

Summary of feedback from Worksop Future Development Questionnaires

Overall

The questionnaires were available to complete on the Council's website, Council offices in Worksop, Worksop market (16th March 2011) and at the consultation event held at Worksop library on 23rd February 2011. 15 completed questionnaires were received.

1. Open Market Housing

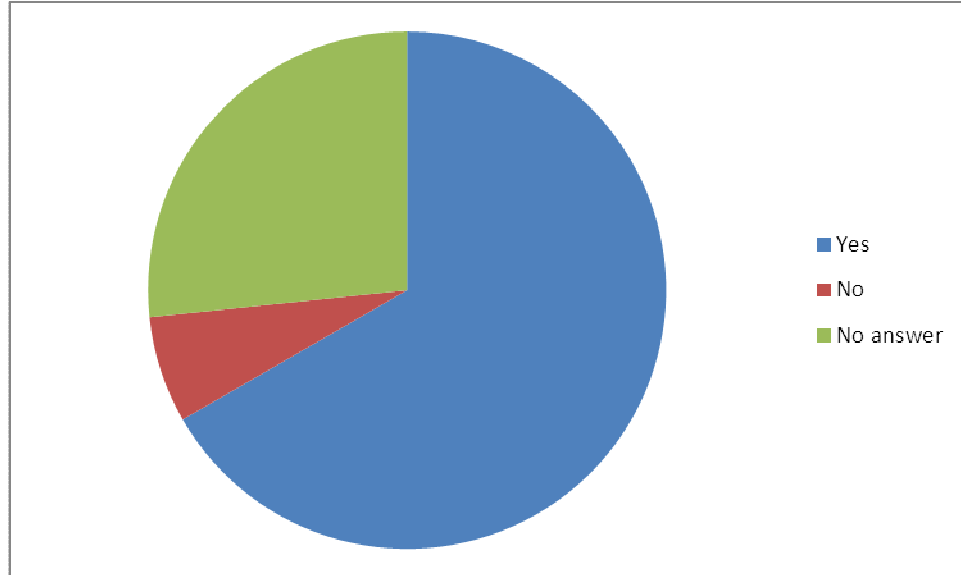
Respondents were asked to mark down which type of housing they believed the village needed in the future. The answer was multiple choice and people were not limited to only providing one answer. The results are shown below:

Answer	1 bedroom	2 bedrooms	3 bedrooms	4 bedrooms	5 bedrooms	Total
Detached		1	3	2		6
Semi detached		2	7	1		10
Bungalow	1	4	2			7
Terraced	1	2	2	1		6
Flats	3	2				5
Total	5	11	14	4	0	34

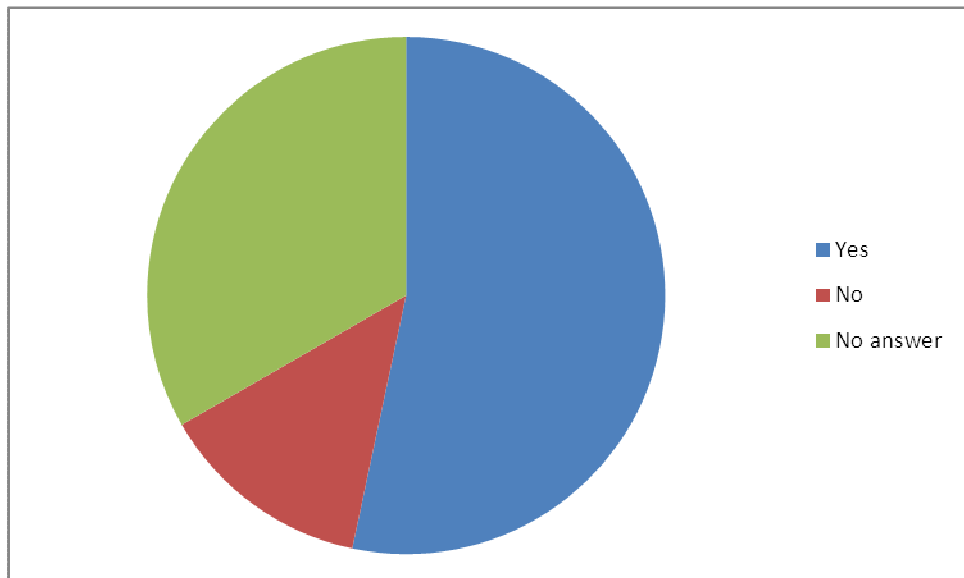
The results show there is a need for a mixture of housing in the area. Although residents favoured **2- 3 bed properties**. **Flats** were the least popular option with 24% of respondents favouring them.

