

# LOCAL HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY



## OTLEY HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY REPORT

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# **LOCAL HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY**

## **SUMMARY**

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Sunila Osborne, Rural Housing Enabler attended a Parish Council meeting on 19 October 2009 to present information about Affordable Housing and Housing Needs Survey (HNS).

The Parish Council agreed to carry out a HNS with a closing date of 14 May 2010.

A total of 300 HNS were sent to all parishioners together with a freepost envelope for the HNS to be returned to Suffolk ACRE.

From the 300 HNS delivered, 94 were returned giving a 31.33% return rate.

The Suffolk ACRE Community Services tool was used to produce the data.

#### **AGE**

93 Household Responses

239 Individuals

From the 94 HNS returned, the HNS represents 239 individuals, with the greatest number of responses from those aged between 60-74 years.

#### **OPINION**

93 Household Responses

255 Multiple Choice Responses

From the HNS, 87% were in favour of an affordable housing scheme, showing an excellent overall support, with 13% of the returns indicating that they would not support affordable housing in the parish.

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## NEED INDICATED FROM HNS

### Current household;

- 6 future households identified from the HNS, with a total of 10 people in need. Although the make-up of the future household indicated from the HNS shows:
  - Two single people
  - One single parent
  - One Couple
  - One two parent family

### People wishing to return

- 2 future households identified from the HNS, with a total of 5 people in need. Although the make-up of the future household indicated from the HNS shows:
  - One single person
  - One single parent with or expecting children.

## RECOMMENDATION

- The analysis from the Housing Needs Survey provides an indication of those in need of affordable housing and who have a local connection to Otley.
- The recommendation is based generally on a third of the overall need indicated, as some respondents may withdraw, move, may not be eligible or be housed by other means during the planning & building process of any future scheme.
- Therefore the recommendation for Otley would be 2 to or 3 to 4 units:
  - 2 to 3 or 3 to 4 x 2 bed units

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## GENERAL PARISH HOUSING INFORMATION

### AGE

93 Household Responses

239 Individuals

Age	Male	Female	Total % Male/Fe male
75+ years	11	14	10.46
<b>60-74 years</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>24.68</b>
45-59 years	22	25	19.66
25-44 years	26	24	20.92
16-24 years	6	10	6.69
0-15 years	22	20	17.57
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>99.98</b>

## ETHNICITY

93 Household Responses

241 Individuals

The majority of people living in Otley have identified themselves as White British.

Ethnicity	Total	%
<b>White British</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>98.75</b>
White Irish	1	0.41
White & Asian	1	0.41
White & Black African	1	0.41
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>99.98</b>

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### HOUSEHOLD TENURE

94 Household Responses, showing the majority as owning their property self/family outright.

Tenure Type	Number of Households	%
<b>Self/family outright</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>60.63</b>
Self/family with mortgage	24	25.53
Private rent	5	5.31
Tied to employment	0	0
Housing Association Rent	6	6.38
Housing Association –S/O	0	0
Local Authority	1	1.06
Sheltered	0	0
Other	1	1.06
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>99.97</b>

### PROPERTY TYPE NUMBER OF BEDROOMS

Type of House	Bedrooms	1	2	3	4+
Cottage		1	4	4	1
Terraced House		0	0	0	0
Semi Detached House		0	2	10	5
Detached House		7	0	8	35
Maisonette		0	0	0	0
Flat		0	0	0	0
Detached Bungalow		0	2	8	2
Semi Detached Bungalow		1	0	3	0
Bed Sit		0	0	0	0
Sheltered		0	0	0	0
Mobile home/caravan		0	0	0	0
Specially adapted housing		0	0	0	0
Other		1	0	0	0

### NUMBER OF YEARS LIVED IN PARISH

92 Household Responses

	Number of Households	%
Less than 1 year	4	4.34
1 -3 years	6	6.52
4 – 10 years	19	20.65

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10 + years	63	68.47
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>99.98</b>

### OPINION

#### Households in favour of affordable housing

Please refer to Appendix A

93 Household Responses

255 Multiple Choice Responses

	Number of Households	%
No affordable housing	12	4.70
Homes for single people with local connection	36	14.11
Homes for couples (1-2 bed) for people with local connection	57	22.35
<b>Small family homes (2-3 bed) for people with local connection</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>26.66</b>
Large family (4+ bed) for people with local connection	20	7.84
Sheltered/residential for elderly people with local connection	56	21.96
Other	6	2.35
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>99.97</b>

