

WALSHAM le WILLOWS  
HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY REPORT

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## WALSHAM le WILLOWS HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY(HNS)

### Executive Summary

The Parish Council agreed to carry out a second HNS with a closing date of 20<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

The Community Action Suffolk Services toolkit was used to produce the survey data.

From the HNS, 92.71% of respondents were in favour of an affordable housing scheme, showing overall support, with 7.28% of the returns indicating that they would not support affordable housing in the parish.

The Walsham le Willows HNS of 20<sup>th</sup> March 2015 received 131 household responses from a total of 620 of survey forms issued giving a 21.12% return rate, with the majority of respondents in favour of a small affordable housing scheme for people with a local connection.

### Profile of survey respondents

- 131 Household Responses
- 287 Individuals
- Greatest number of responses received from those aged between 60-74 years of age
- 357 Multiple Choice responses received

Out of 131 HNS returned, 11 households responded that they have a current housing need, totalling 17 people.

Out of 131 HNS returned, 4 households responded identifying a need to return to Parish, totalling 7 people.

This shows a total of 15 households, 24 people in need of affordable housing in Walsham le Willows.

The Gateway to Home Choice (GTHC) register indicates there are 16 households registered; of this 14 have provided a local address or specified a local connection to Walsham le Willows.

Walsham le Willows Parish Council may want to consider those registered on the GTHC when deciding on the final number of homes they may wish to provide.

NEED INDICATED FROM HNS

Current household:

- 11 future household identified from the HNS, with a total of 17 people in need. Although, the number of households completing the 'make-up' of future household is 14.

○ Single Person	7
○ Single Parent Family (with or currently expecting children)	2
○ Couple	3
○ Two Parent Family (with or expecting children)	2
○ Siblings (brothers & sisters)	0
○ Other	0
○ <b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>

People wishing to return

- 4 households identified from the HNS, with a total of 7 people in need. Although, the number of households completing the 'make-up' of future household is 3.

○ Single Person	0
○ Single Parent Family (with or currently expecting children)	0
○ Two Parent Family (with or expecting children)	2
○ Couple	1
○ Other	0
○ <b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>

## 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 Walsham le Willows.

The recommended number of affordable homes a parish may wish to provide is based generally on a third of the overall need indicated by the survey, as some respondents may withdraw, move away, may not be eligible or be housed by other means during the planning & building process of any future scheme.

Therefore the recommendation for Walsham le Willows would be:

- 12-15 dwellings. This will need to be agreed, together with the size, type & tenure of dwellings with the Parish Council, Local Authority, and appointed Registered Provider.

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.

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 Walsham le Willows would need to be agreed by both the Parish Council and the appointed Registered Social Landlord.

**Sunila Osborne, Rural Housing Enabler,  
Community Action Suffolk,  
May 2015**

GENERAL PARISH HOUSING INFORMATION

AGE

Total Household Responses: 131

287 individual responses

Bold text indicates highest response rate\*

Age	Male	%	Female	%	Total
75+ years	22	7.66	23	8.01	45
<b>60-74 years*</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>11.84</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>15.67</b>	<b>79</b>
45-59 years	17	5.92	30	10.45	47
25-44 years	21	7.31	29	10.10	50
16-24 years	11	3.83	12	4.18	23
0-15 years	26	9.05	17	5.92	43
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>45.61</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>54.33</b>	<b>287</b>

ETHNICITY

130 total household responses

277 Individual responses

Bold text indicates highest response rate\*

Ethnicity	Total	%
<b>White British*</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>98.19</b>
White & Black Caribbean	1	0.36
White Other	2	0.72
White & Asian	1	0.36
Other Asian	1	0.36
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>99.99</b>