2. Affordable Housing

Respondents were asked to give a 'yes' or 'no' answer on whether there is a need for affordable housing in the area. The responses were as follows:



Respondents were also asked if they knew of anyone who would need affordable housing. The results are as follows:



Respondents were then asked to mark down which type of *affordable* housing they believed the village needed in the future. The answer was multiple choice and people were not limited to only providing one answer. The results are shown below:

Answer	1 bedroom	2 bedrooms	3 bedrooms	4 bedrooms	5 bedrooms	Total
Detached		1	1	1		3
Semi detached		4	5	1		10
Bungalow	2		1			3
Terraced		1	3	1		5
Flats	1	1				2
Total	3	7	10	3		23

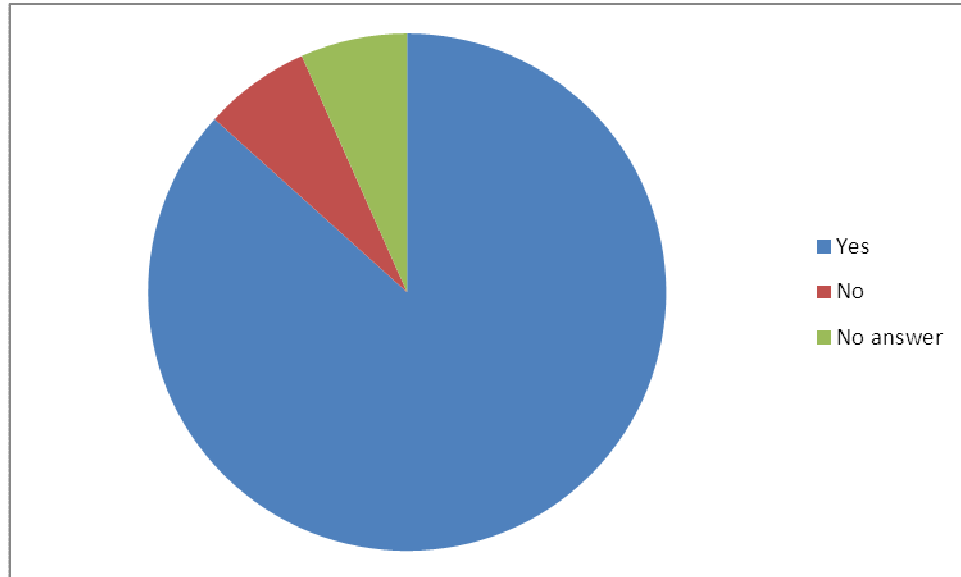
Respondents were asked if they believed there should be any specialist types of housing required in the village. The answers are as follows:

Answer	Number of respondents	% of respondents ¹
Old Persons Sheltered Accommodation	9	56.2%
Old Persons Residential Homes	4	25%
Bungalows	2	12.5%
Sheltered accommodation for adults below OAP age	1	6.3%
Total	16	100%

¹ This is the percentage of people who responded to the question in relation to those who returned the questionnaire (90 returned) and not in relation to those who responded to this question.

3. Location of new development

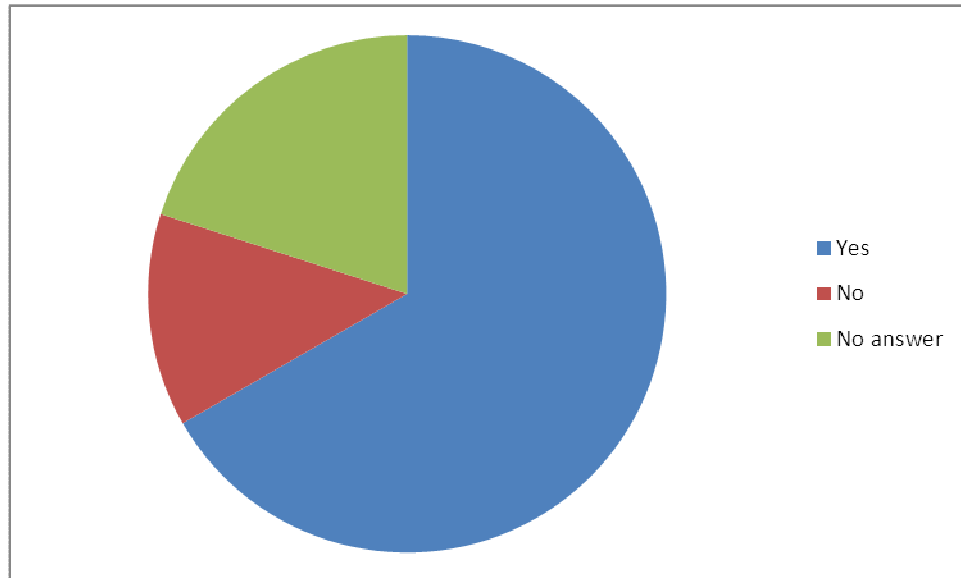
Respondents were asked whether the Council should prioritise brownfield land for new development. The responses were as follows:



Respondents were asked what scale of future housing developments would be most appropriate and were given four options. Respondents were able to give multiple answers and the results are shown below:

Answer	Number of responses	% of responses
Small extensions	6	31.5%
Medium extensions	2	10.5%
Large extensions	2	10.5%
Redeveloping existing sites	9	47.3%
Total responses	19	100%

Respondents were then asked if there were specific sites that they would like to see redeveloped. The answers are shown below:



The opportunity was then given to provide details of any specific sites that should be considered for development. These included:

- Land at prospect shops,
- Land at Sainsbury's,
- Land behind Horseshoe - Plantation Hill
- Vesuvius Sandy Lane
- Manton from Lincoln Street eastwards
- Land near Worksop Town PC
- Brownfield sites
- Old Seafield site off Kilton Road
- Ryton Park school site
- Ex hosiery works on Retford Road.
- The pumping station site on High Hoe Road.

4. Employment opportunities

Residents were asked where new employment development should go and were given three options. Respondents were able to give multiple answers and the results are shown below:

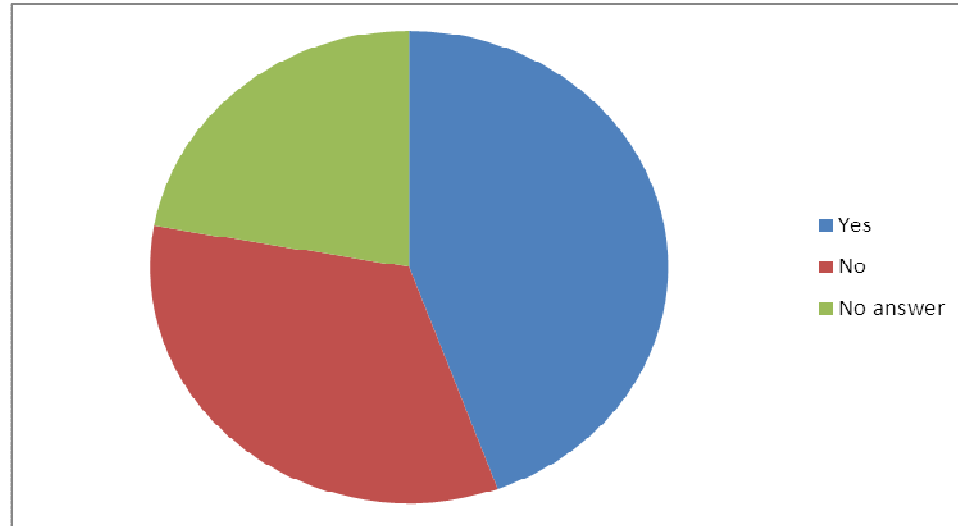
Answer	Number of responses	% of responses
Redeveloping existing sites	10	62.5%
New sites on the edge of Worksop on A57	4	25.0%
New sites within the urban area	2	12.5%
Total responses	16	100%

There was then the opportunity for respondents to explain what type of employment opportunities would be required within the town. The responses included:

Answer	Number of respondents	% of respondents
Manufacturing	6	35.2%
Warehousing and distribution	4	23.5%
Offices	3	17.6%
Any	2	11.7%
High tech opportunities	1	5.8%
All types of employment	1	5.8%
Total responses	17	100%

5. Neighbourhood areas

Respondents were then asked if they agree with the neighbourhoods identified on the accompanying map. The answers are shown below:



There was then the opportunity to re-draw the boundaries on the map.

