

## Summary of feedback from Sutton Future Development Questionnaires

### Overall

Of the 319 questionnaires that were delivered to the households in Sutton, 66 were returned, giving a response rate for the village of **20.69%**.

### 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	45	68.2%
0-10 houses	14	21.2%
10-20 houses	4	6.1%
20-30 new houses	2	3.0%
30-40 houses	0	0.0%
40+ houses	0	0.0%
No answer given	1	1.5%
Total	66	100%

Taking into consideration all answers, the average (mean) number of new houses that residents wanted in their village was **4.3 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:

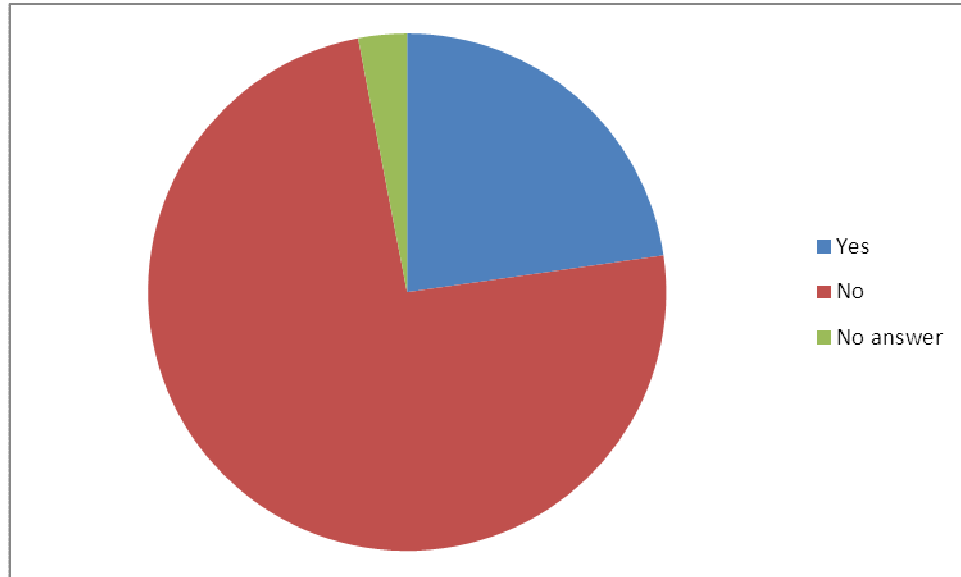
Answer	Number of respondents	% of respondents <sup>1</sup>
Old Persons Sheltered Accommodation	12	18.1%
Old Persons Residential Homes	8	9.0%
Total	20	27.1%

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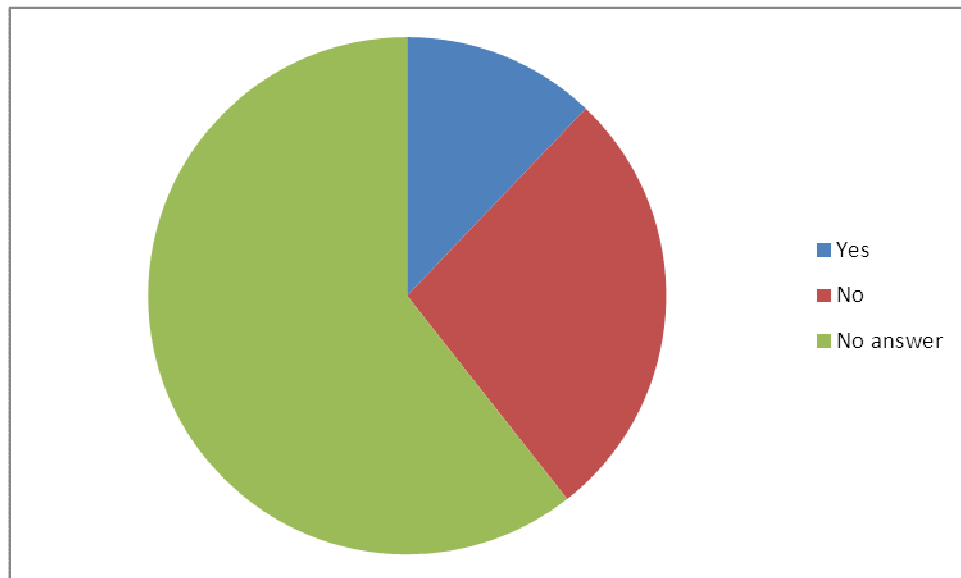
<sup>1</sup> This is the percentage of people who responded to the question in relation to those who returned the questionnaire (90 returned) and not in relation to those who responded to this question.

