

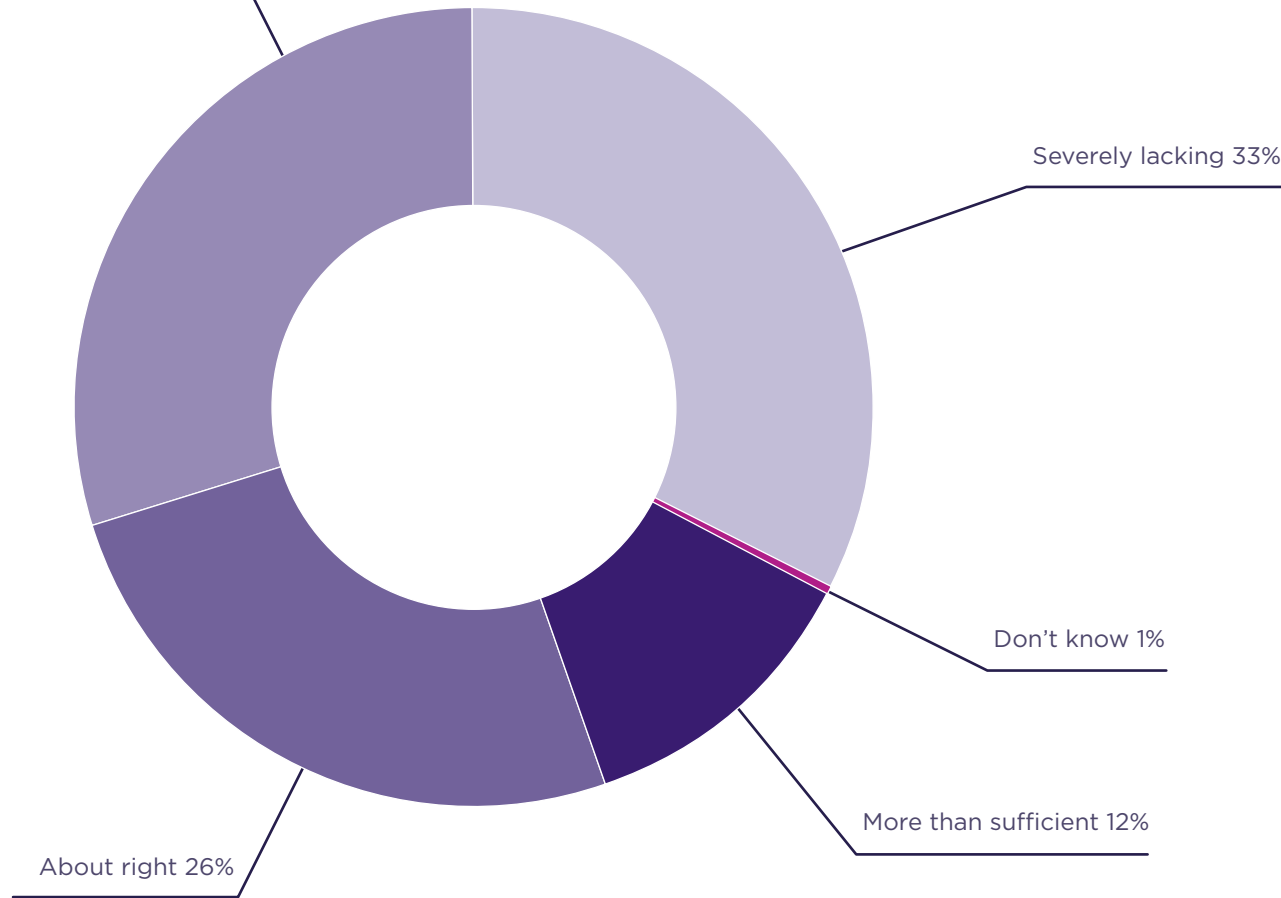


Planning Barometer 2018

How would you describe the housing supply in your authority area?

