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Background

The Rural Community Council of Essex (RCCE) is an independent charity helping people and communities throughout rural Essex build a sustainable future.

RCCE's mission is:
to provide local communities with the skills, resources and expertise necessary to achieve a thriving and sustainable future.

This means helping communities come together to identify their own needs and priorities, and provide them with advice and support in developing practical solutions. We strive to provide a voice for rural communities, representing their interests to government at local, regional and national level.

RCCE employs a Rural Housing Enabler (RHE) to work with rural communities, usually through the parish council, to identify if there is a need for a small development of affordable housing for local people.

Context and Methodology

The aim of this survey was to determine the existing and future levels of affordable housing need in the parish.

A Housing Needs Survey was delivered to each dwelling in the parish by members of the parish council. The survey pack included a questionnaire and a postage paid envelope for forms to be returned directly to the Rural Housing Enabler. The survey form was divided into two sections. Part 1 of the survey form contained questions on household composition and property type. Households who are currently or expecting to be in housing need completed Part 2 of the survey form. Additional forms were made available through the Rural Housing Enabler.

Three hundred and eight forms were distributed with a closing date for 30 September 2008. One hundred completed or partially completed forms were returned giving the survey a 32.5% response rate. The full table of results can be seen in Appendix 5. Percentages shown are the percentages of returned forms (100 returned forms = 100%) unless otherwise stated.

At no time does the Parish Council see the completed forms because of the confidential nature of some of the information supplied.

The Rural Housing Enabler wishes to thank Barkway Parish Council for their co-operation in carrying out the Housing Needs Survey particularly for delivering the forms to the parish households.

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The Parish

The parish of Barkway sits on the B1368 road approximately 5 miles from Royston in north east Hertfordshire. The university city of Cambridge is 15 miles away with London some 35 miles distance. The 2001 census records the population as 656.

Although relatively small it is a thriving community with many clubs and associations for residents to participate in activities covering a wide range of interests including carpet bowls, bell ringers, community group, playgroup, gardening, the players amateur dramatics group and the British Legion. Some of these groups meet in the village hall which is a charitable trust given to the community in 1965.

Young children of the parish can attend the Barkway V.A. (C. of E.) First School which shows a roll of 44 pupils aged 3-9 years of age and a 'good' rating from an Ofsted report in 2006. Pupils need to go out of the village for middle and high schools.

The spiritual well being of the parish is served by two churches; St Mary Magdalene Church of England church and Barkway Congregational Church known as 'The Chapel'. St Mary Magdalene Church is 800 years old, made of flint and stone and has a full peel of eight bells.

The village has one remaining pub, the Tally Ho and another more unusual landmark of a mast which can be seen for miles around. Erected by the RAF for navigation purposes and latterly forming part of an early warning system in the Cold war years it is now redundant.

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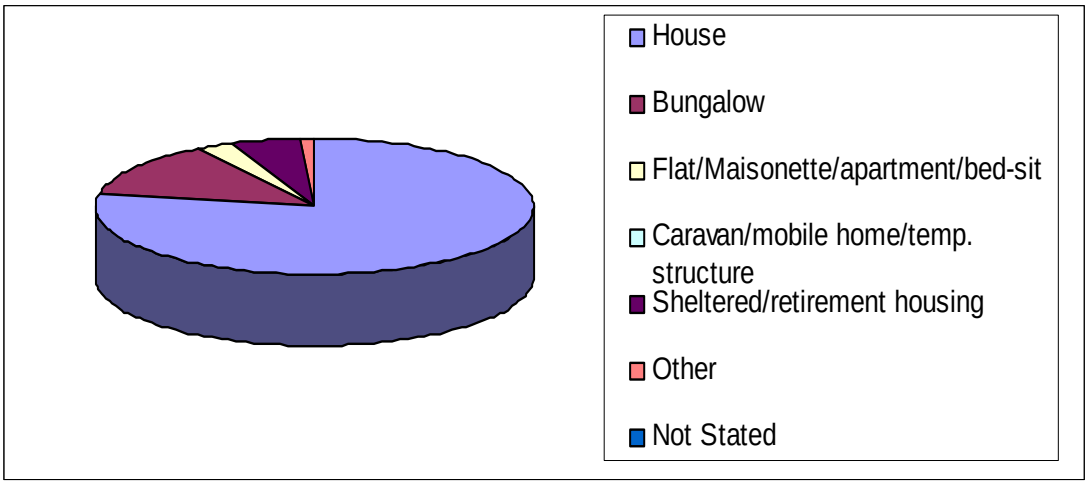
PART 1 – You and your household

Property Type & Size

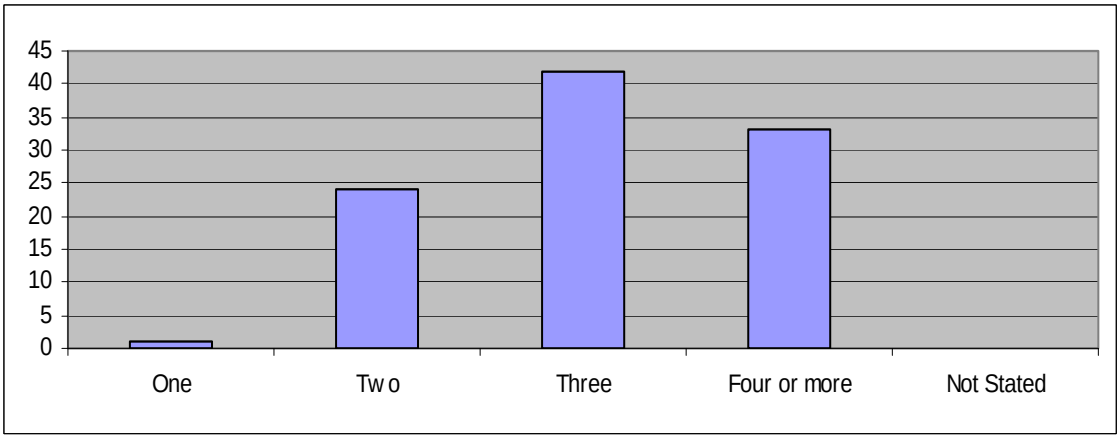
Most people, 78 (78%) respondents, described their home as a house with 13 (13%) living in a bungalow. Three (3%) households described their home as a flat/maisonette/bed-sit/apartment and 5 (5%) indicated sheltered/retirement housing. The remaining 1 (1%) indicated 'other'.

Figure 1: Property type



Of those responding to the survey there is one (1%) household with one bedroom, 24 (24%) have two bedrooms, 42 (42%) have three and 33 (33%) have four or more bedrooms.

Figure 2: Size of property



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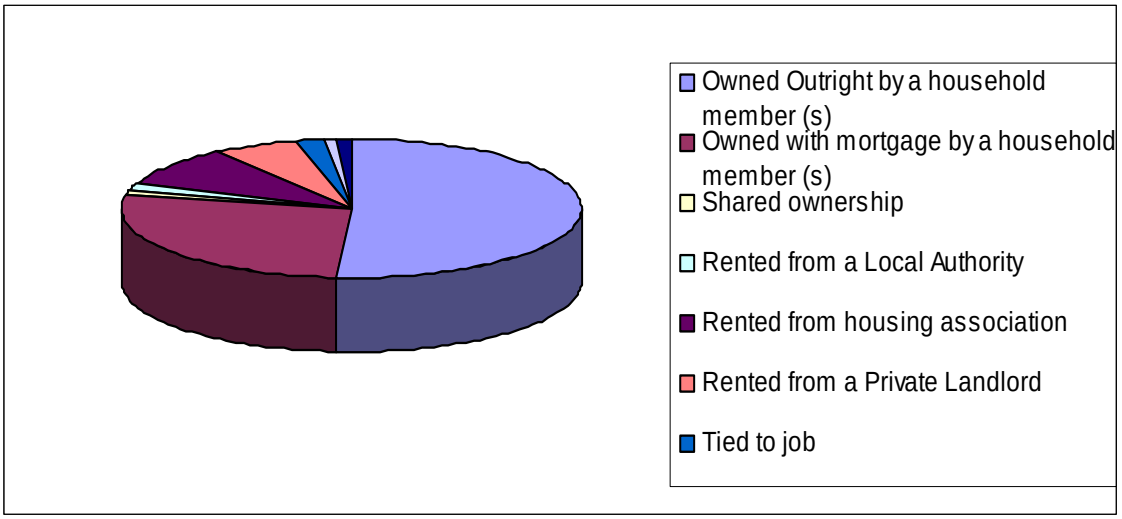
Tenure

Fifty one (51%) households reported that they own their property outright and 27 (27%) said they own their property with a mortgage. One (1%) stated the tenure of their property as shared ownership with 2 (2%) renting from the local authority and 9 (9%) renting from a housing association. Six (6%) households rent from a private landlord and 2 (2%) live in properties tied to their job. One (1%) indicated 'other' and 1 (1%) did not answer this question.

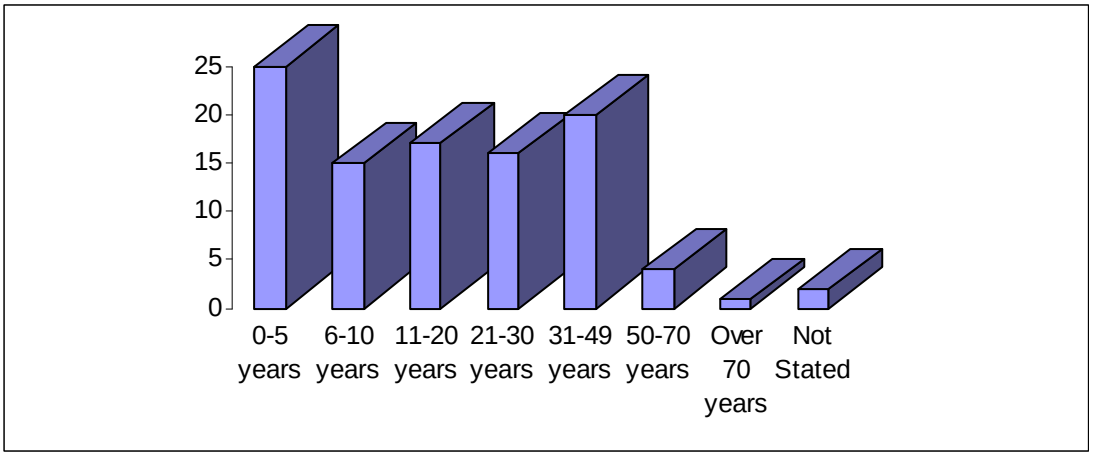
Figure 3: Tenure



Years in the Parish

Twenty five (25%) respondents had lived in the parish for 0-5 years with 15 (15%) for 6-10 years. Seventeen (17%) had been in the parish between 11-20 years. Sixteen (16%) reported that they had been resident in the parish for 21-30 years and 20 (20%) for 31- 49 years. Four (4%) respondents had lived in the parish between 50-70 years and one (1%) for over 70 years. Two (2%) declined to answer this question.

