkit

DRN did, but not others

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#### 4. Are you interested in participating in the DRN Consultation Response Group and engaging in rural proofing activity?

Yes	7
No	2

#### Additional Comments

Very much!  
Already am!  
Already engaged  
Not yet

#### 5. Are there any particular topics that you feel the DRN should cover in future events?

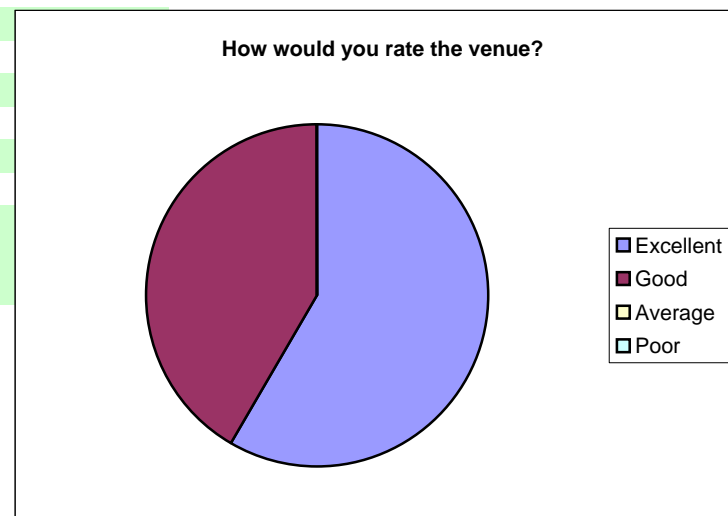
Forestry - why don't we have a much greater focus in Devon on potential for old woodland renovation  
Loss of farming land  
Communicating with our decision makers  
Transport in a centralised society  
Affordable housing  
Driving a thriving economy  
Young people and how they link to [rural] community  
Focus on health issues would be good  
Partnerships/more multiagency working  
Creating skilled job opportunities in rural areas  
Cost of service delivery  
DCC's responsibility to Devon in terms of how it uses its funding. What is the total budget, how is this spread throughout all the various community groups, and is it the right balance

#### 5. The Venue - how would you rate overall?

Excellent	7
Good	5
Average	0
Poor	0

#### Additional Comments

Ask how people reached the venue - car/public transport/cycle/foot



## 6. The Overall Event

### a) I thought the overall structure and format of the event was:

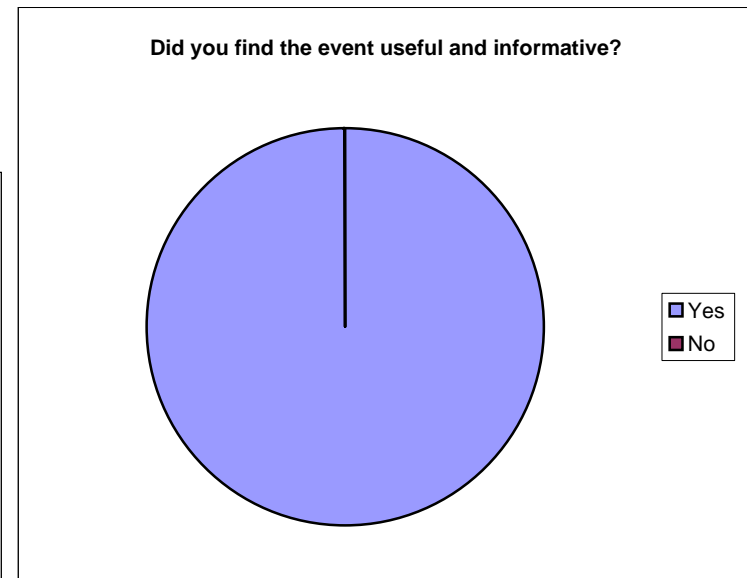
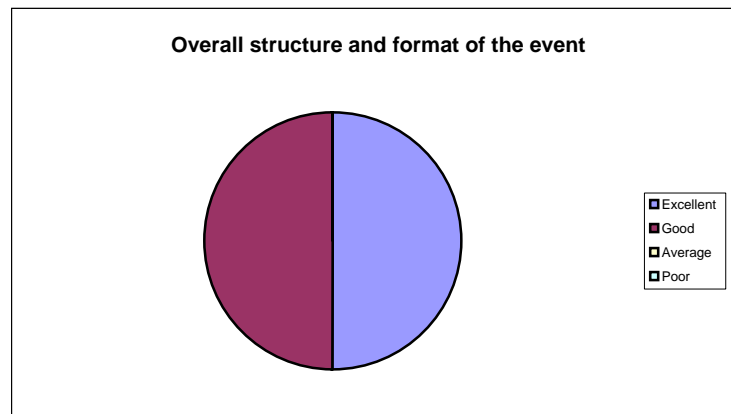
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Poor	0

### b) Did you find the event useful and informative?

Yes	11
No	0

### Additional Comments

Very Good!



### Additional Comments

Break out sessions with specific focus on key issues

Enjoyed the event, good to hear from a cross section of different people

Thank you

Social challenges well covered and rightly so, need to ensure economic and environmental also involved for sustainability

Good to have the positives accentuated at the end - rural areas have a lot to offer, not just an eternal drain

How do we ensure rural proofing is climate change proofed?

Bottom up community planning and top down policy can be quite short-term - where is the rural proofing of the long term vision?

Rural champions great idea, urban champions probably exist, but where are the champions for the interaction between the two?

Don't let rurality become a polarised issue - society needs a greater understanding across urban and rural to function effectively.

Rural proofing needs feedback from rural communities to be effective. Can DRN get a dialogue going with Parish councils to engage them?

e.g. as each parish council has a footpath officer, could they not also have a rural proofing (policy) officer? Hilary Winter, secretary to Devon

Countryside Access Forum has experience of trying to work with PCs.