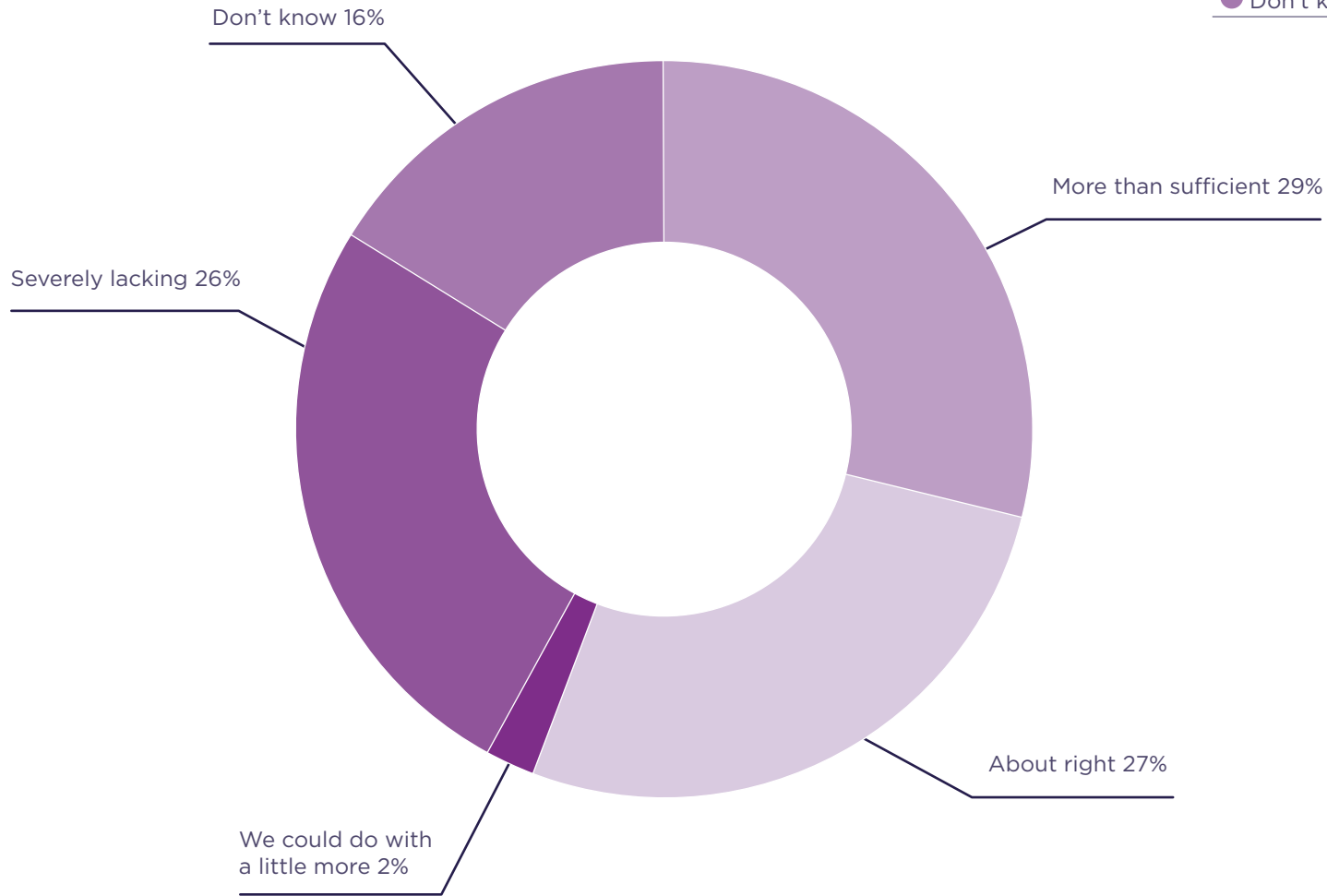
Severely lacking	33%
Don't know	1%
More than sufficient	12%
About right	26%
We could do with a little more	30%

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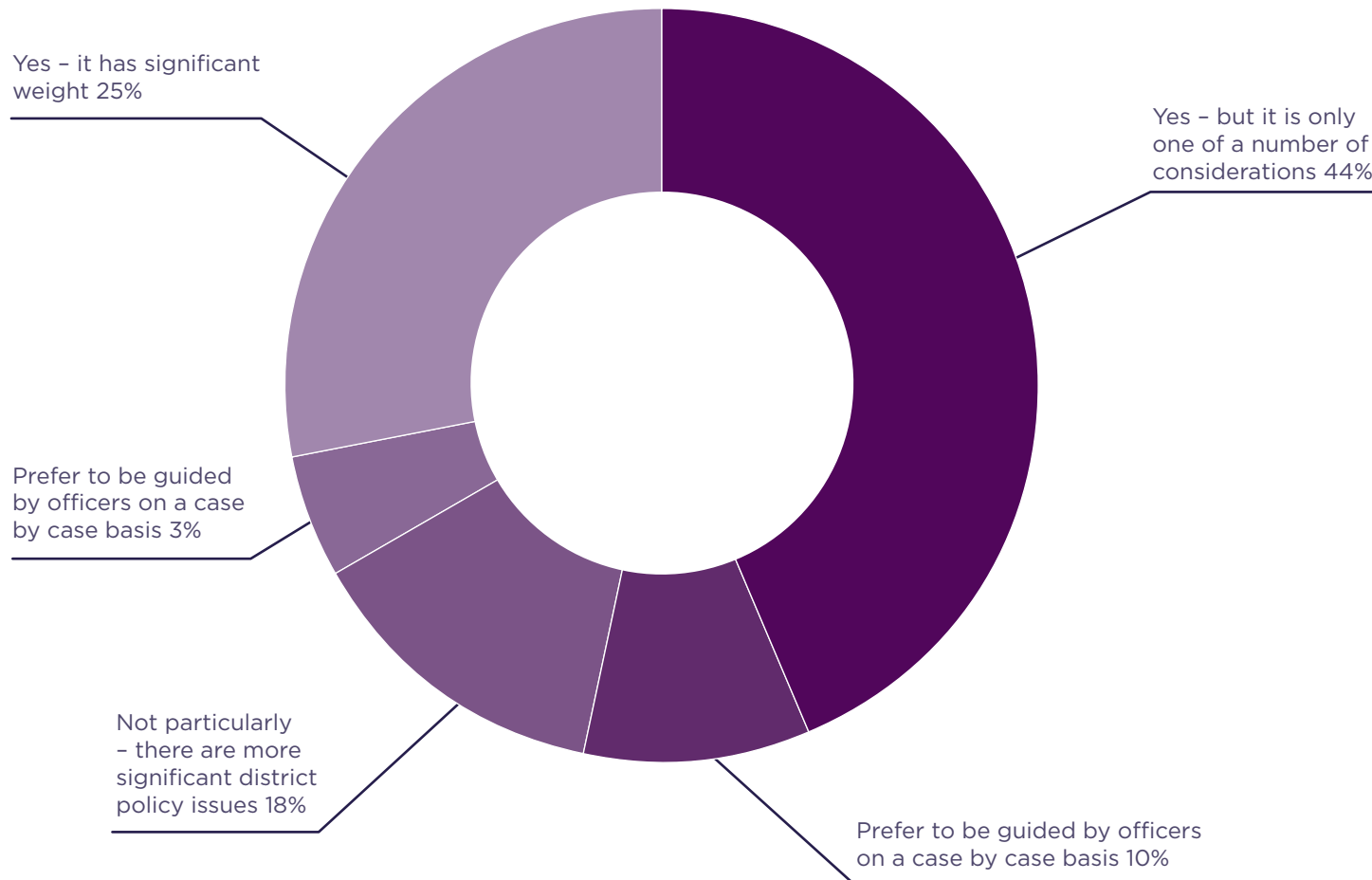
From you experience, how would residents describe the housing supply in your authority area?