Figure 4: Years of residence in the parish

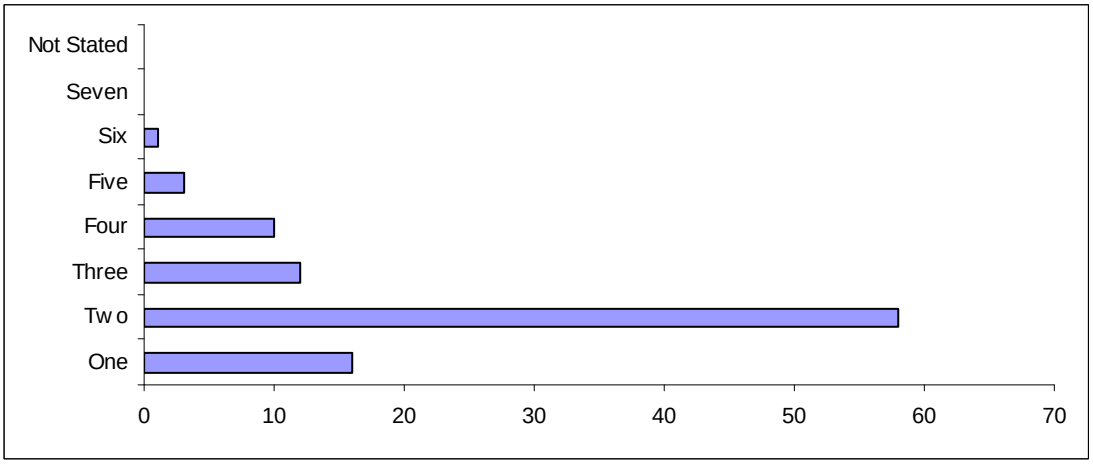


Number of People Living in the Property

For the purposes of this question and those relating to age and gender the percentage used is that of the total number of people in the responding households, (229=100%)

The total number of people in the households responding to the survey was 229. Sixteen (16%) lived alone, most, 58 (58%) lived with one other person, 12 (12%) households had three people, 10 (10%) had 4 people. There were 3 (3%) households with five people and one (1%) with six.

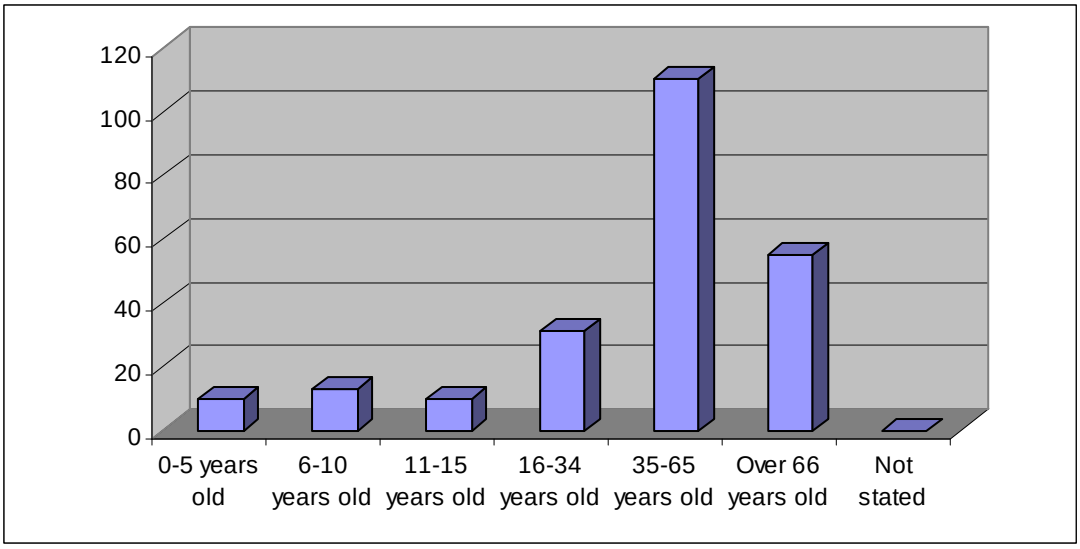
Figure 5: Size of Households



Age and Gender

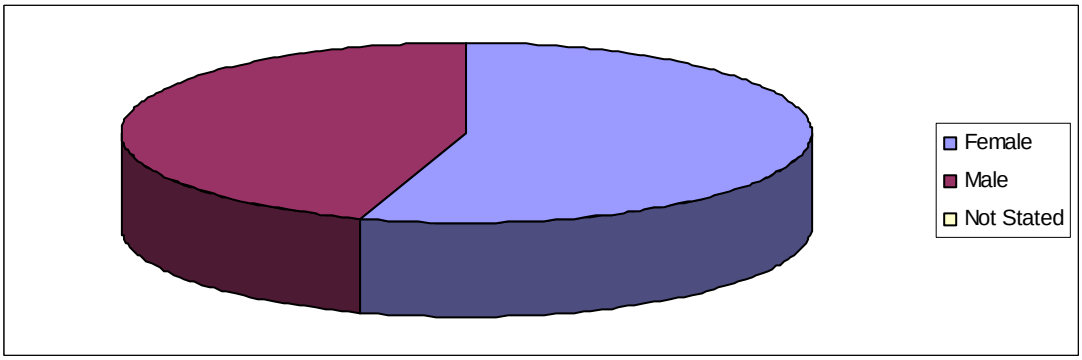
Residents of households who responded to the survey were made up of the following age groups; 10 (4%) are aged 0-5 years old, 13 (6%) aged between 6-10 yeas old. There are 10 (4%) 11-15 years olds and 31 (14%) aged between 16-34 years. Most residents, 110 (48%) are aged 35-65 years. Those aged over 66 years make up 55 (24%) of the respondent population.

Figure 6: Age of respondents



The responding population is made up of 126 (55%) female and 103 (45%) male.

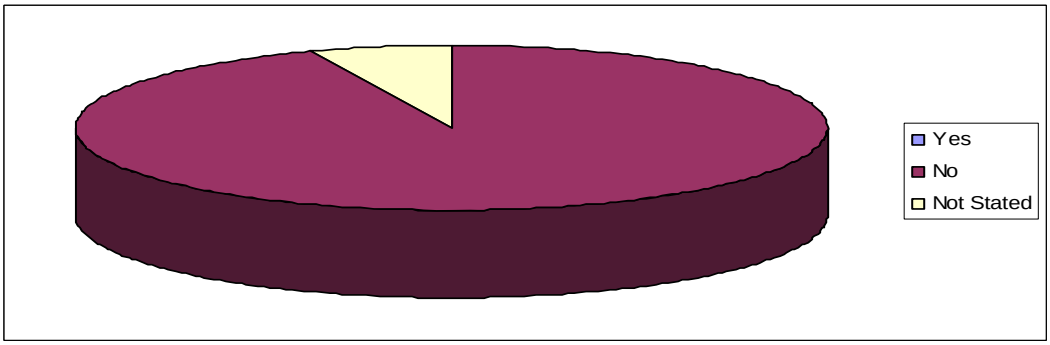
Figure 7: Gender of respondents



Adapted for Accessibility

When asked if their home needed to be adapted to increase its physical accessibility because of the disability of someone in the household 94 (94%) said no. The remaining 6 (6%) did not answer this question.

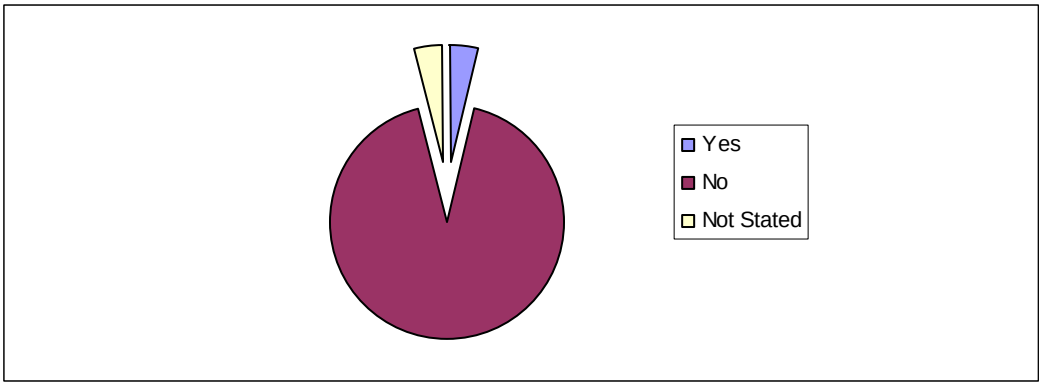
Figure 8: Adapted for access



Family moved away

Four (4%) respondents had someone in their family who had moved away from the parish due to difficulty finding a suitable home locally. Ninety two (92%) had not experienced this and 4 (4%) declined to answer this question.

Figure 9: Family moved away



In Housing Need

When asked if anyone in the household needed alternative accommodation within the next 5 years 12 (12%) said yes, 83 (83%) said no. Two (2%) households were unsure and 3 (3%) did not answer this question.
Twelve (12%) indicated someone within the household would be in housing need in more than 5 years, 84 (84%) responded no to this question, 1 (3%) was unsure and 3 (3%) did not complete this question.

