

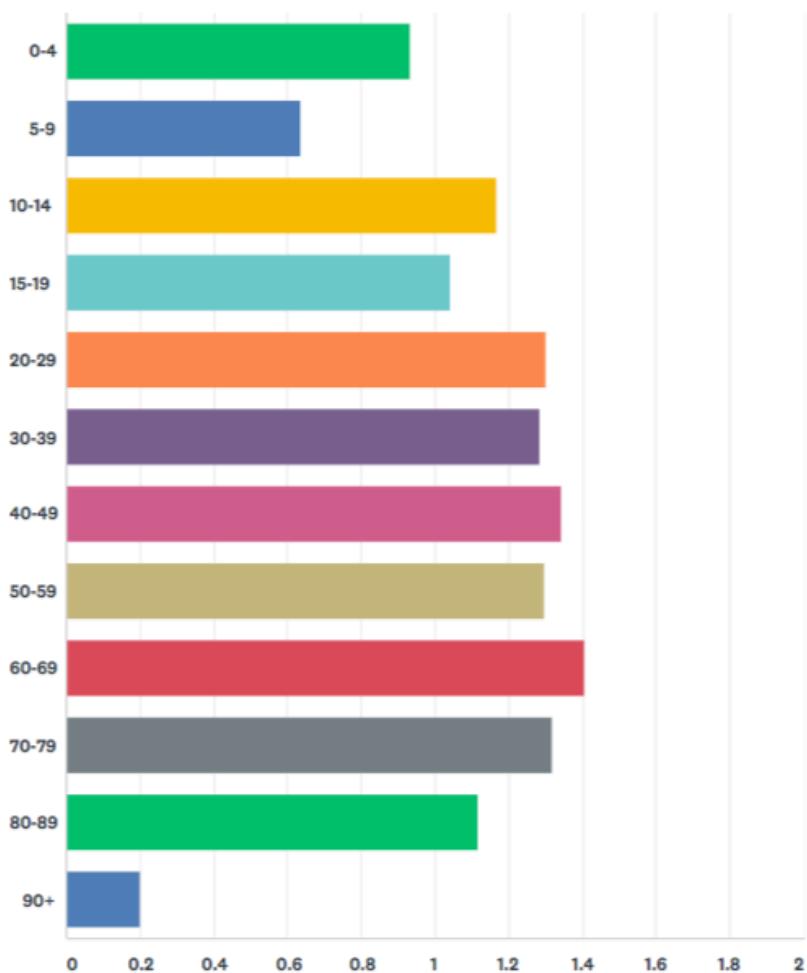
## Norton St Philip Housing Survey Report. April 2018

Norton St Philip Parish Council decided to undertake a Housing Survey at its meeting in February 2018. The Survey was carried out over a 3 week period in Feb/Mar 18. The purpose of the survey was to identify the housing needs and wishes of the village community over the next 5 years. This Survey was designed to provide evidence to support housing policies which will be set out in the forthcoming Neighbourhood Plan.

All 384 dwellings within the Norton St Philip Development limit had a hard copy of the Survey delivered by hand. The Survey was also available online; a link was emailed to the PC's address list. The link was also included on the hard copy. Responses were limited to one per household. 171 households completed the survey, an exceptionally high response rate of 44.5% of village households. The PC would like to thank all those who took part for their time and also those who left additional comments. 78 respondents wrote a comment and these important contributions are at the end of the Survey analysis (pages 21-26). Hard copy responses were copied into the online survey. The results are shown, question by question, below. Some questions have summarising comment.

### Q1 How many people are living in your home in the following age brackets?

Answered: 168 Skipped: 3

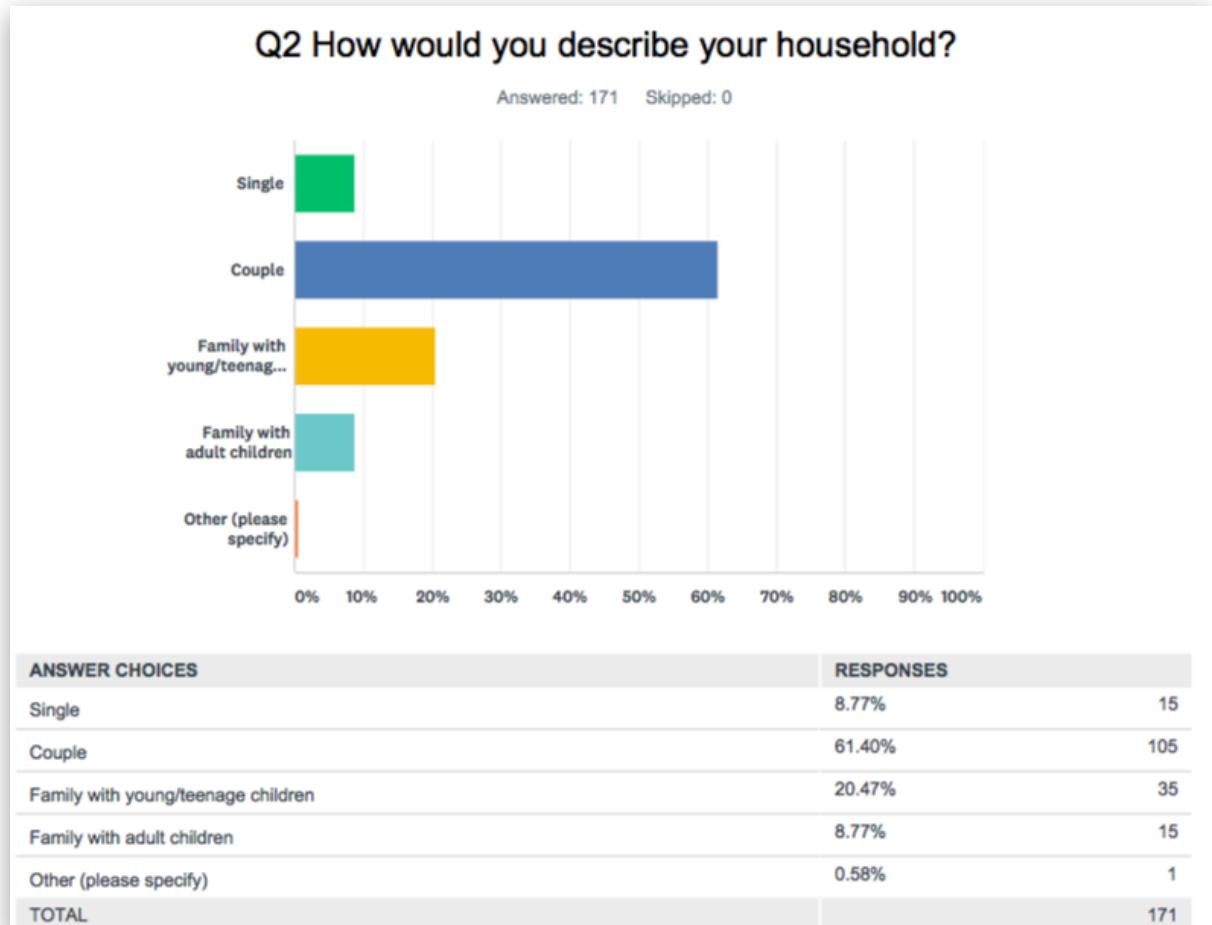


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ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
0-4	1	14	15
5-9	1	7	11
10-14	1	28	24
15-19	1	26	25
20-29	1	26	20
30-39	1	27	21
40-49	1	51	38
50-59	1	70	54
60-69	1	83	59
70-79	1	58	44
80-89	1	19	17
90+	0	1	5
Total Respondents: 168			

