

Summary of feedback from Walkeringham Future Development Questionnaires

Overall

Of the 386 questionnaires that were delivered to the households in Walkeringham, 95 were returned, giving a response rate for the village of **24.61%**.

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	35	36.8%
0-10 houses	18	18.9%
10-20 houses	14	14.7%
20-30 new houses	7	7.4%
30-40 houses	7	7.4%
40+ houses	6	6.3%
No answer given	8	8.4%
Total	95	100%

Taking into consideration all answers, the average (mean) number of new houses that residents wanted in their village was **14.4 houses**. However, the most common answer given was **no new 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		1	10	5		16
Semi detached	1	10	9			20
Bungalow	2	5	3			10
Terraced						0
Flats	1					1
Total	4	16	22	5	0	47

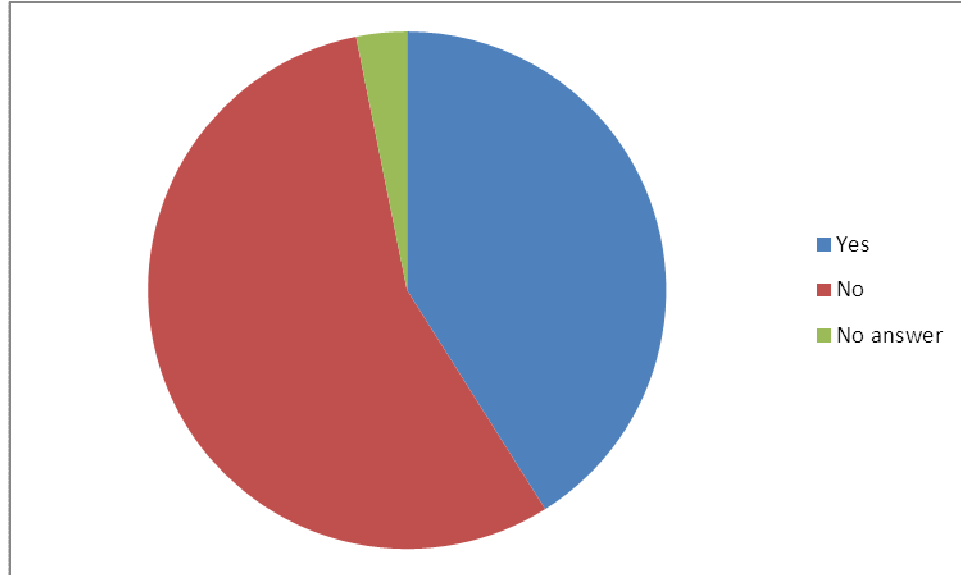
Nearly half the answers (46.8%) came back favouring **3 bed properties** (largely centred on detached properties, semi-detached properties and bungalows). **Flats** and **terraced** properties were the least popular option.

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

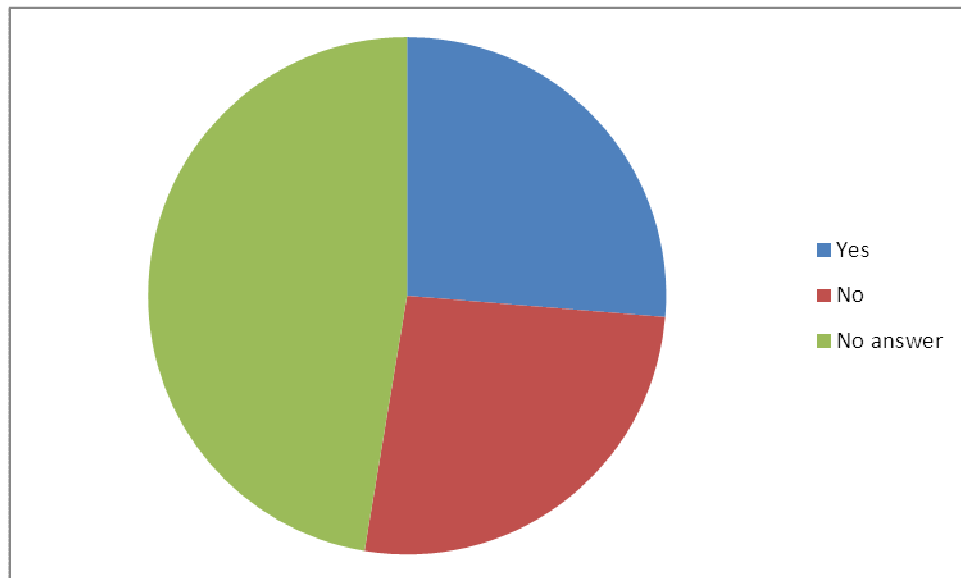
Answer	Number of respondents	% of respondents
Old Persons Sheltered Accommodation	28	29.5%
Old Persons Residential Homes	10	10.5%
First Time Buyer Accommodation	4	4.2%
Total	42	44.2%