Figure 10: Need to move within 5 years

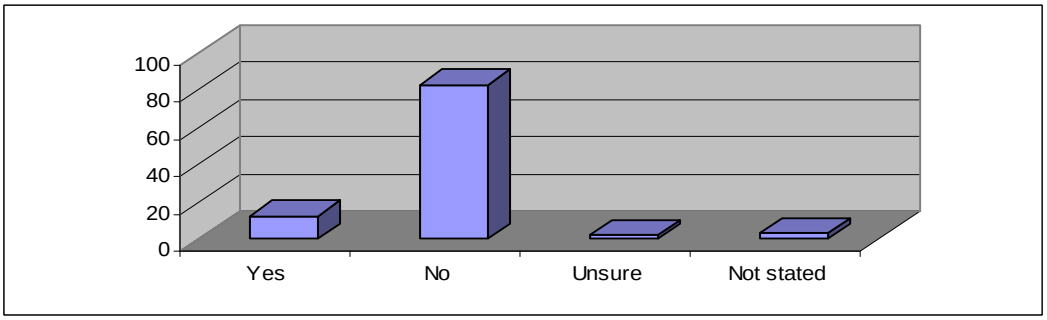
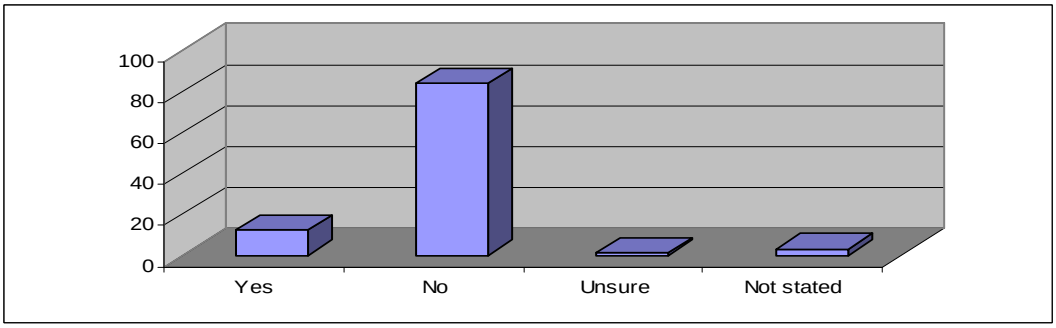


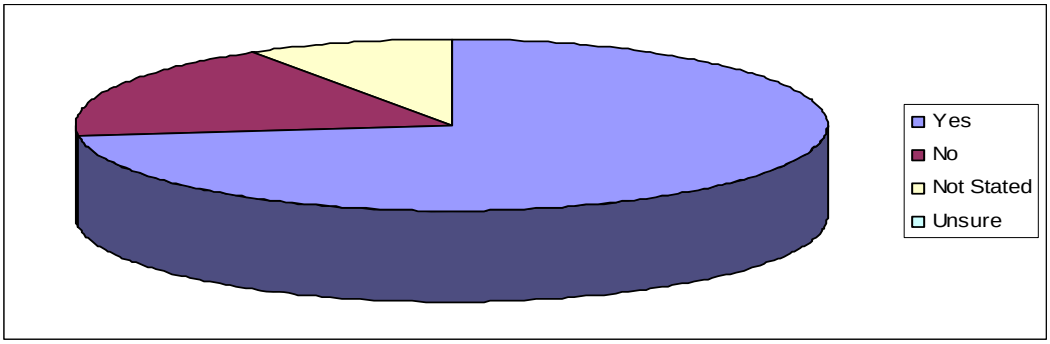
Figure 11: Need to move in 5 years or more



Supportive of a development

Seventy three (73%) respondents said that they would be in favour of a small amount of residential development in this parish which would help meet local needs for affordable housing. Eighteen (18%) households were not in favour and 9 (9%) did not answer this question.

Figure 12: Supportive of a development for local needs



PART TWO – Housing Need

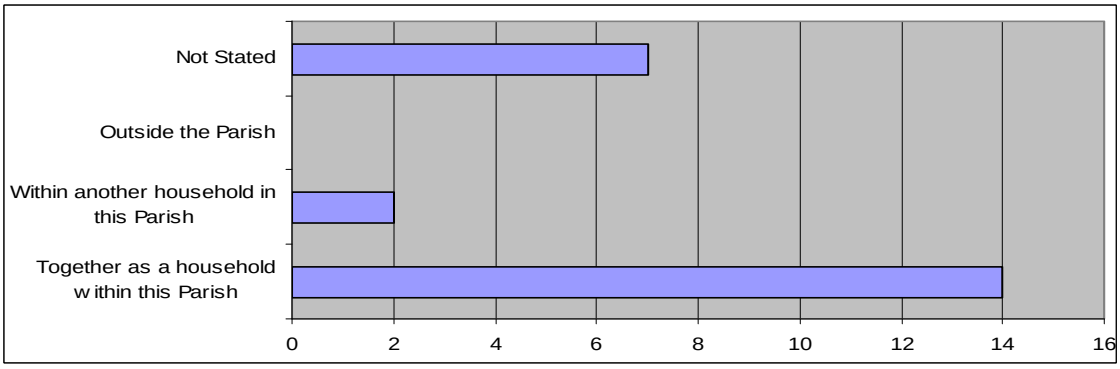
Survey Results

Twenty four households completed all or some of Part 2 of the survey form indicating that they considered themselves to be in need of housing. Six of these indicated a need in Part 1 (question 8) but did not complete Part 2 which are recorded as 'not stated'. For the purposes of this report percentages shown is the percentage of those who completed Part 2 (24 = 100%) unless otherwise stated.
A further 2 respondents indicated they were unsure if they would require alternative accommodation in the future in Part 1 question 8. These are not included in the statistics provided in this part of the report.

Where they live now

Fourteen (58%) households live together within the parish at present and 2 (9%) live within another household in the parish. One (4%) indicated 'other' and 7 (29%) did not complete this question.

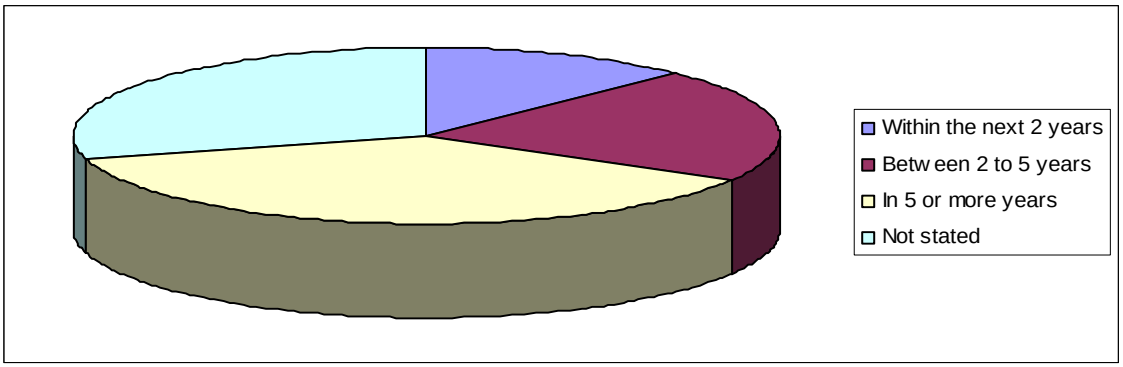
Figure 13: Where people live now



When

Three (12%) household who completed the housing needs section said they would require alternative accommodation within the next 2 years. Five (21%) want to move within the next 2 - 5 years, 9 (38%) in 5 or more years. Seven (29%) did not complete this question.

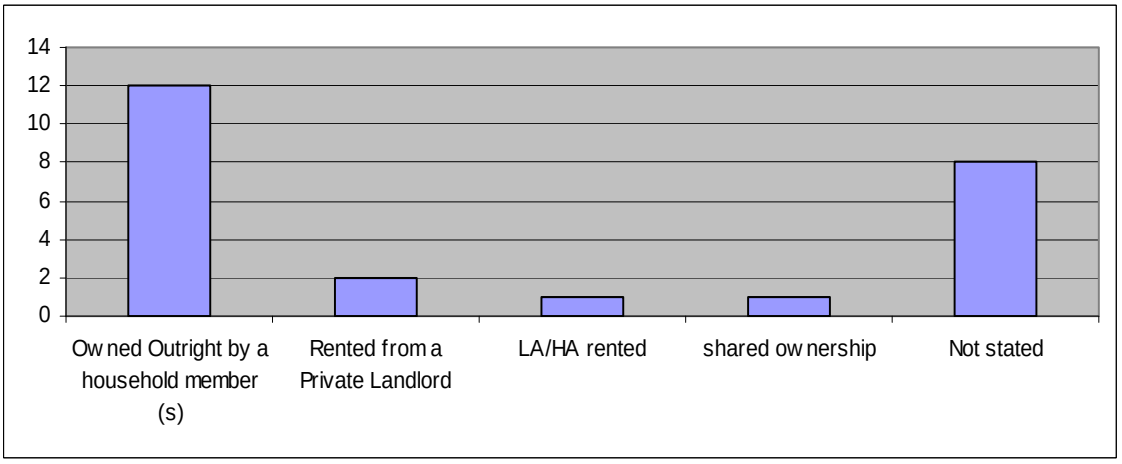
Figure 14: When people need to move



Current Tenure

Twelve (50%) respondents currently live in a property that they own with 2 (9%) renting from a private landlord. One (4%) rented from a housing association or local authority and 1 (4%) stated their current tenure as shared ownership. Eight (33%) did not complete this question.