#### Members of household living there because they are unable to find or afford accommodation of their own.

8 Household Responses

11 Individual Responses

Age/Gender	Number	%
Female 16-24 years	2	18.18
<b>Female 25-44 years</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>36.36</b>
Female 45-59 years	1	9.09
<b>Male 16-24 years</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>18.18</b>
Male 25-44 years	1	9.09
Male 60-74 years	1	9.09
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>99.99</b>

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Members of household have moved out because they were unable to find or afford accommodation of their own.

3 Household Responses  
 7 Individual Responses

Age/Gender	Number	%
<b>Female 16-24 years</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>28.57</b>
Female 24-44 years	1	14.28
Female 45-59 years	1	14.28
Male 25-44 years	1	14.28
<b>Male 45-59 years</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>28.57</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>99.98</b>

Out of 94 Housing Needs Surveys (HNS) returned, 30 were happy to go on and provide the name and address for the person completing the survey. This is 31.91 % of completed HNS.



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### CURRENT HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS NEED INDICATED FROM HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

From the 94 HNS returned, 6 future households were identified with a total of 10 people (including children) being in need. Although 6 households indicated a need, only 5 went on to complete the future make-up of household and provided further information.

STATUS	Make-up of future household	Number of People
<b>Single People</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
Single Parent Family	1	2
Couple (no children)	1	2
Couple (with children)	1	4
Siblings	0	0
Nursing Care	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>

6 households who identified a need provided details of when that need was likely (as below)

WHEN REQUIRED	Number	%
Now	1	16.66
1 - 2 Years	2	33.33
<b>3 – 5 Years</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>99.99</b>

5 households stated that they would like to stay within the parish the remainder identified as below:

- 1 in an adjoining
- 2 household elsewhere in district

## LOCAL HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

### Reason for need

8 households provided details as to why they were in need of affordable housing. This question was multiple choice and some respondents answered more than one.

The majority of these want to set up their own home.

NEED	Number of people
Need larger home	5
Need smaller home	0
<b>Setting up own home</b>	<b>8</b>
Employment Reasons	0
Insecurity of Tenure	0
Financial Reasons	2
Health/Mobility	0
Other	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b> (multiple choice question)

### Accommodation Tenure

8 households provided details on the type of tenure they would prefer. This question was multiple choice and some respondents answered more than one

TENURE	Number of
<b>Rented House</b>	<b>1</b>
Shared Ownership House	3
Bungalow Rent	1
Flat Rent	2
Flat Shared ownership	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>

## LOCAL HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

### Employment Status

8 households provided details of their employment status, totalling 16 people.

STATUS	Number of People in Need	%
<b>Employed</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>31.25</b>
Self Employed	1	6.25
Unemployed	4	25
<b>Student</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>31.25</b>
Retired	0	0
Other	1	6.25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>100</b>

### Combined Household Salary

8 households in need provided details of their annual combined salary.  
Only 1 household has indicated a joint combined annual salary up to £24000.

SALARY	Number	%
Below £8000	2	25
£8000 - £12000	2	25
£12001 - £16000	0	0
<b>£16001 - £20000</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>37.5</b>
£20001 - £ 24000	1	12.5
£24001 - £ 28000	0	0
Over £28000	0	0
Currently in Full Time Education	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>100</b>

### Savings

8 households in need provided details of any savings they could contribute towards any future housing.

AMOUNT	Number	%
<b>No savings</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Up to £5000</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>50</b>
Up to £ 10000	0	0
Up to 15000	0	0
Up to £20000	0	0
More than £20000	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>100</b>

## LOCAL HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

### Weekly Affordability

8 households in need provided details of their weekly affordability towards rent/mortgage.

AMOUNT	Number	%
Under £50	2	25
<b>£51 - £100</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>37.5</b>
£101 - £150	3	37.5
£151 - £200	0	0
£201 - £250	0	0
More than £250	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>100</b>

### Local Connection

6 of the 8 households completed this question indicating they have a local connection to the parish.

### Ethnicity

7 households (12 people) in need completed this question and all responses were recorded as White British.