Age bracket	Number of residents	% of total responses	2011 census NSP	2011 Census Somerset
0-19	75	18%	0-16 20%	18%
20-39	53	13%		
40-59	121	30%	16-64 56%	61%
60-79	141	34%	65+ 24%	21%
80+	20	5%		

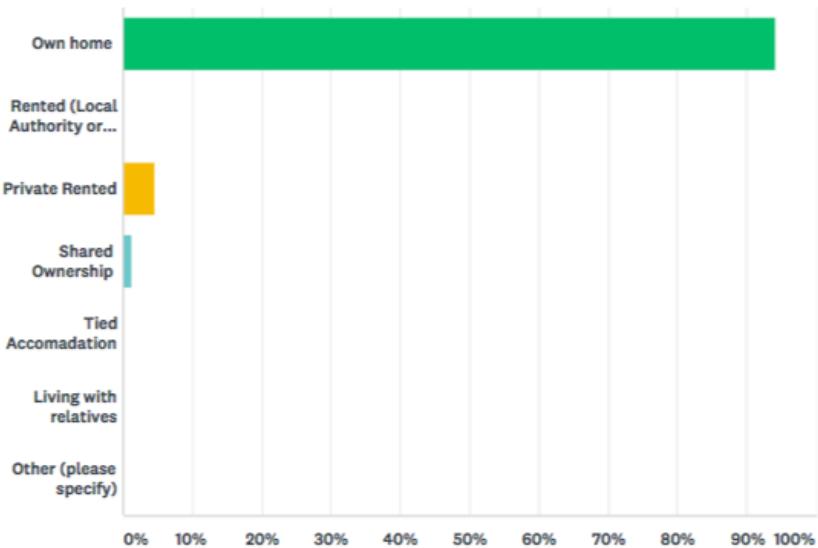
Responses received were broadly in line with the 2011 Census in both NSP and Somerset. The greatest number of responses were from those in the 60-79 age bracket and these were probably proportionately greater than the population figure taken from the 2011 Census. Different age brackets however make direct comparison difficult.



	Housing Survey	2011 Census - NSP	2011 Census - Somerset
Single Occupancy	9%	24%	30%
Couples	61%	40%	30%
Families/other	31%	36%	40%

### Q3 What is the Tenure of your dwelling?

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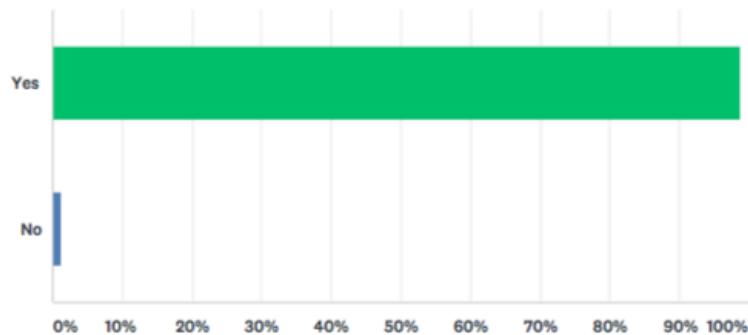


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Own home	94.12%	160
Rented (Local Authority or Housing Association)	0.00%	0
Private Rented	4.71%	8
Shared Ownership	1.18%	2
Tied Accommodation	0.00%	0
Living with relatives	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>170</b>

	Housing Survey	NSP-Census 2011	Somerset- Census 2011
Owner occupied	94%	82%	70%
Social Rented	0%	5%	13%
Private Rented	5%	10%	14%
Other	1%	3%	3%

#### Q4 Is this your main home?

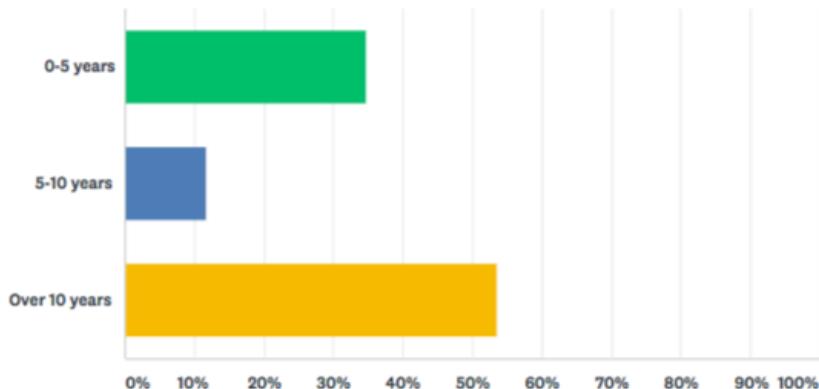
Answered: 170 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	98.82%	168
No	1.18%	2
Total Respondents: 170		

#### Q5 How long have you lived in NSP

Answered: 170 Skipped: 1

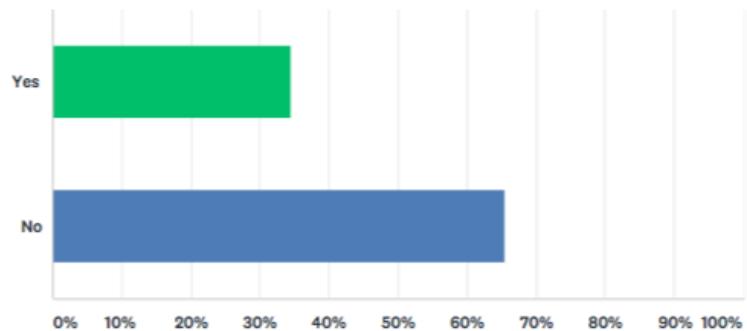


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0-5 years	34.71%	59
5-10 years	11.76%	20
Over 10 years	53.53%	91
TOTAL		170

Although over 50% of respondents have lived in the village for over 10 years, the figure for 0-5 years was 3 times greater than 5-10 years. This reflects the substantial increase in housing stock over the past 5 years.

### Q6 Does anyone in your household work from home?

Answered: 171 Skipped: 0

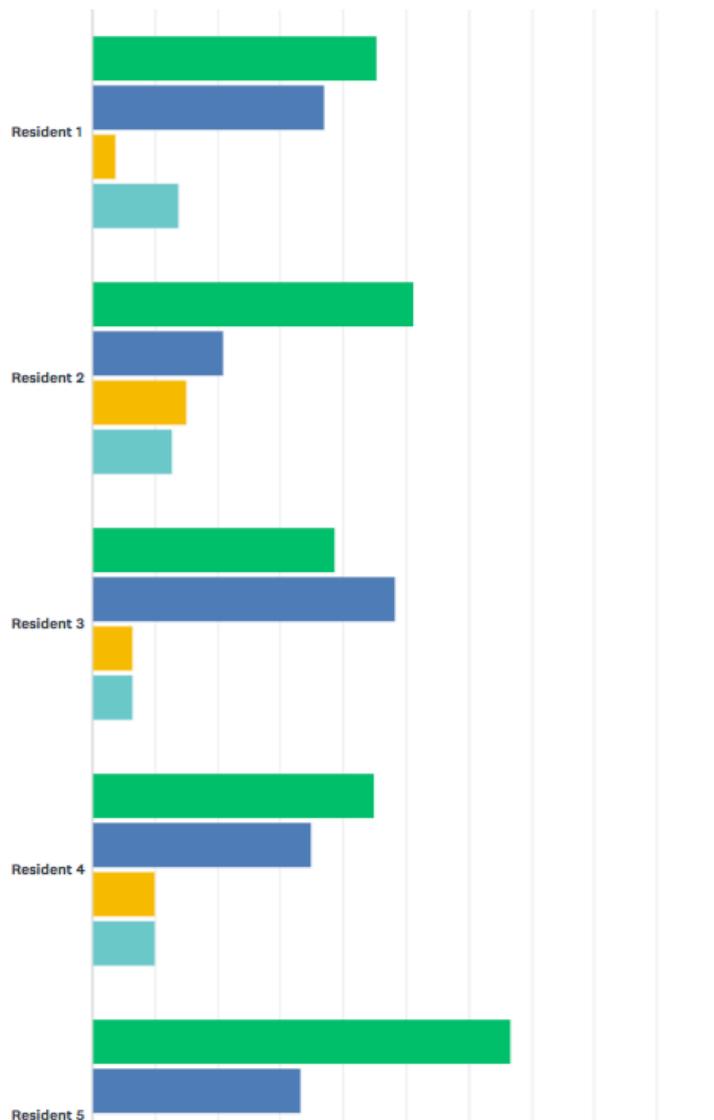


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	34.50%	59
No	65.50%	112
TOTAL		171

34% of respondent households had at least one member working from home; the total number was 72 residents. Assuming a working age population of 475 this would suggest that approximately 15% of the working age population work from home.