## HOUSEHOLD TENURE

134 total household responses

Bold text indicates highest response rate\*

Tenure Type	Number of Households	%
<b>Self/family outright*</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>57.46</b>
Self/family with mortgage	29	21.64
Private rent	9	6.71
Tied to employment	0	0
Housing Association Rent	6	4.47
Housing Association -S/O	1	0.74
Local Authority	12	8.95
Other	0	0
Second Home Owner	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>99.97</b>

## PROPERTY TYPE NUMBER OF BEDROOMS

134 total household responses

Bold text indicates highest represented property type\*

Type of House	Bedrooms	1	2	3	4+
Cottage		4	5	6	3
Terraced House		6	4	6	4
Semi Detached House		4	5	21	2
<b>Detached House*</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>32</b>
Maisonette		0	0	0	0
Flat		0	0	0	0
Detached Bungalow		2	0	2	0
Semi Detached Bungalow		1	1	1	0
Bed Sit		0	0	0	0
Sheltered		1	0	0	0
Mobile home/caravan		0	0	0	0
Specially adapted housing		0	0	0	0
Other		4	0	0	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>29</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>43</b>



NUMBER OF YEARS LIVED IN PARISH

127 total household responses

Bold text indicates highest response rate\*

	Number of Households	%
Less than 1 year	4	3.15
1 -3 years	11	8.66
4 – 10 years	29	22.83
<b>10 + years*</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>65.35</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>99.99</b>

OPINION

Households in favour of affordable housing

133 Household Responses

357 Multiple Choice Responses

From the HNS, 92.71% of respondents were in favour of an affordable housing scheme, showing excellent overall support, with 7.28% of the returns indicating that they would not support affordable housing in the parish.

	Number of Individual Households Responses	%
No affordable housing	26	7.28
Homes for single people with local connection	57	15.96
Homes for couples (1-2 bed) for people with local connection	72	20.16
<b>Small family homes (2-3 bed) for people with local connection*</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>25.77</b>
Large family (4+ bed) for people with local connection	33	9.24
Sheltered/residential for elderly people with local connection	66	18.48
Other	11	3.08
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>99.97</b>

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

10 household responses were received

Out of 131 Housing Needs Surveys (HNS) returned, 77 were happy to go on and provide the name and address for the person completing the survey. This is 58.77% of completed HNS.

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

Out of 131 HNS returned, 11 household responded that the current household have a need. From this 17 people in total were identified as being in need. This provides an 8.39% of those indicating a need. The number of households completing the 'make-up' of future households is 14.

<b>STATUS</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Single People</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>50</b>
Single Parent Family	2	14.28
Couple (no children)	3	21.42
Couple (with children)	2	14.28
Siblings	0	0
Other	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>99.98</b>

<b>WHEN REQUIRED</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Now</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>38.46</b>
1 - 2 Years	1	7.69
3 – 5 Years*	7	53.84
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>99.99</b>

Reason for need

14 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.

NEED	Number of people	%
Need larger home	3	14.28
Need smaller home	0	0
<b>Setting up own home</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>42.85</b>
Employment Reasons	0	0
Insecurity of Tenure	4	19.04
Financial Reasons	4	19.04
Health/Mobility	1	4.76
Other	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>99.97</b>

Accommodation Tenure

14 households provided details on the type of tenure they would prefer.

TENURE	Number of	%
<b>House -Rent</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>64.28</b>
House - Shared Ownership	1	7.14
House – Local Market Sale	2	14.28
Bungalow – Rent	2	14.28
Bungalow – Shared Ownership	0	0
Bungalow – Local Market Sale	0	0
Flat – Rent	0	0
Flat – Shared Ownership	0	0
Flat – Local Market Sale	0	0
Sheltered Housing - Rent	0	0
Sheltered Housing – Shared Ownership	0	0
Sheltered Housing – Local Market Sale	0	0
Very Sheltered Housing - Rent	0	0
Very Sheltered Housing – Shared Ownership	0	0
Very Sheltered Housing – Local Market Sale	0	0
Mobile Home/Caravan	0	0
Other	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>99.98</b>

### Employment Status

17 households provided details of their employment status, totalling 20 people.