More than sufficient	29%
About right	27%
We could do with a little more	2%
Severely lacking	26%
Don't know	16%



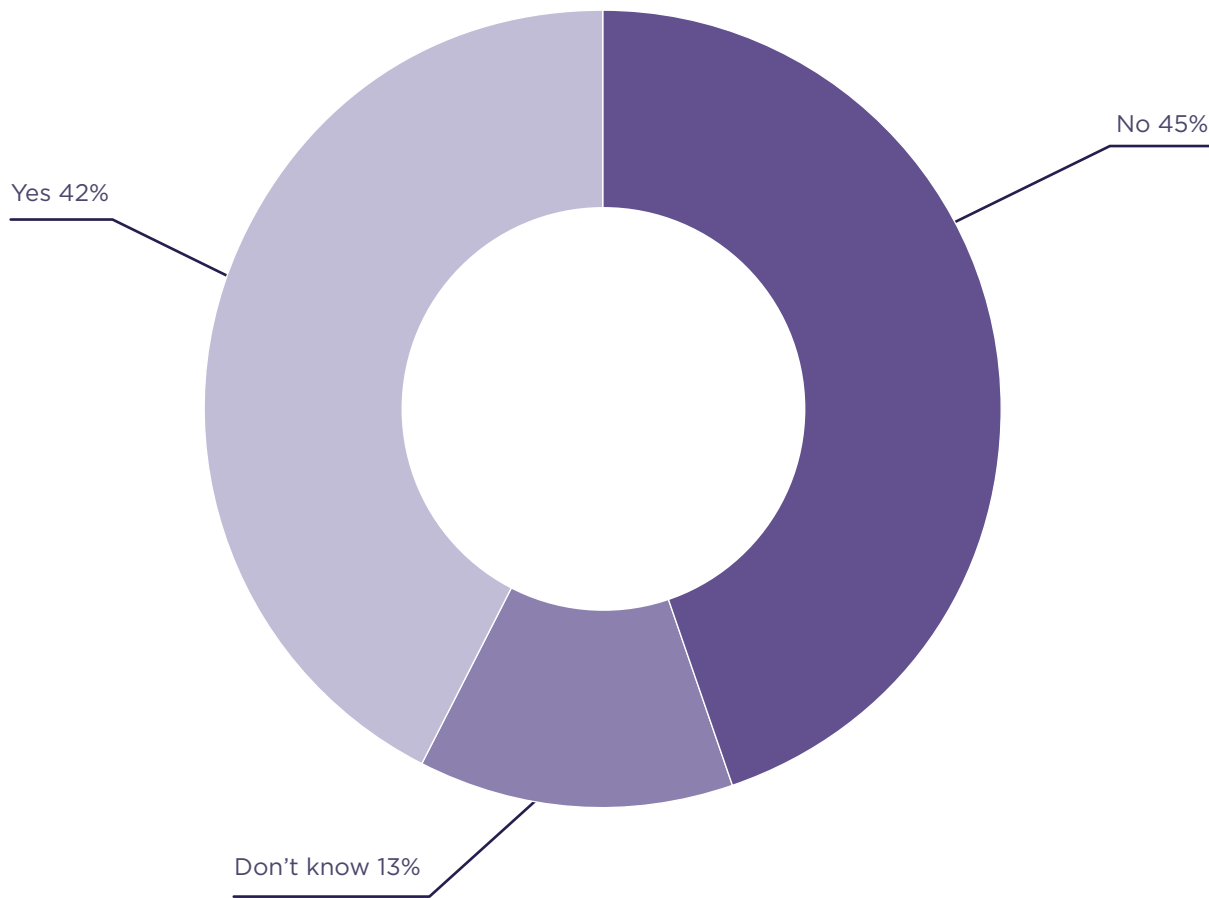
Does the existence of a Neighbourhood Plan (emerging or adopted), covering the area for which an application has been submitted, influence your Committee's thinking?

Yes - but it is only one of a number of considerations	44%
Prefer to be guided by officers on a case by case basis	10%
Not particularly - there are more significant district policy issues	18%
Prefer to be guided by officers on a case by case basis	3%
Yes - it has significant weight	25%



