

Storrington & Sullington Community Partnership – Village Future 2009

This data was collected during March 2009 at three open evenings at Forge House, and from displays at Sullington Village Hall and Chanctonbury Leisure Centre.

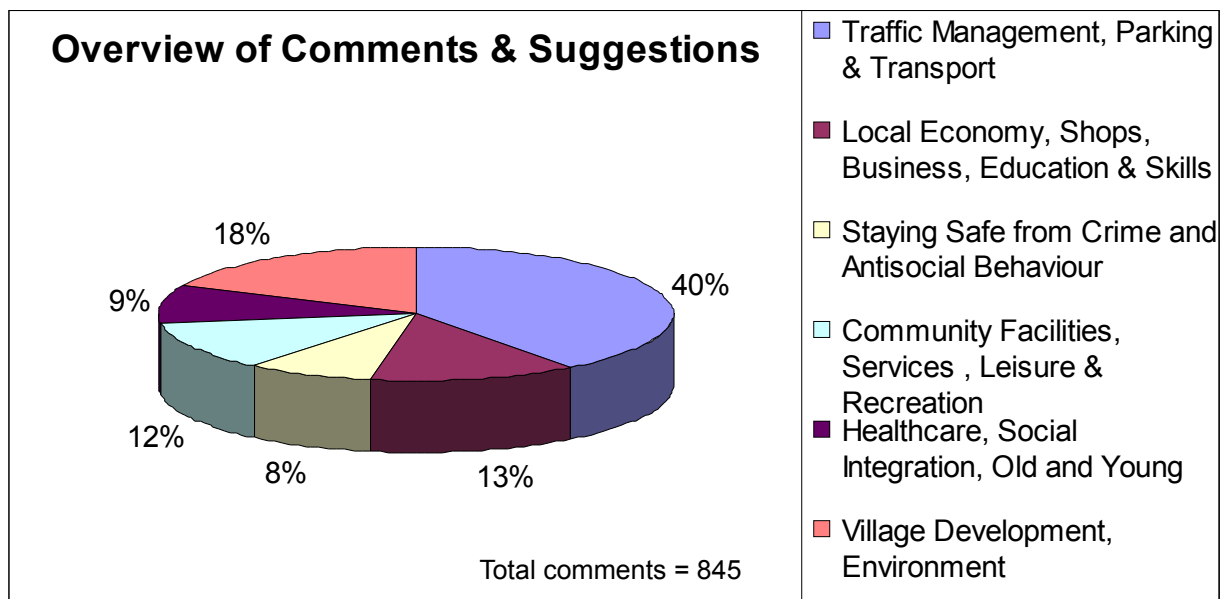
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In the main people are in agreement on what they want and there are a very few instances where there is significant disagreement. Undoubtedly the key area that attracted the most attention was Traffic Management, Parking & Transport along with Village Development & Environment while (some may say surprisingly) Staying Safe from Crime and Antisocial Behaviour had the least attention.

At an individual level lorries, parking, the needed for a public toilet, a police presence and activities for the young created the greatest number of responses.

Controversial issues included CCTV, a wind farm on the downs and the 'rat running' through Meadowside/ Browns Lane/ Fern Road/ Monastery Lane.

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Traffic Management, Parking & Transport