<b>STATUS</b>	<b>Number of People in Need</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Employed</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>47.05</b>
Self Employed	4	23.52
Unemployed	1	5.88
Student	3	17.64
Retired	0	0
Other	1	5.88
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>99.97</b>

### Combined Household Salary

15 households in need provided details of their annual combined salary.

<b>SALARY</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
Below £10000	2	13.33
<b>£10001 - £15000</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>46.66</b>
£15001 - £20000	1	6.66
£20001 - £25000	1	6.66
£25001 - £ 30000	0	0
£30001 - £ 35000	0	0
£35001 - £40000	2	13.33
£40001 - £45000	0	0
£45001 - £50000	1	6.66
Over £50000	0	0
Currently in Full Time Education	1	6.66
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>99.96</b>

### Savings

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

AMOUNT	Number	%
<b>No savings</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>61.54</b>
Up to £5000	3	23.07
Up to £ 10000	1	7.69
Up to 15000	1	7.69
Up to £20000	0	0
More than £20000	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>99.99</b>

### Weekly Affordability

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

AMOUNT	Number	%
Under £50	3	23.07
<b>£51 - £100</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>30.76</b>
£101 - £150	1	7.69
£151- £200	3	23.07
£201 - £250	0	0
More than £250	2	15.38
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>99.97</b>

Two households identified a suitable income & savings for the need for a open market sale property.

Local Connection

13 households completed this question indicating that they have a local connection to the parish.

Ethnicity

12 households (20 people) in need completed this question indicating their ethnicity.

Local Authority Waiting List

The Gateway to Home Choice (GTHC) register indicates there are 16 households registered; of this 14 have provided a local address or specified a local connection to Walsham le Willows.

Housing Association/Registered Social Landlord

3 households completed this question.

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

Need

Out of 131 HNS returned, 4 of those (total of 7 people) households responded identifying a need wishing to return or live in the parish, and have indicated a local connection.

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| • Single Person   | 0 |
| • Single Parent Family (with or currently expecting children) | 0 |
| • Two Parent Family (with or expecting children)              | 2 |
| • Couple  | 1 |
| • Other   | 0 |
| • Total   | 3 |

Household indicated they were in need;

- Now - 2
- 1-2 years - 2
- 3-5 years - 1

3 households in total completed the 'future make-up' question (multiple choice), with all qualifying and indicating a need for rented accommodation. One household indicated shared ownership, and based on the financial information provided (salary, savings) would qualify.



## Conclusions

The Walsham le Willows Housing Needs Survey 2014 received a 21.12% return rate, with the majority of respondents in favour of a small affordable housing scheme for people with a local connection.

Out of 131 HNS returned, 11 households responded that the current household have a need totalling 17 people.

Out of 131 HNS returned, 4 of those households responded identifying a need for 7 people (with a local connection) wishing to return to or live in the Parish.

This shows a total of 15 households, 24 people in need of affordable housing in Walsham le Willows.

The Gateway to Home Choice (GTHC) register indicates there are 16 households registered, of this 14 have provided a local address or specified a local connection to Walsham le Willows.

The financial information provided would suggest that Walsham le Willows Parish Council, Local Authority & Registered Provider may want to consider including a mix in the tenure of properties (as per page 12).

Walsham le Willows Parish Council may want to consider those registered on the GTHC when deciding on the final number of units.