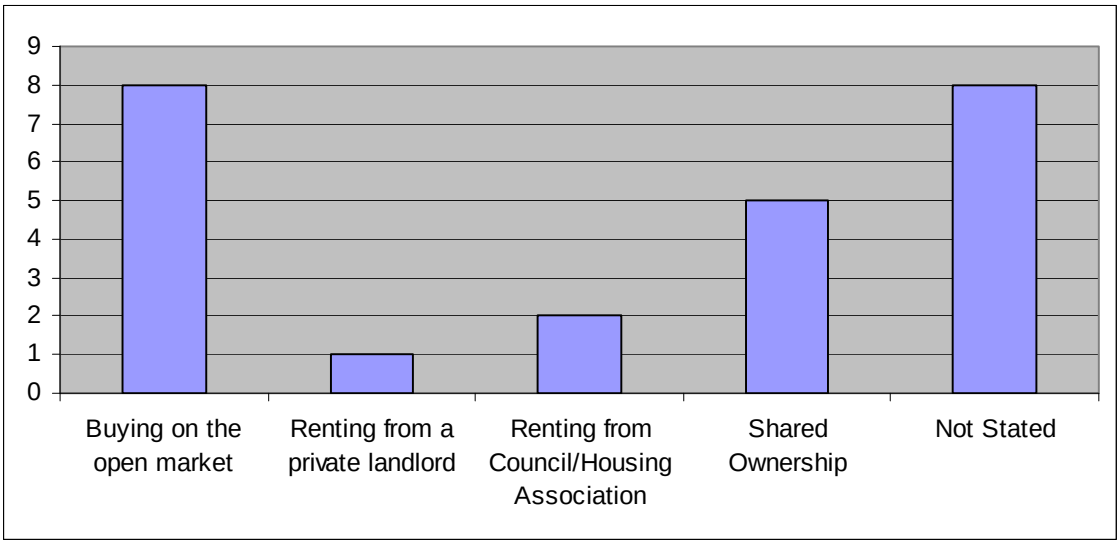
Figure15: Current tenure



Preferred Tenure

Eight (33%) respondents wished to purchase an alternative property on the open market. One (4%) would like to rent from a private landlord with 2 (9%) seeking property from a housing association or local authority and 5 (21%) preferring a shared ownership house. Eight (33%) did not complete this question.

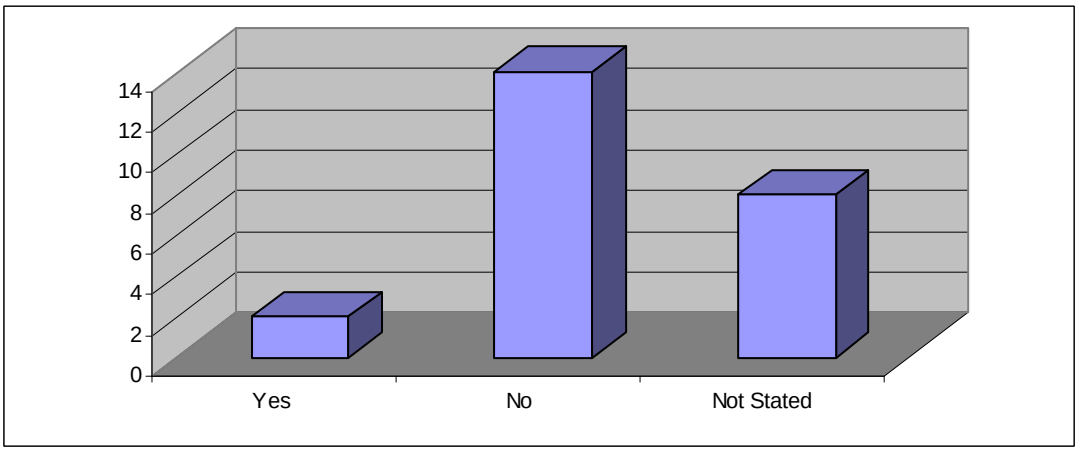
Figure 16: Preferred Tenure



Local Authority Housing Register

Two (8%) respondents in housing need are on the housing register. Fourteen (59%) were not registered. The remaining 8 (33%) did not complete this question.

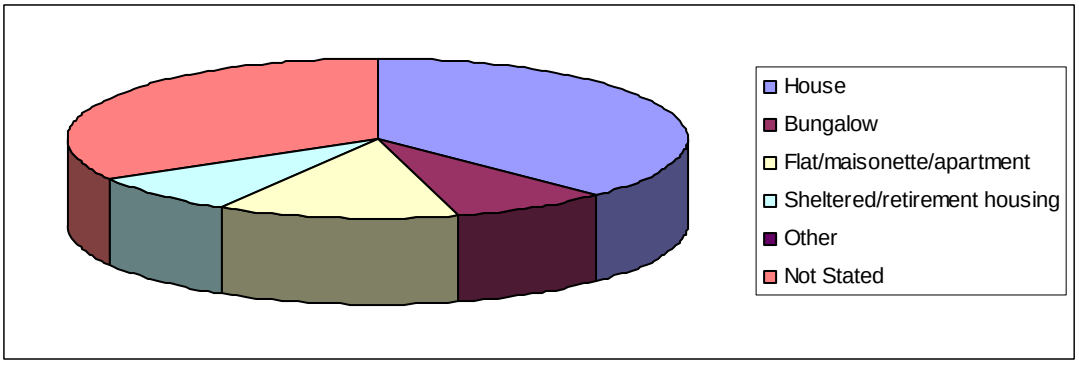
Figure 17: Local Authority Housing Register



Type of accommodation required

Nine (38%) households are seeking to move to a house and 2 (8%) a bungalow, 3 (13%) to a flat/maisonette/ apartment and remaining 2 (8%) sheltered/retirement accommodation. Eight (33%) did not complete this question.

Figure 18: Type of accommodation required



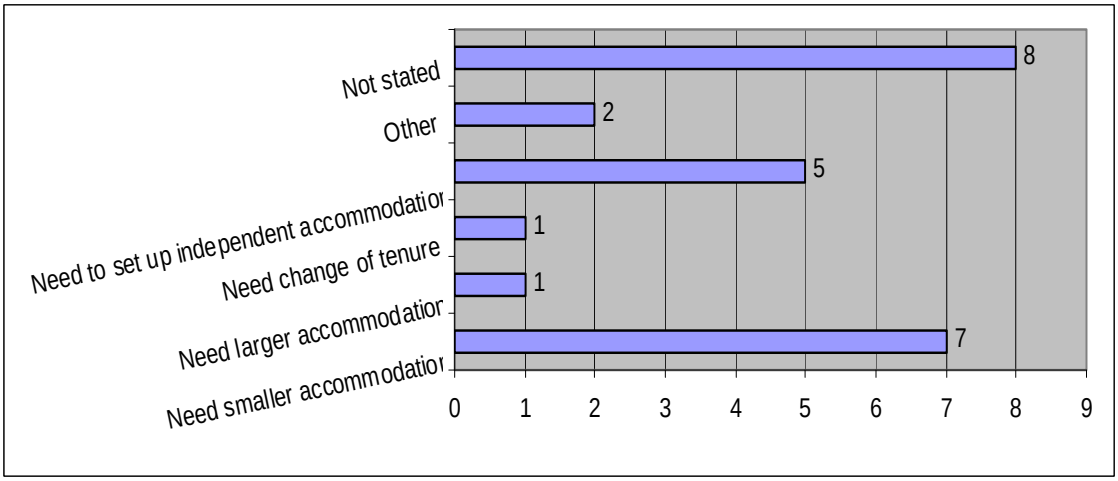
Specific needs

One respondent required accommodation on the ground floor to meet their needs.

Reason for requiring alternative accommodation

The most common reason for requiring alternative accommodation was the need for a smaller home with 7 (29%) stating this as the main reason for requiring alternative accommodation. One (4%) requires a larger home and 1 (4%) a change of tenure. Five (21%) households wanted to set up independent accommodation and 2 (9%) indicated 'other'. The remaining 8 (33%) did not complete this question.

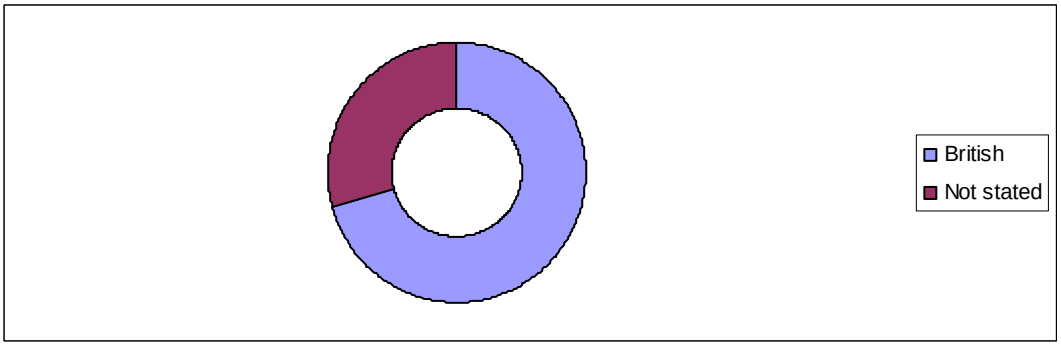
Figure 19: Reason for needing alternative accommodation



Ethnicity

Seventeen (71%) households classified their ethnicity as British and the remaining 7 (29%) did not complete this question.

