

Summary of feedback from Sturton le Steeple Future Development Questionnaires

Overall

Of the 188 questionnaires that were delivered to the households in Sturton le Steeple, 16 were returned, giving a response rate for the village of **8.51%**.

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	5	31.3%
0-10 houses	5	31.3%
10-20 houses	6	37.5%
20-30 new houses	0	0.0%
30-40 houses	0	0.0%
40+ houses	0	0.0%
No answer given	0	0.0%
Total	16	100%

Taking into consideration all answers, the average (mean) number of new houses that residents wanted in their village was **10.6 houses**. However, the most common answer given was marginally **10-20 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		2	10	6	2	20
Semi detached		2	4	2		8
Bungalow		2	5	3		10
Terraced	1	2				3
Flats						
Total	1	8	19	11	2	41

Nearly half the answers (46.3%) came back favouring **3 bed properties** (largely centred on detached properties, semi-detached properties and bungalows). **Flats** were the least popular option with none of respondents favouring them.

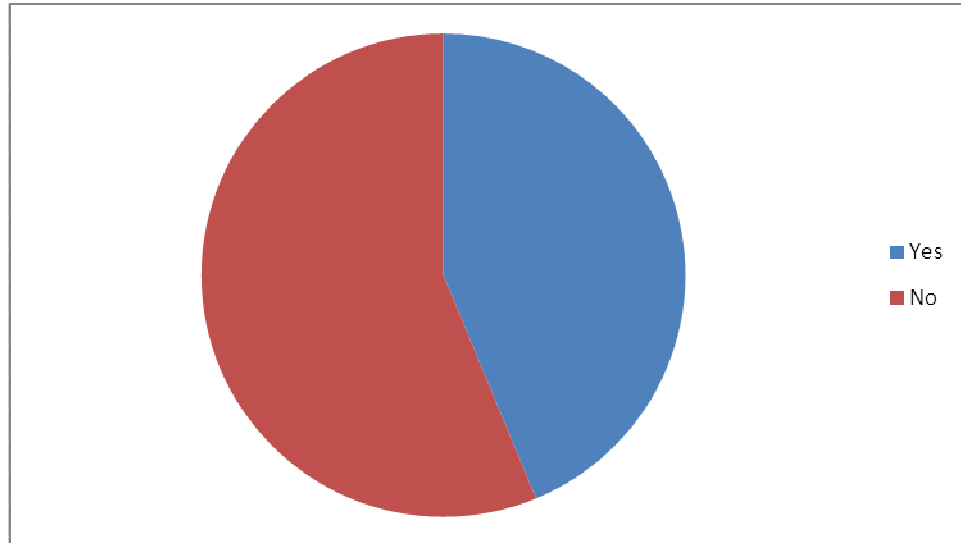
Respondents were asked if they believed there should be any specialist types of housing required in the village. The answers are as follows:

Answer	Number of respondents	% of respondents ¹
Old Persons Sheltered Accommodation	4	25%
Old Persons Residential Homes	1	6.2%
Affordable First Time Buyer	1	6.2%
Total	6	37.4%

