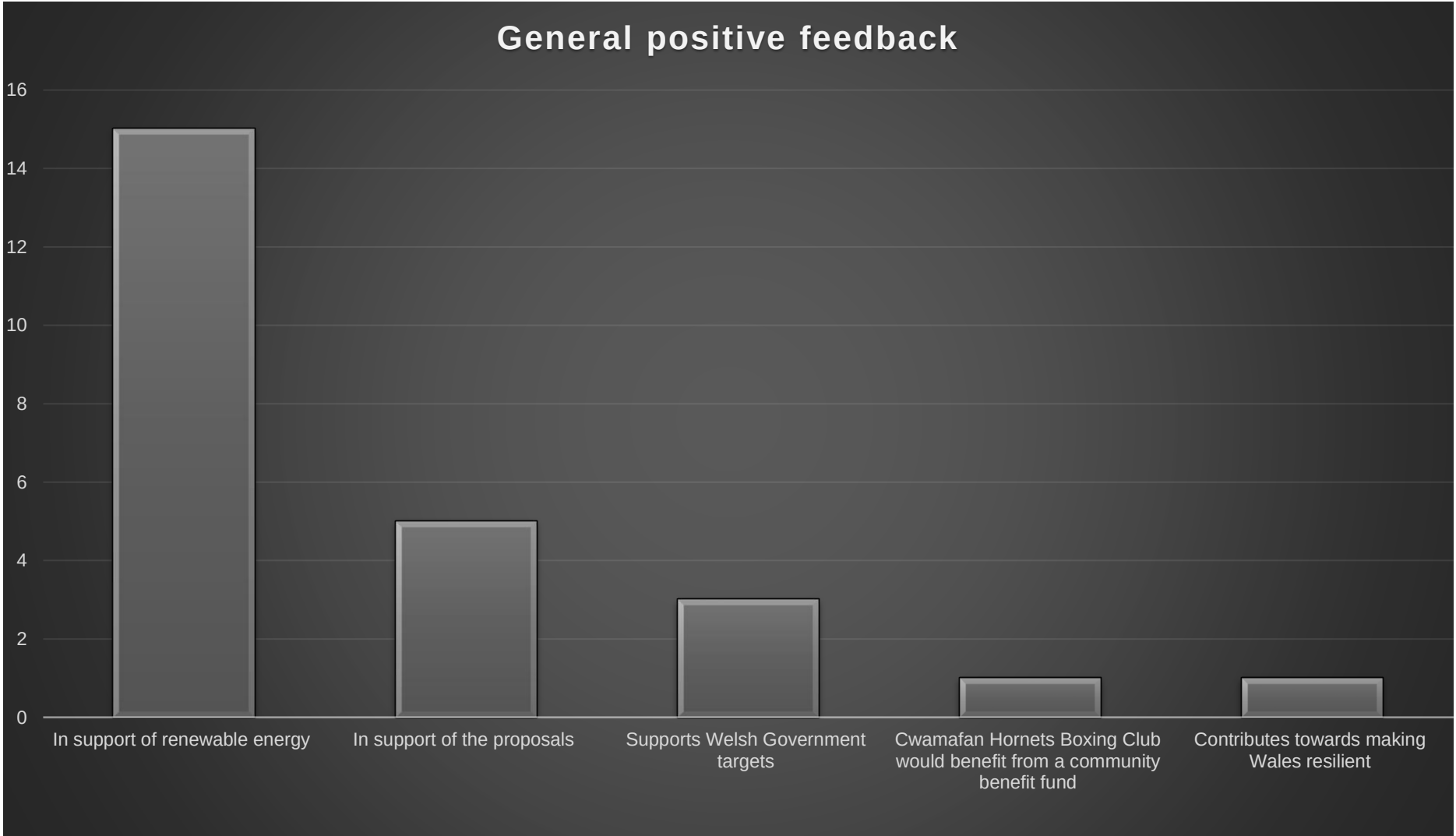




This section of the feedback form was designed to extract opinion and feedback from consultees which wouldn't necessarily arise from other questions on the form. Many consultees used the opportunity to express a general opposing or supportive stance to the proposals.

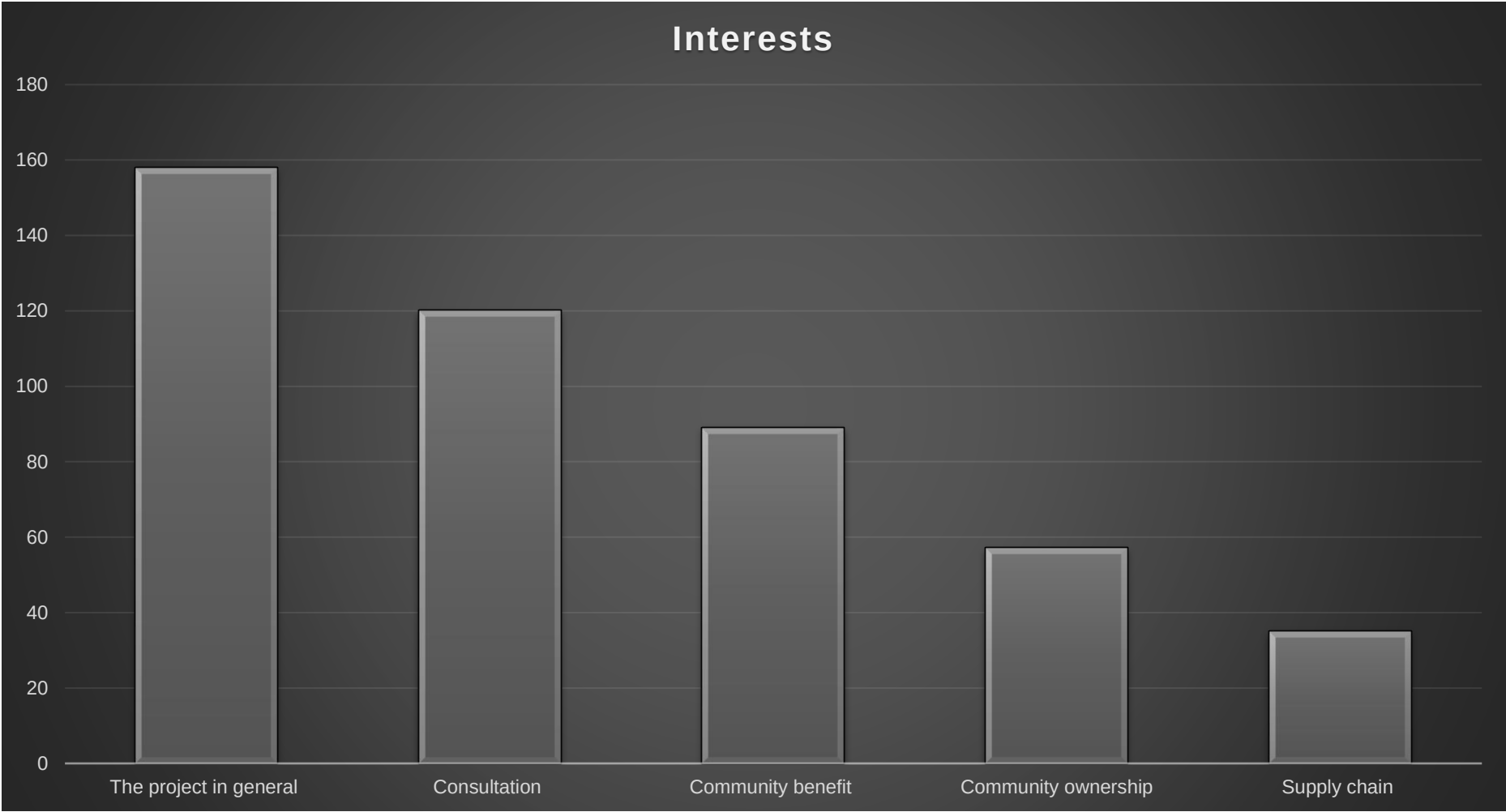
As has been noted in other questions on the feedback form, concerns included the potential visual impact of the turbines, scale of the development, noise levels from the site, environmental concerns such as the recyclability of the turbines, CO2 emissions released during construction and the impact of tree felling.