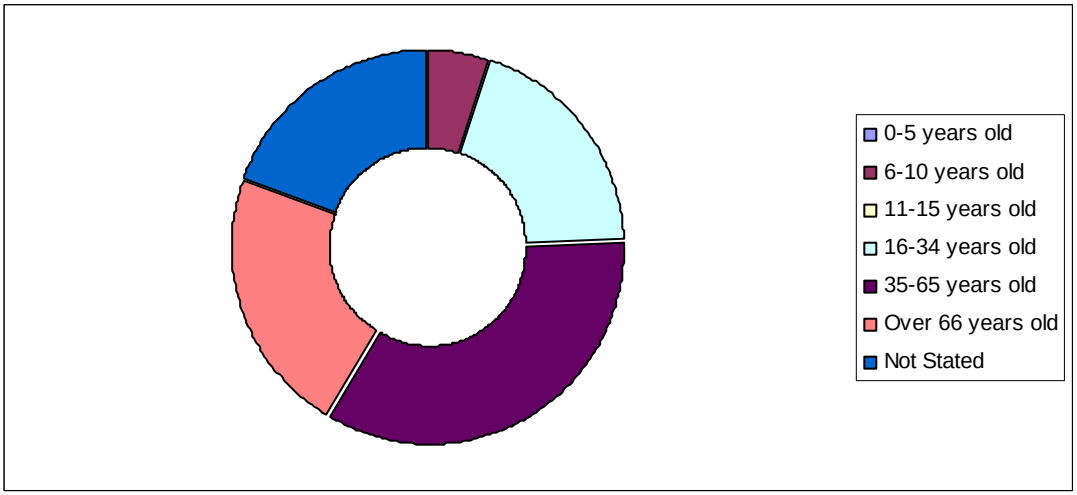
Figure 20: Ethnicity



Age & Gender

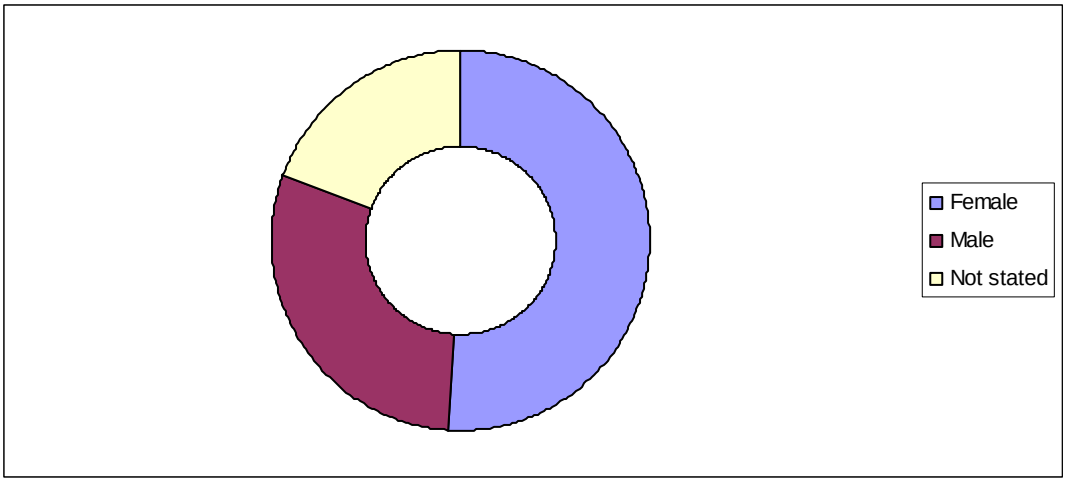
A total of forty one people made up the households who are looking to move in the following age groups; 0 (0%) between 0-5 years, 2 (5%) between 6-10 years, 0 (0%) between 11-15 years, 8 (20%) are between 16-34 years old, 14 (34%) are aged 35-65 with 9 (22%) aged over 66 years. Eight (19%) declined to answer this question.

Figure 21: Age of respondents in housing need



Twenty one (51%) respondents in need of alternative housing are female, 12 (29%) are male. The remaining 8 (20%) declined to answer this question.

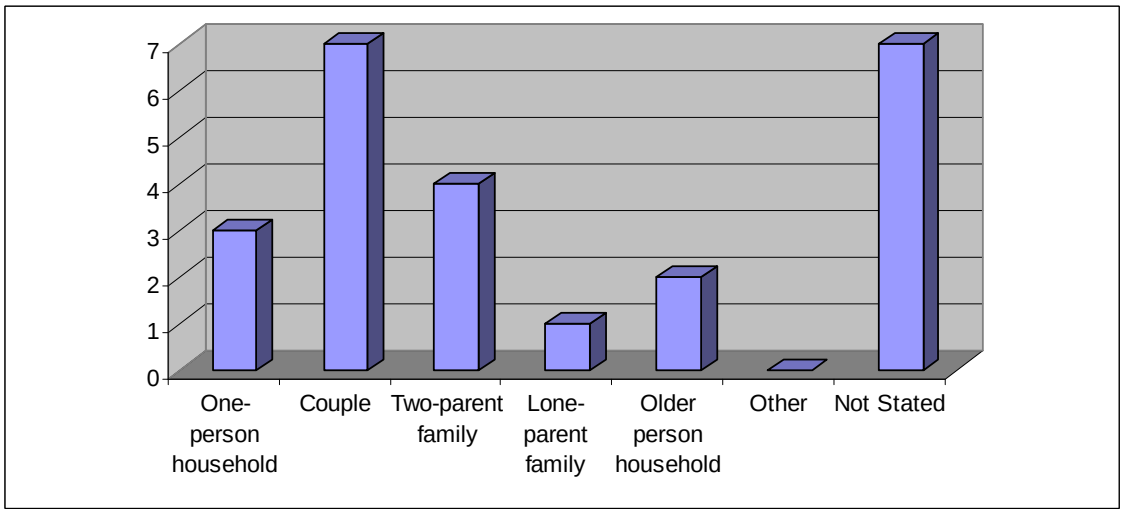
Figure 22: Gender of respondents in housing need



Type of Household

Three (13%) households in need of alternative accommodation were one person households, 7 (29%) were couples, 4 (17%) were two parent families. One household (4%) was a lone parent and 2 (8%) said they were an older person household. Seven (29%) did not complete this question.

Figure23: Type of Household



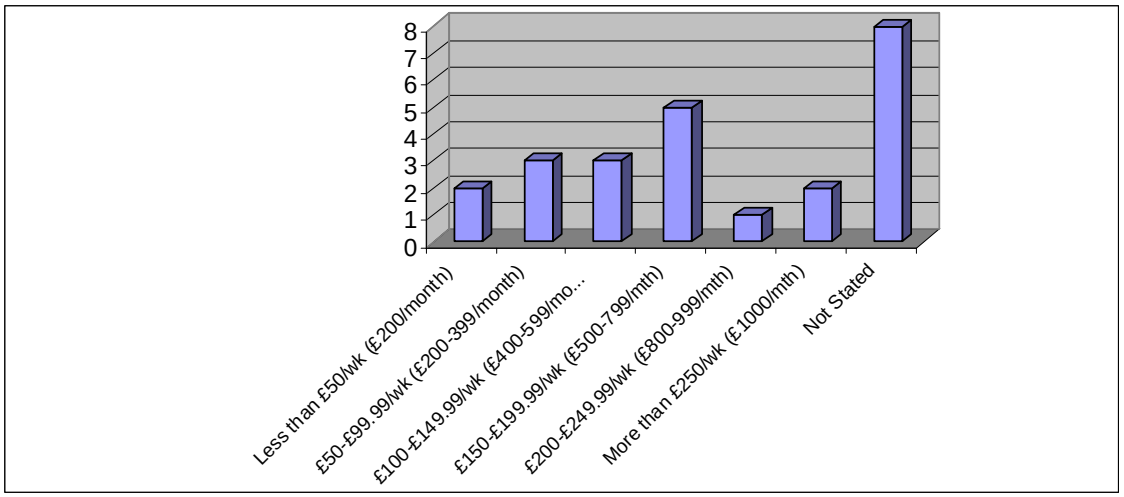
Affordability

Maximum outgoings

Respondents were asked to indicate how much they could afford for outgoings including service charges. Two (8%) felt they could afford less than £50 per week, 3 (13%) between £50 - £99.99, 3 (13%) said £100 - £149.99 with 5 (21%) households indicating £150 - £199.99. One (4%) felt they could afford between

£200 - £249.99 and 2 (8%) more than £250. Eight (33%) did not complete this question.

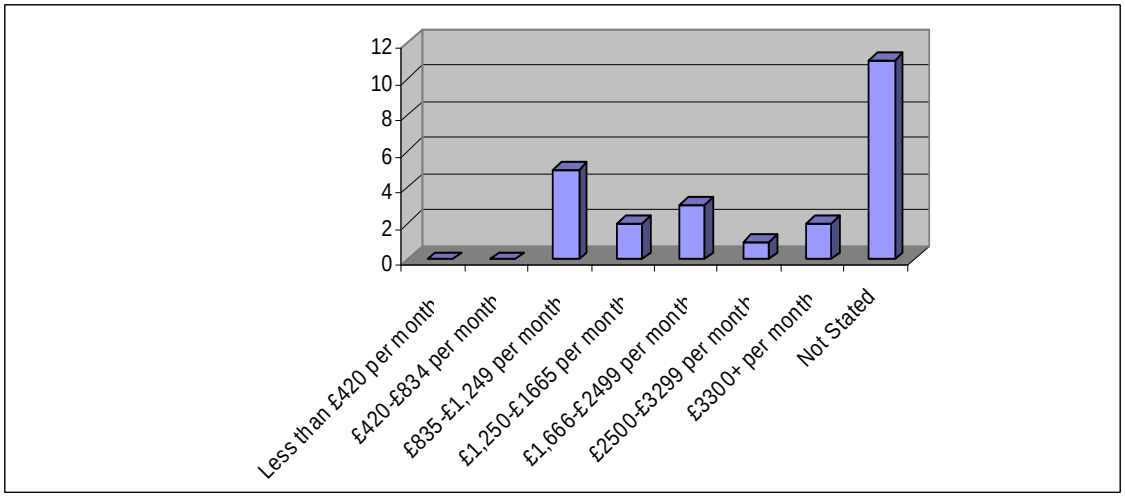
Figure24: Maximum outgoings



Income

Five (21%) households had a total monthly income after deductions of £835-£1,250, 2 (8%) between £1,250 - £1665, 3 (13%) of between £1,666 - £2,499 and 1 (4%) £2,500-£3,300. Two (8%) stated their income as above £3,300 per month and the remaining 11 (46%) did not complete this question.