2. Affordable Housing

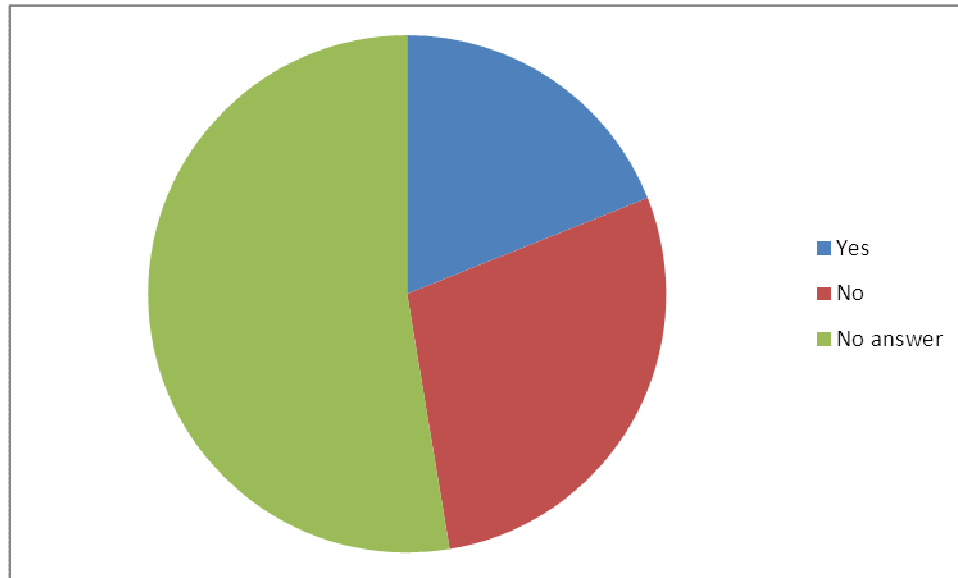
Respondents were asked to give a 'yes' or 'no' answer on whether there is a need for affordable housing in the area. The responses were as follows:



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:

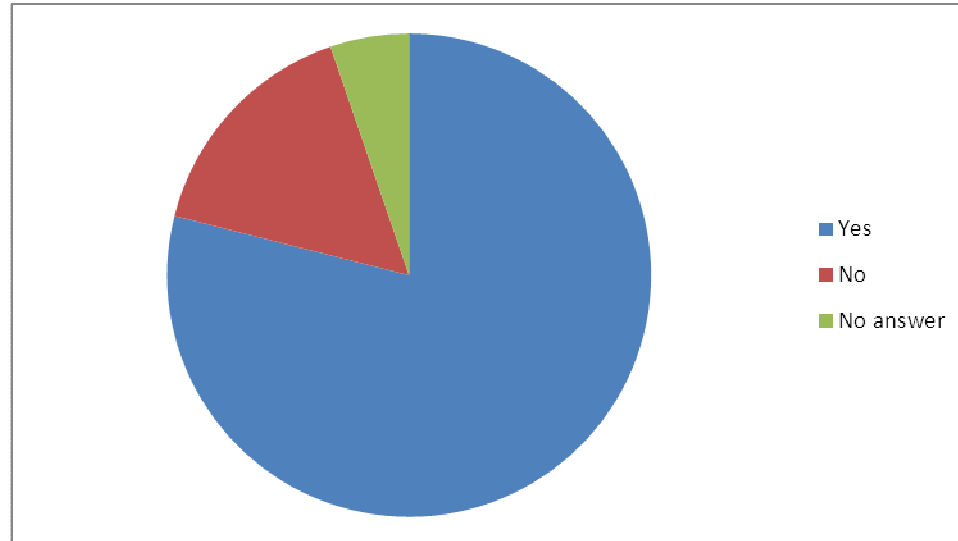


Respondents were then asked to mark down which type of *affordable* housing they believed the village needed in the future. The answer was multiple choice and people were not limited to only providing one answer. The results are shown below:

Answer	1 bedroom	2 bedrooms	3 bedrooms	4 bedrooms	5 bedrooms	Total
Detached		3	9	4		16
Semi detached	1	18	17	2		38
Bungalow	3	9	5			17
Terraced	4	12	5			21
Flats	4	3				7
Total	12	45	36	6	0	99

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 ¹
Outside development boundary	11	17.2%
Small extensions	45	70.3%
Large extensions	8	12.5%
Total responses	64	100%

The opportunity was then given to submit sites to be considered for housing in the next review of the SHLAA. One new site was proposed, of which had not been previously considered.