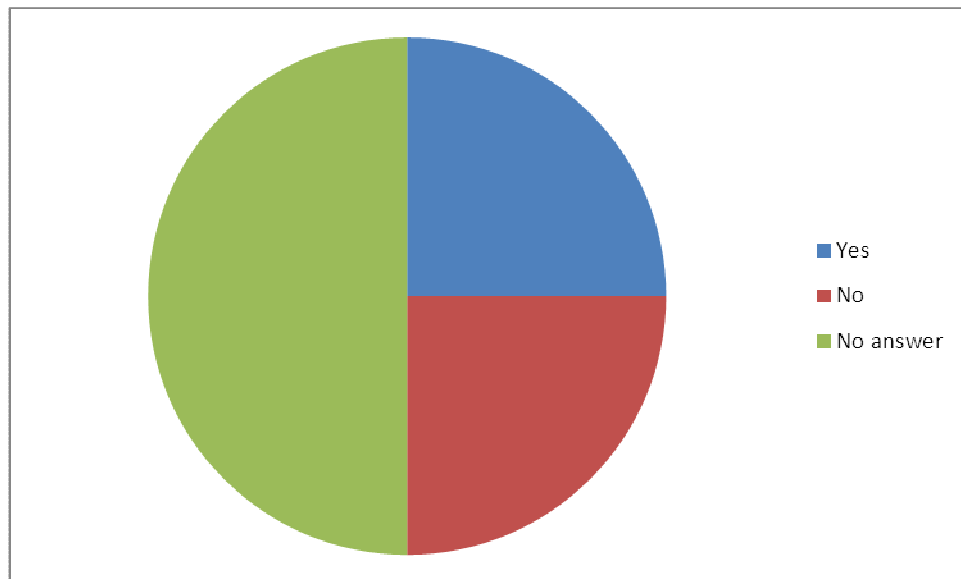
¹ This is the percentage of people who responded to the question in relation to those who returned the questionnaire (90 returned) and not in relation to those who responded to this question.

2. Affordable Housing

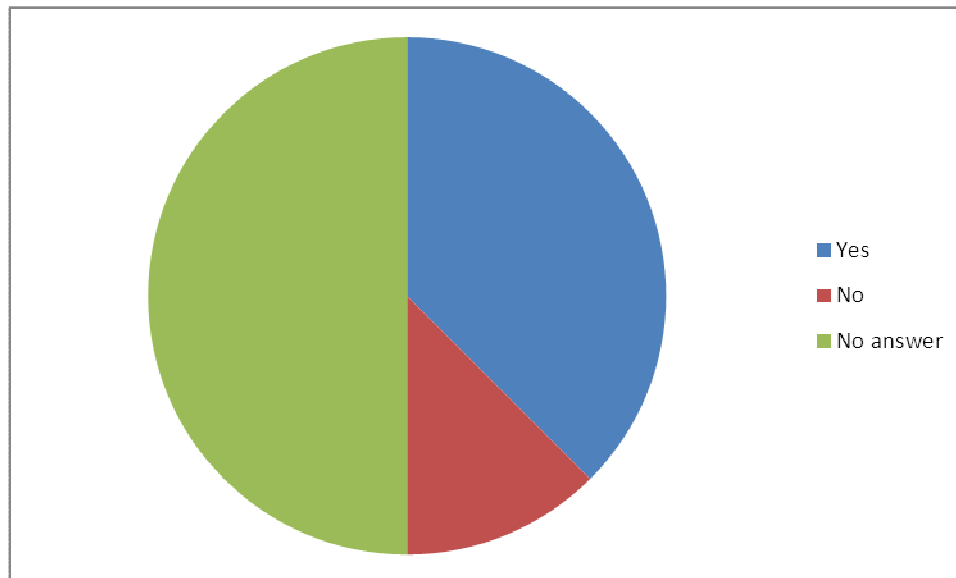
Respondents were asked to give a 'yes' or 'no' answer on whether there is a need for affordable housing in the area. The responses were as follows:



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:

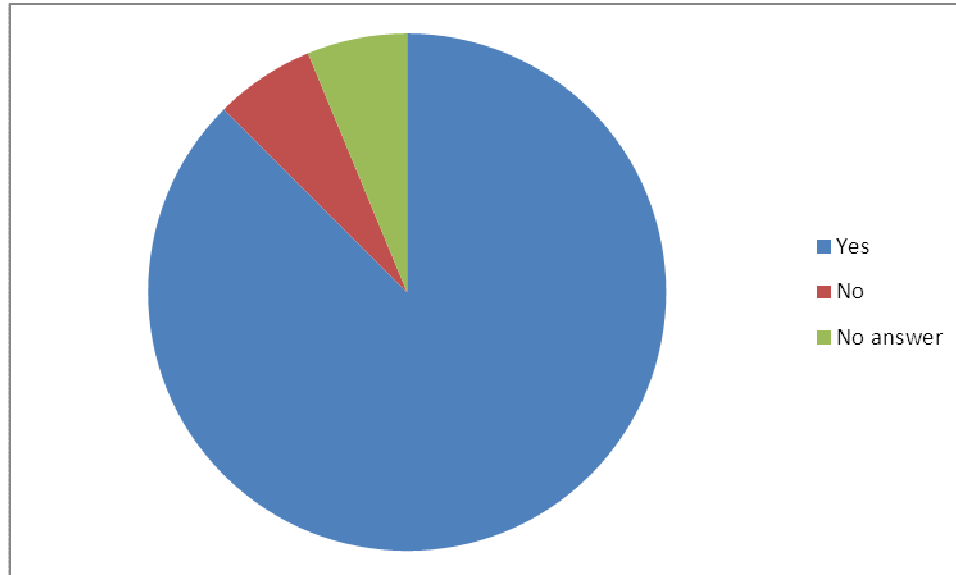


Respondents were then asked to mark down which type of *affordable* housing they believed the village needed in the future. The answer was multiple choice and people were not limited to only providing one answer. The results are shown below:

Answer	1 bedroom	2 bedrooms	3 bedrooms	4 bedrooms	5 bedrooms	Total
Detached		2	4	2		8
Semi detached		4	3			7
Bungalow						0
Terraced	1	1				2
Flats						0
Total	1	7	7	2	0	17

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	3	18.8%
Small extensions	11	68.8%
Large extensions	2	12.5%
Total responses	16	100%

The opportunity was then given to submit sites to be considered for housing in the next review of the SHLAA. Although no new sites were proposed.

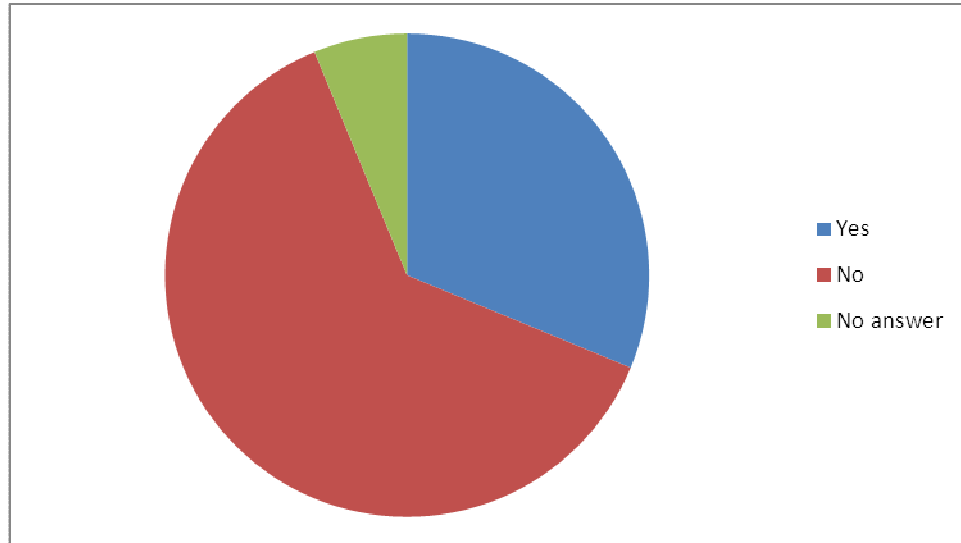
4. Village facilities

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:

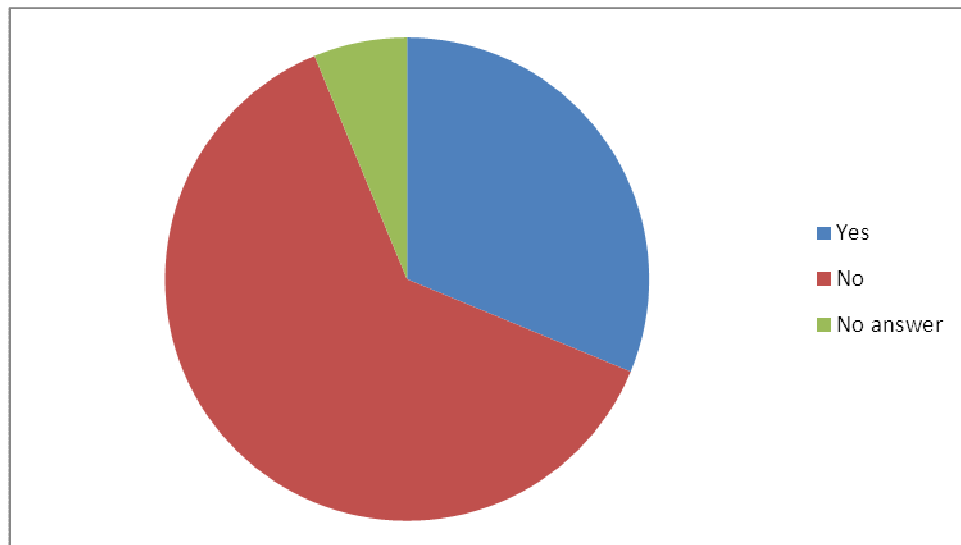
Answer	Number of respondents	% of respondents
Village hall/community centre	4	26.7%
New school or more places at existing school	2	13.3%
Sports pitch	0	0.0%
Play area	6	40.0%
Other - Shop/post office	3	20.0%
Total number of respondents who answered this question	15	100%

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:



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:

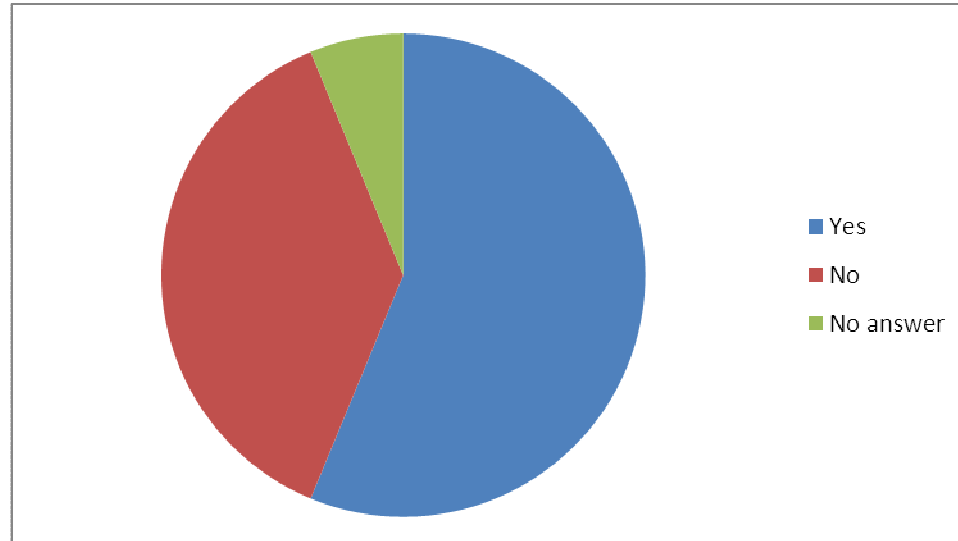
- Small characterful village
- Surrounded by open countryside, giving the village a 'rural feel'.
- Church area is an important area within the village.

Respondents were asked what community assets they would like to see protected from future development or changes of use. Two 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
Village hall	4	17.4%
Public house	4	17.4%
Playing fields	4	17.4%
Play area/park	3	13.0%
Church	3	13.0%
School and land	2	8.7%
Shop/post office	1	4.3%
Pond area	1	4.3%
Mature trees	1	4.3%
Total respondents	23	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:

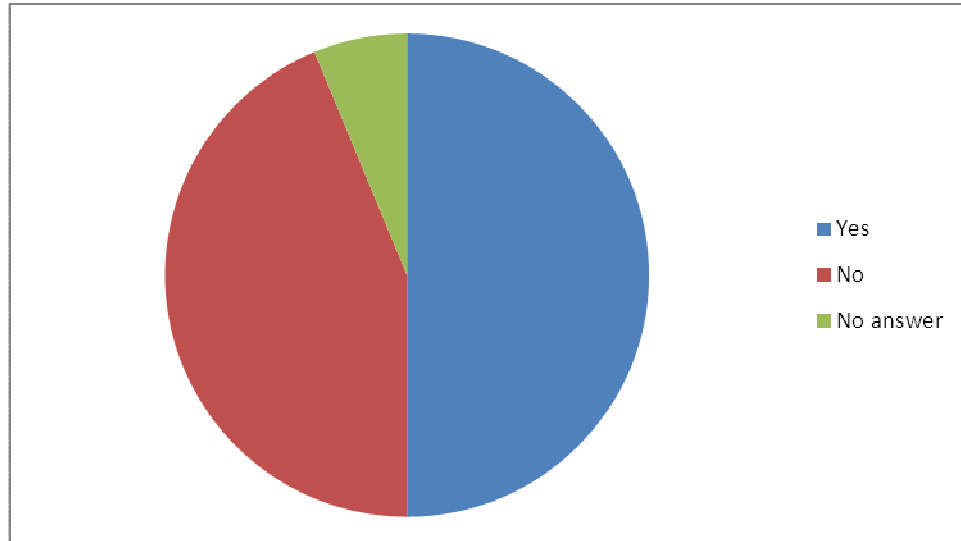


Respondents were then asked to expand on the specific problems and to provide details on the locations. These were summarised and the main issues are detailed below (in order of popularity):

- Sewerage/drainage system capacity problems were reported by 4 respondents, of which these areas were identified specifically:
 - Springs Lane (1 respondent)
 - Watkins Lane (1 respondent)
 - North Street (1 respondent)
- Access roads are too narrow (2 respondents)
- Excessive traffic within the village (1 respondent)
- Poor bus service (1 respondent)
- School (1 respondent)

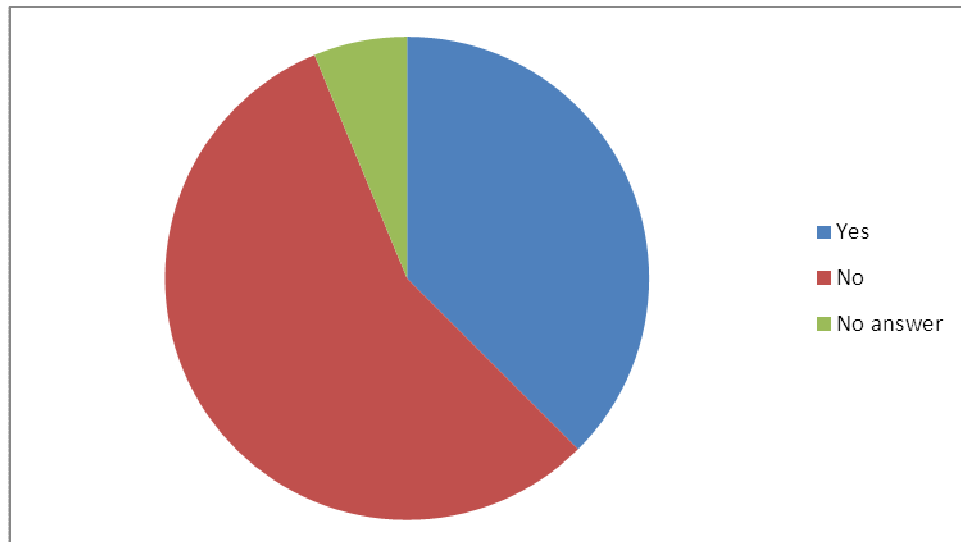
8. Employment opportunities

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, power stations and nearby farms.

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 only option identified was farm diversification.

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 (4 respondents)
- Public house (1 respondent)
- Hotel (1 respondent)
- Restaurant (1 respondent)

10. Further comments

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

- Sturton needs a conservation area
- Do not want any wind farms or industry within the village.
- Keep development in keeping with the general look of the village
- Maintain the look of the village, as a rural place with gardens and greenery.
- Our footpaths and roads need re-surfacing
- Development and high density housing should be in town and cities