Figure25: Monthly income

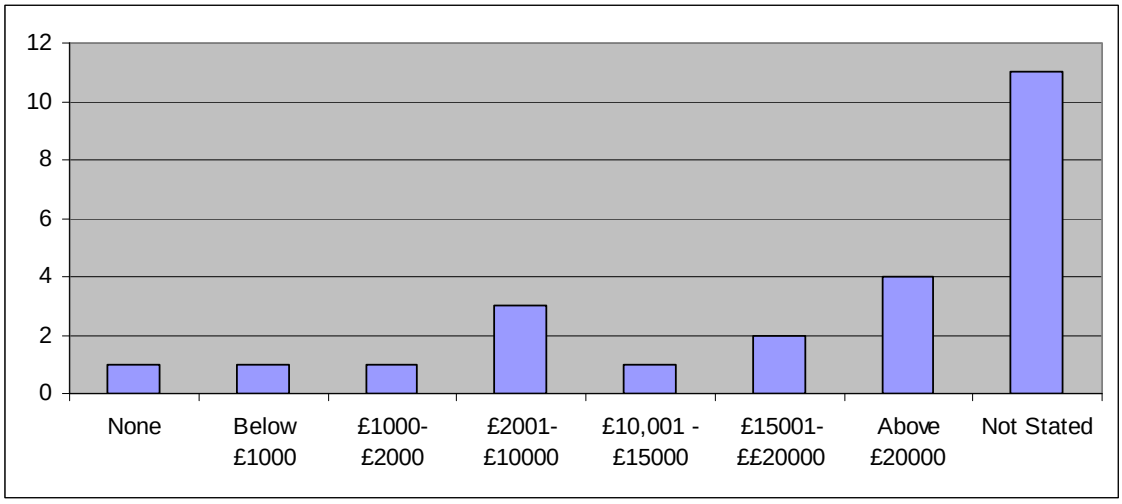


Savings

One (4%) household indicated that they had no savings or equity that could be used to contribute towards a mortgage, 1 (4%) of below £1,000, 1 (4%) had between £1,000 –£2,000, 3 (13%) indicated savings or equity of between £2,001 - £10,000 and 1 (4%) between £10,001 - £15,000. Two (8%) indicated

an amount between £15,001 - £20,000. Four (17%) have over £20,000 and the remaining 11 (46%) did not complete this question.

Figure 26: Savings



PART THREE

Summary

Assessment of Need

Twenty four households have taken the opportunity to complete the housing needs survey form and identifying themselves as being in some housing need. Further analysis has been carried out to assess their levels of affordability both in the open market and that of the affordable housing. Some people may aspire to own all or part of their property but in reality the income and savings or equity available may put it beyond their reach.

Looking closely at the forms that indicated some need six failed to provide enough information to assess affordability or need for affordable housing. The remaining eighteen indicated that 12 households owned their current home which would usually exclude them for consideration for affordable housing. Further analysis found that two of the twelve were young people seeking to set up independent home and in fact the tenure was relating to their parents rather than them and can therefore be considered. Another one was seeking to move from tied accommodation to an open market home and while this respondent indicated a reasonable level of savings the income level appeared not to be high enough to support a large mortgage. Yet another respondent with low savings and low income was seeking private rented accommodation. There may be good reason for this but affordable rented could be a more secure and attractive prospect for this respondent if available in the parish. Two respondents are seeking a change of tenure from owned to shared ownership. One indicated a good level of savings and income which is likely to exclude them from affordable housing and the other did not provide this information.

Ten respondents provided enough information to assess size and tenure of property required. They are six single people, 2 couples one of which are older people, one lone parent family with two children and one two parent family with one child who require ground floor accommodation. Most sought shared ownership with four probably more suitable for rented homes but given the basic economic information and economic climate how suitable for mortgages the respondents are is unknown.

Taking all the information provided by the eighteen respondents into consideration ten respondents are likely to require affordable housing with eight seeking open market housing. Clearly, there are additional households within the parish who have a housing need as indicated in Part 1 of the questionnaire but without more information it is impossible to ascertain what tenure or size of accommodation or, if indeed, they would be eligible.

Appendix 1

Local Housing Stock

Average Property Prices, August 2008

County of Hertfordshire

Property Type	Detached	Semi-Detached	Terraced	Flat/Apartment	Overall
	£497,071	£282,382	£212,564	£154,685	£249,675

Source: Land Registry

Current open market housing

To put the issue of affordability into context it is important to understand the local property market. This shows what people, particularly those on modest incomes, would face in seeking housing in order to remain living in the parish.

On researching property for sale in Barkway were very few properties available but the cheapest that could be found was a two bedroom semi-detached house at £199,950.

Assuming the availability of 5% deposit (£9,997) a first time buyer would need to earn £63,318 (3 times annual salary for a mortgage of £189,953) per annum to qualify for this level of borrowing.

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Only two properties could be found that had been sold in the village in the previous year; one was priced at £845,000 and the other at £499,995. Both these properties would be far beyond the reach most people seeking to enter the property market for the first time.

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Parish Housing Needs Survey for [ ]

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. Please use the pre-paid envelope to return this questionnaire to us by [ ]

Is this your main home? ..... Yes, main Home ☐ No, second Home ☐

If this is your second home do not complete the rest of the form but please do return it .

PART 1 - You and your household

1. How would you describe your home? *(Please tick one box only)*

House ..... ☐ 1 Bungalow ..... ☐ 2

Flat/maisonette/apartment/bed-sit ..... ☐ 3 Caravan/mobile home/temp. structure ..... ☐ 4

Sheltered/retirement housing ..... ☐ 5 Other ..... ☐ 6

If 'Other', please specify [ ]

2. How many bedrooms does your home have? *(Please tick one box only)*

One bedroom or bed-sit ..... ☐ 1 Two bedrooms ..... ☐ 2

Three bedrooms ..... ☐ 3 four or more bedrooms ..... ☐ 4

3. What is the tenure of your home? *(Please tick one box only)*

Owned outright by a household member (s) ..... ☐ 1 Owned with mortgage by a household member (s) ..... ☐ 2

Shared Ownership (part owned/part rented) ..... ☐ 3 Rented from a Local Authority ..... ☐ 4

Rented from a Housing Association ..... ☐ 5 Rented from a private landlord ..... ☐ 6

Tied to job ..... ☐ 7 Other ..... ☐ 8

If 'Other', please specify [ ]

4. How many years have you and your household lived in this parish?

[ ]

5. Please complete the table to show the age and gender of all those living in this property at present. If there is more than one household* living in this property please indicate whether each person is part of the main household or 2nd household.

** By household we mean a single person/group of people who have the address as their only/main residence and who either share one meal a day or share the living/sitting room.*

	Age	Gender	Household, e.g. 1st, 2nd
You			
Other person 1			
Other person 2			
Other person 3			
Other person 4			
Other person 5			

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6. Does your current home need to be adapted to increase its physical accessibility* because of the disability of someone in your household? ..... Yes ☐ No ☐
   ** Layout and design is suitable for any member requiring adapted accommodation, e.g. wheelchair access*

7. Has anyone from your family* moved away from the parish in the last 5 years, due to difficulties in finding a suitable home locally? ..... Yes ☐ No ☐
   ** Family means your children, parents, brothers and sisters*

   If you answered 'Yes' and the family members wish to move back to parish, please ask them to contact the Rural Housing Enabler (contact details at the end of this form) in your parish for a copy of Part 2 of this survey form.

8. Do you or does anyone living with you need to move to alternative accommodation now or in the next five years? ..... Yes, within 5 years ☐
   ..... Yes, in 5 or more years ☐
   ..... No ☐

   If you answered 'Yes' to Question 8 and you are looking to remain within the parish then please complete Part 2 of this questionnaire, which collects information on your housing needs. If there is the need for more than two households to move then please request an additional form from your RHE (details at the end of this form) or Parish Council Clerk.

Please answer the following questions even if you do not intend to complete Part 2.

9. Would you be in favour of a small development of affordable housing for local people within your parish if there were a proven need? Yes ☐ No ☐

10. Can you suggest a site where a small development could be built?

Thank you for taking the time to complete part 1 of this questionnaire. The results of this survey will be available in the coming months, and will help the parish to decide on its future plans.

Unless you supply your name and address at the end of this form so that your Rural Housing Enabler can follow up with you, please be assured that this questionnaire is completely confidential and anonymous.

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PART 2 - Housing needs

1. Where do those requiring accommodation live?

   Together as a household within this Parish ..... ☐ 1
   Within another household in this Parish ..... ☐ 2
   Outside the Parish ..... ☐ 3

2. When do those requiring accommodation need to move from this home?

   Within the next 2 years ..... ☐ 1
   Between 2 to 5 years from now ..... ☐ 2
   In 5 or more years ..... ☐ 3

3. What is the current tenure of your home? *(Please tick one box only)*

   Owned ..... ☐ 1
   Part-bought/part-rented under shared ownership arrangement ..... ☐ 2
   Rented from council/housing association ..... ☐ 3
   Rented from a private landlord ..... ☐ 4
   Provided with job (Tied) ..... ☐ 5

4. Which tenure would you prefer? *(Please tick one box only)*

   Renting from council/Housing Association ..... ☐ 1
   New Build Homebuy* ..... ☐ 2
   Buying on the open market ..... ☐ 3
   Renting from a private landlord ..... ☐ 4

   ** Government scheme which enables people to buy a share in a newly built property.*

5. Are you on the Local Authority or Housing Association register or waiting list? ..... Yes ☐ No ☐

6. What type of accommodation would meet your needs? *(Please tick one box only)*

   House ..... ☐ 1
   Bungalow ..... ☐ 2
   Flat/maisonette/apartment ..... ☐ 3
   Sheltered/retirement housing ..... ☐ 4
   Other ..... ☐ 5

   If 'Other', please specify ☐

   ** Layout and design is suitable for any member requiring adapted accommodation, e.g. wheelchair access*

7. Does anyone in your household require any of the following?

   Accommodation on the ground floor ..... ☐ 1
   Sheltered housing with support services provided ..... ☐ 2
   Other housing with support services provided ..... ☐ 3
   Residential care ..... ☐ 4
   Home to be adapted to increase physical accessibility* because of the disability if someone in your household? ..... ☐ 5

   If 'Other', please specify ☐

8. Has your current home been adapted to increase physical accessibility* because of the disability of someone in your household? ..... Yes ☐ No ☐

   ** Layout and design is suitable for any member requiring adapted accommodation, e.g. wheelchair access*

9. What is your main reason for needing to move? *(Please tick one box only)*

   Need larger home ..... ☐ 1
   Need smaller home – present home is difficult to manage ..... ☐ 2
   Need to set-up independent home ..... ☐ 3
   Need physically-adapted home ..... ☐ 4
   Need cheaper home ..... ☐ 5
   Need to be closer to employment ..... ☐ 6
   Need to be closer to a carer or dependent, to give or receive support ..... ☐ 7
   Need to avoid harassment ..... ☐ 8
   Need secure home ..... ☐ 9
   Need to change tenure ..... ☐ 10
   Other ..... ☐ 11

   If 'Other', please specify ☐

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10. Can you please state how many people planning to move belong to each ethnic group?