### Local Authority Waiting List

Only 1 household (2 people) completed this question indicating they are on waiting list.

From the Gateway to Homechoice local need for Otley there are 11 claiming a local connection; 5 x 1 bed, 3 x 2 beds, 2 x 3 beds & 1 x 4 beds.

### Housing Association/Registered Social Landlord

This question was not completed.

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### RETURNING TO OR WISHING TO LIVE IN PARISH NEED INDICATED FROM HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

#### Need

Out of 94 HNS returned, 2 (with a local connection) of those households responded identifying a need for people wishing to return or live in the parish, giving a total of 5 people.

GENDER & AGE	Number
Female 16-24 Years	1
Female 25 – 44 years	1
Male 0 – 15 years	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>

#### Make-up of households

WHEN REQUIRED	Number of Households	Make-up of Household	Number of People
3 - 5 Years	1	Single Parent with or expecting children	4
3 - 5 Years	1	Single Person	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>5</b>

#### Local Connection

2 households completed this question and have a local connection to the parish, with family members (parents/siblings) currently living there.

# LOCAL HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

## Reason for need

Only 1 household completed this question.

NEED	Number
Other	1 (moving back to the UK)

## Accommodation Tenure

Only 1 household completed this question

TENURE	Number
Rented House	1

## Employment Status

Only 1 household in need completed this question

STATUS	Number of People in Need
Employed	1
Unemployed	1

# LOCAL HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

## Combined Household Salary

This question was not completed.

SALARY	Number	%
Below £8000		
£8000 - £12000		
£12001 - £16000		
£16001 - £20000		
£20001 - £ 24000		
£24001 - £ 28000		
Over £28000		
Currently in Full Time Education		
<b>TOTAL</b>		

## Savings

Only 1 household in need provided details of any savings they could contribute towards any future housing.

AMOUNT	Number	%
No savings	0	0
Up to £5000	1	100
Up to £ 10000	0	0
Up to 15000	0	0
Up to £20000	0	0
More than £20000	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100</b>

## Weekly Affordability

Only 1 household in need provided details of their weekly affordability towards rent/mortgage.

AMOUNT	Number	%
Under £50	0	0
£51 - £100	1	100
£101 - £150	0	0
More than £150	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100</b>

## LOCAL HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

### Ethnicity

1 household (4 people) in need completed this question with all responses recorded as White British

### Local Authority Waiting List

This question was not completed.

### Housing Association/Registered Social Landlord

This question was not completed.



# LOCAL HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

## Conclusions

The Otley Housing Needs Survey 2010 received a 31.33% return rate, with the majority of respondents in favour of a small affordable housing scheme for people with a local connection.

Out of 94 HNS returned, 6 households responded that the current household have a need. From the 6 households, 10 people in total were identified as being in need.

2 further households, 5 people indentified from the HNS that they would like to return to the Parish

The total number of households indicating a need from the HNS is 8; only 7 went on to complete the make-up of the future household as below:

STATUS	Number of Households	People
<b>Single People</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
Single Parent Family	2	6
Couple (no children)	1	2
Couple (with children)	1	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>

## LOCAL HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

### Recommendations

The analysis from the Housing Needs Survey provides an indication of those in need of affordable housing and who have a local connection to Otley.

The recommendation is based generally on a third of the overall need indicated, as some respondents may withdraw, move, may not be eligible or be housed by other means during the planning & building process of any future scheme.

Therefore the recommendation for Otley would be:

- 2/3 x 2 bedroom units
- Or
- 3/4 x 2 bedroom units

The final mix of properties will be subject to constraints of any suitable site(s) together with evidence of people registering their interest as the scheme progresses. Consideration may also want to be given for those who are currently registered with Gateway to Homechoice (Appendix C, Information provided by Suffolk Coastal District Council)

At the time of writing this report, due to the current financial constraints with the credit crunch, mortgage lenders are refraining from lending for shared ownership. Many Registered Social Landlords have had to convert properties from shared ownership to rent based on the current financial climate.

The decision therefore on the tenure of properties for Otley would need to be agreed by both Otley Parish Council and the appointed Registered Social Landlord.