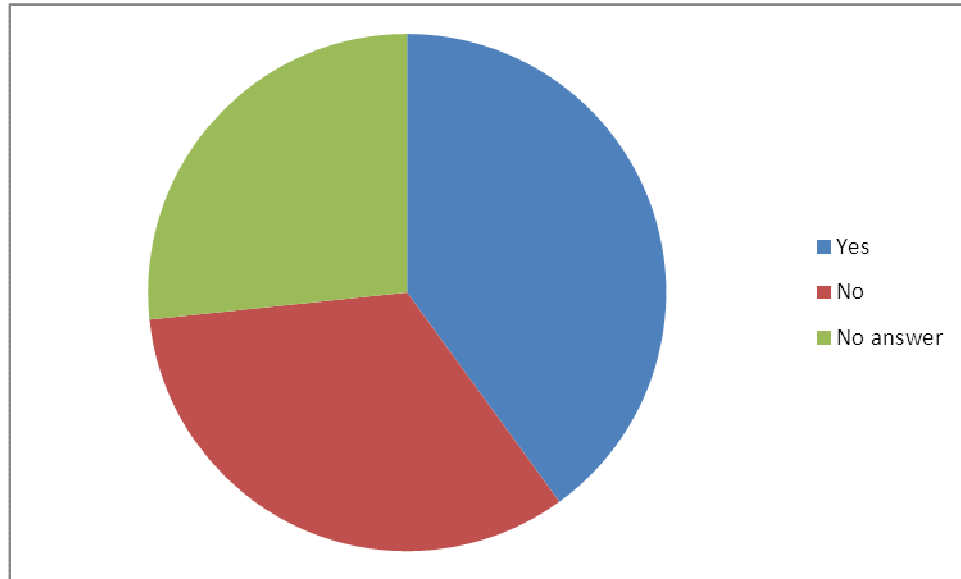
6. Community facilities

Respondents were asked to comment on whether there were any additional community facilities they like to see in the village. The results were as follows:

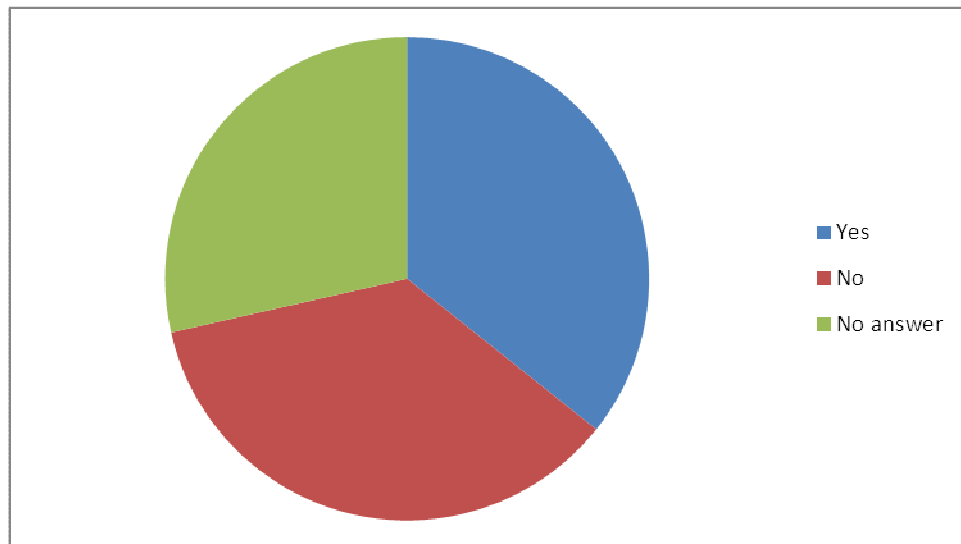
Answer	Number of respondents	% of respondents
Doctors surgery	2	20%
Sports pitch	1	10%
Play area	3	30%
Other		
- Public toilets	1	10%
- Community centre	1	10%
- Worksop Football Club ground	1	10%
- Education/training facilities	1	10%
Total number of respondents who answered this question	10	100%

7. Renewable Energy

Respondents were asked whether they believed there to be a need for the development of localised renewable/low carbon energy facilities. The results were as follows:



Respondents were asked whether there was a need for large-scale renewable/low carbon energy facilities within their area of the District. The results were as follows:



A further respondent stated that they did not support wind turbines, but they did support photovoltaic cells.