**Q7 How far do members of your household travel to work/education each day. (one way distance)**

Answered: 110 Skipped: 61

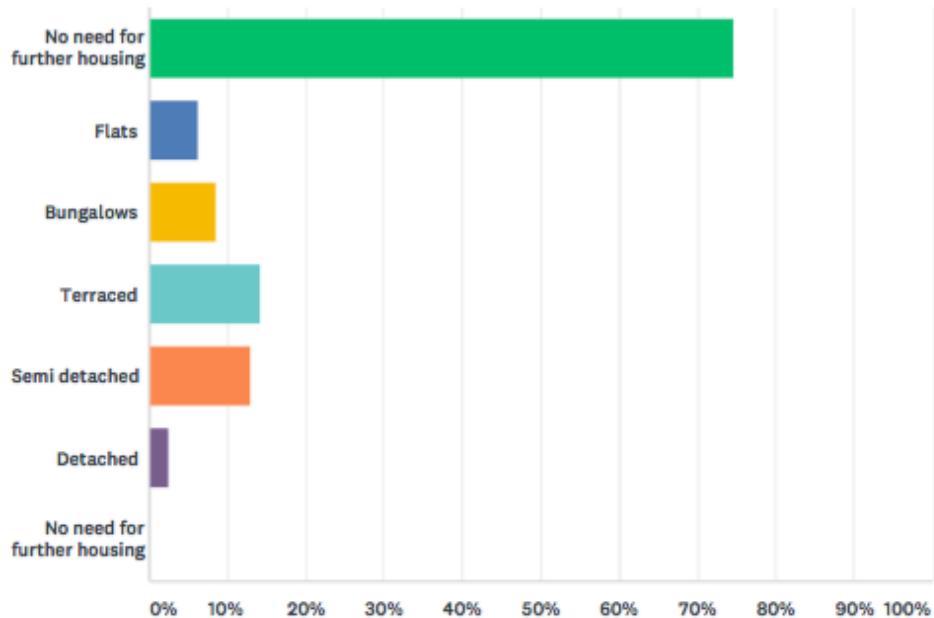


	0-5 MILES	6-10 MILES	11-20 MILES	OVER 20 MILES	TOTAL
Resident 1	45.37% 49	37.04% 40	3.70% 4	13.89% 15	108
Resident 2	51.16% 44	20.93% 18	15.12% 13	12.79% 11	86
Resident 3	38.71% 12	48.39% 15	6.45% 2	6.45% 2	31
Resident 4	45.00% 9	35.00% 7	10.00% 2	10.00% 2	20
Resident 5	66.67% 2	33.33% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	3
Resident 6	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0

Responses were received on behalf of 248 residents. 116 (47%) household members travel up to 5 miles to work/education; 81(33%) between 6-10 miles; 21(8%) between 11-20 miles and 30 (12%) over 20 miles. *NB: A number of residents who stated they worked from home also ticked the box "0-5 miles".*

**Q8 If you feel there is a need for further housing in NSP, please indicate the type(s) of housing required**

Answered: 162 Skipped: 9

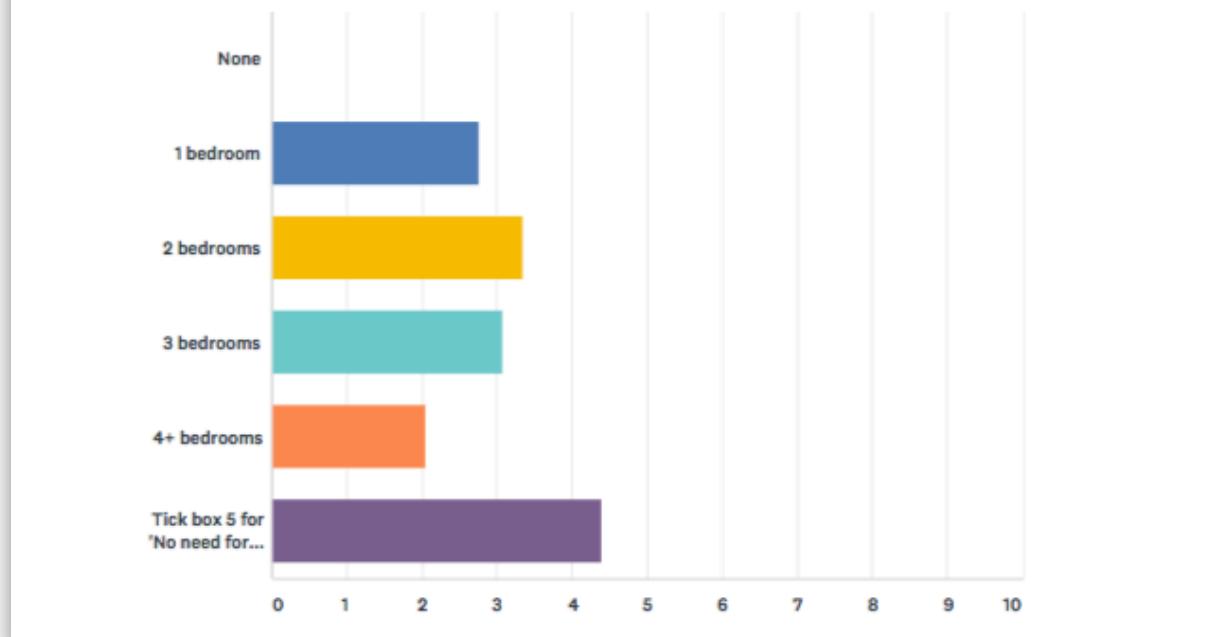


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No need for further housing	74.69%	121
Flats	6.17%	10
Bungalows	8.64%	14
Terraced	14.20%	23
Semi detached	12.96%	21
Detached	2.47%	4
No need for further housing	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 162		

The largest number of respondents (121 [75%]) considered that there is no need for any further housing. 44 respondents (27%) felt that further terraced/semi detached housing was needed.