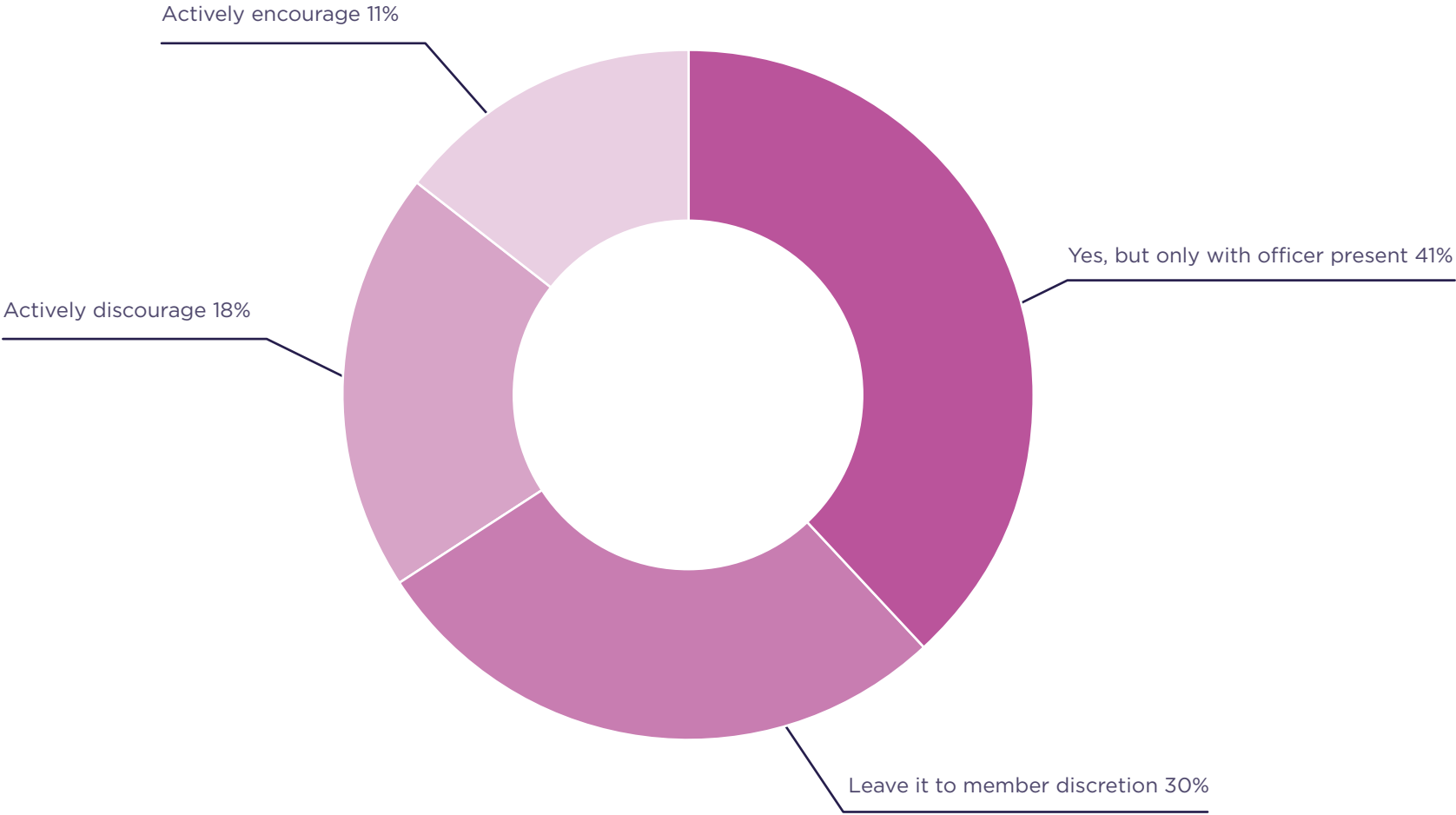
Would you be prepared to support a review of your authority's Green Belt (if applicable) if it meant that a sufficient supply of land for housing could be achieved?

● No	45%
● Don't know	13%
● Yes	42%



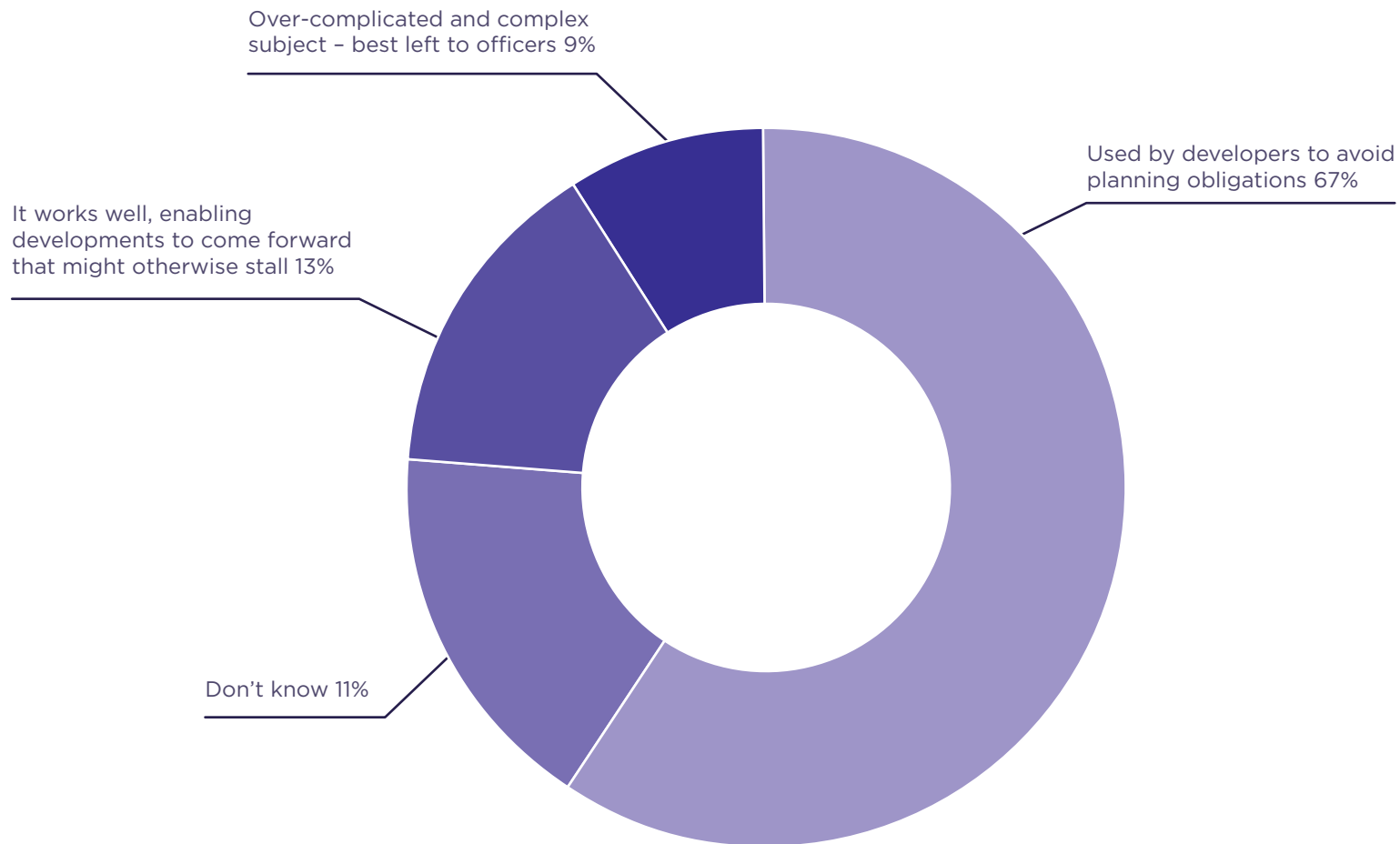
What is the view of officers in your authority towards meetings between developers and committee members on planning applications?

