

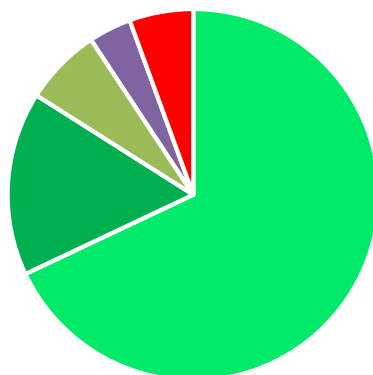
From February to December 2018 GNPA has been gathering feedback from a wide range of people across the region on the level of support for a National Park for Galloway. This was gathered online and from a range of meetings and events including with the public, community councils and with specific groups (eg NFUS, Rotary).

Over 430 people have completed the form with responses from all the postal code areas within the possible Park area. DG7 (Castle Douglas and Glenkens) and DG8 (Newton Stewart and the Machars) received the largest number of responses which is in proportion to the possible area of the Park.

All the age categories were well represented in the feedback with some over representation compared to the area's population profile of those aged 45 and over.

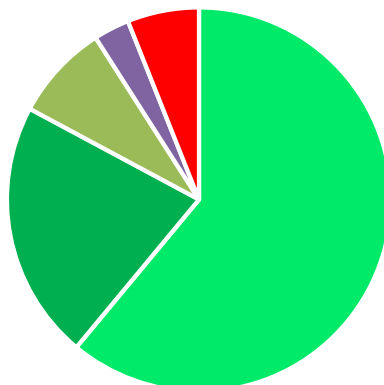
Five key questions were asked with possible responses for each question of Strongly Agree, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree or Strongly Disagree.

A National Park in Galloway would be a good thing



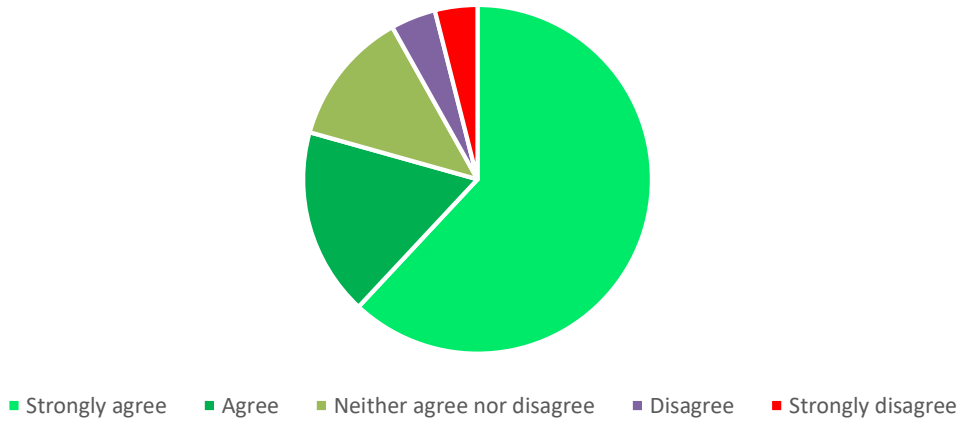
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A National Park in Galloway would be good for people who live and work in Galloway

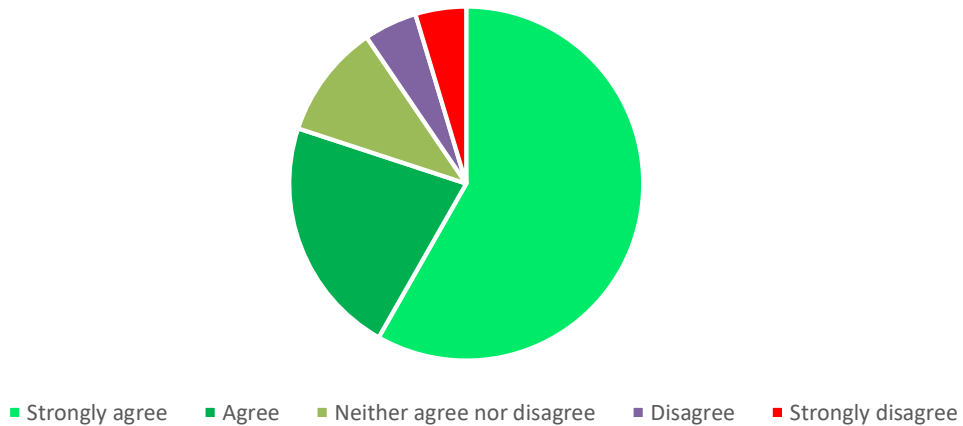


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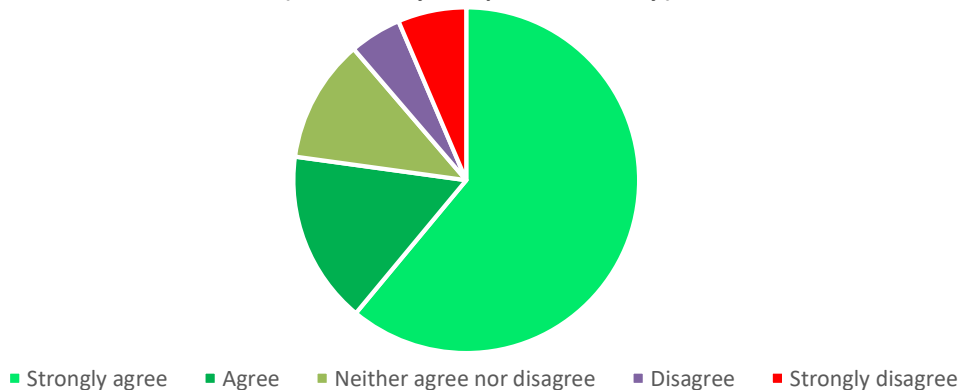
A National Park in Galloway would be good for the environment



A National Park should have a role to play in the future planning of development



I would like a National Park in my area (Galloway responses only)



Overall, around 9 times as many are positive about a National Park for the Kingdom of Galloway as those who are negative. Typically 81% are supportive and 9% opposed. The many comments recognise that a National Park is not the solution to all of Galloway's ills and that a Park would need to ensure that it helps to encourage suitable and sustainable development. The comments also show overwhelming support for the benefits that a National Park could bring to Galloway and the good fit with the needs of the area.