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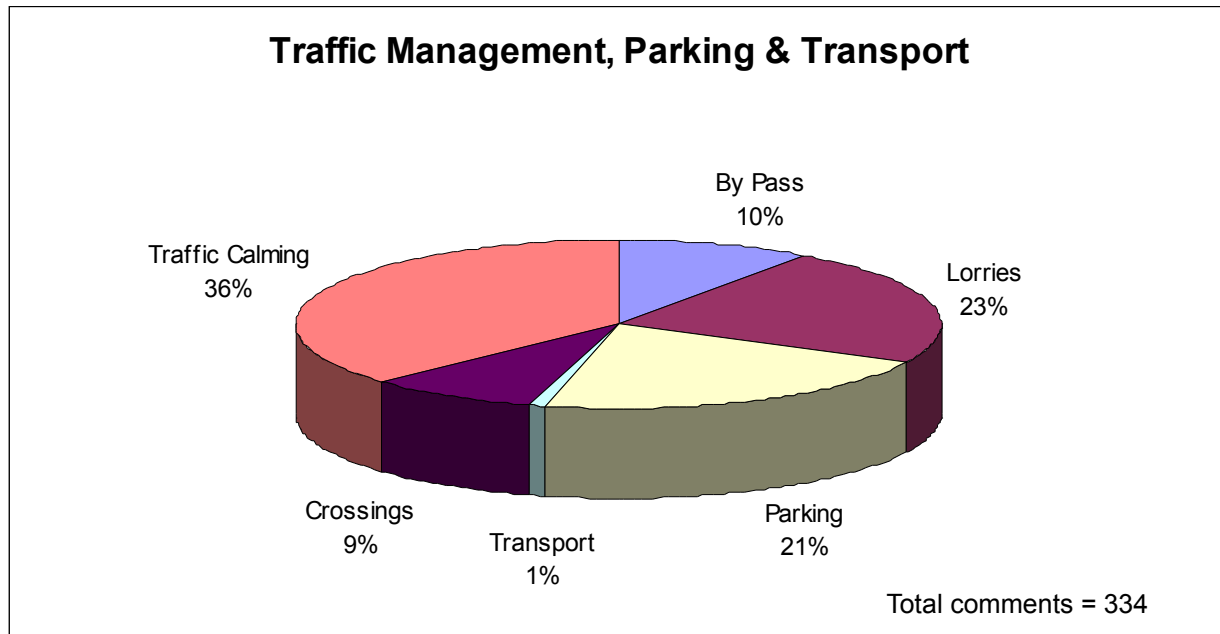
Lorries are of significant concern with the comments focusing on the need to reduce the number which roll through the village everyday.

Parking falls into two camps, with comments on inconsiderate parking and the lack of enforcement and suggestions on how to provide permit parking and additional parking spaces.

Transport, though it only has 1% on the chart, it did have three comments one regarding the difficulties on commuting to Pulborough railway station, the second on safe cycling in the village and the third is that the pot holes need to be fixed.

Two additional road crossings have been requested, on the Amberley Road/Pulborough Road junctions and on the Thakeham Road (just past Marley Way).

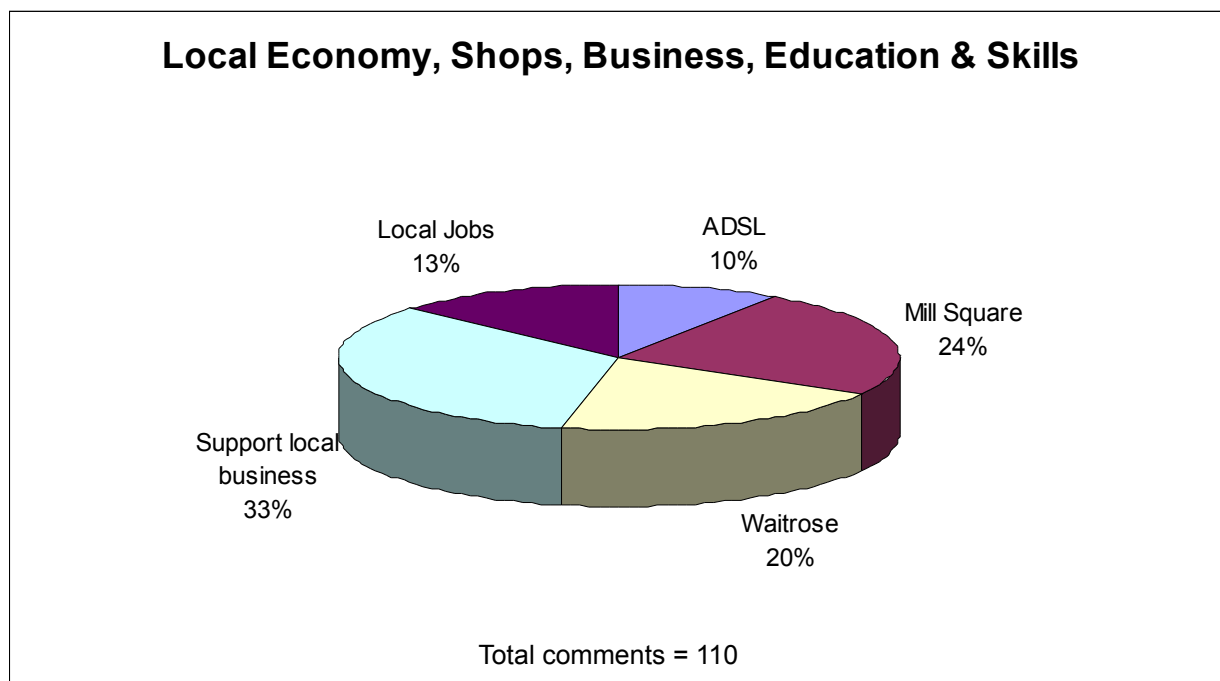
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Traffic Calming measures have been requested for West Street & High Street, Pulborough Road, Amberley Road, Monastery Lane, School Hill, Northlands Lane and Hormare Estate. These include traffic calming like those in Ashington and an enforced 20mph limit.

