

## **Chidham and Hambrook Housing Needs Survey**

### **June 2006**

The following report is a summary of the responses provided by the parishioners of Chidham and Hambrook, situated in the Chichester District, West Sussex. The survey was carried out in June 2006 by Chidham Parish Council, with the support of Chichester District Council. This survey was conducted due to the belief that an accurate assessment of the need for affordable housing was necessary. The Parish Council agreed prior to the survey that the results would influence the extent to which development would be supported. Every household in the Parish received a copy of the survey form and returns were collected and passed to CDC for analysis.

This report outlines the main findings for the Parish of Chidham and Hambrook.

**Of a total number of 545 Questionnaires delivered, 101 forms were completed and returned. Eighteen households indicated that they would need to move from their current accommodation within 5 years, nine of which indicated that they would require affordable housing within the next five years (4 require affordable rented, 5 require shared ownership)**

**Therefore, the information in this summary, after question 2, prioritises the nine households expressing a need for affordable accommodation within the next 5 years.**

1. (Q1) 71 Households (70.3%) indicated that they would support a small development of affordable housing if there is a proven need.
2. (Q2) 18 Households indicated that there are people within their households who will need to move to alternative accommodation within the next five years. 9 of these households would require affordable housing (4 require affordable rented, 5 require shared ownership).
3. (Q3) Of the 9 households who expressed a need for affordable housing within the next 5 years, 7 have been living in the parish for more than ten years.
4. (Q4) There was an even spread of the ages of households requiring affordable accommodation within the next five years with ages ranging from 19 – 60 years of age.
5. (Q5) 5 of the 9 households need to move within the next 2 years, the other household will need to move within 2 – 5 years.
6. (Q7) The number of bedrooms required by the households needing to move within the next five years are:

**7 x 2 bedroom unit (5 Shared Ownership)**  
**2 x 3 bedroom unit**

7. (Q8) 4 households needing to move within the next five years would prefer affordable rented accommodation. The other 5 households would prefer affordable shared ownership accommodation.
8. (Q9) One of the households with a preference for shared ownership could afford a mortgage of less than £50,000. One can afford £70 – 99,999, one could afford a mortgage of £100 – 149,999 and two households could afford £150 – 199,000.
9. (Q10) One of the households with a preference for affordable rented accommodation could afford less than £50 per week, two could afford £50 – 99 per week and one could afford £100 – 149 per week.
10. (Q11) Seven of the nine households requiring affordable housing within the next five years cited a need for independent accommodation as their main reason. The two remaining households needed to be nearer employment or more secure accommodation.
11. (Q12) 4 of the households needing to move within the next five years indicated that they are already listed on the housing register. 5 of the households are not. At present, the housing register lists 20 households as being registered with a local connection to Chidham and Hambrook.

### **Summary.**

The number of returned forms indicates a return of approximately 19%. The survey reveals nine households in need of affordable housing, only four of which appear on the housing register. The report indicates that almost three quarters of respondents are supportive of a small development of affordable housing.

There are nine households identified with a need for affordable housing within the next five years, 5 of which would require shared ownership units, four of which would require affordable rented. This survey would justify the view that the need for affordable housing in Chidham and Hambrook is at least 20% higher than what is revealed by the Council's housing register. Several additional respondents seeking to obtain open market housing do not appear to have the financial means to do so and may accept an invitation to join the housing register.

There are currently 20 households on the housing register with a local connection to Chidham and Hambrook. **When the number of households on the housing register with a local connection to Chidham and Hambrook are added with the additional need identified in the survey, the total number of units required within the parish is 25.**

Identified need from Housing Register as at 2 August 2006 for the residents of Chidham and Hambrook.

(taking account of housing register applications only)

9 x 1 bed  
4 x 2 bed  
6 x 3 bed  
1 x 4 bed (Transfer)

Total Identified need from Housing Register and housing needs survey as at 2 August 2006 for the residents of Chidham and Hambrook.

(taking account of both housing register and needs survey results)

9 x 1 bed  
8 x 2 bed  
7 x 3 bed  
1 x 4 bed (Transfer)

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**25 Households in need of affordable housing**

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