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### Next Stage

Once all the relevant parties have had an opportunity to read and consider the recommendations of this report, a meeting should be arranged to discuss the findings, and recommendations with the following parties:

- Otley Parish Council and or small housing sub-group
- Housing Enabling Officer, Suffolk Coastal District Council
- Rural Housing Enabler, Sunila Osborne, Suffolk Acre
- Registered Social Landlord

It would be advisable for Otley Parish Council to inform parishioners with a copy of the summary and the next stages.

Sunila Osborne  
Rural Housing Enabler  
Suffolk ACRE

July 2010

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## APPENDIX A

### General opinions -

93 Household Responses recorded for the following question. This was a multiple choice question.

### **Would the current household be in favour of Affordable Housing in your Parish to meet the needs of local people?**

Some comments which have been extracted direct from the Housing Needs Survey are listed below:

#### No new affordable housing

- We already have a disproportionate number of social homes in 2 areas within village
- Sorry but already too much new building in village

#### Small family homes (2-3 bedrooms) with a Local Connection

- Village has needed to introduce more young people/ children. But sitting is paramount

#### Sheltered housing/residential care for the elderly with a Local Connection

- With the increasing ageing population this should be considered for the long term. It would also help to free up houses.

#### Other

- Only if specific current or foreseen needs for any of the above are identified in this survey should be considered.
- Continual commuting for employment purposes will make it necessary for locals to move away and Otley will remain a dormitory village for higher earnings persons to seek the give of the country side.
- I would support housing for any proven need however without knowing the need i can't say which of the above would be appropriate so not sure if this answers the question you have asked.
- I do not mind who lives in their homes i.e.:- they don't need to have a local connection as long as the homes are built in an aesthetically pleasing way.
- I think it is in these 3 categories that a village of Otley's size qualifies and can demonstrate current and/or potential need.
- The above should include options for rental/shared ownership
- The majority should perhaps be 2-3 bedroom homes, however if possible there should also be some smaller and some larger depending on number of properties built

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## APPENDIX B

### Suggested Sites

Listed below are some site locations in Otley which have been extracted from the Housing Needs Survey. (The sites listed have been suggested on more than 3 or 4 occasions).

- Not behind Hubbards...Thank you
- As part of Hubbards move if/when it happens
- Hubbards or adjacent land.
- Hubbards Site if they do relocate
- In the location of Hubbards or adjacent to present site
- Land behind old garage and council houses. Hubbards site if sold
- Hubbards if the building went ahead. In fill up Helimingham Road. It would be better if they were in separate little blocks rather than one big estate
- Hubbard site once redevelopment occurs. Along Hemingstone Road to lengthen the village past the White Hart this should include improved footpath along this road.
- Avoiding the busy end of the village the ideal site would seem to be part of the field opposite Otley House adjacent to the junction of Helimingham Road and Ipswich Road. Good flat land with easy access to roads, village, shop, school, medical centre and pub.
- Between Peel House and Swiss Farm, Which is in Chapel Road, or Butterfly Meadow bottom of Vine Road
- Compulsory purchase of Soames Garage, to alleviate traffic problems and replace with maybe sheltered bungalows
- Field behind Newlands currently owned by SCDC rented by Otley Parish Council
- Helimingham Road, beyond White Hart Public House
- There is a large area of ground behind the Newlands Estate, owned by the Council, with roads and utility services leading to it, which has been crying out for years for development.
- Suffolk Coastal District Council land at the of Newland development
- The land at the back of Newlands, The land at the corner of Ipswich Road, would link the pub to the village more opposite Otley House and to the side of Otley House.
- Newlands area
- North of Otley House on the e.side of Helimingham Road.
- Both sides of Cretingham Road between Newlands and Otley Green.
- Paddock between Swiss Farm and Peel House, Chapel Road. Field with road access on SE.site of Church Road opposite Moselle.
- Not on Anglia Timber site. What about the field adjacent to Gibraltar Road/Helimingham Road, near White Hart Pub? Shown as brown field site on plan.
- Road up to pub next to pub
- Siting of any such site must be close to the centre of the village and it's community. It is imperative that the residents of these new households are seem to be and physically integrated into the village. Social cohesion and interaction is very important and in addition there young families must have easy and safe access to village facilities eg; school, shop, doctors and public transport. To be isolated on the fringe of the community e.g.; exception site must and cannot be considered.
- The two soames sites

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## APPENDIX C

### Suffolk Coastal District Council - Housing Data

Current information as listed below and provided by Suffolk Coastal District Council indicates those registered.

