

Results from Community Consultation on Spinning Mill and possible purchase of Buildings at SOLI. A total of 35 responses were received. Please note that not everyone answered all questions, but the percentages given relate to the total number of responses.

Questions associated with Mill

Question - I would be in favour of FDL exploring the feasibility of a Micro spinning mill with organic certification for Fetlar and if proved to be a feasible project, taking the project to completion

Responses

Yes - 31 (88.57%)

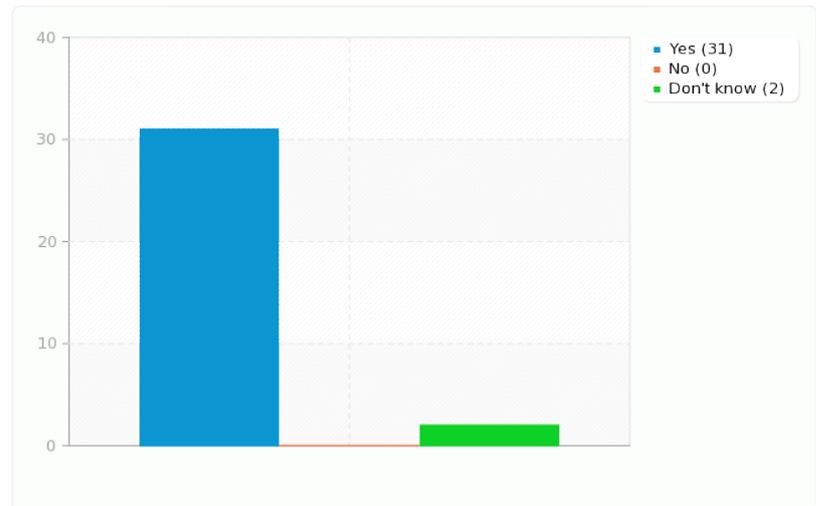
No - 0 (0%)

Don't Know - 2 (5.71%)

Comments relating to answers

Yes - No comments

No - No comments



Don't know - I'm Surprised this will be a going concern because of Jamiesons cutting down their wool mill to just one - and they are the main suppliers of wool.

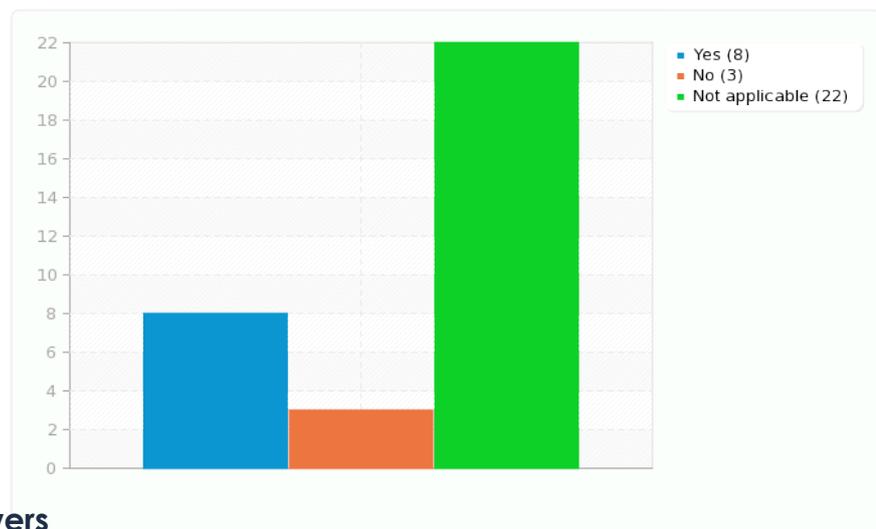
Question - I am a crofter and would be interested in supplying the mill with wool.

Responses

Yes - 8

No - 3

Not applicable - 22



Comments relating to answers

Yes - No comments

No - No comments

Not applicable - But I will be a crofter someday and I'll support it when the time comes.

Question - If you answered yes to being interested in supplying the mill with wool. What quantity (in kilograms) could you potentially supply each year?

Response - Total for all that answered was 1760kg from 7 suppliers. 1 additional crofter was interested in supplying the mill, but unsure of quantities.

What percentage of the wool you supply would you want back in finished products?