The consensus amongst the neutral comments raised were that more information is required in order for consultees to make a clear and informed decision about the proposals. A large number of consultees called for the developer to provide solutions to the main concerns raised thorough Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) (including an ornithology assessment) and further transparency throughout the consultation process.

Positive comments included general support for renewable energy sources and support for the proposals. Consultees also recognised that the proposals would make a contribution towards the Welsh Government target of achieving net-zero emissions by 2050.

A fewer number of consultees added that the community benefit fund could support sports clubs in the area.

5.10 I am interested in: The project in general / Consultation / Community benefit / Community ownership / Supply Chain / Other



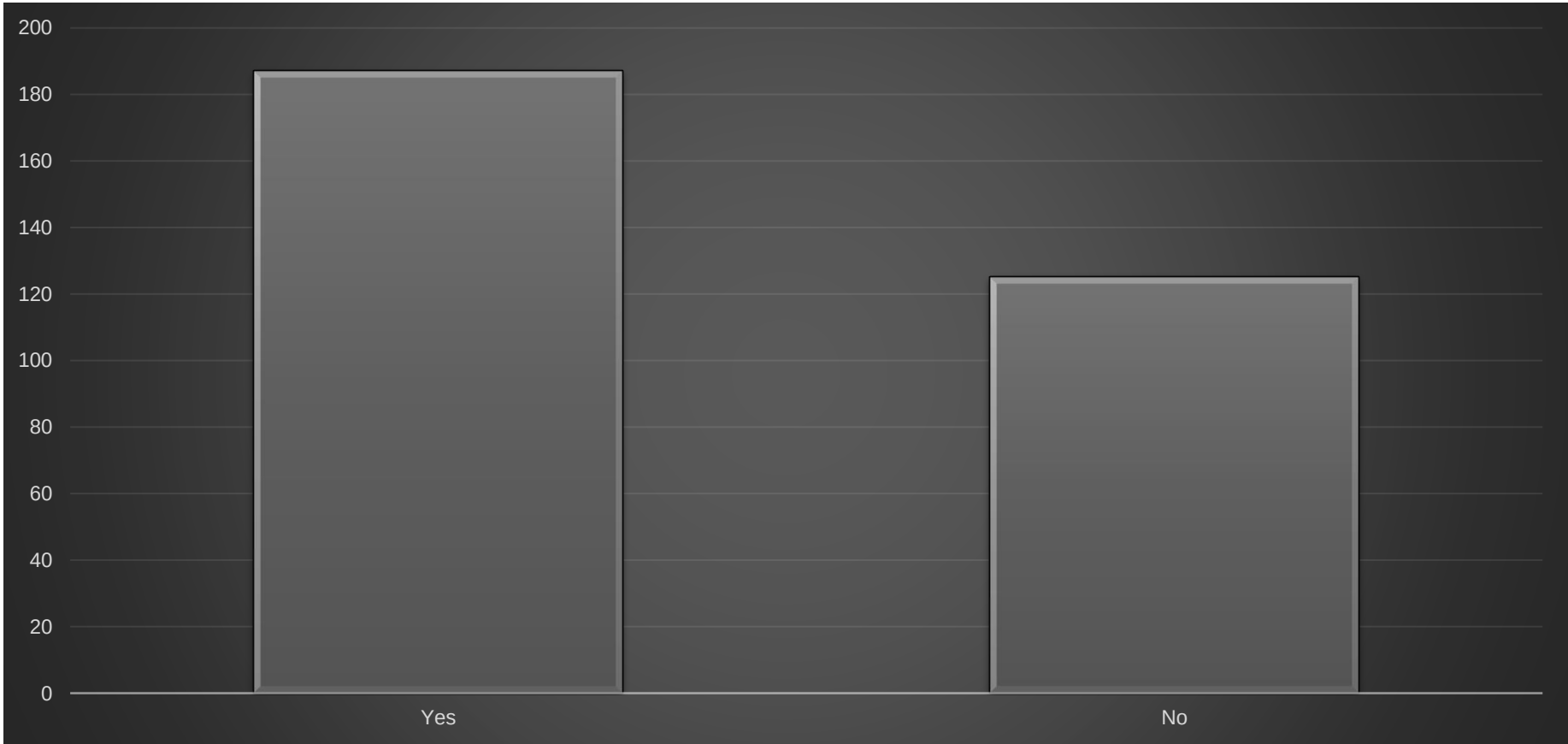
By asking consultees about the parts of the project which they are interested in the developer can determine, the level of interest in the project in general terms, the number of consultees who are interested in the consultation, the demand for a community benefit fund and a community ownership scheme and any interest in local supply chain opportunities. The question also provided scope for consultees to voice any other interests in the project.

The majority of consultees who answered this question were interested in the project in general terms and are engaged in the consultation process.