8. Local Distinctiveness

This question was aimed at finding out what local characteristics residents felt were special and needed protecting. The results were as follows:

- Need protect remaining green field areas and the greenfield margins approaching Clumber Park
- Wildlife at Sandhill Lake area
- Amenity land at rear of Spring Walk to remain for the community
- Priory Church and environs, including the open spaces/play areas

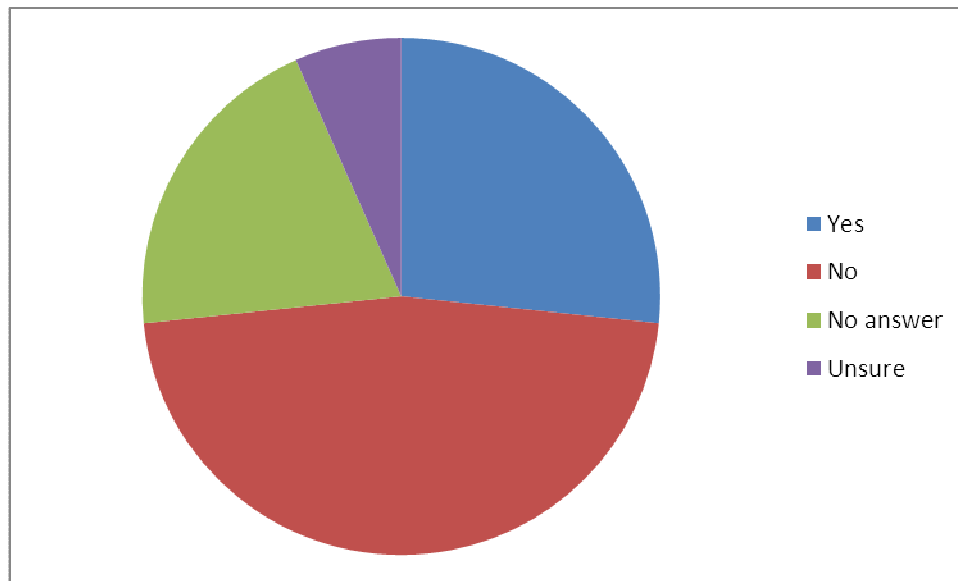
Respondents were asked what community assets they would like to see protected from future development or changes of use. The potential community assets included:

Potential assets identified	Number of responses	% of responses
Children's play areas	2	11.1%
Valley School playing fields	2	11.1%
Larwood House	1	5.5%
Women's Aid	1	5.5%
Citizen's Advice	1	5.5%
Hospitals	1	5.5%
Public toilets	1	5.5%
Abbey Cross	1	5.5%
The Canch	1	5.5%
Chesterfield Canal	1	5.5%
Playing fields	1	5.5%
Allotments	1	5.5%
Public land	1	5.5%

Priory Church and environs	1	5.5%
Parkland	1	5.5%
Leisure facilities	1	5.5%
Total respondents	18	100%

9. Local Infrastructure and Utilities

Respondents were asked if they believed there were problems with the infrastructure and utilities within their village. The results were as follows:



Respondents were then asked to expand on the specific problems and to provide details on the locations. These were summarised and the main issues are detailed below (in order of popularity):

- Too many HGVs use Kilton Hill- should use the by-pass
- Some of the areas of Worksop are old and so the facilities may not be able to cope with new development.
- Poor road surfaces
- Concerns raised over the amount of boarded up shops
- Low water pressure
- Inefficient railway level crossing (often down for ages with no trains going through).

10. Other opportunities

Respondents were asked what other types of development they would support within their village if someone were to apply for it. The responses were as follows:

- Community centre for the elderly
- Retail and leisure opportunities In Worksop South East
- Leisure facilities at Sandhill Lake
- Small independent specialist shops in the town
- Indoor market

11. Further comments

There was then the opportunity for respondents to draw our attention to any other matters. The responses that were received were as follows:

- Shopping in Worksop is no longer an enjoyable experience and only provides necessities and is very limited in retail which drives people to Meadowhall or out of town to Retford. More is done for Retford than Worksop.
- Lack of speed control around town for motor vehicles, stop cycles on walkways.
- Would like to see more play areas across town
- The roads in this area will be diabolical if Tesco is given the go ahead, due to proximity of level crossing.
- The original plans for the Vesuvius site need to be given the go-ahead
- No concerted policing seem to be visible on the street