● Yes, but only with officer present	41%
● Leave it to member discretion	30%
● Actively discourage	18%
● Actively encourage	11%

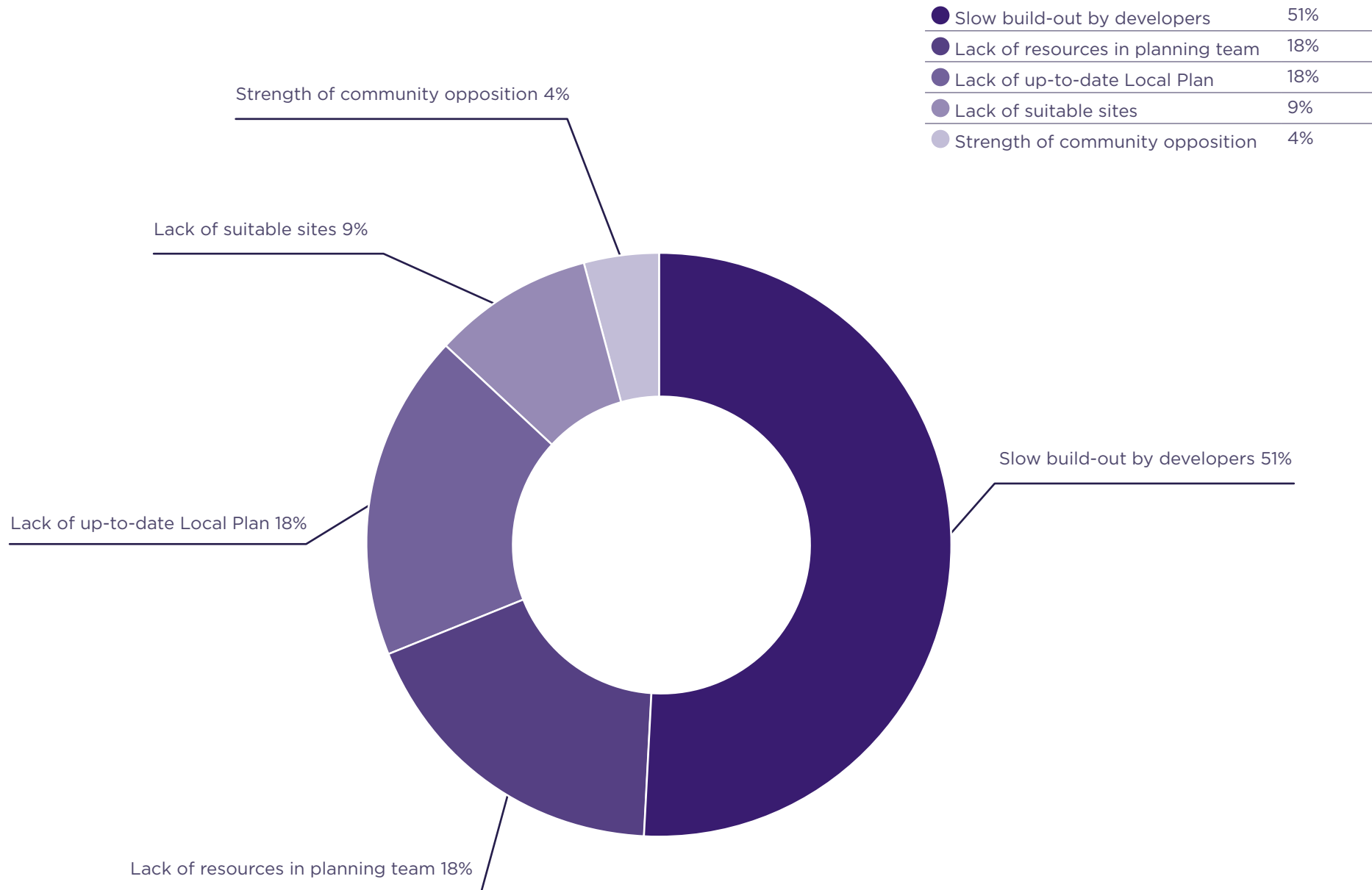


How would you describe the viability assessment system?