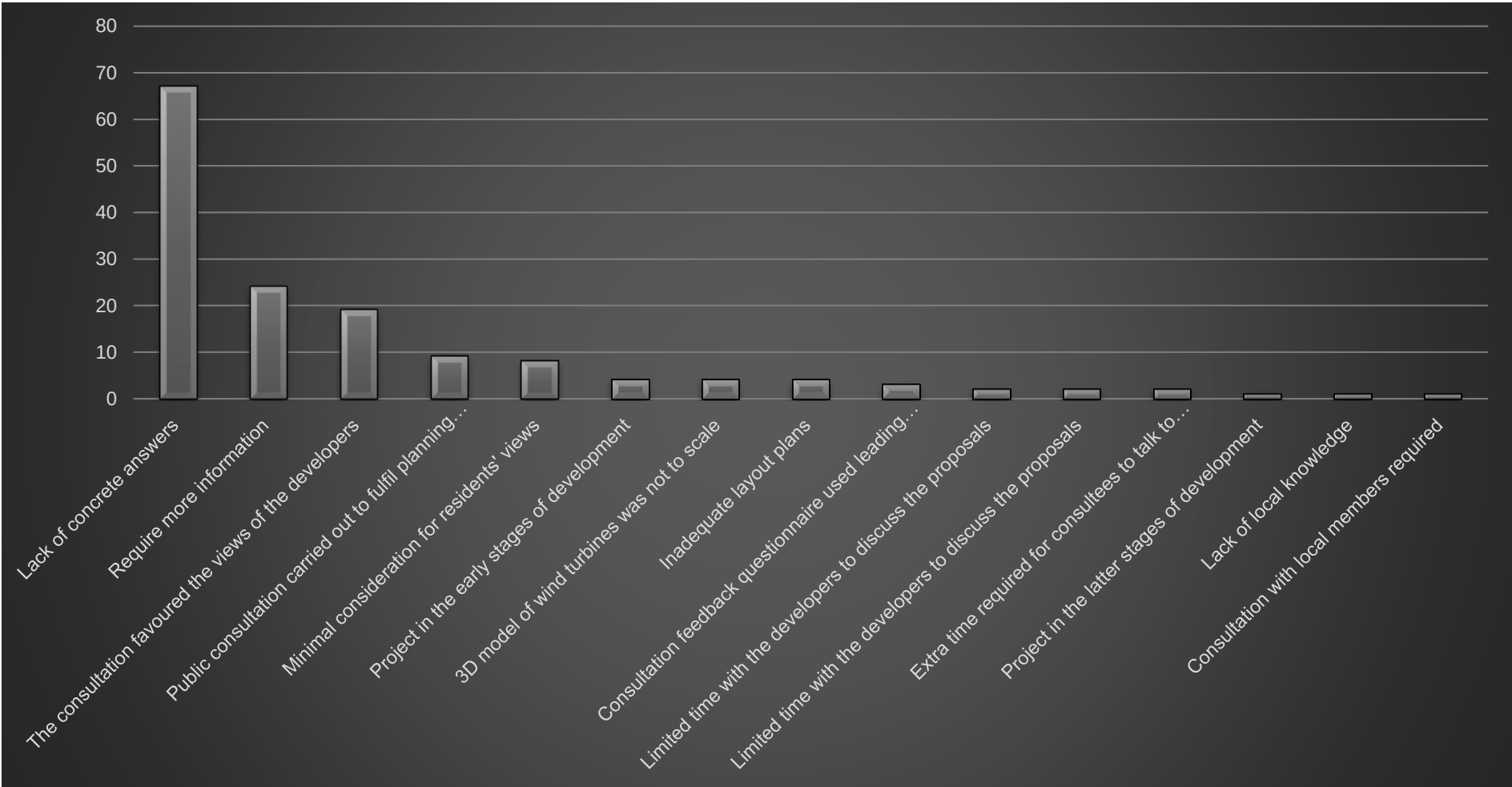
Consultees who expressed an interest in the consultation process stated that a transparent informative consultation is an important element of the project, and made requests for further environmental studies, including ornithology studies.

A large proportion of consultees were interested in the community benefit fund and community ownership scheme. Whilst a fewer number of consultees expressed an interest in supply chain opportunities as the majority of interest in commercial opportunities will be sought through specific supply chain events.

5.11 Have you found this consultation informative?



5.12 If not, please tell us why?



The approach to the consultation was to establish an open and informative dialogue between the developers and the local community and to consult early so that consultees can influence and shape the project throughout. The purpose of the approach was not to 'sell' the proposals in their current form to consultees, but to make them aware of the proposal in the project's infancy and to outline the development in principle. It was also important to explain the locality of the wind turbines in relation to different viewpoints in the area, so that consultees could provide feedback specific to their locality to the project.

Due to the nature of the pre-application phase of the consultation process, the developer explained to consultees that at this early stage environmental studies are continuing and are to be evaluated as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and other supportive documents necessary for the submission of the planning application.

A greater number of consultees found the consultation informative, as they were able to engage with project team as well as view the 3D model of the wind farm to examine the visual impact of the site in relation to different viewpoints in the area.

Some consultees suggested that the consultation was not informative enough and this was due to the perceived lack of detailed information available. As stated above, the project is in the pre-application phase, therefore the finer details of the proposals are yet to be determined. Alternative reasons why consultees did not find the consultation informative were that consultees perceived that the consultation favoured the views of the developers and did not take the views of local residents into consideration. Lastly, some responses suggested that consultees believed that the consultation was in order to fulfil planning requirements rather than to consider their views.

6 Phone messages, emails, website registration forms, and letters

6.1 Phone messages

The freephone telephone line received 7 telephone calls during the consultation period. 2 consultees opposed the project with 4 consultees requesting further information and 1 local member requesting a call back.

Initial views on the proposed Y Bryn wind farm:

Strongly Support	Support	Strongly Oppose	Oppose	Neutral
0	1	0	2	4

Consultees who used the freephone telephone line were seeking further information on the proposals rather than a conversation to record any support or objection to the wind farm.

