

Summary of feedback from North and South Wheatley

Future Development Questionnaires

Overall

Of the 260 questionnaires that were delivered to the households in North and South Wheatley, 45 were returned, giving a response rate for the village of **17.31%**.

1. Open Market Housing

Numbers of new houses

Respondents were asked to indicate the future levels of growth they would like to see in their village. These are the answers received:

Answer	Number of respondents	% of respondents
No new housing	10	22.2%
0-10 houses	20	44.4%
10-20 houses	11	24.4%
20-30 new houses	1	2.2%
30-40 houses	1	2.2%
40+ houses	1	2.2%
No answer given	1	2.2%
Total	45	100%

Taking into consideration all answers, the average (mean) number of new houses that residents wanted in their village was **12.27 houses**. However, the most common answer given was **0-10 houses**.

Types and size of new houses

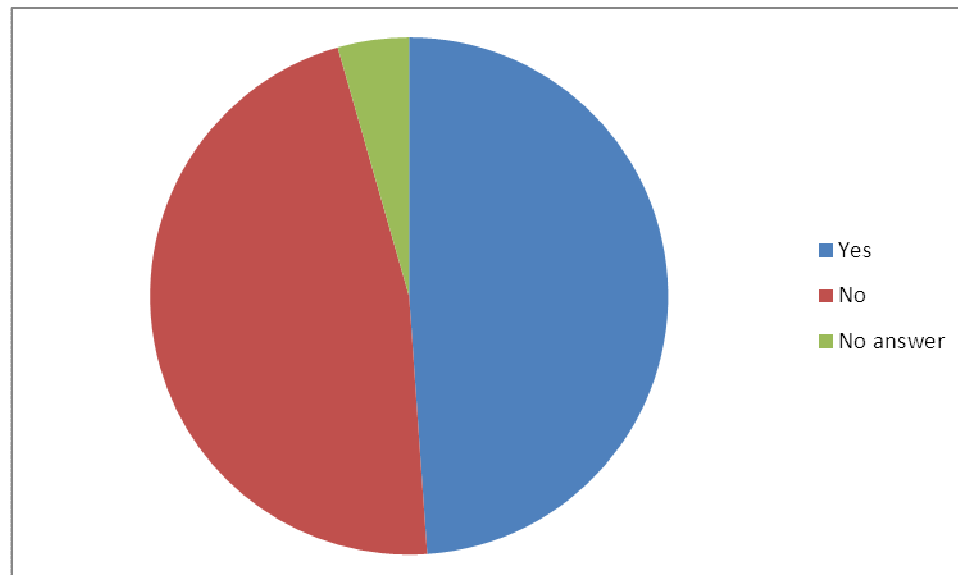
Respondents were asked to mark down which type of housing they believed the village needed in the future. The answer was multiple choice and people were not limited to only providing one answer. The results are shown below:

Answer	1 bedroom	2 bedrooms	3 bedrooms	4 bedrooms	5 bedrooms	Total
Detached		5	13	7	2	27
Semi detached	2	16	11	1		30
Bungalow	1	8	7			16
Terraced	1	7	1			9
Flats	1	2				3
Total	5	38	32	8	2	85

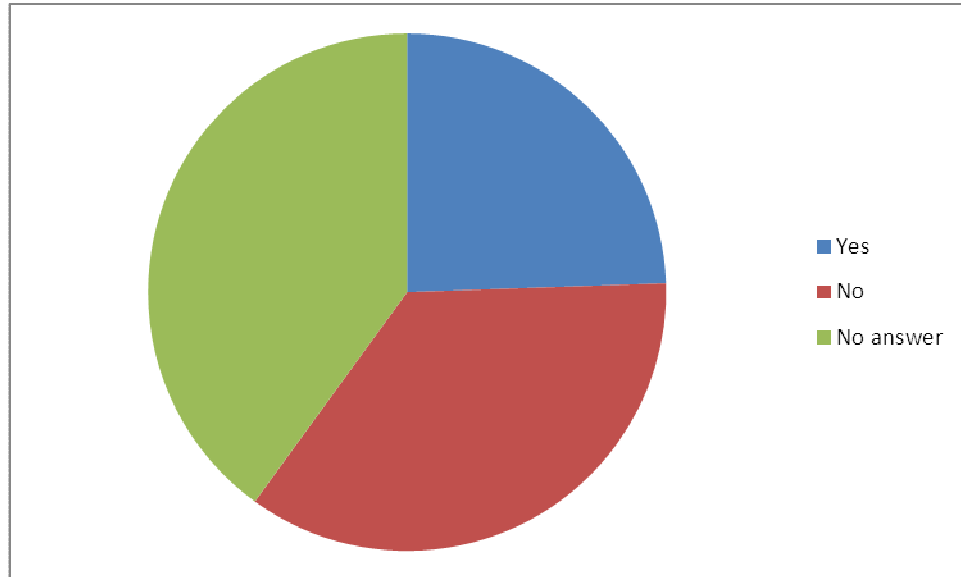
The majority of the answers came back favouring **2 and 3 bed properties** (largely centred on detached properties, semi-detached properties and bungalows). **Flats** and **terraced** properties were the least popular option.