And of course the perennial suggestion that Storrington needs a By Pass with 32 responses of which 6 disagreed.

Local Economy, Shops, Business, Education & Skills



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Mill Square generated two comments the first of which indicated that it could do with a face lift. The second is more controversial in that a number of people would like the betting shop to be closed but a quarter of the respondents on this comment disagreed.

Waitrose: 70% of respondents to these comments look forward to the stores arrival but 30% believe it will damage specialist local shops such as butchers. One responder asked about possible flooding as a result of building on the site and the future of the garage currently located on the proposed Waitrose site.

A third of the responders in this key area agreed that local businesses should be supported and suggestions include a farmers markets and a loyalty card.

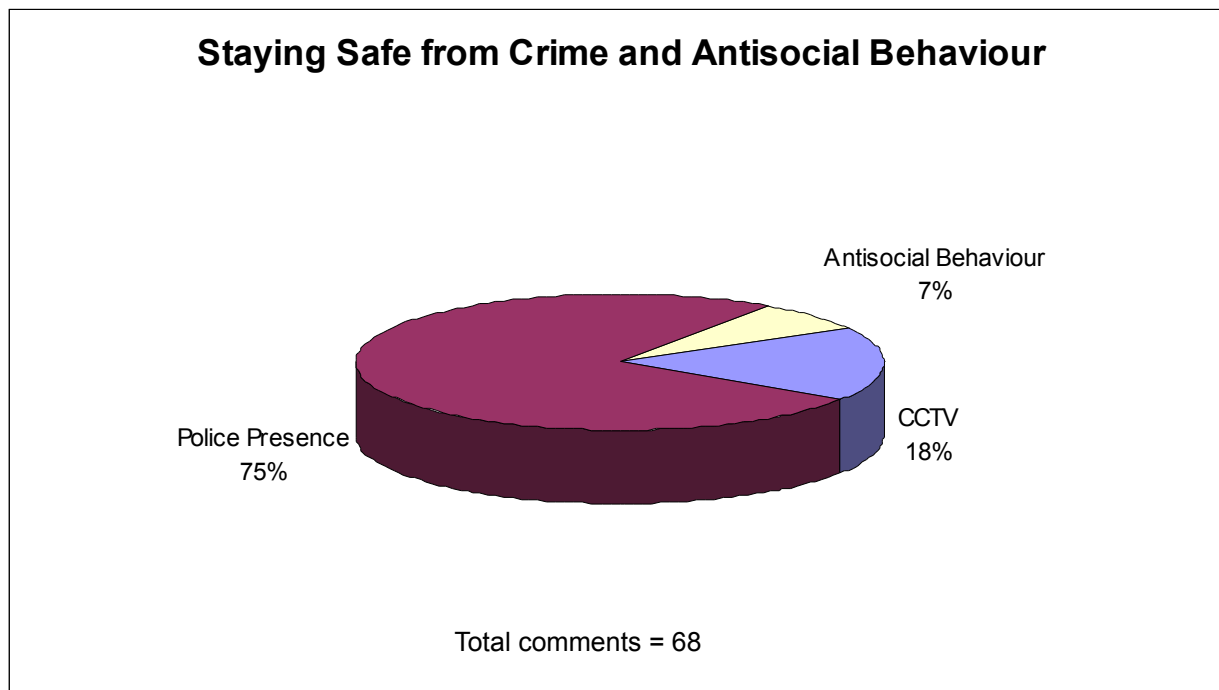
It was suggested that local jobs be publicised locally and business's that provide work experience and skills training to the young and unemployed be actively supported.