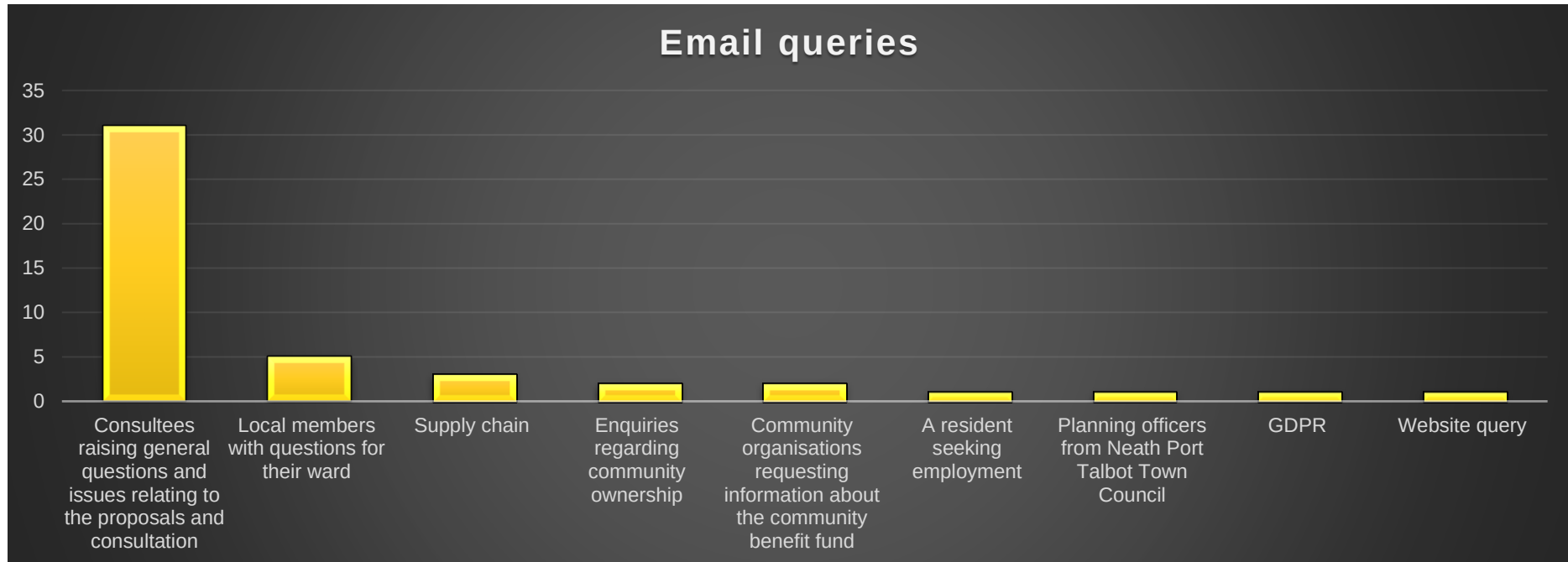
Queries raised:

- The origins of the developer
- Funding for the project
- Locality of the wind turbines
- The viewpoint from Croeserw
- Durability of the battery storage
- Amount of cement required for each footing of the wind turbines

Freephone telephone consultees received answers to their queries and an invite to the public consultation event.

6.2 Emails

A total of 48 emails were received via the info@ybryn-windfarm.cymru email address during the period of the first phase of consultation. Emails covered a range of queries, topics and issues, including:



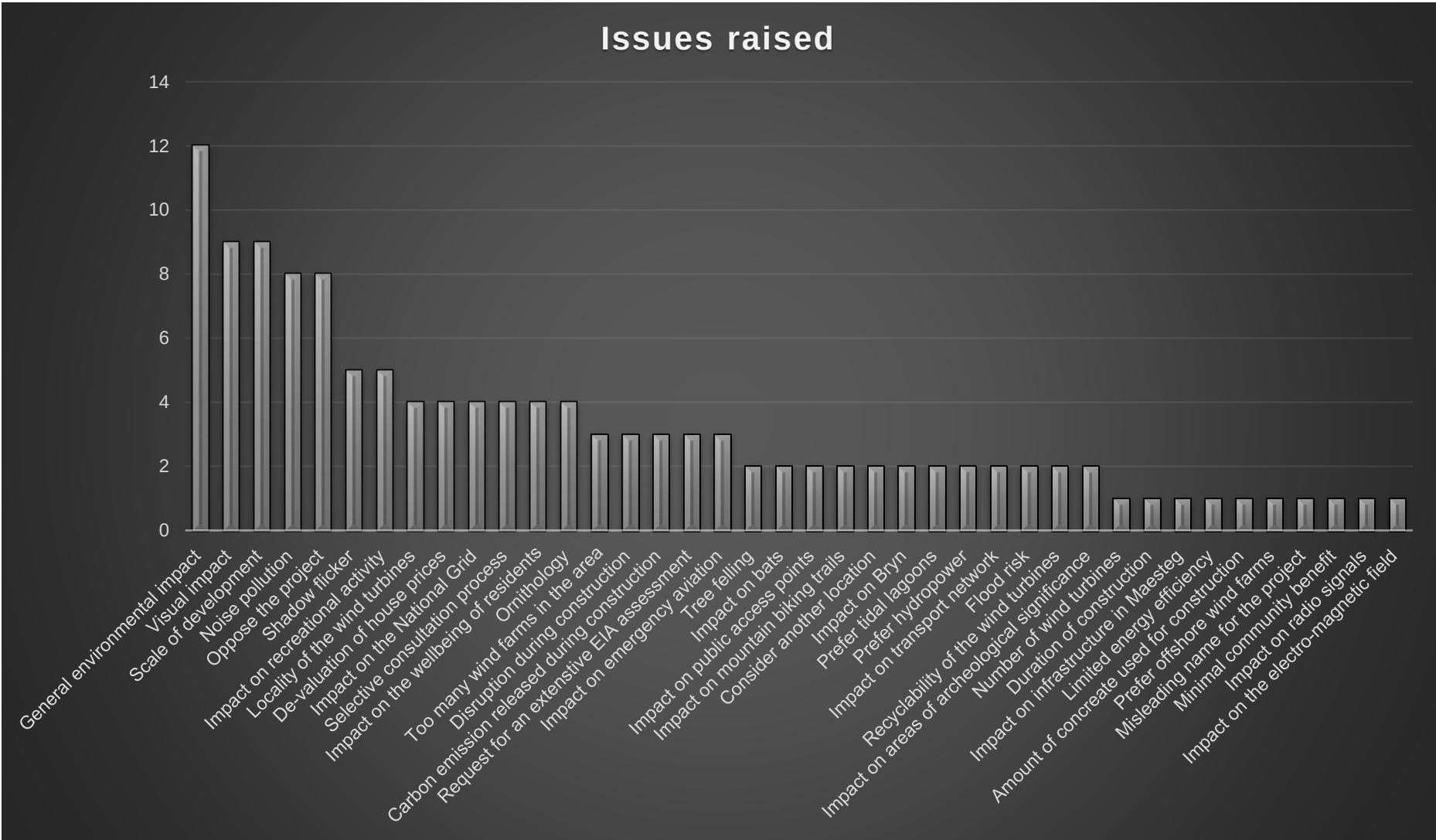
From emails received initial views on the proposed Y Bryn onshore wind farm were:

Strongly Support	Support	Strongly Oppose	Oppose	Neutral
1	2	5	10	28

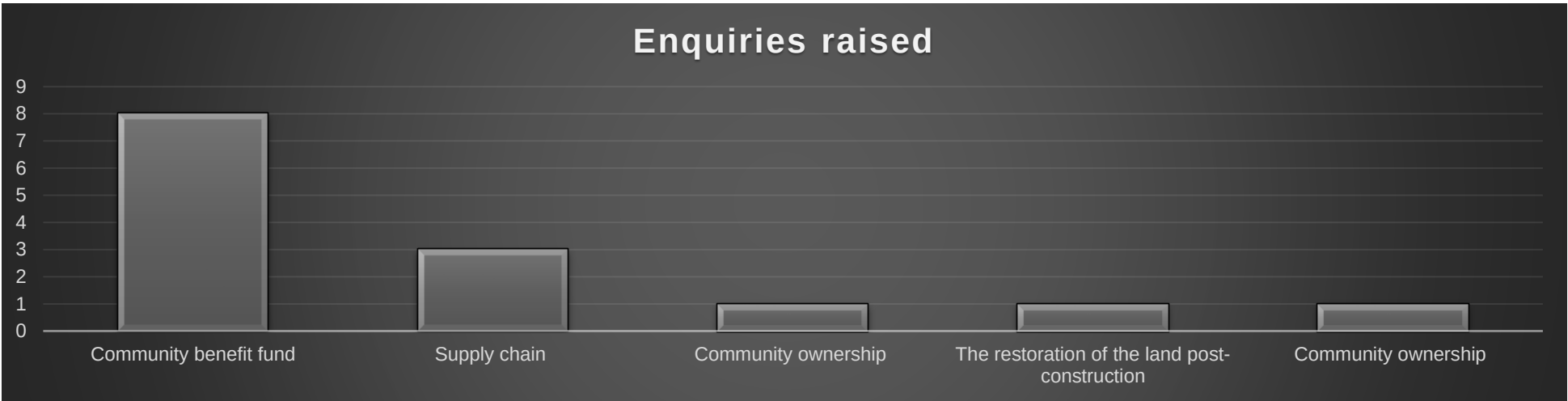
From the emails received views on the principle of developing onshore wind energy to help combat climate change were:

Strongly Support	Support	Strongly Oppose	Oppose	Neutral
3	8		3	28

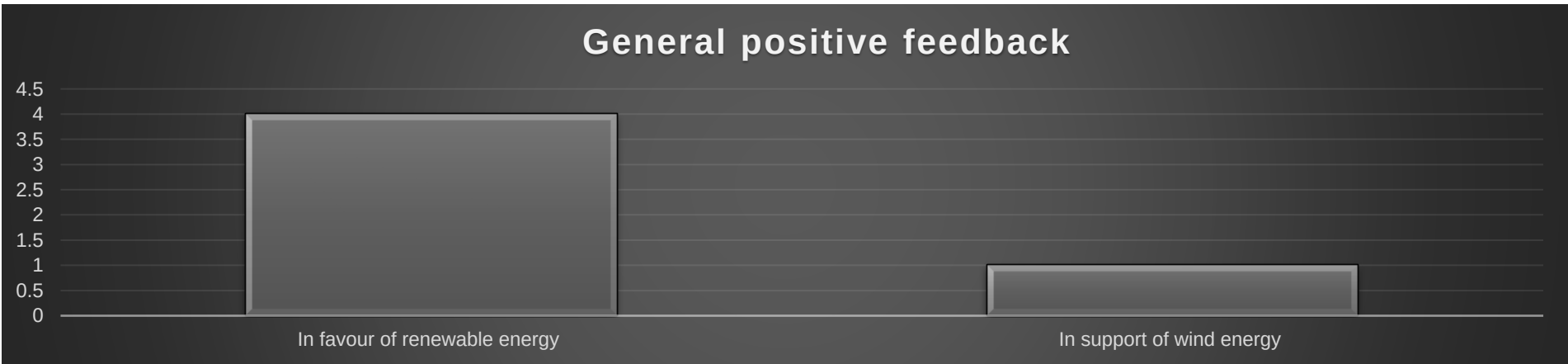
Issues raised in emails



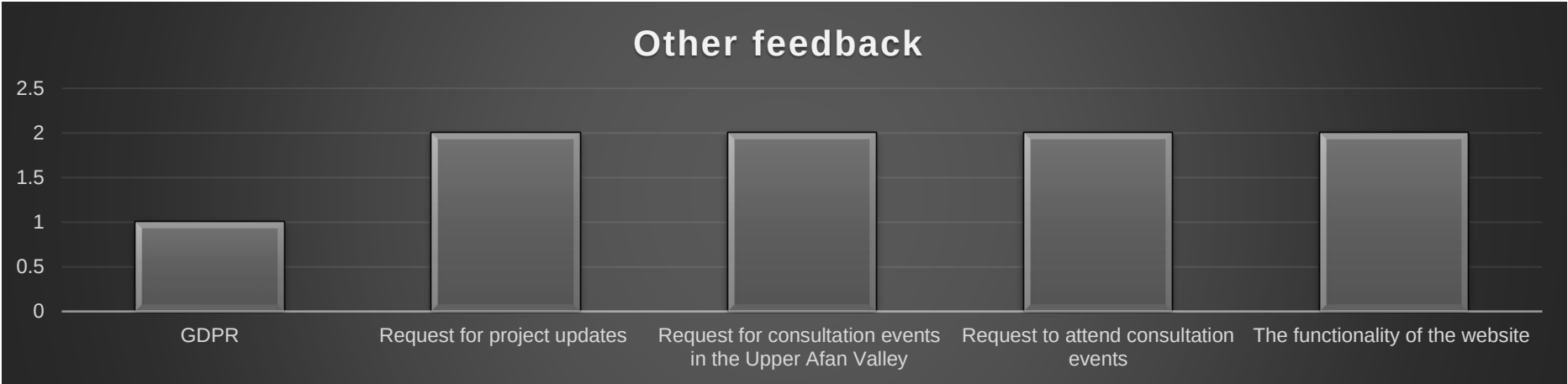
Enquiries raised in emails



General positive feedback



Other feedback



As demonstrated in the table the majority of emails received expressed a neutral attitude towards onshore wind energy and a larger number of consultees raised objections to the proposals. Conversely, the second table conveys that respondents were not opposed to renewable energy or onshore wind schemes, but rather that they were opposed to onshore wind schemes in the Bryn area.