**Q9 What style of housing do you think is most needed in NSP? (Use a scale of 0 to 5, where 5 is the greatest need and 0 the least need?)**

Answered: 155 Skipped: 16



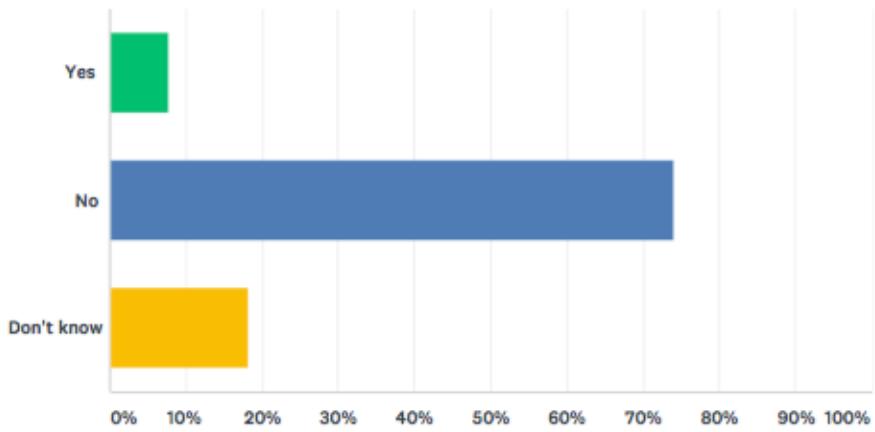
	0	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
None	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0	0.00
1 bedroom	37.50%	7.14%	3.57%	14.29%	12.50%	25.00%	56	2.77
2 bedrooms	25.40%	1.59%	9.52%	4.76%	20.63%	38.10%	63	3.35
3 bedrooms	31.67%	3.33%	8.33%	10.00%	10.00%	36.67%	60	3.08
4+ bedrooms	55.10%	8.16%	8.16%	10.20%	4.08%	14.29%	49	2.06
'Tick box 5 for 'No need for housing'	13.56%	0.85%	0.00%	1.69%	0.00%	83.90%	118	4.40

Although 121 (75%) respondents replied to Q8 that there was 'no need for further housing' in NSP, this question showed that a number of respondents felt that the current housing stock was not in line with the village's needs. The highest number of responses to 'Greatest Need' (boxes 4&5) was for "No need for housing" (99 or 51%). 21 (11%) felt there was a great need for 1 bedroom properties, 37 (19%) for 2 bedroom properties, 30(15%) for 3 bedroom properties whilst 9 (5%) felt there was a need for 4+ bedroom properties.

*NB Respondents were not limited to the number of rows they could rate. Thus some felt there was a great need for 1,2 & 3 bedroom properties. The weighted averages show the greatest 'need' was for "No need" (4.4) followed by a need for 2 bedroom properties (3.35).*

## Q10 Do you think there is a need for housing specifically for the over 55s?

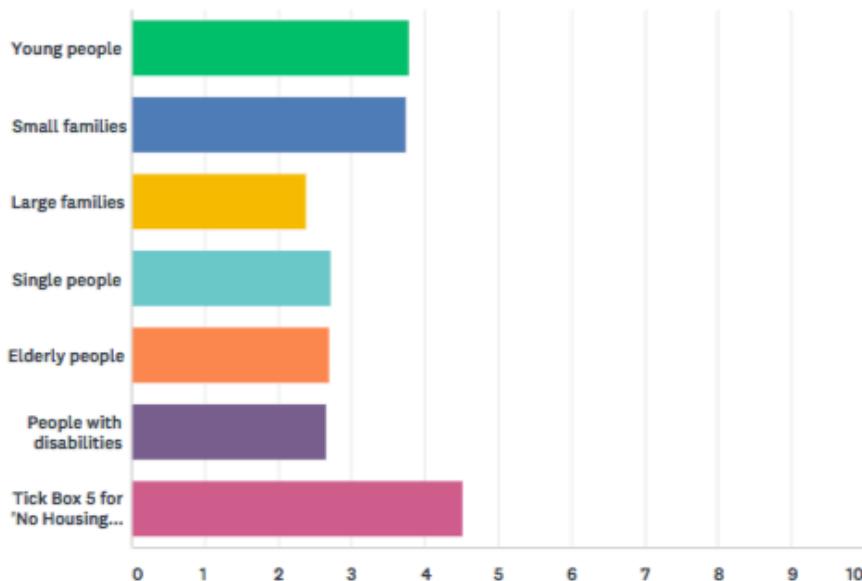
Answered: 170 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	7.65%	13
No	74.12%	126
Don't know	18.24%	31
Total Respondents: 170		

**Q11 What need for housing do you consider there is for the following groups? (Use a scale of 0 to 5, where 5 is the greatest need and 0 no need)**

Answered: 163 Skipped: 8

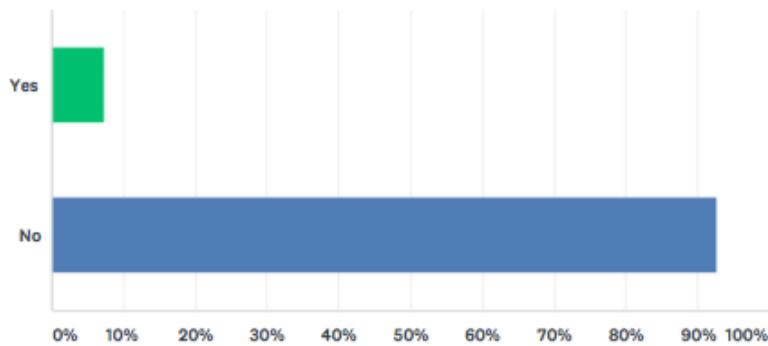


	0	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Young people	14.81% 12	7.41% 6	2.47% 2	8.64% 7	16.05% 13	50.62% 41	81	3.78
Small families	15.58% 12	2.60% 2	5.19% 4	11.69% 9	16.88% 13	48.05% 37	77	3.74
Large families	36.07% 22	13.11% 8	14.75% 9	13.11% 8	6.56% 4	16.39% 10	61	2.39
Single people	26.56% 17	9.38% 6	17.19% 11	14.06% 9	12.50% 8	20.31% 13	64	2.73
Elderly people	25.00% 16	7.81% 5	21.88% 14	15.63% 10	9.38% 6	20.31% 13	64	2.70
People with disabilities	29.03% 18	4.84% 3	20.97% 13	17.74% 11	6.45% 4	20.97% 13	62	2.65
'Tick Box 5 for 'No Housing Needs at all'	10.68% 11	0.97% 1	0.00% 0	0.97% 1	0.00% 0	87.38% 90	103	4.52

Combining the results for boxes 4&5 (greatest need) gives 34% of respondents considering that no group is need of housing. 20% of respondents thought there was a need for housing for young people; 19% thought there was a need for small families.

**Q12 Has anyone in your family moved away from the Parish in the last 5 years because of the cost of housing in the Parish?**

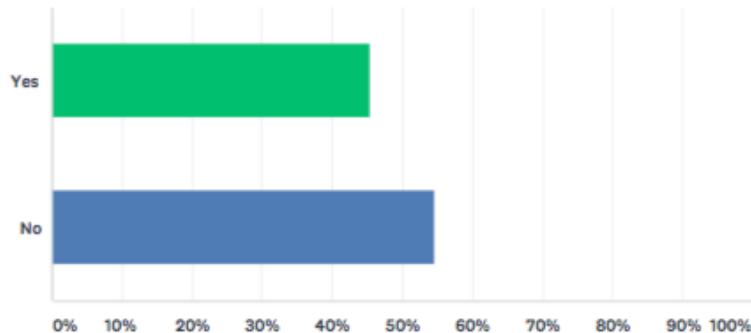
Answered: 164    Skipped: 7



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	7.32%	12
No	92.68%	152
Total Respondents: 164		

**Q13 If you have answered Yes to Q12 , would they wish to move back to the Parish if housing was available specifically for local people ( see front page for definition)?**