Ethnicity		No. of People
White		
British		
Irish		
Any other white background		
Mixed		
White and Black Caribbean		
White and Black African		
White and Asian		
Any other Mixed background		
Asian or Asian British		
Indian		
Pakistani		
Bangladeshi		
Any other Asian background		
Black or Black British		
Caribbean		
African		
Any other Black background		
Chinese		
Any other e.g. Traveller, Gypsy (please specify)		

11. Please indicate the age, gender and occupation of each person moving with you.

	Age	Gender	Occupation
You			
Other household member 1			
Other household member 2			
Other household member 3			
Other household member 4			
Other household member 5			

If there are more than 6 people at this address, please add their details on a separate sheet

12. What type of household are you? *(Please tick one box only)*

One-person household ..... ☐ 1
Couple ..... ☐ 2
Two-parent family ..... ☐ 3
Lone-parent family ..... ☐ 4
Older person household ..... ☐ 5
Other ..... ☐ 6

If 'Other', please specify

13. What is the maximum outgoing you could afford, including any service charges? *(Please tick one box only)*

Less than £50/wk (£200 /month) ..... ☐ 1
£50 - £99.99/wk (£200 - 399 / mth) ..... ☐ 2
£100 - £149.99/wk (£400 - 599 / mth) ..... ☐ 3
£150 - £199.99/wk (£500 - 799 /mth) ..... ☐ 4
£200 - £250/wk (£800 - 999 /mth) ..... ☐ 5
More than £250/wk (£1000 /mth) ..... ☐ 6

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14. Could you please indicate the total take-home (i.e. after deductions) income including benefits, of everyone responsible for the cost of housing (rent or mortgage)? *(Please tick one box only)*

Weekly Income	**or**	**Monthly Income**	
Less than £95		Less than £420	☐ 1
£95 - £192.99		£420 - £834.99	☐ 2
£193 - £288.99		£835 - £1,249.99	☐ 3
£289 - £384.99		£1,250 - £1,665.99	☐ 4
£385 - £576.99		£1,666 - £2,499.99	☐ 5
£577 - £769.99		£2,500 - £3,299.99	☐ 6
£770+		£3,300+	☐ 7

15. Do you have savings or other equity which could be used to contribute towards a mortgage?

None ..... ☐ 1 Below £1000 ..... ☐ 2
£1000 - £2000 ..... ☐ 3 £2001 - £10,000 ..... ☐ 4
£10,001 - £15,000 ..... ☐ 5 £15,001 - £20,000 ..... ☐ 6
Above £20,000 ..... ☐ 7

16. Do you live in [ ] ..... Yes ☐ No ☐
If 'Yes', please go to question 19.

17. If you don't live in the parish now,
have you lived in [ ] in the last 20 years? .... Yes ☐ No ☐

18. Do you live in any of the adjoining parishes of [ ] ..... Yes ☐ No ☐

19. Do you work in [ ] or any of the adjoining parishes?

[ ] ..... ☐ 1 Adjoining Parish ..... ☐ 2
Neither ..... ☐ 3

20. Has any adult member of your household been offered a job in [ ]
but was unable to take up the offer due to a lack of affordable housing? ..... Yes ☐ No ☐

21. Do you have any other strong local connection to the parish?
(for each answer ticked, please specify when and how long)

Used to live in the parish ..... ☐ 1
Parent or child lives in parish ..... ☐ 2
Work in the parish full-time ..... ☐ 3
Work in the parish part-time ..... ☐ 4
Voluntary work in the parish ..... ☐ 5

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If this survey shows that there is a need for affordable housing for local people, we may need to get back in contact with you as we work with the Local Authority and Housing Association(s) to deliver the homes needed. Therefore, it would be helpful to us if you include your name and address below:

Name

Address

Postcode

Telephone No. *(incl. national dialling code)*

Email

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. The results of this survey will be available in the coming months, and will help the parish to decide on its future plans.

The information in this questionnaire is processed on behalf of Defra in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998, before being returned to the Rural Housing Enabler, along with the questionnaires themselves. Defra uses anonymised reports of the data collected by Rural Housing Enablers in their parish surveys work to improve understanding of housing needs across all of rural England. For more information please refer to Defra's website at www.defra.gov.uk

Details of Local Rural Housing Enabler:

Name

Address

Postcode

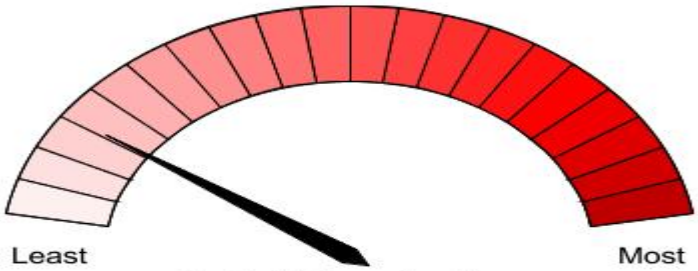
Telephone No. *(incl. national dialling code)*

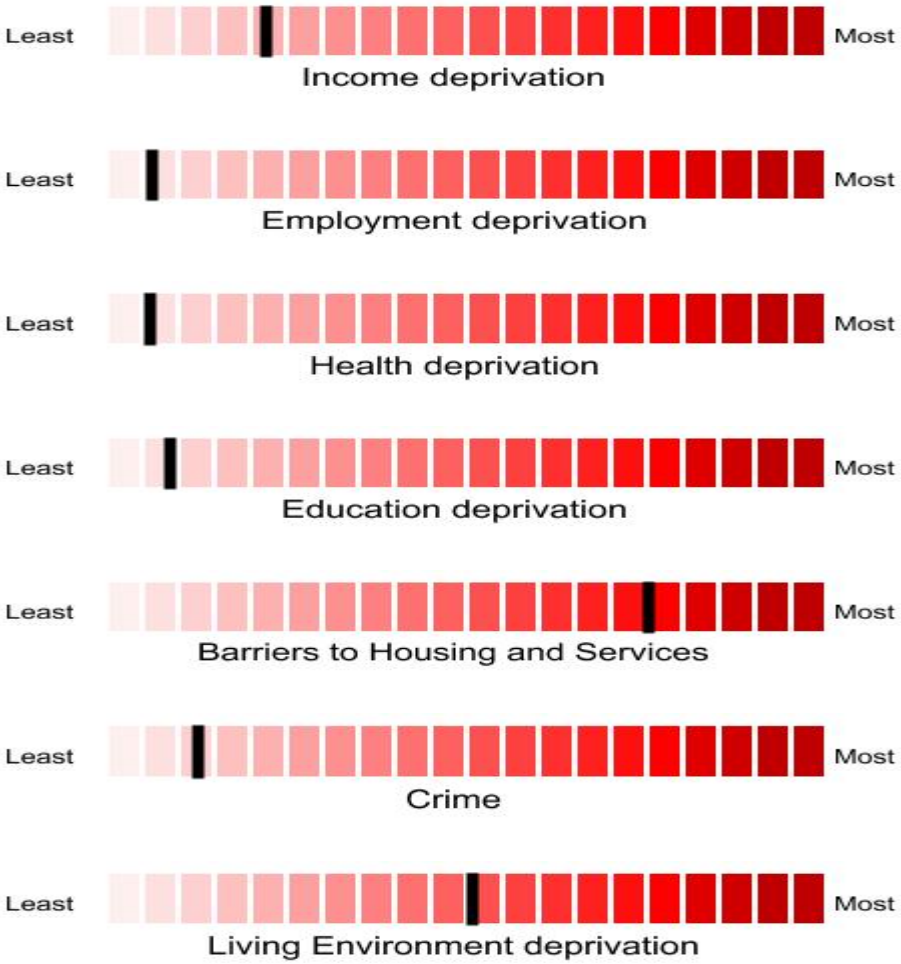
Email

Census Information – Ermine ward, North Hertfordshire **Appendix 3**

All 32,482 neighbourhoods in England and Wales have been ranked on a range of topics, together with a 'Total Deprivation' ranking. The most deprived neighbourhood in England has a rank of 1. The further to the right a marker is for a particular topic, the more deprived your area.

