



Aldingbourne, Barnham and Eastergate Community Land Trust - Results of Housing Needs Survey

Forms were issued to every household in the two parishes. 3,985 forms were sent out; 489 were returned - a response of 12.3%. Our grateful thanks go to everybody who took part.

Affordable Housing Needs identified:

The following key findings have been identified:

- 46 households are in need of affordable housing due to the inadequacy of their current housing in meeting their needs and their inability to afford to rent or purchase a suitable property on the open market within the immediate area. All of these households possess a local connection to the parish.
- Of those in need, approaching two-thirds (65.2%) are single adults aged between 18 and 64. A majority were living with parents, friends or family and are seeking to set up an independent home.
- An overwhelming majority of in-need households (37 households - 80.4%) require one-bedroom properties. Many indicated a preference for more bedrooms than they actually currently require, with 45.7% identifying a desire for 2 or more bedrooms, possibly indicating a desire to start a family.
- The most popular preferred tenure identified is renting from a housing association or a local authority, identified by 23 households (50.0%). Income and circumstances indicate that some of the in-need households may be eligible for shared ownership housing.
- Approaching three-quarters (71.7%) of the in-need households identified a pressing need to move, between now or within two years, with a further 23.9% identifying a need to move between two and five years from now.
- 12 respondents (26.1% of in-need households) identified that they have specialist housing requirements, with eight indicating a need for ground floor accommodation, four for residential housing with care provided and two for sheltered housing with support services.
- Only four (8.7%) of those households in need of affordable housing identified that they are currently on a local authority or housing association housing register.

Market preferences identified

- In addition to those identified above, 19 households were identified who possess a housing aspiration or need but could not be categorised as in need of **affordable** housing due to their income and savings, lack of suitable local connection or because they were currently housed in a way that met their requirements. None are on the local authority housing register.
- Seven households were couples with no children, seven were single adults (aged 18-64), with two households being families with children, one household a single older person, one household an older couple aged over 65 and one household with other circumstances.
- All these households possess a local connection to the parish, 16 currently living in the parish. Some households possessed multiple forms of local connection.
- In terms of preferred tenure 15 indicated a preference for purchasing property on the open market and three households shared ownership.
- The majority, ten households, indicated a preference for two-bedroom properties. Four are seeking three-bed properties, three are seeking one-bed properties, one is seeking a four-bed property and one a five-bed property (5.3%). All are seeking to move either now or in the next five years.
- Three respondents identified that they need ground floor accommodation, one of these seeking residential accommodation with care provided and another sheltered housing with support services.