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.

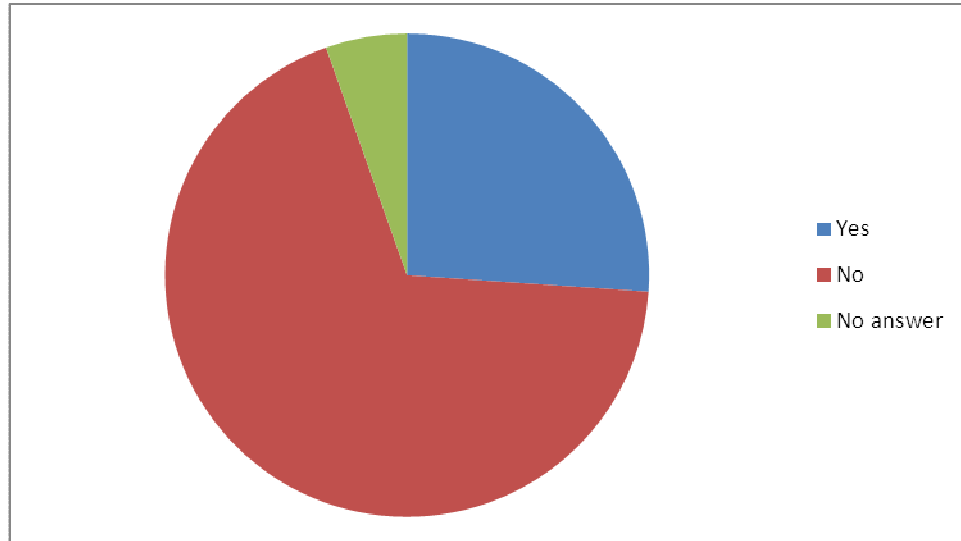
4. Village facilities

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	8	11.6%
New school or more places at existing school	12	17.4%
Sports pitch	11	15.9%
Play area	19	27.5%
Other		
- Public house	6	8.7%
- Shop	6	8.7%
- Restaurant	2	2.9%
- Library	1	1.4%
- Health services	1	1.4%
- Allotments	1	1.4%
- Café/tea room	1	1.4%
- Cycle routes	1	1.4%
Total number of respondents who answered this question	69	100%

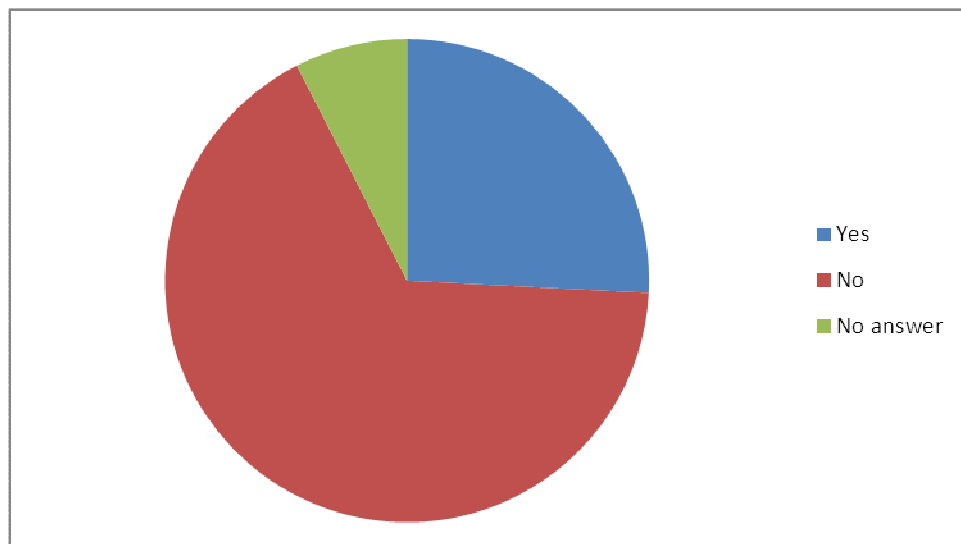
5. Renewable Energy

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:



Two further respondents specifically raised concerns over wind farms, but was in general agreement with the other forms of renewable energy. A further respondent stated that “Wind turbines have been proven to not be economically and therefore is a waste of money.”