### 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:

- Walsham le Willows Parish Council and or small housing sub-group
- Housing Enabling Officer, Mid Suffolk District Council
- Rural Housing Enabler, Sunila Osborne, Community Action Suffolk

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

**The summary section can be used for local newsletters and press releases; but the body of the report should only be made available to other parties in consultation with the Community Action Suffolk Rural Housing Enabler team. This is to avoid complications that can arise with 'competing' open market developers.**

Sunila Osborne  
Rural Housing Enabler  
Community Action Suffolk

May 2015

General opinions

No new affordable housing

- Not sure local people are in the current affordable houses and school is full
- Wouldn't want to see an over expansion of new homes in our parish
- Walsham has already taken on more housing than locals wanted with the Elm side development. This is not a good place for affordable housing as you have to drive to work + shop + bus service is not frequent. Cost of day to day living is therefore too high for low income families.
- Not without investment in roads, public transport, broadband and employment
- The homes built for affordable housing almost always go to families from out of the area or country and not to local people. There are no guarantees and the last development did nothing for local families! Why wasn't this done then!
- I moved to the village because of its small size and country setting. I would not wish to see any further development which would spoil the feel of the village
- 40 affordable homes have been built in the last ten years which should be sufficient for a village of this size
- We do not need any more A.H. in the area. Whilst on an individual level some are ok, they often throw rubbish on to neighbours property, have blazing arguments on the street and bring very troubled lives with them. And that is just for starters. Having more people in an area does not mean things are better. They often do not have the disposable income to spend in the village amenities. There are plenty of other places to put these people. The pop out 4 kids, do not work, smoke on the school run and teach my kids to swear. PLEASE DO NOT DO THIS ANY MORE!

Homes for single people with a Local Connection

- Suitable local properties are often given to non-locals by MSDC. No vacancies available.
- Most single people might want to live in a village but they may be people with mental health issues who would appreciate living near their families
- Homes for couples (1-2 bedrooms) with a Local Connection

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

- My son will get married St Marys this summer and love to have a home here
- Only on land within the village boundaries and not on good quality agricultural land

Large family homes (4+ bedrooms) with a Local Connection

- Of greatest need in this area

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

- Must be considered was available, closed by MSDC
- All the ticks above are conditional on location
- Surely likely to be needed

Other

- Don't know without further information
- Local connections should have first refusal
- Would it be possible to provide properties suitable for disabled people within the budget for affordable housing
- We will need extra shopping facilities & doctor surgery would be good. Elderly people can't always drive
- Have not left house for 8 years. Do not know anyone in Walsham Le Willows and do not know what has been built in the village
- It will no longer be a village if there is any more building
- already had large development in Walsham over the last few years also affordable houses already exist
- More single dwelling occupancy is needed so that young do not need to move out of the village. Also there will clearly be a need for more elderly occupancy as the age of life expectancy increases and there are more elderly + those in a longer retirement
- All of the above

Suggested Sites

Listed below are some site locations in Walsham le Willows which have been extracted from the Housing Needs Survey.

- Wattisford Road on right at the end of current housing
- There is no suitable sites Walsham le Willows is a happy small community that has already been marred by Elm side Lea which has brought 50 more cars into the village. Strained school class numbers and strained our one local shop. We have no post office, except a visiting one. The people in the new developments are mainly not locals in need, but from local towns and even from London, Canada and South Africa. Any properties built for "local" people will soon get into the hands of those who are seeking to live in this 'sought after' village and soon the uniqueness of Walsham will be ruined, just as Stanton is being ruined at a fast rate.
- Plot of unused land adjacent to Broad meadow, Wattisford Rd
- The old allotments on Finningham - Plantation area
- Upper Meadow, Finningham Road
- Wattisford Road Summer Road
- Wattisford Road on the edge of village
- Wattisford Rd on the right - need tidying up could be built on
- Relocate Clarkes of Walsham outside of village then you have lots of potential building plots
- Yes something in the future
- Field at the back of elm side a development but with an independent access road
- The field on the right as you enter grove road from palmer street
- 0.5 next to broad meadow Wattisford road Walsham le willows IP31 3DE
- Shepherd grove airfield
- Extend Broad Meadow
- Upper meadow
- Upper meadow, Finningham Road
- None. Houses should not be built on the greenfield land spoiling the atmospherics of the village
- Bowling Green in the centre a village and village hall
- Any of the land / the meadows that join the back of the new elm side development to the grove road area. Can any of these meadows be used as fill ins?
- Land on right next to broad meadow - it already has infrastructure of pumping station and road
- Land adjacent to broad meadows Walsham le willows