## 2. Affordable Housing

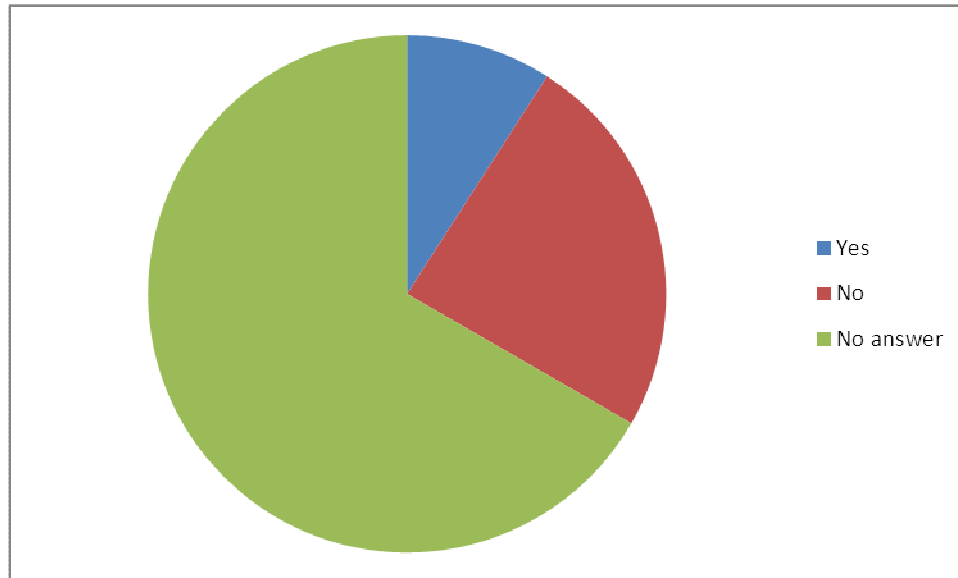
Respondents were asked to give a 'yes' or 'no' answer on whether there is a need for affordable housing in the area. The responses were as follows:



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:

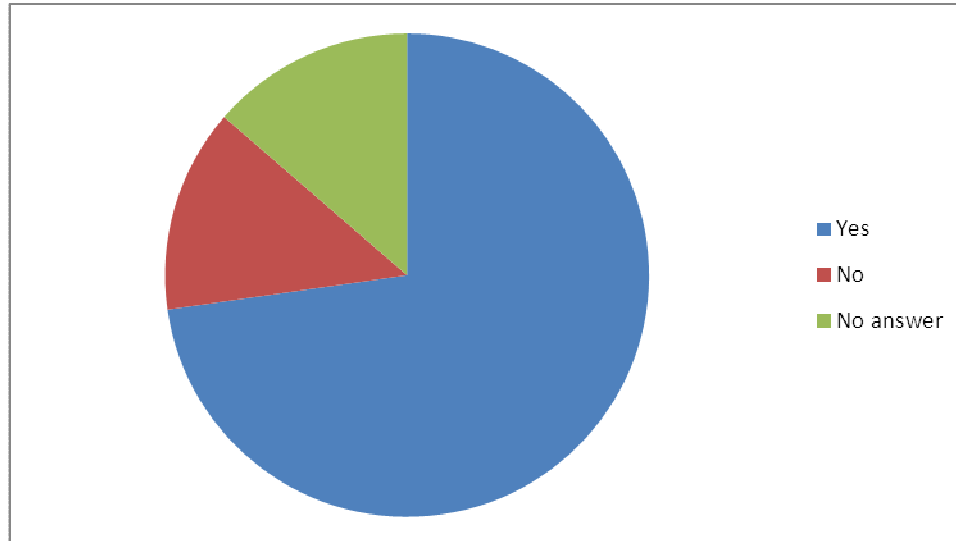


Respondents were then asked to mark down which type of *affordable* housing they believed the village needed in the future. The answer was multiple choice and people were not limited to only providing one answer. The results are shown below:

Answer	1 bedroom	2 bedrooms	3 bedrooms	4 bedrooms	5 bedrooms	Total
Detached			5			5
Semi detached		5	4			6
Bungalow		1				1
Terraced		3	1			4
Flats		1				1
Total	0	10	10	0	0	20

### 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	5	14.7%
Small extensions	29	85.3%
Large extensions	0	0.0%
Total responses	34	100%

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

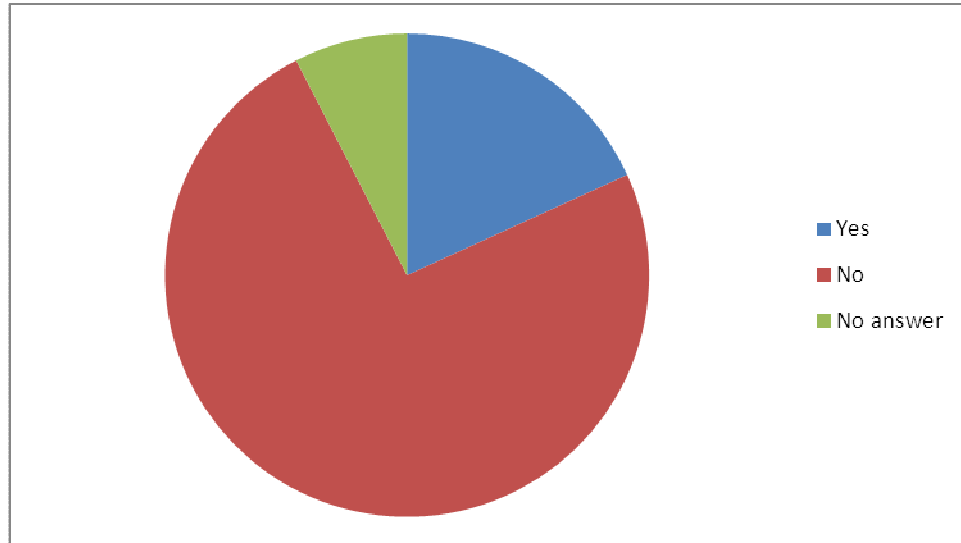
#### 4. Village facilities

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:

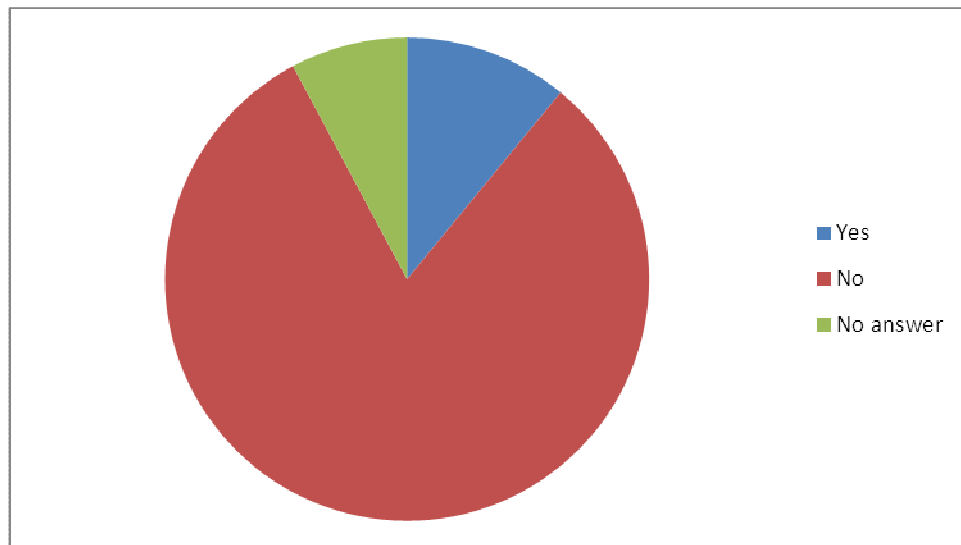
Answer	Number of respondents	% of respondents
Village hall/community centre	15	21.7%
New school or more places at existing school	4	5.8%
Sports pitch	13	18.8%
Play area	33	47.8%
Other		
- Multi-purpose sports cage	1	1.4%
- Glass recycling centre	1	1.4%
- Traffic calming measures	1	1.4%
- Post office	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:



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:



Two further respondents specifically raised concerns over wind farms, but was in general agreement with the other forms of renewable energy.

