

## 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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