Comment: "New businesses in Storrington use new technology - local call centres and internet shopping. Sadly BT's ISDN service in Storrington is DISMAL! PLEASE negotiate high speed broadband throughout the area." **Answer - The Storrington exchange is due to be upgraded on 30th March to fast ADSL.**

Staying Safe from Crime and Antisocial Behaviour

The following represent the main issues raised.

The main issue in this key area is the lack of a visible police presence with 78% of the respondents suggesting that there should be a police station and police officers on foot patrol. One comment requests that Operation Crackdown be publicised.



There are only three comments, each with just one respondent, on specific antisocial behaviours. These where:

- Improve security/policing of Sullington Village Hall. Holding meetings there can be quite intimidating as often groups interrupt through aggressive behaviour and noise.

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- "Wheelies" at night in Somerfield car park disturbs locals nearby.
- Stop drinking on playing fields.

One comment wondered if the Waitrose underground car park would attract vandalism.

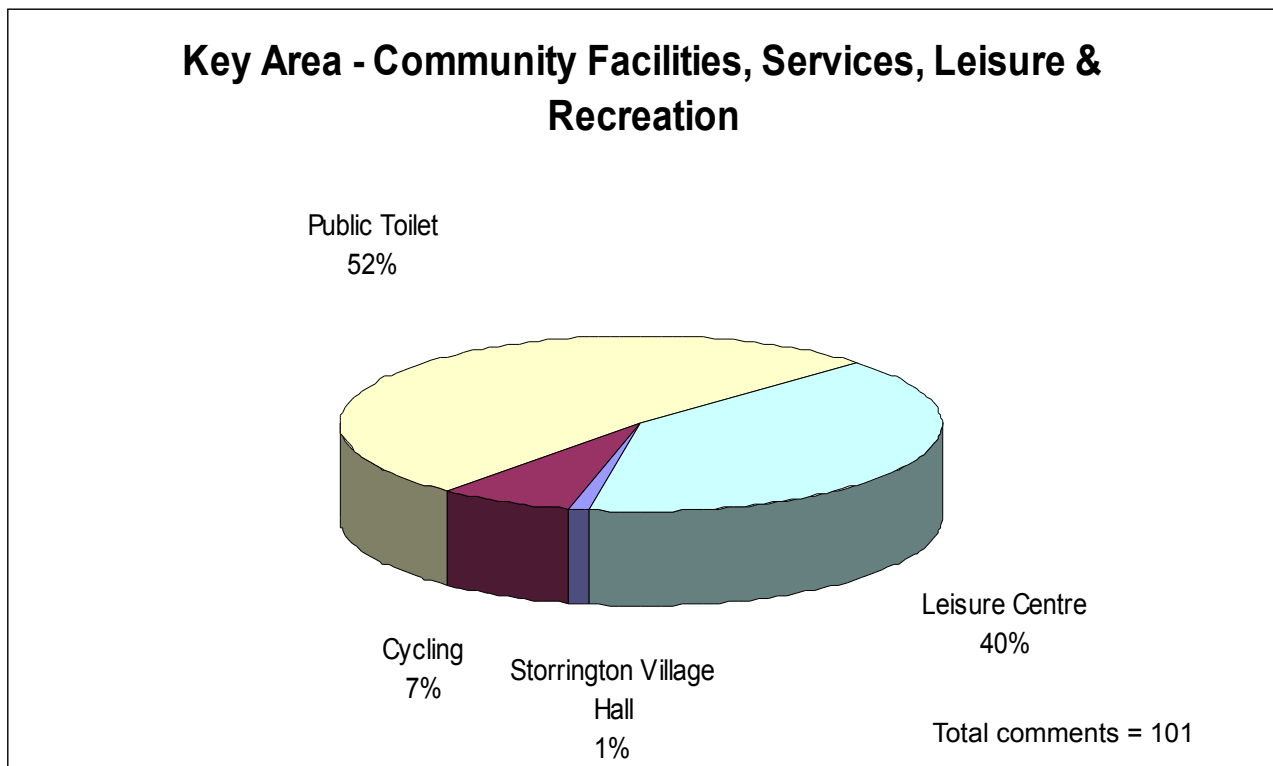
The provision of CCTV proved one of the most controversial suggestions with three respondents for and nine respondents against.