2. Affordable Housing

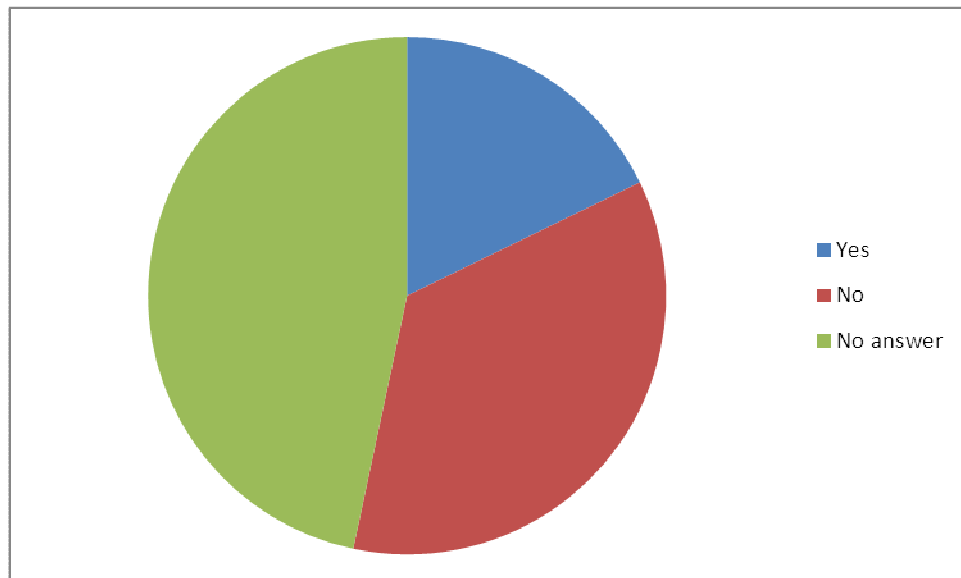
Respondents were asked to give a 'yes' or 'no' answer on whether there is a need for affordable housing in the area. The responses were as follows:



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



When asked if affordable housing should be only the form of development within the village the results were 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		2	3			5
Semi detached	1	11	9			21
Bungalow		4	1			5
Terraced	1	6	1			8
Flats	1	2				3
Total	3	25	14	0	0	42

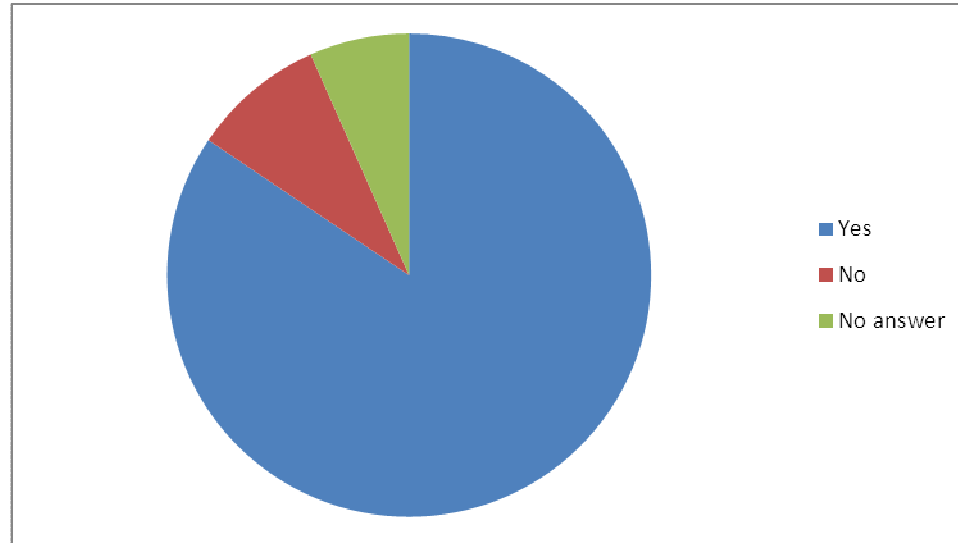
Respondents were asked if they believed there should be any specialist types of housing required in the village. The answers are as follows:

Answer	Number of respondents	% of respondents ¹
Old Persons Sheltered Accommodation	10	22.2%
Old Persons Residential Homes	1	2.2%
First time buyers/young people	4	8.9%
Total	15	33.3%

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 three options. Respondents were able to give multiple answers and the results are shown below:

Answer	Number of responses	% of responses
Outside development boundary	11	14.7%
Small extensions	32	85.3%
Large extensions	2	0.0%
Total responses	45	100%

The opportunity was then given to submit sites to be considered for housing in the next review of the SHLAA. Four sites were proposed, of which two of these were sites that had not been previously considered.

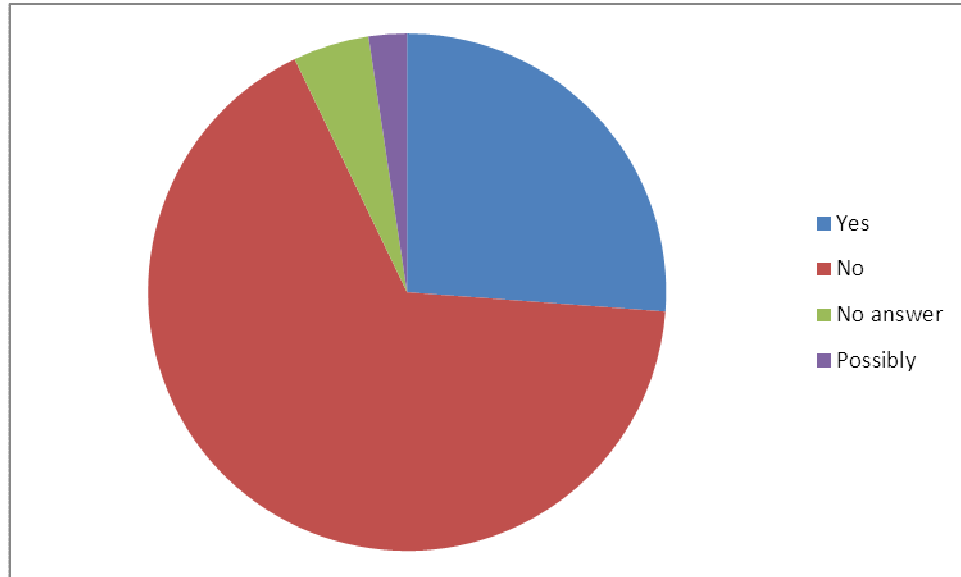
4. Village facilities

Respondents were asked to comment on the additional facilities would they like to see in the village (secured through planning obligations or CIL) if new housing sites were allocated. The results were as follows:

Answer	Number of respondents	% of respondents
Village hall/community centre	3	18.8%
New school or more places at existing school	7	43.8%
Sports pitch	0	0.0%
Play area	4	25.0%
Other		
- Solar panels	1	6.3%
- Shop/bakery	1	6.3%
Total number of respondents who answered this question	16	100%

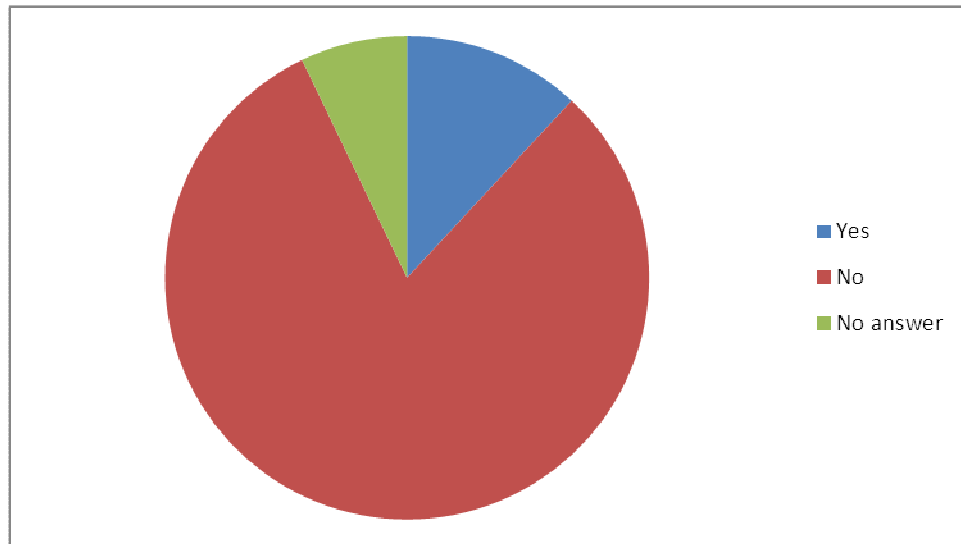
5. Renewable Energy

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:



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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:



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6. Local Distinctiveness

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

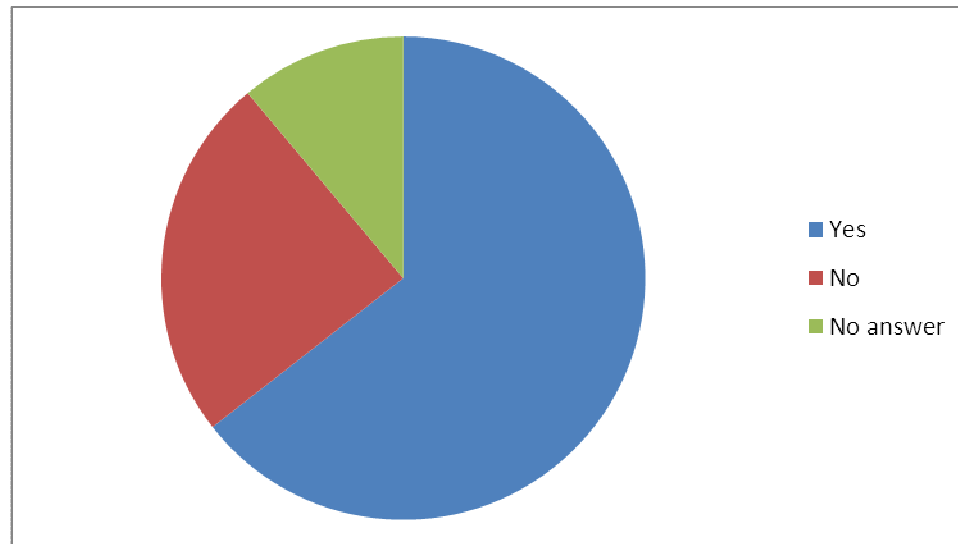
- The 'beck' which runs through the village is a landmark
- The two levels of the village Top Street and Low Street with mature trees
- Traditional housing with character reflecting the local style of building. Red brick, clay pantiles

Respondents were asked what community assets they would like to see protected from future development or changes of use. Seven respondents stated that all assets should be protected. The remaining respondents identified the following as potential community assets:

Potential assets identified	Number of responses	% of responses
Football pitch	29	27.8%
Village hall	21	20.1%
Public house	23	22.1%
Shop/post office	13	12.5%
School	3	2.8%
Play area	3	2.8%
Church	2	1.9%
Countryside/farmland	1	0.96%
Chapel	1	0.96%
Tennis courts	3	2.8%
Bowls pitch	2	1.9%
Cricket pitch	1	1.9%
Allotments	1	1.9%
Village green	1	1.9%
Total respondents	104	100%

7. 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:

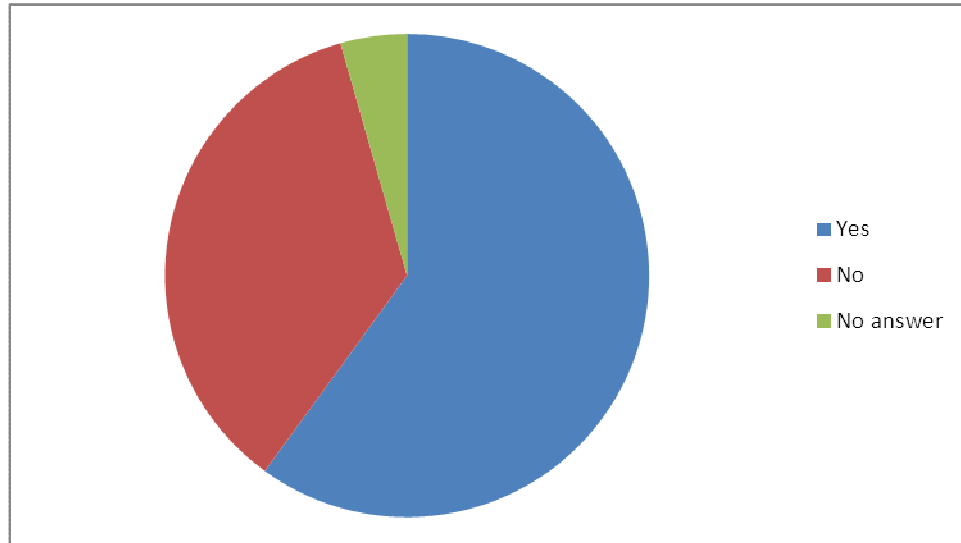


Respondents were then asked to expand on the specific problems and to provide details on the locations. These were summarised and the main issues are detailed below (in order of popularity):