Used by developers to avoid planning obligations	67%
Don't know	11%
It works well, enabling developments to come forward that might otherwise stall	13%
Over-complicated and complex subject - best left to officers	9%

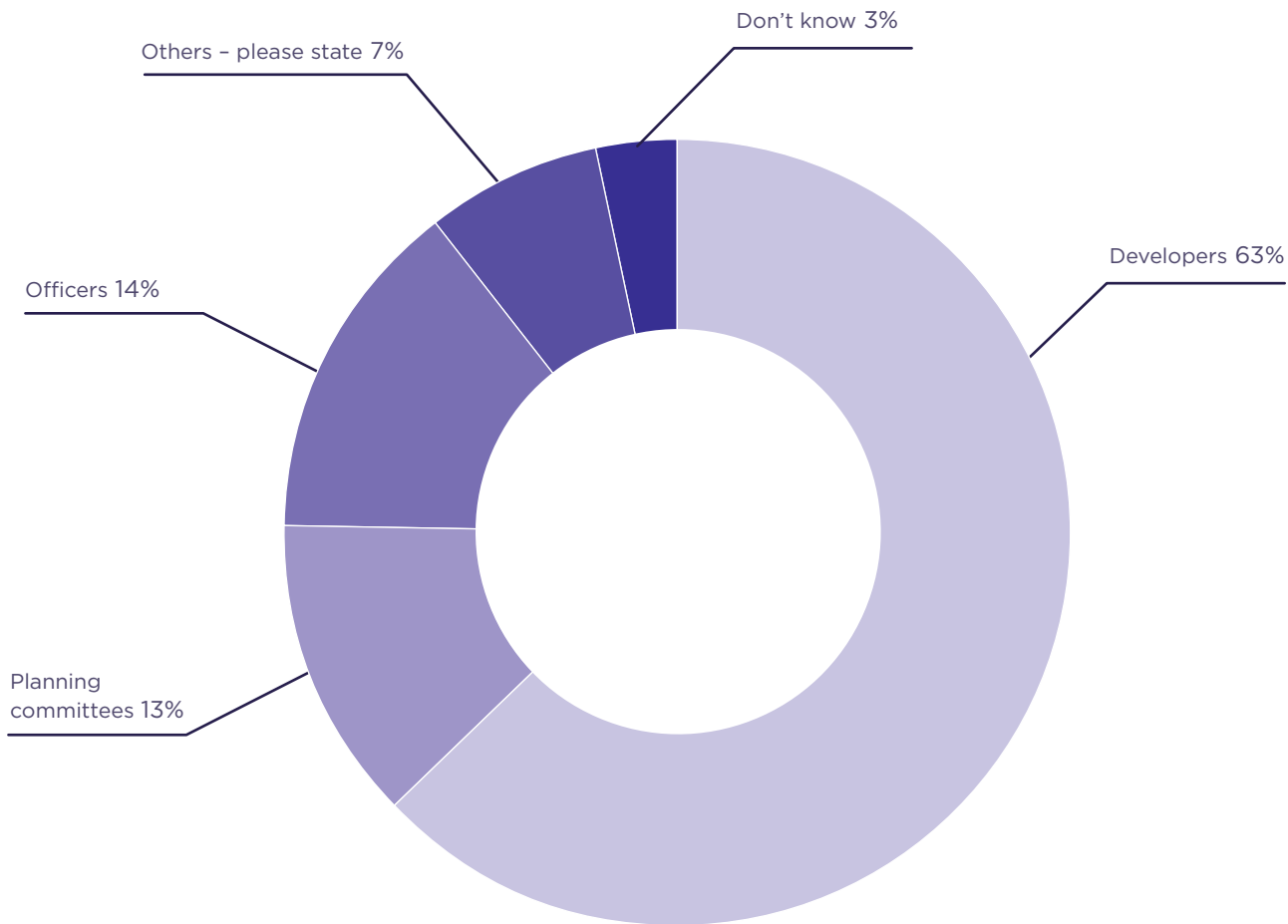


In your opinion, what are the biggest challenges to housing delivery in your authority area