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:

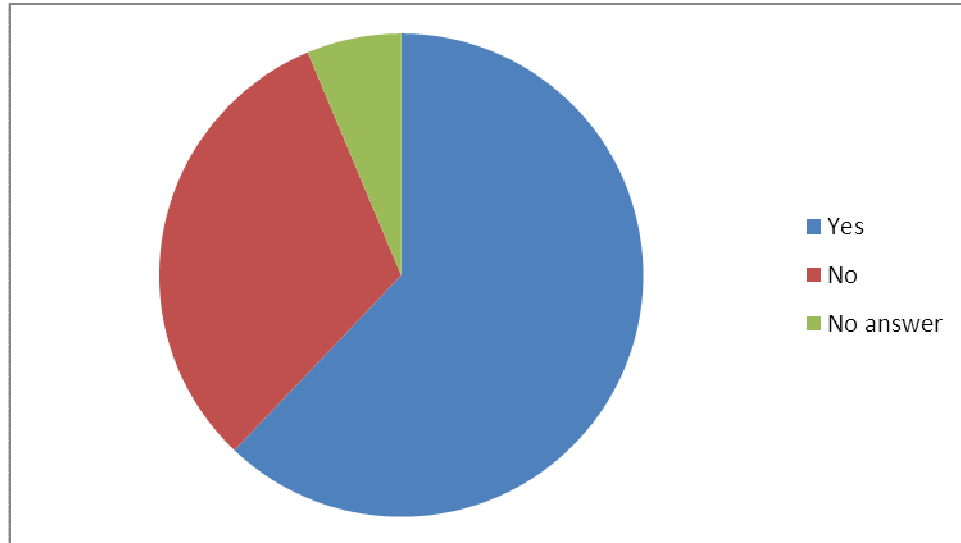
- Walkeringham is a settlement which provides a good level of services that support some everyday needs of the local community.
- Protect 'moor' in the centre of village.
- Quiet, sense of community centred on the school, church and post office. Village hall.
- The canal towpath and bridle paths.

Respondents were asked what community assets they would like to see protected from future development or changes of use. Four 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/playing fields	45	27.7%
Village hall	44	27.2%
Public house	38	23.5%
School and land	11	6.8%
Community land	7	4.3%
Post office	7	4.3%
Shop/newsagent	4	2.5%
Church and grounds	4	2.5%
The Moor	2	1.2%
Total respondents	162	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:



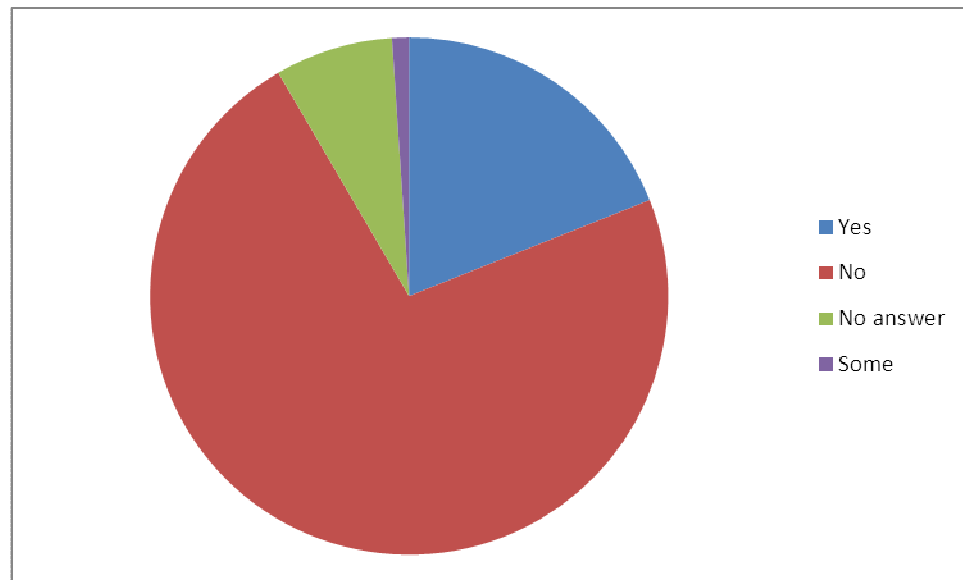
Respondents were then asked to expand on the specific problems and to provide details on the locations. These were summarised and the main issues are detailed below (in order of popularity):