<u>Number of bedrooms</u>	<u>People Registered</u>
One	5
Two	3
Three	2
Four	1

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## APPENDIX D

The following information has been obtained from Mouseprice.com

### Average current values - Otley

	<b>IP6</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>National</b>
1 Bedroom properties	£90,300	£97,300	£137,100
2 Bedroom properties	£139,200	£137,600	£151,300
3 Bedroom properties	£177,100	£162,400	£176,900
4 Bedroom properties	£265,500	£257,900	£311,200
5+ Bedroom properties	£374,500	£358,400	£516,500

Data above shows average current values of property in IP6 according to the number of bedrooms.

[click here to search for house prices within IP6.](#)

The data is just a rough indicator of affordability in IP6 compared with the larger area and nationally.

### Price: Earning ratios

	<b>IP6</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>National</b>
Average Current Value	£207,100	£193,000	£216,300
Average Earnings	£23,815	£19,929	£24,478
Price / Earnings	8.70x	9.68x	8.84x

## **LOCAL HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY**

### **Notes**

Price to earnings ratios are effective measures of the relative affordability of property in a given area. The data for IP6 displayed above shows the average current value of property in IP6 (Price), divided by the average annual household income for IP6 (Earnings). The result is displayed above. For example, if the average price of property in IP6 was two hundred thousand and the average earnings were twenty thousand, the price earnings ratio would be displayed as 10.00x. In other words, the average property was worth ten times the average household income



APPENDIX E



# LOCAL HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

## OTLEY

**Closing Date: 14 May 2010**



**What is a Local Housing Needs Survey?**

A Housing Needs Survey will help the Parish Council and others decide if there is a need for a small scheme usually between 4 and 10 homes of affordable housing for local people within the Parish.

Housing Needs Surveys will identify local needs for the elderly, young and families. Adequate affordable housing provision helps to maintain a sustainable community. The lack of affordable housing in rural communities has been a serious problem for many decades, reaching crisis point in many parts of the Country.

Concern has grown over the future of Parishes, where communities have been threatened due to local families being unable to afford increasingly scarce and expensive housing. Legislation allowing 'Right to Buy' alongside restrictive planning policies have also played a part.

### **Local Housing Needs schemes**

The above concerns have led to the creation of further Local Housing Need schemes in many Parishes. Such schemes are developed in partnership with Parish Councils, Local Authorities and Registered Social Landlords (RSL's) also known as housing associations.

The homes are restricted to local people in perpetuity and cannot be sold or rented on the open market. This is bound by a legal document drawn up under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. The S106 is an agreement between the Local Authority and the RSL states clearly who is eligible for the housing. Existing Local Authority or RSL schemes within a Parish will not be affected by the S106.

### **Exception Sites**

An 'exception site' is a piece of land situated outside the Parish boundary but adjoining it and where building consent would not normally be permitted. A Housing Needs Survey would need to be completed to enable Local Authority planning permission to be granted.

### **"Local connection"**

Provided the scheme is protected by a Section 106 agreement lettings will be restricted initially to people with a strong connection to the parish. Each Local Authority will have its own definition of local need and local connection but typically it would cover the following circumstances:

- connected to the Parish by birth
- resided within the Parish for a number of years
- previously lived in the Parish
- close family members reside in the Parish
- require accommodation within the Parish for work.

### **Style of Affordable Housing**

The Local Authority, District & Parish Councils would need to ensure the style and character of such housing would be in keeping with its surroundings and local building types.

### **Tenure of Affordable Housing**

Local affordable housing schemes can include different types of tenure:

- **Housing for rent**

Rent charged is substantially less than open market rents and is therefore classed as affordable for local people in need. Those eligible would need to meet Local Authority & RSL's.

- **Shared ownership**

This is a way of bridging the gap between renting and owner occupation. It gives people who cannot afford to buy a home outright the opportunity to buy a share in a new house or flat on a part rent/part buy basis. This means the purchaser buys a share of the house and pays rent on the part they do not own. At a later stage, if they wish, extra shares can be purchased up to 80% of the purchase value. This ensures that the houses will remain available for local people in perpetuity. When the initial occupant wants to move on, the RSL will buy their share back with the aid of a Homes and Communities Agency Grant and offer it to someone else with a local connection.