- Sewerage/drainage system capacity problems were reported by 24 respondents, of which these areas were identified specifically:
 - Low Pasture Lane (4 respondents)
 - Low Street (4 respondents)
 - Top Pasture Lane (1 respondent)
 - Near school (2 respondents)
- Road capacity/narrow streets (5 respondents)
- Low broadband speeds (1 respondent)
- Roads are not cleared in the winter (1 respondent)
- Poor bus service (1 respondent)
- HGVs using the roads (1 respondent)
- School places (1 respondent)

8. Employment opportunities

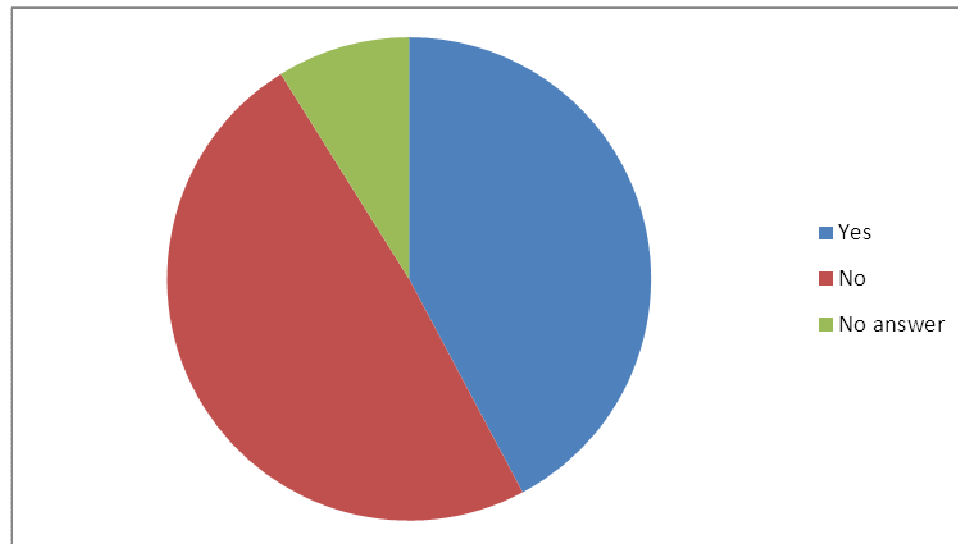
Residents were asked if the area provided sufficient employment opportunities. The results were as follows:



There was then the opportunity to expand on the type of employment opportunities present within/close to the village. The responses include working in farm employment, school, public house, post office, support services, temporary fruit picking, small packaging business, farm shops, garage, B&Bs, and as a handyman.

There are also opportunities at the nearby power stations, Rampton Hospital and at existing businesses in Retford and Gainsborough.

Respondents were then asked if the area needed more local employment opportunities. The results were as follows:



There was then the opportunity to expand on the type of employment opportunities within the village. The options identified were to encourage the cottage industry, more support for local small businesses, rural diversification, small/micro businesses food producers.

9. 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:

- Extension to shopping facilities within the village (4 respondents)
- Restaurant (2 respondents)
- B&Bs/hotel (2 respondents)

Two respondents stated that there no development was needed and seven respondents said that they would not support any of these forms of development. Six respondents added that there is already a shop and a public house and therefore do not need anything further.

10. Further comments

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

- Noise pollution from speeding motorbikes reaches unacceptable level
- Concerns over large scale affordable development will bring it more traffic and more crime
- Concerns about the proposed wind farm.
- Need full flood scheme over the next few years.
- Concerns about recent developments in the locality.
- Reduction of speeds through the village (many places where there are no footpaths) by installation of chicanes
- Need a bus service to cater for the area around North Wheatley church
- Concern raised to maintain character of the village particularly with buildings design and materials used.
- Village needs to grow so that present amenities e.g. school post office and public house are sustainable in years to come.