

Affordable Housing Survey

With the last issue of the newsletter everyone received a Housing Needs Survey form. The purpose of this was to establish what need, if any, existed in the parish for affordable housing. Obviously, unless you or your family were in need of affordable housing you would not have completed the survey, so the number of respondents was quite small as expected.

Below is a summary of the survey results. The next step will be for the Parish Council to decide whether or not to continue with an affordable housing project, the ultimate aim of which would be the provision of such housing to meet the identified needs.

The results of the survey are as follows:

All households sent copy of survey – MARCH – with parish newsletter

Overall 12 households require affordable housing
Only 10 of the 12 households meet SDC Local Connection criteria – Local Plan (Policy H30) vital for the allocation of AFH built on an exception site. 9 of the 10 respondents with a local connection are currently residents in the parish.
4 respondents/households with a local connection are registered on the SDC housing needs waiting list.

Range of sized households – singles/couples/families

6 respondents with a local connection have an annual HOUSEHOLD income of less than £25,000.
6 respondents with a local connection are seeking accommodation for their entire household.
4 respondents with a local connection require accommodation independent from their current household.

RESPONDENTS' CURRENT ACCOMMODATION:

RENTING VIA A PRIVATE LANDLORD = 3

RENTING VIA A HOUSING ASSOCIATION = 2

HOME OWNER = 5

RESPONDENTS' REASONS FOR NEEDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING:

NEED INDEPENDENT ACCOMMODATION = 4

LARGER ACCOMMODATION = 2

UN-AFFORDABLE RENT (CURRENT HOME) = 2

UN-AFFORDABLE MORTGAGE PAYMENTS (CURRENT HOME) = 1

NEED PHYSICALLY ADAPTED ACCOMMODATION = 3

NEED SMALLER ACCOMMODATION = 1

OTHER = 4 (Living in poorly maintained rental property etc)