Answered: 22 Skipped: 149



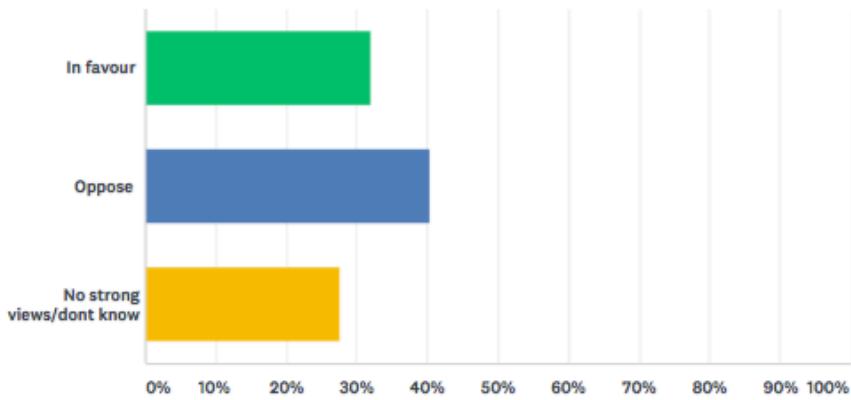
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	45.45%
No	54.55%
Total Respondents: 22	

12 respondents replied 'Yes' to Q12(Has anyone in your family moved away from the Parish in the last 5 years because of the cost of housing in the Parish?); however 22 answered the dependent question 13. This could be because the respondent has family members who have moved away for other reasons than the cost of housing in the Parish, or who moved away more than 5 years ago.

10 respondents replied that they had family members who would wish to move back to the Parish (and who would meet the criteria for 'Local People") should housing specifically for local people be available.

**Q14 Would you be in favour of new properties being built in the Parish to meet the needs of local people (see definition on title page)?**

Answered: 166 Skipped: 5

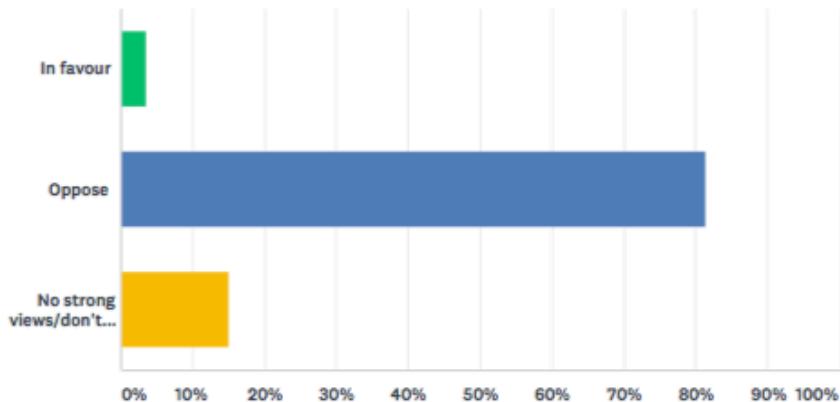


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
In favour	31.93%	53
Oppose	40.36%	67
No strong views/dont know	27.71%	46
Total Respondents: 166		

The large number of 'No strong views/Don't know' makes accurate analysis of responses difficult. 67 respondents were opposed to the idea of housing specifically for local people, 53 in favour.

**Q15 Would you be in favour of new open market housing being built in the village?**

Answered: 166    Skipped: 5

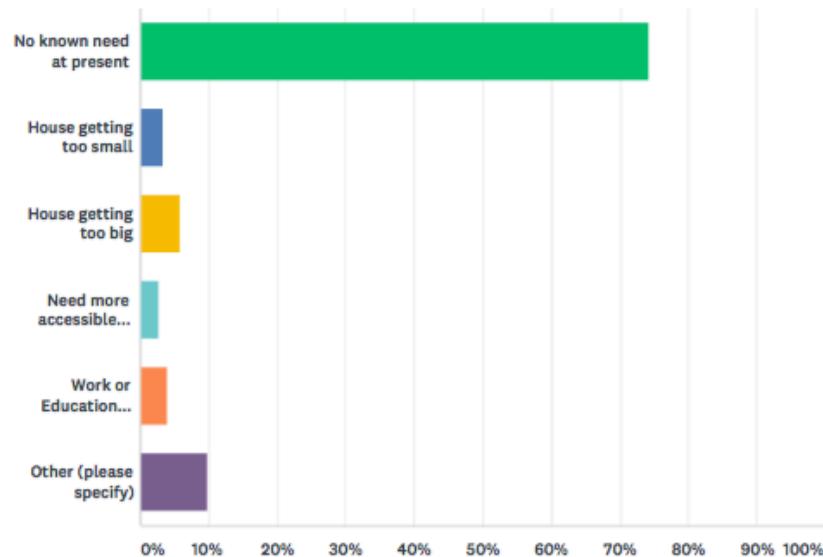


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
In favour	3.61%
Oppose	81.33%
No strong views/don't know	15.06%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>166</b>

4% of respondents (3 out of the total 166) were in favour of new open market housing. 81% (135 respondents) were opposed.

**Q16 Might your household need to move within the next 5 years, and if so for what reason? If no known need please go to Q18**

Answered: 152 Skipped: 19



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
No known need at present	74.34% 113
House getting too small	3.29% 5
House getting too big	5.92% 9
Need more accessible house	2.63% 4
Work or Education reasons	3.95% 6
Other (please specify)	9.87% 15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>152</b>

The 'other' responses given were:

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Next move would be sheltered housing or end of life!!	3/15/2018 6:02 PM
2	Leaving due to education and employment	3/15/2018 5:24 PM
3	Nearer amenities	3/15/2018 5:18 PM
4	nearer to amenities	3/12/2018 4:45 PM
5	garden too big	3/12/2018 11:35 AM
6	If we develop health problems as we age, we may need housing more appropriate to our needs.	3/8/2018 8:34 PM
7	Need to move to energy efficient low environmental impact house, conversion of current 300year old home to achieve energy efficiency not viable	3/6/2018 10:36 PM
8	If I could not drive - no public transport to Faulkland - via Bell Hill	3/6/2018 6:13 PM

9	maybe need fewer stairs	3/4/2018 3:53 PM
10	age	3/1/2018 3:13 PM
11	Stress of traffic	2/25/2018 5:36 PM
12	Only if new development detrimentally impacts our current property	2/24/2018 12:26 PM
13	End of tenancy	2/21/2018 5:10 PM
14	Garden getting too much to tend	2/20/2018 12:37 PM
15	Because we can't afford to buy in village, we rent at mo, but want to buy	2/18/2018 5:19 PM

The table below groups the box ticked together with the most relevant 'other' answer..

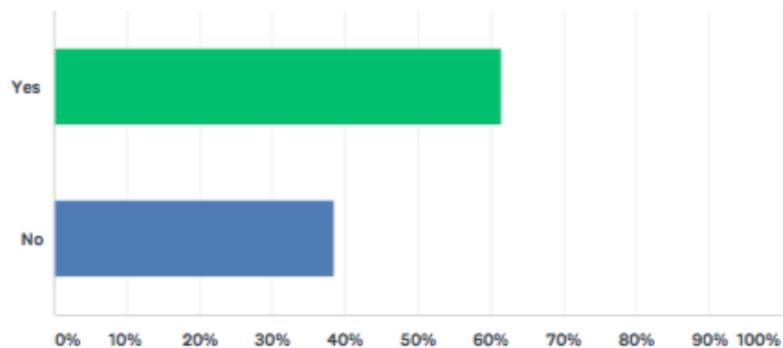
	No known need	House too small	House too big	Work or education	Accessibility	Other *
No.	113	5	11	7	11	5
%	74%	3%	7%	4%	7%	3%

The following responses did not fit the groups set out in the table:

- 1) Need to move to energy efficient low environmental impact house, conversion of 300 year old home to achieve energy efficiency not viable
- 2) Stress of traffic
- 3) Only if new development detrimentally impacts our current property
- 4) End of tenancy
- 5) Because we can't afford to buy in village, we rent at mo but want to buy

**Q17 If you might need to move, would you want to stay in the Parish if housing was available and affordable for you?**

Answered: 117 Skipped: 54

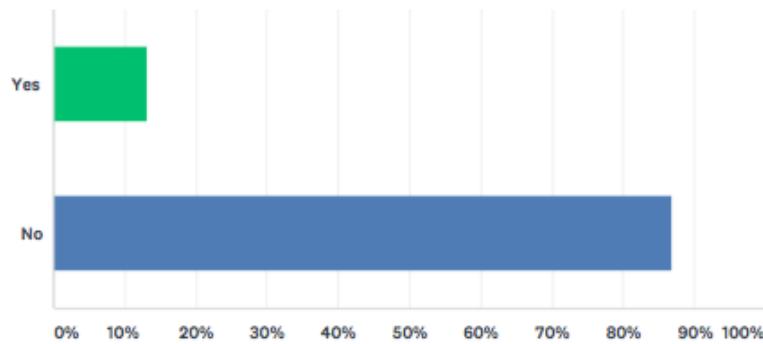


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	61.54%
No	38.46%
Total Respondents: 117	

Almost two thirds of respondents would wish to stay in the Parish should they need to move.

**Q18 Do any members of your household hope to set up home separately within the next 5 years?**

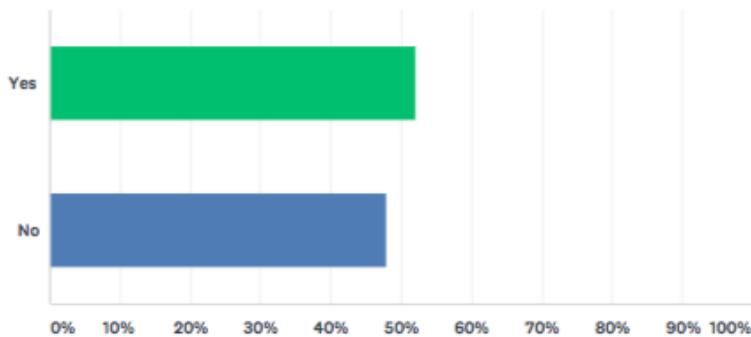
Answered: 159 Skipped: 12



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	13.21%	21
No	86.79%	138
Total Respondents: 159		

**Q19 If the answer to Q18 is Yes, would they wish to remain in the Parish?**

Answered: 25    Skipped: 146

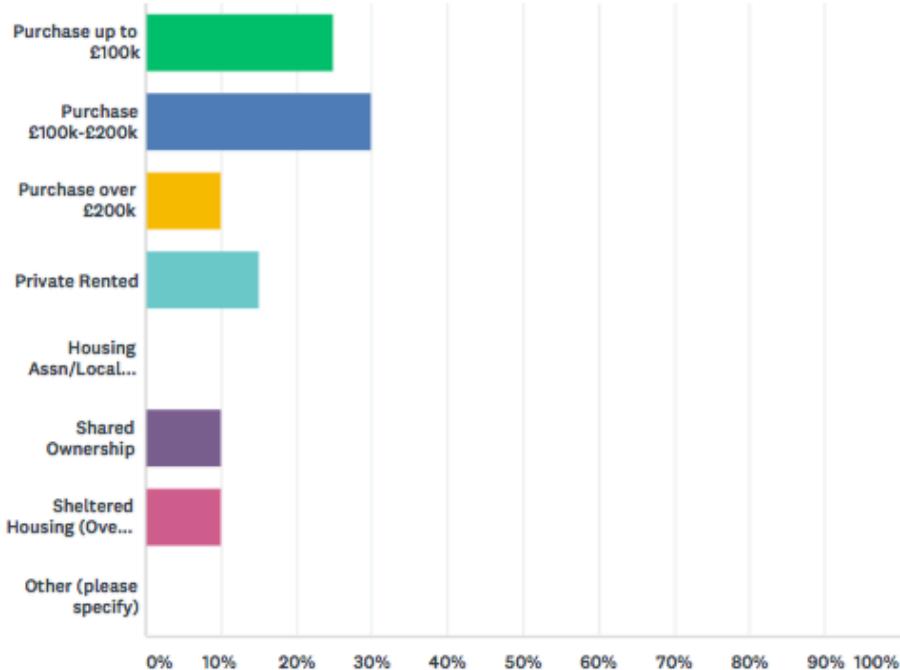


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	52.00%	13
No	48.00%	12
Total Respondents: 25		

There were 21 responses to Q18 and 25 responses to this (dependant) question. 12 respondents skipped Q 18; this may be an explanation.

**Q20 If the answer to Q18) is yes, please give the type of housing they would be seeking**

Answered: 20 Skipped: 151



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Purchase up to £100k	25.00% 5
Purchase £100k-£200k	30.00% 6
Purchase over £200k	10.00% 2
Private Rented	15.00% 3
Housing Assn/Local Authority Rented	0.00% 0
Shared Ownership	10.00% 2
Sheltered Housing (Over 55)	10.00% 2
Other (please specify)	0.00% 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20</b>

The majority of respondents with a household member wishing to set up home separately within the next 5 years would be looking to purchase. No respondents would be seeking Housing Association or Local Authority rented. 3 respondents would be looking to rent privately.

## Q21 Any other comments?

#	RESPONSES
1	Near our house is a development on a 1 acre plot of three houses sold for around £1.5 million each. Two are occupied by couples/families moving back to the UK from Dubai. The third has been bought by a couple trying to sell their present larger house in a nearby village. We do NOT need more of this sort of development in NSP
2	The main criteria in this village is adequate parking facilities for existing homes/families, better usage of existing garages for car parking, and regulation of number of road spaces available for non-rate payers/visitors who do not contribute to the loca funding. Need central/safe car park facility for multi-car families and visitors. Suggest consideration of Bloody Lane old orchard area being purchased for this purpose?
3	Re Q14: Only for local people; not people wanting to purchase a second property as a holiday home in the country.
4	In favour of some low cost housing in support of young families who may wish to stay or move into the village,
5	Whilst I understand there is a national need for more housing I think NSP has now done enough to increase the housing stock significantly. There are brownfield sites in towns like Trowbridge where there is more employment. Building more housing in NSP will only increase the amount of commuters and put more traffic on the roads
6	Urgent action needs to be taken to address the cost of property within 'sought-after' rural villages to ensure that the very least a balanced community exists within our villages, and persons living within the village have income to spend in businesses that exist in these villages. A huge division exists within society which, in part, is being fuelled by property prices and the burden of large mortgages. Affordable houses should be just that NOT 3 bed semis and 2 bed mid terrace for close to half a million £. House price increases year-on-year must be restricted to truly echoing inflation or the average pay rise; if decisive action like this is not taken now our children will come home to roost and we will have economic disaster waiting for us in no more than 15 to 20 years time
7	In regards to new housing we personally feel it is important how they look. Also affordable places for younger people (under 40s)
8	Parking provision for residents & visitors to the village is needed
9	Older daughter will be going to University within next 5 years
10	How about a Community Land Trust for NSP?
11	All housing should have adequate parking for 2 cars to minimise the parking on public roads
12	I am a Bath'onian and I'm not able to live in the city I was born in. NSP was the closest I could afford. However all my money is in my house so I'll either have to move away to a cheaper area like Wells or look at equity release to have more available funds to be able to afford my pensionable lifestyle. I cannot afford to buy a bungalow in the village or any of the over 55 properties so would have to move. Also the pavements are not safe for mobility vehicle users (when my arthritis prevents me from getting around in a few years time). For now it's a wonderful village to living but it does tend to cater for the affluent. There will come a time when this village becomes too large to be a cohesive community - if it hasn't reached that stage already
13	Although I am not particularly in favour of more houses in the village, I would not be opposed to the idea of smaller and importantly,affordable houses being built for young families or over 55s
14	The village doesn't have the infrastructure for more houses in reality.