### **Suffolk ACRE's Rural Housing Enablers (RHE's)**

The RHE's are independent mediators helping to bring people together, facilitating Housing Needs Surveys and promoting individual schemes.

Suffolk Acre's RHE's are supported and funded by five Local Authorities and five RSL's.

This is a real opportunity for you to help shape the future of your Parish.

## COMPLETION OF THIS SURVEY

The head of the household should complete the answers on behalf of the entire household.

It is important that you answer as many questions as you can. With most of them you simply need to put a tick or a number in a box, (which will represent the number of people you are referring to for that question. i.e. 1=1 Person, 2=2 People etc) so this should not take very long. Space has, however, been allocated within some questions to allow you to express your views and provide more detail.

Of course, you can decline to answer any question.

The Housing Needs Survey has been divided into three parts;

**Part 1:** General information about the current household; number of people, ages, gender, type of household etc.

**IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A FUTURE AFFORDABLE HOUSING NEED, THEN YOU DO NOT NEED TO COMPLETE PARTS 2 & 3.**

**Part 2:** This part should be completed if there is a need identified for those living in the **CURRENT HOUSEHOLD ONLY**.

**Part 3:** This part should be completed if a need is identified for any other close members of the current household who would like to either **RETURN or MOVE TO THE PARISH**.

Personal details will be needed for those who have identified a need in Parts 2 & 3. This information will enable Suffolk ACRE to recommend any future housing needs for the Parish. The Housing Needs Survey does ask for current financial & employment details. All information provided will be treated with the strictest of confidence and will only be used for the purpose of identifying the type of tenure (rent or shared ownership) which would be suitable for the applicant(s).

If you would like more help completing the Housing Needs Survey, please contact one of the following:

### Suffolk Rural Housing Enablers

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**A. Community Sustainability**

1. How many shops are there in this parish? (Tick one box)
- |   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 3 or more                                 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| If none please indicate nearest available | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
2. Which of the following services or facilities are within this parish? (Tick all that apply)
- |  |                                     |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| A library                                    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| A mobile library service                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| A grocery / general store                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| A stand alone post office                    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| A post office within another shop / facility | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| A GP's surgery                               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| One or more pubs                             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| One or more places of worship                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| A village hall                               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Playing fields/tennis courts                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Children's play area                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| A primary school                             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Pre-school service provision                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Car repair workshop / garage                 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Other  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
3. Which of the following statements best describes the public transport links this parish has to its nearest town(s). (Tick one box)
- |   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| This parish has no public transport service   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| There is an hourly or better weekday public transport service to the nearest town   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| There is a two hour weekday public transport service to the nearest town            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| There is a weekday public transport service but it is less frequent than two hourly | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| There is a weekday public transport service but only on certain days                | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

4. Please list active community clubs and groups:  
Community Council, Amateur dramatic groups, Youth group, Cubs, Scouts & Beavers

5. Does this parish have to rely on volunteer or community transport services for people needing to get to hospital and/or GP appointments?  
Not everyone has to rely on the community car service but, obviously in such a rural setting which is so far from any hospital **some** people do make use of such services.

Yes [ ]  
No [✓]

**B. Housing**

6. Which of the following descriptions most closely reflect the development potential within this parish? (Tick one only)

Potential for edge of settlement development [ ]  
Potential for in-fill development only [✓]  
Potential limited to windfall sites [✓]  
Some combination of the above [✓]  
Development potential not known [ ]

7. What land within this parish has been allocated for housing<sup>1</sup> in the Local Plan?

An allocation of (hectares, if none please enter 0) [ ]

If an allocation has been made, how many homes are likely to be brought forward? If none, not known or unable to say then please enter 0

Anticipated number homes in total [ 0 ]

If you know how many of these are likely to be in the affordable sector please indicate here

Anticipated number of affordable homes [ ]

Several sites were submitted as land bids (outside the settlement area) but none has yet been allocated.

The whole idea behind conducting a housing needs survey was to elicit the information as to whether or not affordable homes were needed.

8. Is this village subject to an exceptions site policy?

Yes [ ]

No [✓]

9. Is there a housing register for this parish?

Yes [ ]

No [✓]

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<sup>1</sup> If an allocation has been made in the Local Plan please check that your answer to Q5 is consistent with the type of site available