- Sewerage/drainage system capacity problems were reported by 43 respondents, of which these areas were identified specifically:
 - High Street (2 respondents)
 - South Moor Road (2 respondents)
 - Morland Walk (1 respondent)
 - Mill Baulk Road (1 respondent)
 - North Moor Drive (1 respondent)
 - Station Road (1 respondent)
 - West Moor Road (1 respondent)
 - Gringley Road (1 respondent)
 - Brickenhole Lane (1 respondent)
 - Sewerage plant on Stockwith Road (1 respondent)

- Problematic electricity supply (15 respondents)
- Poor road surfaces (5 respondents)
- Low broadband speeds (4 respondents)
- Poor quality pavements (4 respondents)
- No play and sports facilities (1 respondent)
- Low water pressure (1 respondent)
- BT cables are old (1 respondent)
- School (6 respondents)
- Doctors (1 respondent)
- No mains gas (1 respondent)

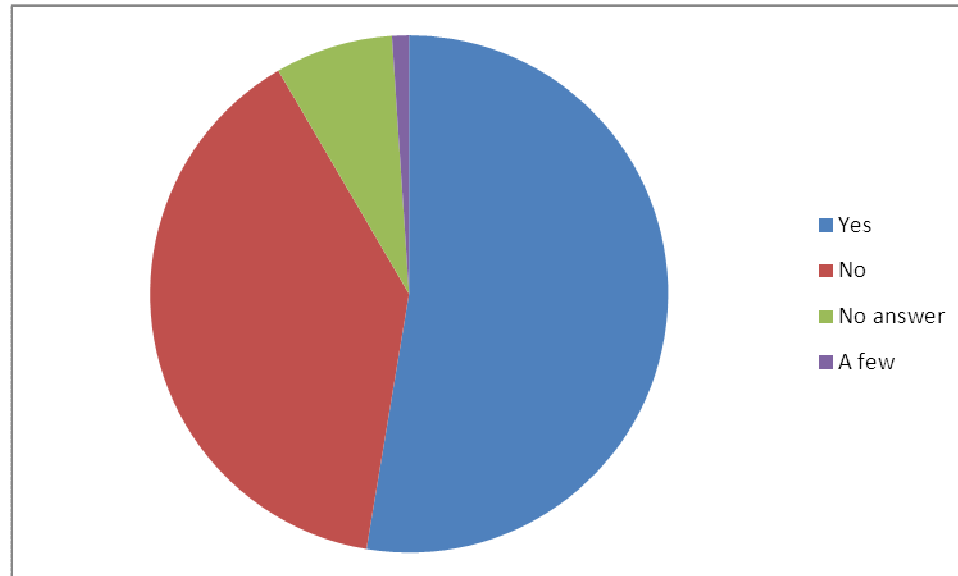
8. Employment opportunities

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 the local farms, school, local shop and post office, nursing home, various small businesses and public house. There are also opportunities for people to commute to Bawtry, Gainsborough, Sheffield and Doncaster.

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 included providing a small manufacturing unit and light engineering opportunities, Respondents also commented that previous potential employment sites has been/were going to be lost to housing.

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:

- Shop (19 respondents)
- Public house (mainly to re-open Brickmakers Arms) (17 respondents)
- Restaurant (7 respondents)
- Post office (3 respondents)
- Allotments (2 respondents)
- Café, fish and chip shop, Business Park, garden centre, butchers, library and redevelopment of the village hall all have been indicated once in the responses from Walkeringham.

Ten respondents stated that they would not support any of these forms of development.

10. Further comments

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

- Newell Terrace is in Walkeringham parish but not on map.
- Would need more services and facilities for a bigger community otherwise relying on driving elsewhere.
- Site near Misterton fire station that houses are being built and sold very slowly.
- No speed limit on Main Road through the village- should be set of maximum 50 mph- vehicles regularly travel at speeds in excess of 80mph.
- The school extension is not in character with the area
- Council tax high compared to minimal local facilities.
- Better bus service to cover more area