15	No one wants the village to grow into a huge suburban housing estate with inadequate roads, drainage and other services. We do not want to alter the friendly caring character of the village. Ideally we would like residents who take part in the life of the village rather than people who have properties for holiday lettings. Could grants be offered to renovate old houses? It would be ideal to have a bypass as was mooted and rejected in the 1970s. The traffic through the village is a real problem and will be increased by more housing. Space should be created for a village carpark. Parking is a real problem. Parking on Bell Hill should be forbidden or limited. Single line traffic on a main road is dangerous.
16	No need whatever for further housing if we are to preserve the character of Norton St Philip
17	I think NSP already has a good mix of different types of houses and therefore there is not a need. The village has had enough new development in recent years. Please- no more!
18	We Like NSP very much and hope never to move. We also think it is full up from a housing point of view
19	We do not trust developers to build 'affordable' houses. There were supposed to be 'affordable' houses for local people at Fortescue Fields but it never happened. LOCAL people are those who were born in the parish; the ones who should have a right to live near their families and friends & not be forced to move away or have to pay high rents to people (who have no connection to Somerset and often live 100 miles away) who ended up buying what was supposed to be those affordable houses. In a nutshell NO MORE HOUSES IN NSP. The skyline has been ruined by ugly houses the developers of which never had the needs of local people, only how much money they could make.
20	1) Too many holiday homes in village 2) newbuilds often vacated as people have other homes 3) there are huge white elephant buildings sold but not lived in 4) wealthy newcomers not particularly integrated into the village 5) existing population can feel sidelined as newcomers push for their own ends 6) planning needs tightening up - a few eyesores in this beautiful landscape -newbuilds too tall; plastic white conservatories attached to ancient houses ugh
21	We believe Norton Saint Philip has enough new houses and if we allow any more development it will change the very essence of our beautiful village. We appreciate that everyone deserves a home but we are a small village and we must make a stand and say when enough is enough
22	I am not in favour of more house building on the open market as this means 'executive' type five bedroom properties for the wealthy. However I would like to see a small development of affordable* houses to enable young people to get a foot on the ladder and avoid paying extortionate rents which is their only alternative at present. This includes young families. Large properties occupied by only two people is not going to help the housing problem and if we don't help our young people to stay in the village it will no longer thrive and will just become a dormitory commuter run. * Maybe something like "The Brambles" at Hinton Charterhouse
23	Housing not needed. However a car park for those living in High St, North St, Bell Hill and Church St (and their visitors) is badly needed
24	Our only thoughts are that any new homes are built for existing families to stay in the locality. That includes the young setting up by themselves or families starting up. Also there is the need for the elderly to downsize to more affordable accommodation and staying close to friends and family. We are strongly opposed to any new large building plans as the local infrastructure is not adequate
25	Richard and I do not feel able to answer questions 8 to 20 due to a lack of sufficient knowledge and expertise about the need for further housing in NSP. We are certainly not opposed to new properties being built in the parish although we do have strong views about areas where we would not want houses built like Shepherd's Mead and in the field behind the garage. Our family are living in London currently. All three of our eldest children have found work there and our youngest child is just about to go to university. I hope this is helpful
26	All developments should be time phased. All developments granted need to have a 'must complete by date'. Longmead development has been going on for years and years. It should have been finished, road completed and closed off. Future developments not completed will have a financial penalty attached. If planning is granted you have 'X' amount of time to complete the works

27	Any increase in housing needs sustainable public transport. No wish to have a narrow streets of lanes clogged up by more cars. No new housing should be built which is not every energy-efficient e.g. compulsory solar panels if any new houses are to be built they should be truly affordable for young families who do not have a high income. It would be good for NSP to contribute more affordable housing in the real meaning of the word. This needs to be aimed at young families with children, not the children of the wealthy. We don't think there is particular need for housing for over 55s as there are a lot of over 55's in the village already.
28	We feel that NSP has had its share of new homes
29	Limited well designed housing including affordable welcome
30	Before any new housing added, need to sort out traffic, need footpaths around the village(eg Farleigh Rd). Also need parking; too many cars parked on the streets-makes pedestrians & cyclists vulnerable as poor visibility
31	I don't really agree that housing in the village should focus on any one particular age group. Emphasis should be on ensuring housing for varying needs thus building a diverse community
32	Norton Saint Philip will lose its character as more out of keeping developments on a large scale are built around it. This will intern start to erode the quality of life in the village through transforming it into a significant 'dormitory' for Bath / Bristol. The rush to put new houses up at completely unaffordable prices ('executive' or 'country houses') has in effect priced people out of the village. NSP, on the edge of B&NES and the green belt plus on the boundaries of Somerset and Wilts is seen as an easy target to serve the needs of homes in Bath - which has been overfilled by student homes where family homes could have been built
33	There is no need for further housing being built. But some existing buildings could be adapted to provide flats for young people. Green spaces should be kept intact for the future.
34	Recent housing development in an SP appears to be mostly larger and more expensive properties. We feel any future development should only be a mix of smaller low-cost or affordable housing for people with local connections
35	Need for more affordable housing for local young people who would like to stay in the parish, and a focus on environmentally sustainability for all new housing. There is a clear need to make use of empty/unused properties and sites, not just build new homes.
36	Need for social housing and/or low cost starter homes for local people, including young, elderly and disabled. No more (expensive) "market" homes. We must help those who need help, not the housing developers who are only interested in their profit and then disappear!
37	There is little accomodation available for the elderly/disabled in the village.
38	The village has already been significantly over developed with a monstrosity of a development supposedly to blend in with the village which failed miserably. The properties that were built specifically for the over 55's attracted little interest with the result that the developer then applied to sell the properties on the open market.
39	There is no where to park as a visitor or resident in the main part of the village - severe and intractable traffic problems on High Street, Bell Hill and Farleigh Road
40	We think it's important to consider the need for housing in rural areas, especially conversions and replacement dwellings where there are examples of redundant/out of use buildings. We would want the neighbourhood plan to put low carbon footprint and low environmental impact housing centre stage. It's vital that any new development achieves the highest environmental/low carbon credentials. Investment in large scale low energy housing should also come with commitments to improve low energy travel to/from the village eg bike path to join with the Two Tunnels into Bath and continued 267 bus service. We often travel to work by train, and carbon neutral options for travelling from Norton St Philip to Bath station would be brilliant. Currently, cycling along the Bath Road B3110 is scary but important to reduce carbon footprint. The survey has come with very little information about populations trends. How are demographics factored in? We have an increasing older population, and increasing proportion of over 75s with care needs. Accommodation will be needed that meets the needs of elders. We are experiencing an increasing trend of working from home, and whilst we have the opportunity to do this occasionally currently we can predict we will do more so in future years. It would be good to see the Neighbourhood Plan support this, including broad band capabilities.