Many of the issues raised in the emails echoed the views expressed in the feedback forms.

The main issues raised were around the potential general environmental impact, visual impact, scale of development, noise pollution, and general opposition to the project.

Potential issues regarding the environmental impact were focused on the impact to the different species in the area, in particular the bird and bat populations. Tree felling was also cited as an environmental concern.

The visual impact was listed as a primary concern for email respondents, as concerns were raised regarding the visibility from residents' homes and the impact that this could have on house prices. The issue of visibility is interconnected with the scale of the turbines as consultees were concerned about the height of the proposed wind turbines and the potential visual impact of these to the village of Bryn.

The potential for noise pollution was cited as an issue for concern and queries were raised as to whether the turbines could be switched off at certain times in order to minimise disruption to residents and the natural habitat in the area.

General positive feedback received included:

- In favour of renewable energy
- In favour of wind energy

The main positive comments from consultees were that they were in favour of renewable energy schemes including onshore wind energy, offshore wind energy, tidal lagoons and hydropower.

Other feedback included requests for project updates, requests to attend consultation events, and a request regarding the functionality of the website.

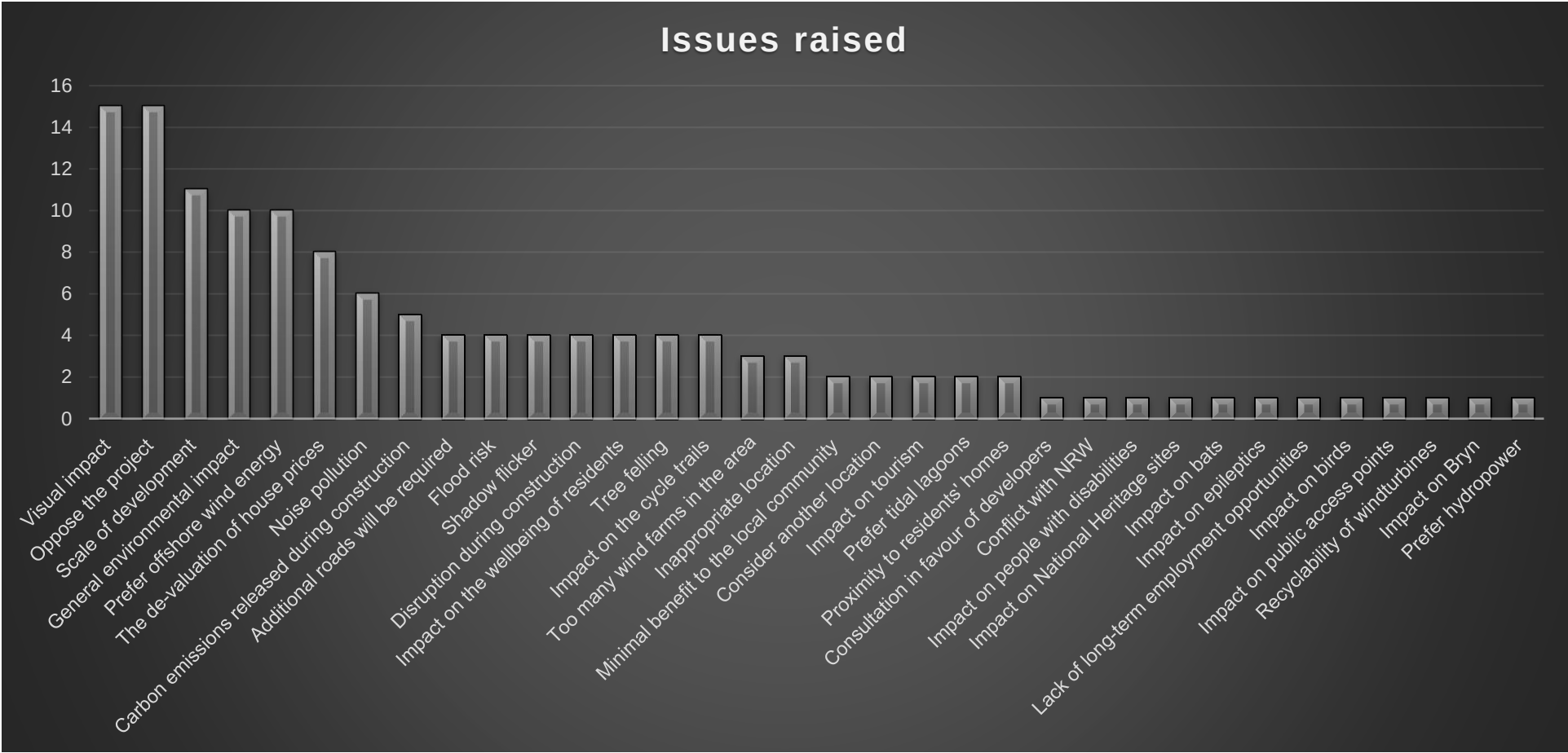
Other than general feedback provided, the main enquiries raised by email were related to the community benefit fund and supply chain queries. Community benefit enquiries were based around interest in funding for local community groups, charities and schemes. Supply chain interest ranged from engineers, concrete suppliers, crane hire companies, highways servicing specialists, material handlers and steel reinforcement organisations. Organisations stated that they were interested in supporting the project and offered their local knowledge, technical services and expertise. Supply chain interest was generated by 'meet the buyer' opportunities at the public consultation events. Supply chain consultees who expressed an interest in working on the development were registered to a Supply Chain database.

Finally, with regard to requests for project updates, consultees were directed to the website page <https://www.ybryn-windfarm.cymru/project-documents/>, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram where they could sign up to receive updates regarding consultation events and key milestones for the project.