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Community Facilities, Services, Leisure & Recreation

The following represent the main issues raised.

Of great concern is the lack of a public toilet both in the centre of the village and at the recreation ground with 49 respondents. One comment suggested that the recreation ground needs a place to allow young footballers to change as well as a toilet.



The cost of the Leisure Centre along with the lack of a swimming pool & squash courts as part of the membership, even if at another site, and the perceived focus on developing the Leisure Centre "Café" came in for serious comment with one person recommending that members who live outside Storrington & Sullington should pay more.

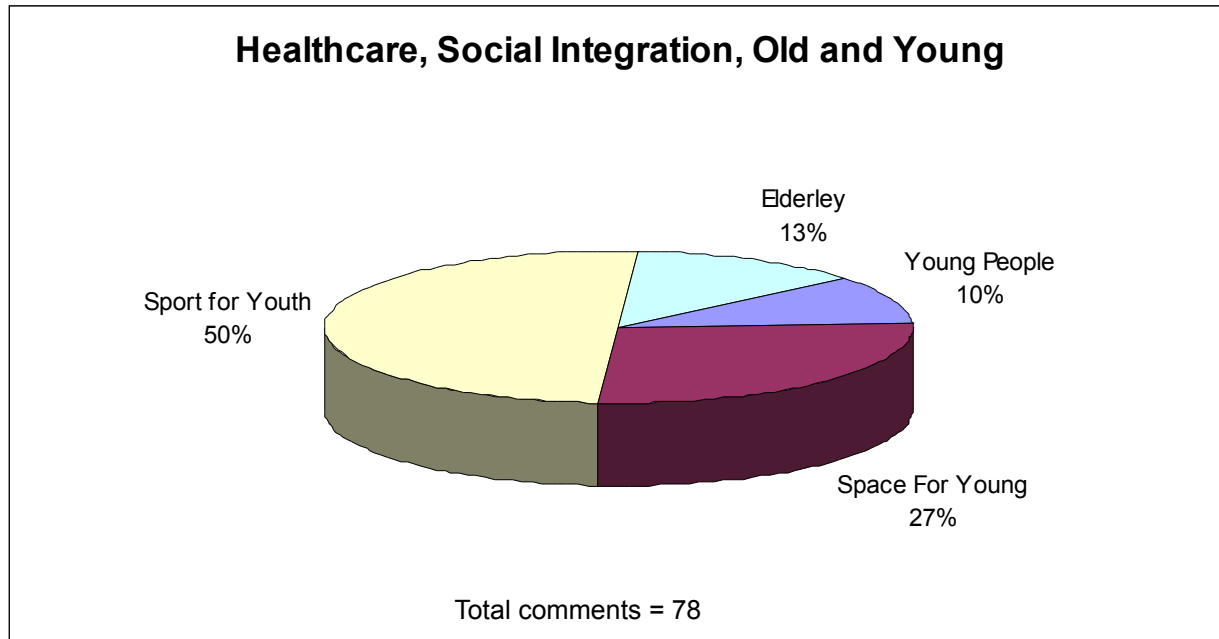
On a positive note the Storrington Village Hall was declared the cheapest to hire in the area.

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One comment was “what can we do to encourage walking (& cycling) in the village?” and returned suggestions which included “liaise with local bike shop & HDC”, “cycle lanes please!” and “more publicity needed”.