## 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:

- Small rural village with large mature trees
- Style and quality of local housing
- The open spaces within the village need to be maintained to keep the character of the village
- Still separate from Retford and should remain so

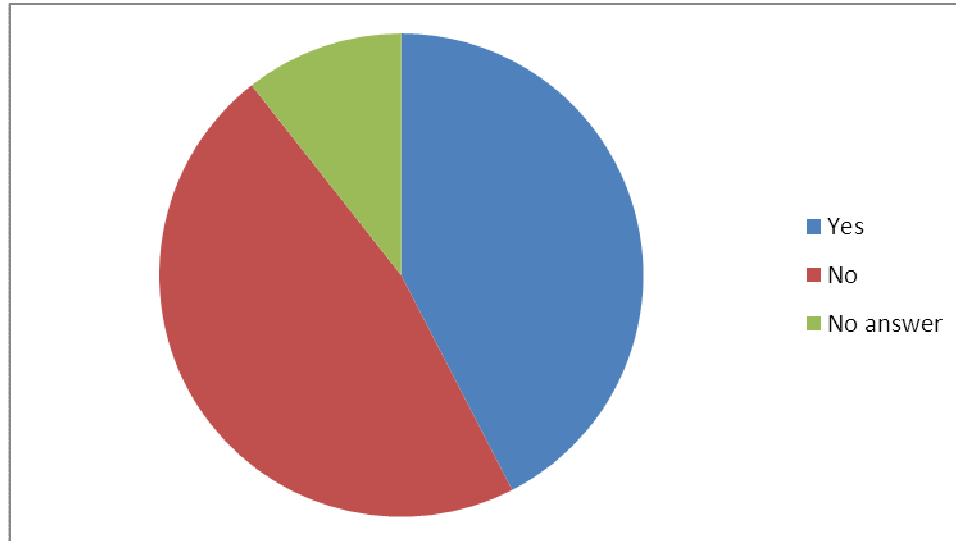
Respondents were asked what community assets they would like to see protected from future development or changes of use. Ten respondents stated that all assets should be protected and one stated that there were no assets to be protected. The remaining respondents identified the following as potential community assets:

Potential assets identified	Number of responses	% of responses
Village hall	30	41.1%
Public house	16	21.9%
Community land	7	9.6%
Football pitch	6	8.2%
Shop	5	6.8%
Church and grounds	3	4.1%
Countryside/farmland	2	2.7%
School and land	1	1.4%
Land at Portland Place	1	1.4%
Land in front of Sutton Manor	1	1.4%
Footpaths	1	1.4%
Total respondents	73	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:



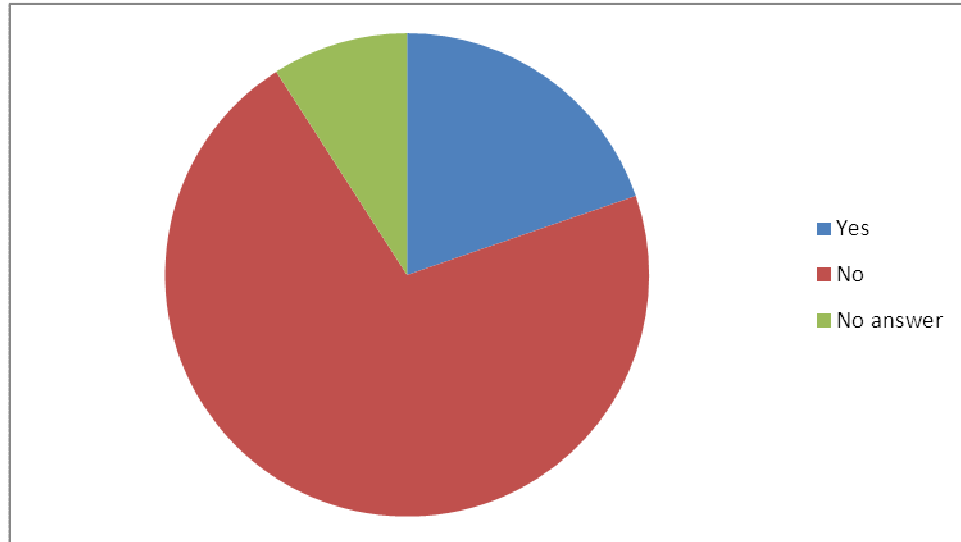
Respondents were then asked to expand on the specific problems and to provide details on the locations. These were summarised and the main issues are detailed below (in order of popularity):