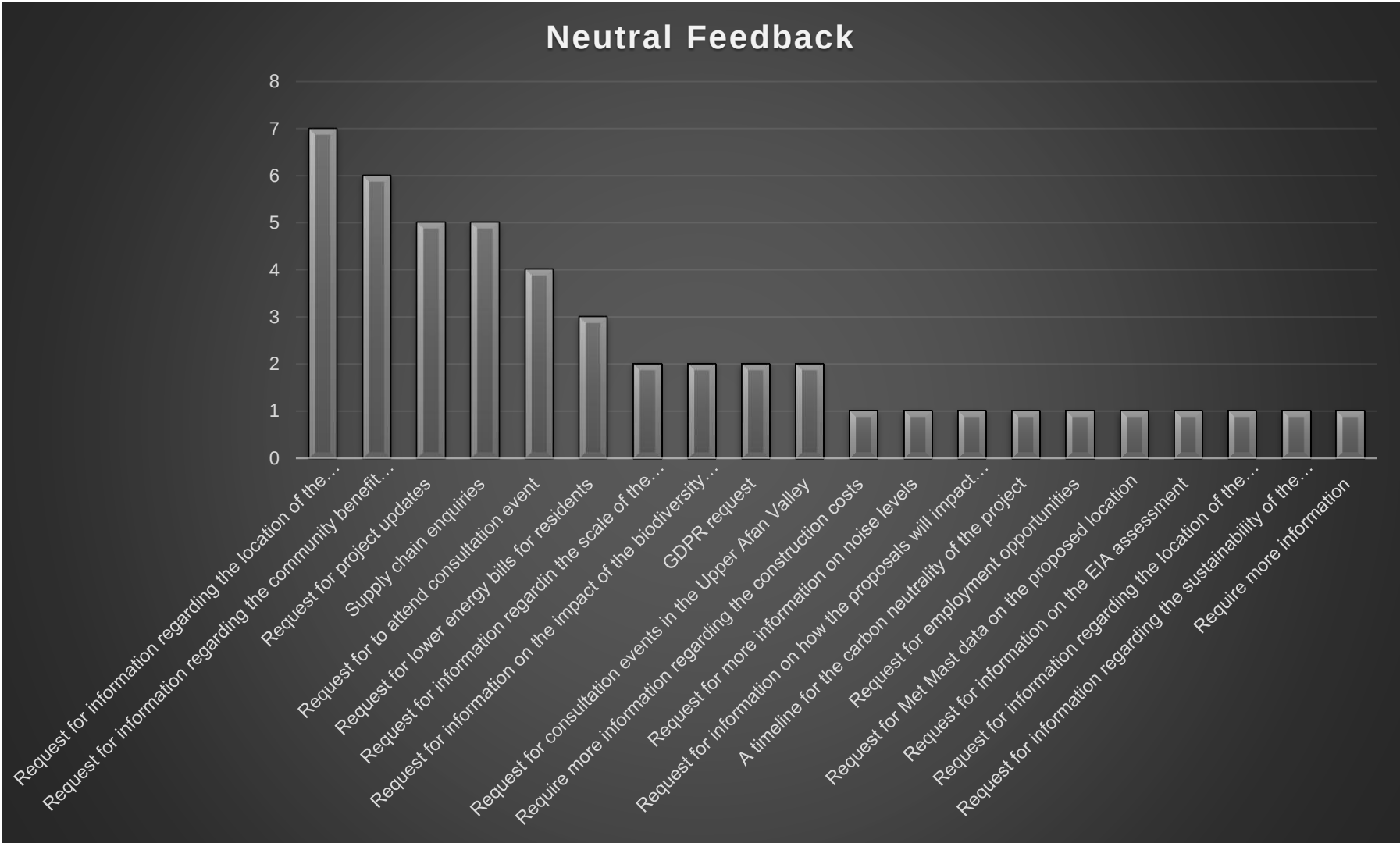
6.4 Website registration forms

In addition to feedback forms, freephone line and the project email address, those interested could also contact the project team through a comments form on the project website. A total of 52 website forms were completed during the consultation period. This form allowed general comments and was live throughout the consultation period.