Responses

1 - 2%

1 - 30%

33 - no answer

Questions related to SOLI

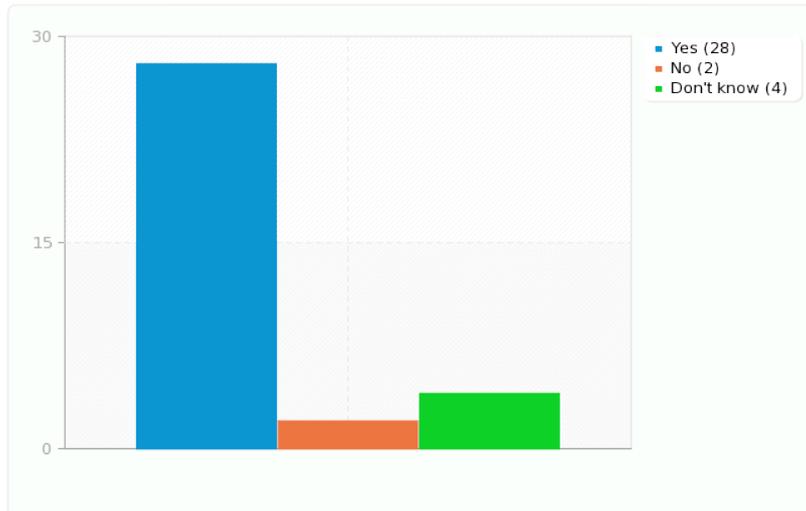
Would you support the acquisition of the properties at SOLI by Fetlar Developments Ltd?

Responses

Yes - 28 (80%)

No - 2 (5.71%)

Don't know - 7 (11.43%)



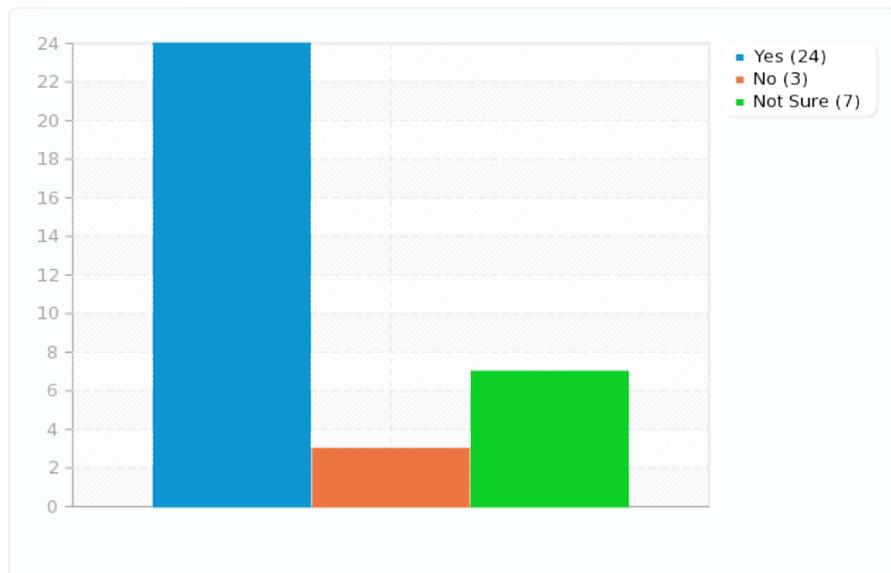
Would you support the proposed use for the properties? The potential use to be a mix of self catering accommodation and Gateway housing.

Responses

Yes - 24 (68.57%)

No - 3 (8.57%)

Not Sure - 7 (20%)



Comments relating to answers

Yes (3 comments)

As long as it provides more jobs and more tourist accommodation.

Preference to Self catering accommodation of the already fitted out accommodation as Fetlar community has no such accommodation now.

Self catering holiday accommodation would be ideal I think

No - No comments

Not Sure - No comments

Please indicate in the space provided any alternative proposals you have for their use if we go ahead.

Responses -12

I think it would do well as a managed tourist accommodation centre similar to Fair isle. It would certainly offer more employment if that was possible.

(1 response)

Self catering for tourism - First choice Gateway housing. FDL office space? ie garage conversion, save rent ! Training area for craft workshops, with accommodation.

(2 responses)

We would prefer a private buyer rather than FDL to purchase SOLI. It is a possible business opportunity and would bring people to Fetlar. If FDL did purchase the properties we would not support the use of SOLI for Gateway housing. There is no demand for social housing over and above what is offered at the Stakkafletts. There are empty properties there. If more social housing is required the SIC should provide it. Self catering holiday homes would be our choice or possibly library or tourist office. this would also create employment and would not compete with existing businesses. (2 responses)

I like the idea of it being similar to Voxter(part of the building) i.e. parts bookable. An outdoor centre with courses/trips/birding/nature would be the best.

(1 response)

Primarily they should be self catering to encourage tourism. However if someone is interested in a long term let this should be considered. I do not think it is wise to have properties standing empty if they can be utilized as holiday lets.

(1 response)

Craft workshop & shop to possibly support mill & combine other crafts Spinning and weaving courses.

(1 response)

The chapel could usefully become an extension or annex of the museum and/or a very pleasant quiet space for a library, as already suggested.

(1 response)

I would support the possible purchase of SOLI, once confirmed the useage and management of property etc. Also: I can understand letting properties short term at SOLI but can't see justification for separate Gateway Housing.

(1 response)

How would you obtain funds to purchase this property? Who would manage it on a day to day basis? *We are against bringing more people on the island who do not have a job or access to a job. So Gateway housing we are firmly against. But i suspect this is just a 'paper' exercise and FDL will do what it wants anyway.

(2 responses)