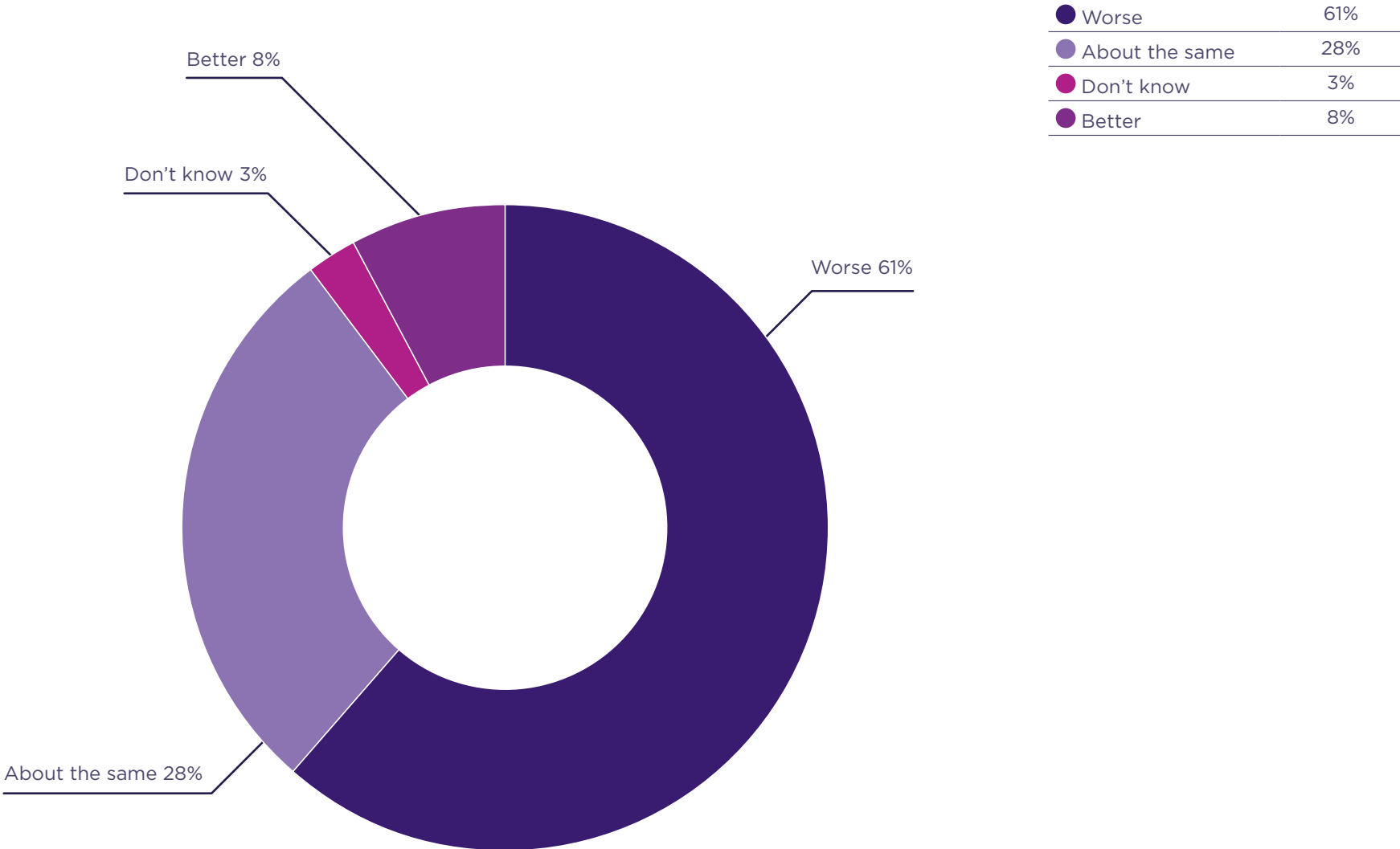


The proposed Housing Delivery test will hold local authorities to account for the number of homes delivered against the target in their Local Plan. In your opinion, who is most responsible for delivering against that target:

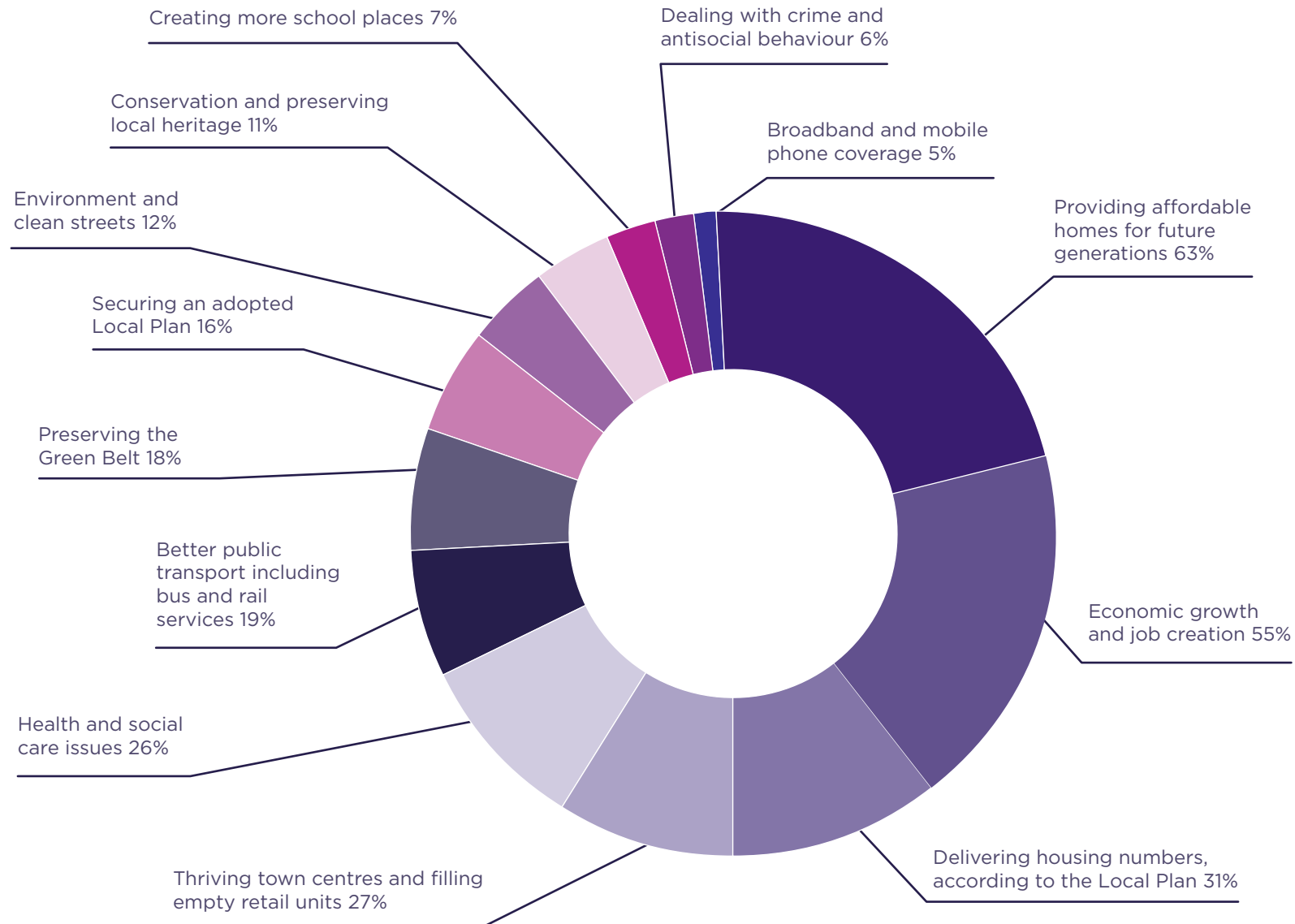
● Developers	63%
● Planning committees	13%
● Officers	14%
● Others - please state	7%
● Don't know	3%



Do you think the UK's housing crisis is getting better or worse?



