

BREDFIELD HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY - SUMMARY

MARCH 2011

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Sunila Osborne, Rural Housing Enabler attended a Parish Council meeting on 21 May 2010 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 29 October 2010

A total of 160 HNS were sent to all parishioners together with a freepost envelope for the HNS to be returned to Suffolk ACRE.

From the 160 HNS delivered, 50 were returned giving a 31% return rate.

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

AGE

49 Household Responses

119 Individuals

From the 50 HNS returned, the HNS represents 119 individuals, with the greatest number of responses from those aged between 60-74 years.

OPINION

50 Household Responses

112 Multiple Choice Responses

From the HNS, 86% were in favour of an affordable housing scheme, showing an excellent overall support, with 8% of the returns indicating that they would not support affordable housing in the parish.

NEED INDICATED FROM HNS

Current household:

- 1 future household identified from the HNS, with a total of 1 single person in need of affordable housing within the next 3-5 years. The need identified was for shared ownership tenure.

People wishing to return

- No households identified from the HNS.

HOUSING REGISTER DATA

- There are currently 3 people registered on the Gateway to Homechoice Register with a local connection.

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 Bredfield.
- 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.
- Given that only one household has indicated a need for future affordable housing, and only three on the housing register, the recommendation for Bredfield would be to re visit the HNS again in 2 to 3 years time to identify if the need is greater then.

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