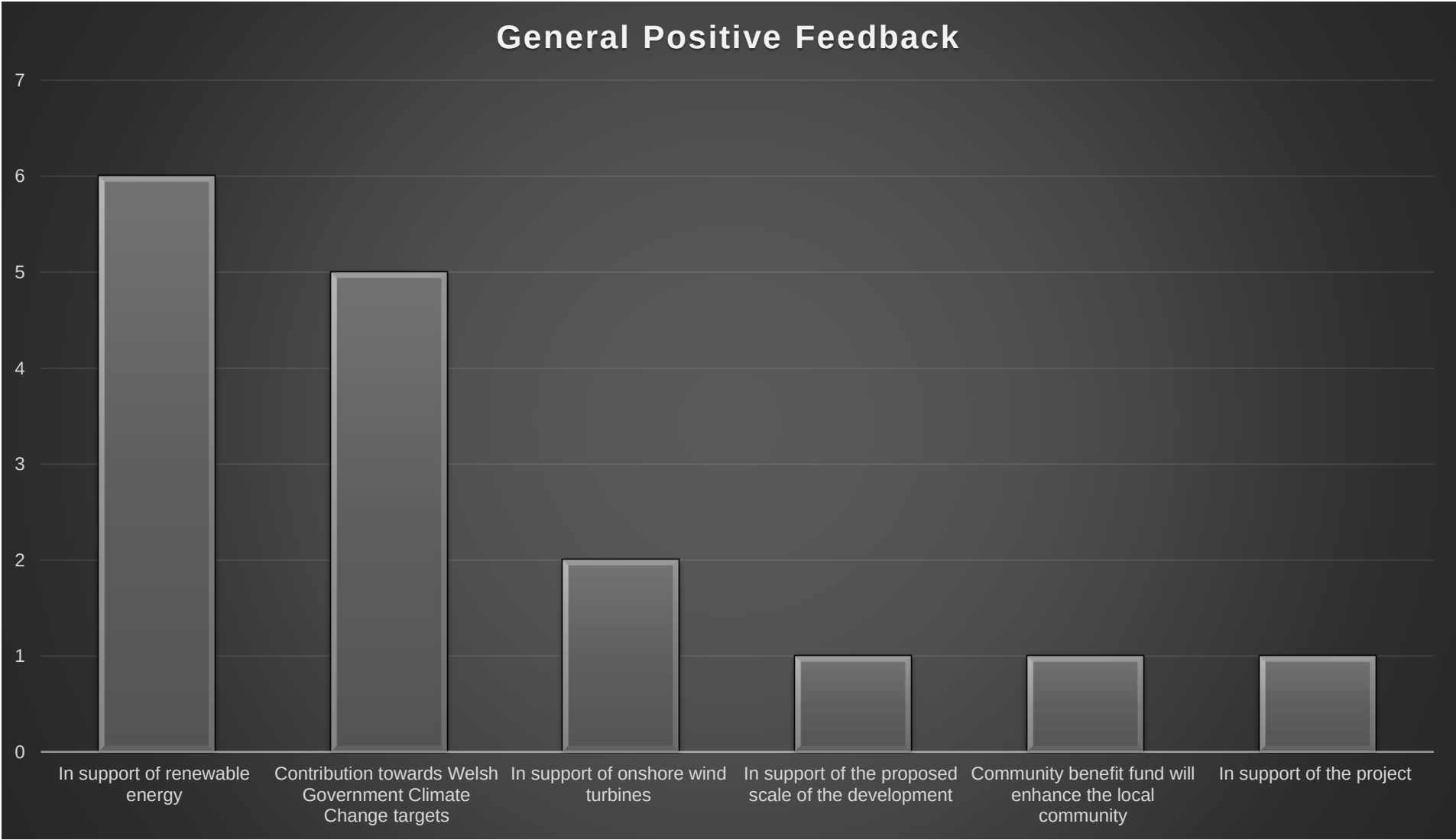
Issues raised



Neutral feedback



General positive feedback



A large proportion of consultees who provided their feedback via the website registration forms cited the visual impact as a concern particularly in the village of Bryn and that any visual impact may have an adverse impact on house prices and the tourism industry in the area.

An equal proportion of consultees used the website registration forms to generally oppose the project. A proportion of the objecting forms included the same or similar responses sent from multiple respondents. Where this was the case issues, comments and feedback recorded were assessed individually, despite being identical to many others.

Many consultees attributed their opposition to the project to the proposed scale of the turbines and development. A small number of consultees in favour of onshore wind energy developments stated that they would support onshore wind schemes, however not one of this scale.

The construction of the turbines and how this could impact local biodiversity was raised by consultees many stating that the disruption caused during construction could affect bird migration and the protection of foraging bats. A large proportion of consultees were also concerned about carbon emission levels during construction.

The majority of neutral feedback consisted of requests for additional information about the project's proposals, including information regarding the location of the wind turbines, the community benefit fund, project updates and requests to attend the consultation exhibitions.

Through the project the developer is seeking to work with local suppliers who share Coriolis' commitment to sustainable energy. Suppliers used the registration form to introduce themselves as potential suppliers and provide contact details to be added to the supply chain list for future events.

Some generally positive feedback that emerged included the endorsement of renewable energy sources, the project's contribution towards the Welsh Government target of achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2050 and onshore wind schemes.

The feedback clearly demonstrated that a proportion of consultees are in favour of renewable energy schemes including, onshore wind, offshore wind, tidal lagoons, hydrogen and solar and would welcome the development of an onshore wind scheme in Wales.

6.5 Letters

A couple of letters were also received during the course of the consultation, either via FREEPOST or submitted at consultation events. These are summarised below:

Consultee	Date	Oppose/Support	Summary of issues
Archivist at Lynfi Valley Historical Society	27/06/2021	Neutral	• Require further information regarding the mountain's ability to act as a CO2 reservoir • Would like to know the amount of CO2 that will be released over time • How do you propose to eliminate the risk to the local heritage • How many local jobs will be created • The amount of money that the community benefit fund will generate and how it will be distributed • Public access points
Member of the public	10/07/2021	Oppose	• Supportive of wind energy schemes • Supportive of renewable energy • Requires further information on the size and location of battery storage, the height of the wind turbines, the impact on emergency aviation, the impact on recreational activities such as walking and cycling, the affects on biodiversity including the Afan Forest and Spirit of Lynfi woodland • Assessments on television signals, mine workings, flood risks and sound should be carried out and results should be published • The scale of the development • Visual impact • Disruption caused during construction
Anonymous opposition campaign letter to the local member		Oppose	• Visual impact • Shadow flicker • Noise pollution • Ecological impact • Residential amenity • Impact on recreational activities such as walking and cycling • The scale of the development • The impact on local businesses • The impact on biodiversity • The impact on local transport infrastructure • Selective consultation process • Flood risk • The impact on the health and wellbeing of residents • The de-valuation of house prices • Minimal local employment opportunities

Councillor Sharon Freeguard	26/06/2021	Oppose	• Require more information on the following: • Noise levels • Underground vibration • The safety risk • The two routes being considered for the construction traffic • Health and safety assessments, • Whether Natural Resources Wales have approved the amount of potential carbon emissions emitted during construction • The height of the wind turbines • The impact on tourism on Margam Country Park and the Upper Afan Valley
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The consultation received two objection letters and two neutral letters. It should be noted that one of the objection letters was a campaign letter provided by an opposition group, which was also sent via email and via the registration form. Topics in the campaign letter included, the visual amenity, residential amenity, flood risk, biodiversity, the impact on the road network, the transparency of the consultation process, the perceived lack of employment opportunities, the impact on the health and wellbeing of residents and the de-valuation of property prices.

The second objection letter was in favour of wind energy schemes, however it opposed the proposals in their current form as the consultee stated that more information is required and that the scale of the development could have an adverse affect on the area.

The letter from Councillor Sharon Freeguard requested detailed information about noise levels and the extent of any underground vibration in Bryn, Cwmafan and Port Talbot, the construction routes being considered off the M4 between Taibach and Margam and the road off junction 40 past the Chapel of Ease through Goytre. The councillor also asked whether Natural Resources Wales (NRW) has been consulted on the proposals and what the impact to the tourism industry and wildlife could be in the Afan Valley.

Another neutral letter was received from an archivist at Lynfi Historical Society. The archivists cited the rich archaeology of Margam mountain and listed that the mountain has many historical remains from the bronze age and iron age i.e. hill forts and settlements, burial mounds, tumuli, cairns, ancient trackway and hollow ways.

7 Community Council Meetings

At the start of the consultation process the Project's aim was for the relevant Community Councillors to be able to shape and comment on the proposals and the key issues. This reflects the Project's commitment to encourage the community to play an active role in the Project. The purpose of the Community Council meetings was not to make the proposals appear more acceptable to the Community Councillors but rather to understand any key issues or concerns that the Community Councils may have and answer any questions wherever possible.

Below is a summary of the Question and Answer sessions from the Cefn Cribwr Community Council and Llangynwyd Middle Community Council meetings.