- Sewerage/drainage system capacity problems were reported by 17 respondents, of which these areas were identified specifically:
  - Station Road (1 respondent)
  - Portland Place (1 respondent)
- Low broadband speeds (4 respondents)
- Poor road surfaces (7 respondents)
- Problematic electricity supply (2 respondents)
- No play and sports facilities (2 respondents)
- Poor quality pavements (2 respondents)
- Low water pressure (2 respondents)
- Roads access around school problematic (1 respondent)
- Roads are not cleared in the winter (1 respondent)

- Poor bus service (1 respondent)
- Speeding traffic (1 respondent)

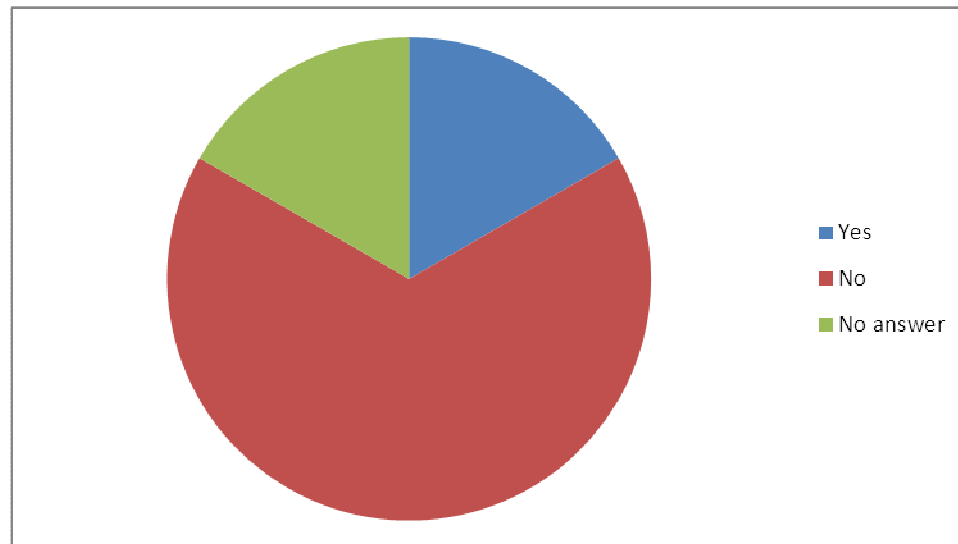
## 8. Employment opportunities

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 shop, post office, public house, farms and school. There are also opportunities at Hallcroft Industrial estate in Retford and has excellent road and rail access to many other areas, such as Gainsborough and Bawtry. Two respondents also replied that there were no job opportunities within the village at all.

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 increase the opportunities for home based working by improving the internet speeds and the opportunities in nearby Retford.

## 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:

- Full time post office (4 respondents)
- Shop (3 respondents)
- Play area (3 respondents)
- Allotments (2 respondents)
- Village hall (2 respondents)
- Café, fish and chip shop, and ATM machine all have been indicated once in the responses from Sutton.

Seven respondents stated that there no development was needed and five respondents said 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:

- Illuminated signs to reduce traffic speed.
- Improve the appearance of the village by banning the illegal parking of vehicles on footpaths
- Local school should be relocated to outskirts of village
- Work done through the Parish Plan
- Narrow pavement on Town Street is problematic when trying to get to school.
- The village desperately need more children so that the school may remain viable