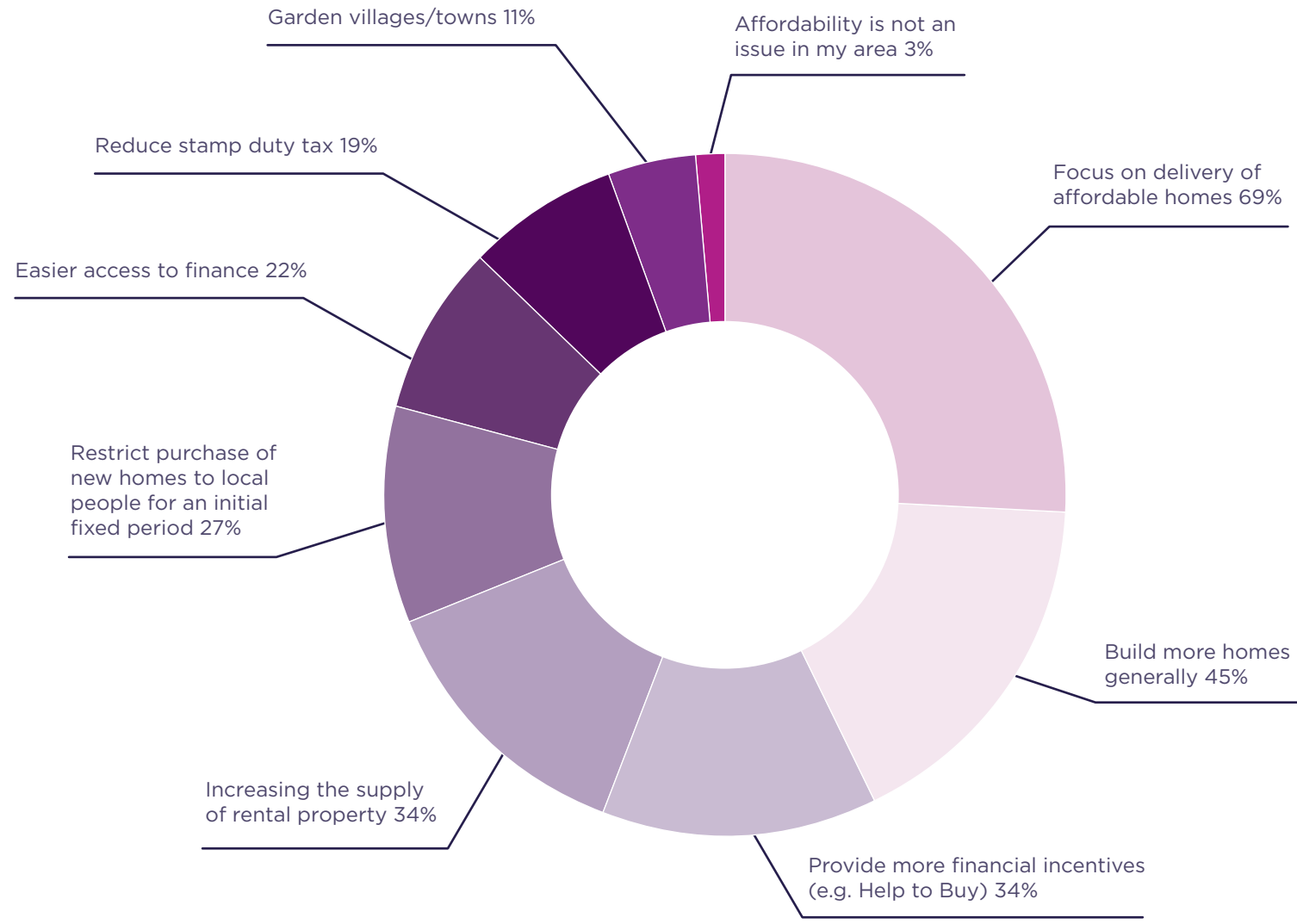
What do you see as the top three priorities in your authority for 2018?



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● Providing affordable homes for future generations	63%
● Economic growth and job creation	55%
● Delivering housing numbers, according to the Local Plan	31%
● Thriving town centres and filling empty retail units	27%
● Health and social care issues	26%
● Better public transport including bus and rail services	19%
● Preserving the Green Belt	18%
● Securing an adopted Local Plan	16%
● Environment and clean streets	12%
● Conservation and preserving local heritage	11%
● Creating more school places	7%
● Dealing with crime and antisocial behaviour	6%
● Broadband and mobile phone coverage	5%

How can affordability be improved in your authority area?



How can affordability be improved in your authority area?

● Focus on delivery of affordable homes	69%
● Build more homes generally	45%
● Provide more financial incentives (e.g. Help to Buy)	34%
● Increasing the supply of rental property	34%
● Restrict purchase of new homes to local people for an initial fixed period	27%
● Easier access to finance	22%
● Reduce stamp duty tax	19%
● Garden villages/towns	11%
● Affordability is not an issue in my area	3%

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