Note: these data are taken from the Indices of Deprivation 2007





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Appendix 4

Site Suggestions

The following comments and suggestions for possible sites are recorded (sic) from the housing needs survey questionnaires;

- Periwinkle Close
- Wheatsheaf Meadow House - itself built on site of former council houses.
- South end of village - corner of Buckland Road
- North end of Barkway High Street - or along the Buckland Road
- Redevelop existing Whaetsheaf Meadow House - convert one block to flats for those wishing to downsize & develop site to increase affordable starter homes
- Wheatsheaf Meadow/Periwinkle Close
- Somewhere in the Barkway Road region. If increase housing in the area Barkway Road junction with High Street needs to be looked at. Yellow lines etc.
- Adjacent along Windmill Close
- Wheatsheaf Meadow? South end of village (by garage) Royston Road - by mast
- Buckland Road area?
- Royston Road
- The Wheatsheaf Meadow House site
- Field between B.T. and social club. Land in High Street (black railing front)
- Buntingford, Royston, Baldock
- ?by garage?
- Behind Village Hall
- The land at the end of Windmill Close. The land near Barkway service station which was suggested for the gypsy site
- On the land next to clockhouse where the owner of the land wants to build. Not on the fields off windmill close where children play safe.
- NHH land in Barkway - Windmill Close
- South side where all the amenities are.
- on land at end of Periwinlkle Close which stretches to Cambridge Road or land opposite the Tallyho public house on London Road
- Land at the end of Periwinkle Close and land at the end of Windmill Close
- High Street, just off Buckland Road
- No
- 1. Between Flint House & Social Club 2. Bonds garage 3. Field by chicken farm at south end of village (Best site)
- On the site of the disused garage at the north end of the village near the playing field.
- no
- Part of a larger mixed development in Barkway House top paddock
- London Road/off Barkway High Street/ Northamsted Road/ The Link Road
- Top end of the village - end of Windmill Close behind mast.
- no but there are plenty

- End of Periwinkle Close
- Piece of land in Cambridge Road which I believe the council does own
- Beginning or end of village
- End of Periwinkle Close. Off Royston Road
- Opposite Tallyho
- Yes - village end of Buckland Road
- On site of Wheatsheaf Meadow House
- Opposite Tallyho pub in field next to chicken farm.
- At the end of Windmill Close also having heard Wheatsheaf Meadow site is being run down & emptied this would an excellent place for a small development of affordable housing
- North End of village
- If for old people e.g. sheltered.
- Only for the elderly.
- London Road
- Royston Road - Windmill Close Periwinkle Close
- Field opposite Barkway Cottage. Field opposite 'Tally Ho' pub.
- Possibly on the site where my bungalow, garden & paddock are currently
- End of Windmill Close, end of periwinkle Close or modernise Wheatsheaf Meadow.
- Wheatsheaf Meadow House - or land by Periwinkle Close or Windmill Way as close to Bus Stops.
- In and nearby Periwinkle Close, providing existing residents are properly catered for.

Comments

- unless shops are also built
- But max of 16 houses is too big
- I move from London to a quiet village. There are plenty of homes for sale & little demand. There is also no reason why people should not rent when this happens successfully throughout Europe.
- Village unsuitable for such housing due to transport links to a rural area.
- Why is the Whaetsheaf Meadow House scheduled for demolition? It is not old and could easily be modified if necessary
- Why this property has to be closed & cause such upset to the residents I shall never know. People who have lived in Barkway all their lives have had to move out - some in their late eighties. This is no time to be making a fresh start
- Why not retain Whatsheaf Meadow? It seems the policy is;"housing short for old folks, closeold folks home!"
- What is happening to this site. Are North Herts Homes demolishing & doing rebuild? Please note - Several members of Barkway Community Group who lived in sheltered accommodation at Wheatsheaf Meadow House - and who had lived in Barkway for most of their lives - have been asked to move out by North Herts Homes. These elderly people cannot now live in Barkway. This survey is paradoxical.The Community Group committee had no influence, although they tried very hard, to keep these Barkway residents living here.

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- We would like to know why it was neccessary to empty Wheatsheaf Meadows which housed vulnerable people. We need sheltered accomodation both now & in the future. The way these residents have been treated is shameful. The reason given laughable. We now need sheltered housing for the elderly to replace Whaetsheaf which has been taken away from the village
- The infrastructure could not cope with any extra development. i.e. Police, Bus Service etc non-existent. The Gypsy Site was turned down as UNSUITABLE so why should more houses be built. As mentioned above this village (Barkway) is ill equipped to cope with more housing. we have no shops, Doctors, Bus Service to speak of, no police support to speak of, vehicle parking in the road and on the pavements are out of control - more housing would only increase the problems. So we would be against any increase in housing unless you can increase the services mentioned above.
- What is going to happen to Wheatsheaf Meadows. It is hoped that this now vacant place will not be used for financial gain. Treatment of the residents outrageous. We have been robbed of our sheltered housing. This is now what is needed.

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Data

Appendix 5

Part 1

1. How would you describe your home?		
House	78	78
Bungalow	13	13
Flat/Maisonette/apartment/bed-sit	3	3
Caravan/mobile home/temp. structure	0	0
Sheltered/retirement housing	5	5
Other	1	1
Not Stated	0	0
Total	100	100

2. How many bedrooms does your home have?		
One	1	1
Two	24	24
Three	42	42
Four or more	33	33
Not Stated	0	0
Total	100	100

3. What is the tenure of your home?		
Owned Outright by a household member (s)	51	51
Owned with mortgage by a household member (s)	27	27
Shared ownership	1	1
Rented from a Local Authority	2	2
Rented from housing association	9	9
Rented from a Private Landlord	6	6
Tied to job	2	2
Other	1	1
Not stated	1	1
Total	100	100

4. How many years have you and your household lived in this parish?		
0-5 years	25	25
6-10 years	15	15
11-20 years	17	17
21-30 years	16	16
31-49 years	20	20
50-70 years	4	4
Over 70 years	1	1
Not Stated	2	2
Total	100	100

5. How many people live in this property?		
One	16	16
Two	58	58
Three	12	12
Four	10	10
Five	3	3
Six	1	1
Total	100	100

5. Age of occupants		
0-5 years old	10	4.366812
6-10 years old	13	5.676856
11-15 years old	10	4.366812
16-34 years old	31	13.53712
35-65 years old	110	48.03493
Over 66 years old	55	24.01747
Not stated	0	0
Total	229	100

5. Gender of occupants		
Female	126	55.02183
Male	103	44.97817
Not Stated	0	0
Total	229	100

6. Has your home already been adapted to increase physical accessibility because of the disability of someone in your household?		
Yes	0	0
No	94	94
Not Stated	6	6
Total	100	100

7. Has anyone in your family moved away from the parish in the last five years due to difficulties in finding a suitable home locally?		
Yes	4	4
No	92	92
Not Stated	4	4
Total	100	100

8. Do you or does anyone living with you need to move to alternative accommodation now?		
Yes	12	12
No	83	83
Unsure	2	2
Not stated	3	3
Total	100	100

8. Or in the next five years?		
Yes	12	12
No	84	84
Unsure	1	1
Not stated	3	3
Total	100	100

9. Would you be in favour of a small development of affordable housing for local people within your parish if a there were a proven need?		
Yes	73	73
No	18	18
Not Stated	9	9
Total	100	100

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PART 2

1. Where do those requiring accommodation live?		
Together as a household within this Parish	14	58.33333
Within another household in this Parish	2	8.333333
Outside the Parish	0	0
Not Stated	7	29.16667
Other	1	4.166667
Total	24	100

2. When do those requiring accommodation need to move from this home?		
Within the next 2 years	3	12.5
Between 2 to 5 years	5	20.83333
In 5 or more years	9	37.5
Not stated	7	29.16667
Total	24	100

3. What is the current tenure of your home?		
Owned Outright by a household member (s)	12	50
Rented from a Private Landlord	2	8.333333
LA/HA rented	1	4.166667
shared ownership	1	4.166667
Not stated	8	33.33333
Total	24	100

4. What tenure would you prefer?		
Buying on the open market	8	33.33333
Renting from a private landlord	1	4.166667
Renting from Council/Housing Association	2	8.333333
Shared Ownership	5	20.83333
Not Stated	8	33.33333
Total	24	100

5. Are you on the Local Authority or Housing Association waiting list?		
Yes	2	8.333333
No	14	58.33333
Not Stated	8	33.33333
Total	24	100

6. What type of accommodation do you require?		
House	9	37.5
Bungalow	2	8.333333
Flat/maisonette/apartment	3	12.5
Sheltered/retirement housing	2	8.333333
Not Stated	8	33.33333
Total	24	100

7. Does anyone in your household have special needs?		
Yes	1	4.166667
No	16	66.66667
Not stated	7	29.16667
Total	24	100

9. What is the main reason for wanting to move?		
Need smaller accommodation	7	29.16667
Need larger accommodation	1	4.166667
Need change of tenure	1	4.166667
Need to set up independent accommodation	5	20.83333
Other	2	8.333333
Not stated	8	33.33333
Total	24	100

10. Can you please state how many people planning to move belong to which ethnic group?		
British	17	70.83333
Not stated	7	29.16667
Total	24	100

11. Age of each person moving		
0-5 years old	0	0
6-10 years old	2	4.878049
11-15 years old	0	0
16-34 years old	8	19.5122
35-65 years old	14	34.14634
Over 66 years old	9	21.95122
Not Stated	8	19.5122
Total	41	100

11. Gender of each person moving		
Female	21	51.21951
Male	12	29.26829
Not stated	8	19.5122
Total	41	100

12. What type of household are you?		
One-person household	3	12.5
Couple	7	29.16667
Two-parent family	4	16.66667
Lone-parent family	1	4.166667
Older person household	2	8.333333
Other	0	0
Not Stated	7	29.16667
Total	24	100
13. What is the maximum outgoing you could afford, including any service charges?		
Less than £50/wk (£200/month)	2	8.333333
£50-£99.99/wk (£200-399/month)	3	12.5
£100-£149.99/wk (£400-599/month)	3	12.5
£150-£199.99/wk (£500-799/mth)	5	20.83333
£200-£249.99/wk (£800-999/mth)	1	4.166667
More than £250/wk (£1000/mth)	2	8.333333
Not Stated	8	33.33333
Total	24	100

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14. Could you please indicate the total take-home income (i.e. after deductions), of everyone responsible for the cost of housing (rent or mortgage)?		
Less than £420 per month	0	0
£420-£834 per month	0	0
£835-£1,249 per month	5	20.83333
£1,250-£1665 per month	2	8.333333
£1,666-£2499 per month	3	12.5
£2500-£3299 per month	1	4.166667
£3300+ per month	2	8.333333
Not Stated	11	45.83333
Total	24	100

15. Do you have any savings or other equity which could be used to contribute towards a mortgage?		
None	1	4.166667
Below £1000	1	4.166667
£1000-£2000	1	4.166667
£2001-£10000	3	12.5
£10,001 - £15000	1	4.166667
£15001-££20000	2	8.333333
Above £20000	4	16.66667
Not Stated	11	45.83333
Total	24	100

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