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Healthcare, Social Integration, Old and Young



The following represent the main issues raised.

Healthcare and social integration were not specifically mentioned in any of the comments.

In this key area 87% of the comments focussed on needs of the young people in the village. Pleasingly, about a third of the comments raised under the ‘Young’ heading were put forward by young people.

Two thirds of these comments suggested that there be sports based activities for the young including at skate boarding park, football goal with nets or football wall and a multi sports cage. With the rest suggesting that the young need a space of their own which they should be fully involved in creating and running.

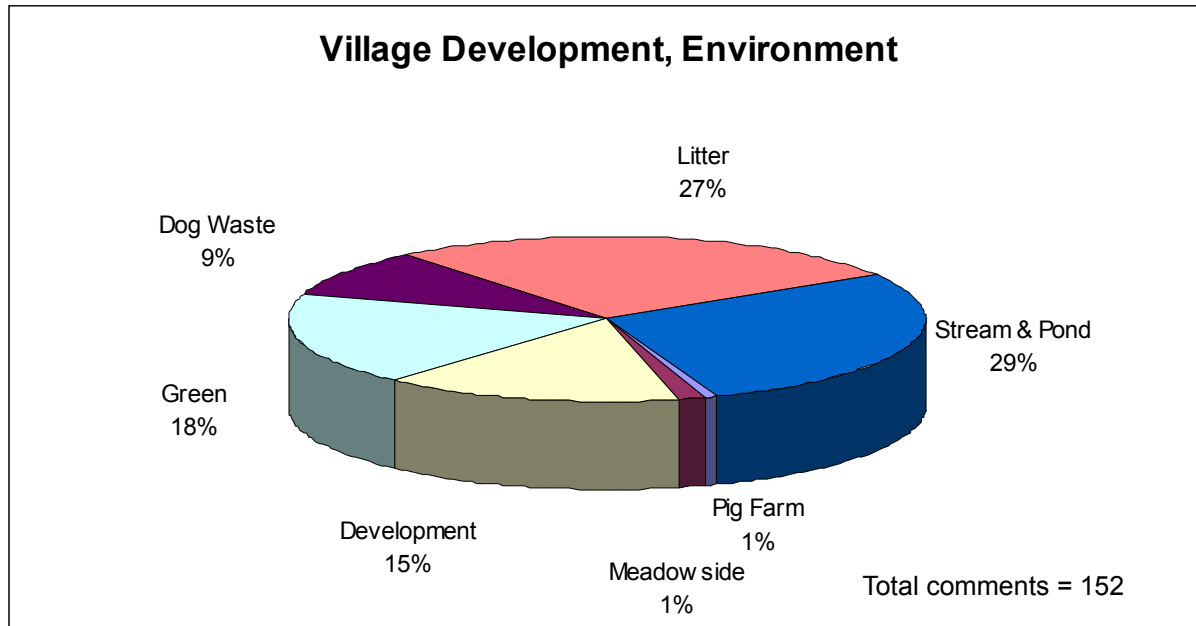
A suggestion was made that transport be improved to enable older residents, the young and those without cars to gain access to existing services.

It was also pointed out by 19% of respondents in this key area believe that all the services, for both young and old, could and should be better publicised.

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Village Development, Environment



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The areas of main concern here are the state of the stream/pond and the amount of litter despoiling the village. Comments to remove the silt and clean up both the stream and pond as well as reducing the rat population to make them more attractive leisure areas where supported by 37 respondents. The issue of litter was a raised eight times with a massive 41 votes of which twelve came from take away food refuse. It was also suggested that a garden waste lorry be added to the fortnightly Mobile Household Waste Recycling Site service during the summer and at the Christmas period,

Development focused on two aspects, the need to keep Storrington as a village and the need for additional affordable housing.

Greening the village included joining the greening campaign, introducing a bag free zone like Henfield, keeping and creating further allotments and, very controversially, a wind farm along the South Downs Way.

The covenant on Meadowside needs to be honoured and kept in its existing way, for the long term future. **Answer - Jim Sanson has checked with the local authority and there is no covenant on land at Meadowside.**

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