### Empty Homes

- Shop site on Elm Drive was stood empty for 6 years
- The field just past broad meadow in Waitsfield road
- First impressions. Shop building - an eyesore in the village since we have been here (5yrs)
- Adjoining upper meadow
- Any large buildings in the parish, I think it is a great idea to divide these into smaller individual occupancy properties. For starter homes for the young. Small individual occupancy like the converted maltings. Built smaller affordable home for single/semi - dual occupancy

### Redundant Buildings in Parish

- no wind strongly support - refurbishing any redundant buildings
- Cottage on 'four ways' cash buyer only due to current fitted state
- Farm north of the village along the road that goes between shepherd grove mushrooms to Wattisfield/ This is a run down farm and apparently isn't allowed to be developed for some reason

APPENDIX C

Mid Suffolk District Council District Council - Housing Data

The Gateway to Home Choice (GTHC) register indicates there are 16 households registered; of this 14 have provided a local address or specified a local connection to Walsham le Willows.

Walsham le Willows Parish Council may want to consider those registered on the GTHC when deciding on the final number of units.

**Average current values - Walsham le Willows IP31 3**

1 Bedroom properties	£194,600	£119,200	£178,300
2 Bedroom properties	£189,200	£167,700	£195,500
3 Bedroom properties	£244,800	£205,500	£222,200
4 Bedroom properties	£349,100	£325,100	£395,300
5+ Bedroom properties	£490,000	£465,200	£678,900

**Notes**

**Source:** Mouseprice proprietary data - updated quarterly.

The data above shows average current values of property in IP31 according to the number of bedrooms.

The data is just a rough indicator of affordability in IP31 compared with the larger area and nationally.

**Price: Earning ratios**

	<b>IP31</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>National</b>
Average Current Value	£281,600	£224,000	£260,300
Average Earnings	£25,527	£19,929	£24,478
Price / Earnings	11.03x	11.24x	10.63x

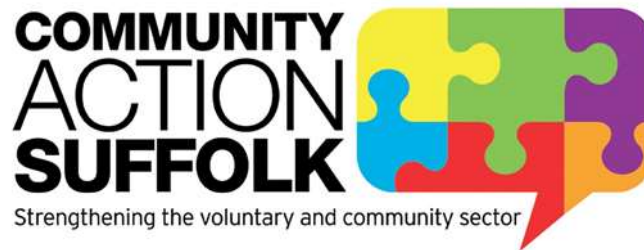
**Notes**

Price to earnings ratios are effective measures of the relative affordability of property in a given area. The data displayed above shows the average current value of property (Price), divided by the average annual household income (Earnings). The result is displayed above. For example, if the average price of property 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.

As one can imagine, there are many ways to measure average earnings and average prices. Depending on assumptions the results will be different. The most important thing when comparing the results between different areas is to ensure that the method of calculating average prices and earnings is consistent between the two areas you are comparing. Mouseprice ensure that the methodology used for each area is consistent.

**Source:** Calnea Analytics proprietary price data and earnings survey data - updated quarterly





# LOCAL HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

## Walsham le Willows

**Closing Date: 8th May 2015**



### **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.

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

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

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 Community Action Suffolk 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 Enabler**

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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 5 Miles | <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 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: Sports Club with football, cricket, tennis, bowls, darts, snooker, billiards, table tennis; History Group, WI; Allotment holders; Wild Wood Group; Parent & Toddler; Coffee shop (two mornings a week to coincide with Post Office); Bell-ringing; Craft and Knitting.
5. Does this parish have to rely on volunteer or community transport services for people needing to get to hospital and/or GP appointments?

Yes

### 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 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

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

Anticipated number of affordable homes

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

Yes

No

9. Is there a housing register for this parish?

Yes

No