41	We have a son renting in the village who finds it difficult to buy a suitable house...no choice compared with expensive 'Market houses' being built. Younger, poorer people needed here to fill the school instead of using 'outside' schooling.
42	There is no need for more housing in Norton st Philip as not all the current housing is filled. There is no demand for housing therefore it shouldn't be built on the beautiful countryside.
43	The high street not capable of taking more traffic without threatening the listed building on either side
44	I have lived in the village for over 14 year's and worked here for 23 year's and feel more houses would safeguard my employment in the village
45	The housing that has already been built in recent years has been built to supposedly satisfy all levels/age of buyer. Further building destroys the character of the village and tends to line builders pockets rather than support the community. There are not enough services to support further development.
46	We feel there has already been a lot of new housing developed in the village in the last few years and don't feel there should be further housing added. We feel the character of the village will be degraded and pressure on roads/parking will increase to the detriment of existing residents
47	I came here because I wanted to live in a small village. If I had wanted to live in a town I would have stayed in Bath!!!! NO MORE DEVELOPMENT PLEASE
48	Any housing should be infill only
49	The only need in this community is for social (i.e. rented or genuinely affordable) housing. Any more executive housing (e.g. 4/5 bed, 2 garage) will destroy the village turning it into a middle-class dormitory
50	Village reception for high-speed Internet is already at full capacity, we have been informed by BT. The result is our Internet is appallingly slow. Were any more building to be done the infrastructure e.g. Internet would not meet the demand. Traffic through the village is high especially at rush-hour. Any future building would need to include ways to cope with the increase in traffic. The village streets were not built or intended for such high levels.
51	Any future developments must be targeted to satisfy the needs of 'local people' as identified by this survey. Strongly opposed to any further open market developments.
52	As you mentioned on the front sheet you have exceeded the required amount of new housing in Mendips local plan and it shows! I returned to the Frome area in May 17 after being away to Devon for 14 years. I was and still am amazed how the whole area has grown in new housing during those years. I eventually chose to buy in NSP as it's just about holding onto its old historic image. But it's now a very busy village and traffic going through the village is much higher than when I remember. That said the new co-op shop and the housing development on the old chicken factory is a definite plus for the village. My only observation is to fight hard for what NSP has got left and not carry out any more housing development
53	We need to be aware that NSP as an historical village is in great danger of becoming a new town.
54	Need more youth in the village. I would not want to see precious green belt/agricultural land built on.
55	The infrastructure of this village and the surroundings cannot cope with more development. The roads are congested, dangerous and not built for yet more household traffic. The school, GP Surgery (Beckington & Frome) are not funded enough for a higher population. Green belt land has gone for building-not what this area needs. So many houses remain empty!
56	Housing targets have been met and in our opinion the only houses, if any should be built for local people and in the 1,2 maximum 3 bed categories. For couples and smaller families. No more executive houses over 3 bedroom. The village needs to attract families.
57	As it is evident that the village has significantly exceeded its required quota for new development, we are in agreement that there should not be any development outside the Development Limit defined within the Local Plan Part 2.
58	we need starter homes - buy/rent and social housing to preserve the diversity of the village
59	Despite the amount of new build homes in the village our young and single still cannot afford to rent or buy properties here. Perhaps the catholic church would serve us better if converted to flats.

60	NSP is a village and those living here should not only remember but also enjoy that fact. It is larger than our previous village and comes with good facilities - a shop and good bus service being positive extras that we did not have previously. However, if it grows further - for what ever reason - then there may well be calls for additional facilities and this will result in NSP becoming a small town. Village life has changed, and will continue to. There are very limited job opportunities within the village and so for the young commuting will be required and that adds pressure with traffic etc.
61	Sorry for the vagueness, but we have only been here 20 days, so no justifiable opinions yet to some of the questions.
62	As a result of recent and current development there is at present a balance in the village between older and new housing. The former give the village its unique and historic character, which would be irreparably prejudiced by further housing development
63	None.
64	Any need for new housing for people of working age must surely depend upon predictions of local labour market as we don't want to encourage more long distance commuting. Where are these forecasts and how reliable are they? Even if local labour market supports more local housing we need to know how many sites for which planning approval has already been given are stuck in developers' land banks. These sites and other brownfield land should be developed first.
65	The village has a high proportion of elderly people yet there is currently no 'sheltered' housing available. If the village is to retain the important facilities such as pubs, shop/post office, church and school; it needs housing which is affordable for young people and young families.
66	Too many expensive houses have been built and not enough affordable housing. Much of the Parish seems to be holiday rentals or second homes so lost sense of community.
67	I have lived to short a time in NSP to answer some questions. There does seem to be a need for some more affordable housing for the young. The village should have a mixed community of all ages and needs to be of a size to support and maintain the shop.
68	The survey is missing one important point in that it is mainly focused on the needs of existing residents. A thing which is not growing inevitably declines, N-S-P is not a Laycock or Castle Combe. to thrive it needs to gently grow with the infusion of young families starting careers I have seen the population change over a period of 40 + years there is no housing at reasonable prices for young professionals / managers or successful trades people as there used to be,. If the village does not embrace the future the only need we will have is for undertakers. Many of the residents need to be reminded that if the passed residents had adopted the Norton -St-Full up attitude they would not be living here now much of the housing was green fields when I moved here onto a green field development so I only reside here because development was permitted.
69	We are already over capacity as a village... in terms of housing compared to the infrastructure and amenities. Any additional housing would damage the beauty of the village, harm the culture and characteristics of the village and community, and cause additional strain on our already stretched highways.
70	I would be in favour of any new low cost housing or housing association rental property in the village.
71	The tranquility and beautiful green spaces was the main reason we bought our property. It would be such a pity to jam extra houses and people into such a beautiful village.
72	We have had 3 large developments recently and have exceeded Mendips housing plan already, making the village 'overlarge'.
73	I ticked the wrong box earlier and couldn't go back. I wouldn't be opposed to more housing on the above requirements.
74	Village needs to expand in line with Government policy at the moment It's over run with nimbies and geriatrics with far to much inherited wealth Battle cry I've got a nice house your not moving in near me
75	NSP is lovely and we have family in the village, but we might have to move away because of the silly property prices (equivalent to London!). There's a definite lack of affordable housing here. It makes me quite sad.
76	The 8-18 year olds currently living in the village do not have enough recreational facilities and we believe that this should be addressed.

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| 77 | The village does not need any additional housing at this time.   |
| 78 | NSP has massively over provided in the past. There needs to be a period of adjustment to this with any further development being of small scale 'infill' type. |

**Appendix**

**Covering note as distributed with Housing Survey**

**Norton St Philip Parish Council Housing Needs Survey February 2018**

**In November 2017 the PC resolved to start work on preparing a Neighbourhood Plan(NP) if there was enough support. Once adopted, a NP sets Policies by which any development in the village would be assessed. Unlike a Parish Plan it becomes a legal planning document.**

**In December 2017 the PC held a Public Meeting at which the proposal to embark on a NP was discussed. 50 people attended and a show of hands resulted in unanimous support.**

**A NP can only succeed if it can demonstrate that there has been wide consultation with the community. The first stage of consultation is this Housing Needs Survey. We hope that this will give an indication of how much demand for housing there is likely to be in the village over the period of the plan, and what households may need to move.**

**Norton St Philip (NSP) has of course exceeded its allocation of housing set in Mendip's Local Plan Pt 1 (2006-2029) by over 100% and no further development is currently envisaged by either the PC or District Council. It is quite possible however that National Policy will change in the near future and the PC wish to be prepared for such an eventuality as well as having a sound understanding of the demand for housing within the village. In order to do this we need to get the views of as many people as possible**

**Please complete this Survey online if possible at XXXXXXX or return in the envelope provided to the collection boxes located at the Co-Op and in the Parish Church Porch**

**Thank you NSP PC**

**Note : When reference is made to "Local People" this includes those who are in one or more of the following:**

- 1) Grew up in the Parish**
- 2) Currently live in the Parish**
- 3) Currently employed in the Parish**
- 4) Have close family living in the Parish**