

## Summary of feedback from Retford Future Development Questionnaires

### Overall

The questionnaires were available to complete on the Council's website, Council offices in Worksop, Retford market (10<sup>th</sup> March 2011) and at the consultation event held at Retford library on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2011. 10 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:

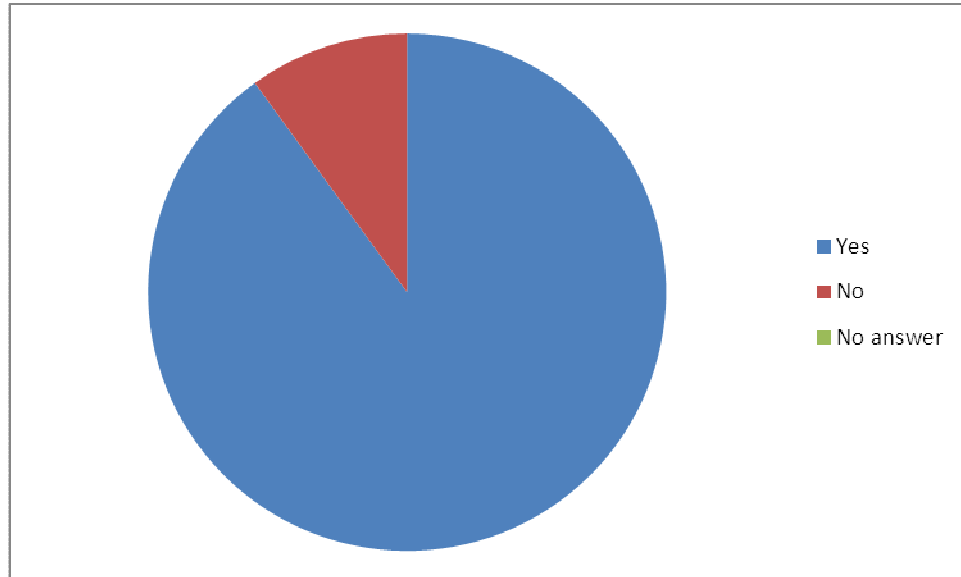
Answer	1 bedroom	2 bedrooms	3 bedrooms	4 bedrooms	5 bedrooms	Total
Detached		1	3	4	2	10
Semi detached		4	4			8
Bungalow	1	4	3			8
Terraced		2	2			4
Flats	1	1				2
Total	2	12	12	4	2	32

One further respondent stated that all types of development would be welcomed.

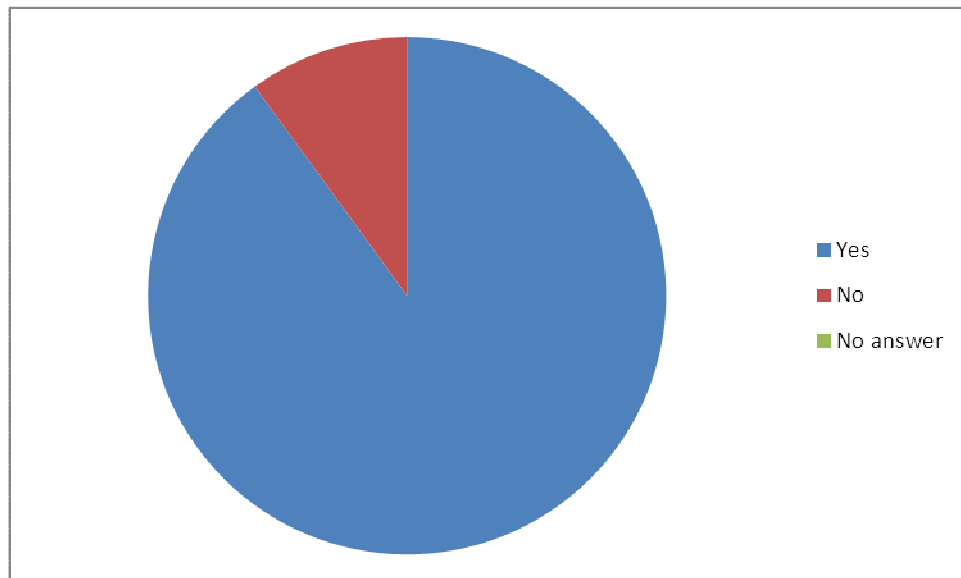
The results show there is a need for a mixture of housing in the area. Residents favoured **2 and 3 bed properties** (largely centred on detached properties, semi-detached properties and bungalows). **Flats and Terraced** housing were the least popular option with 19% of respondents favouring them.

## 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		6	7	1		14
Semi detached	1	3	5			9
Bungalow	1	5	2			8
Terraced	1	1				2
Flats	1	1				2
Total	4	16	14	1	0	35

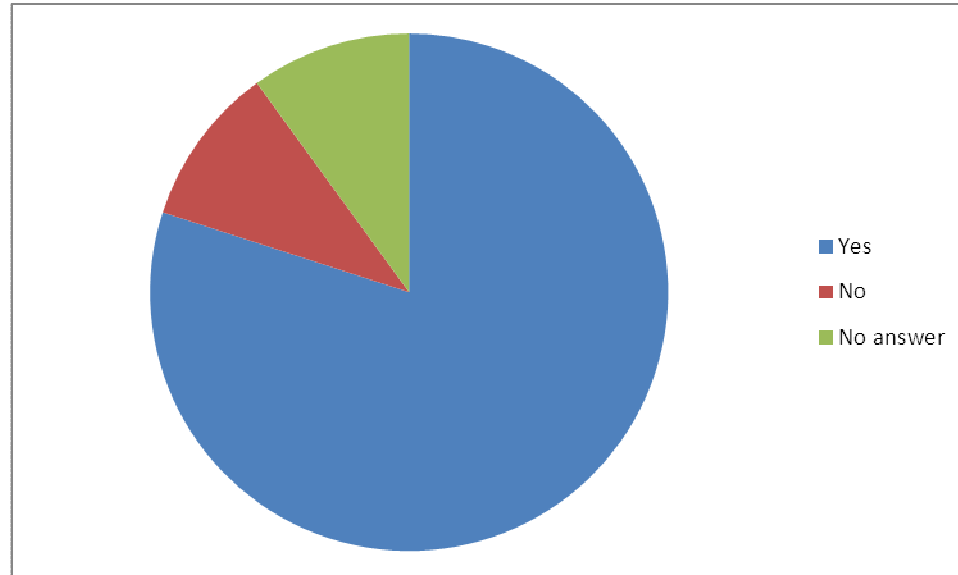
**2 and 3 bedroom properties** were the most popular answers, whilst terraces and flats were the least popular option.

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	4	40%
Old Persons Residential Homes	3	30%
Council rented bungalows	1	10%
Traveller site	1	10%
Over 60s 2 bed bungalows	1	10%
Total	10	100.0%

### 3. Location of new development

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

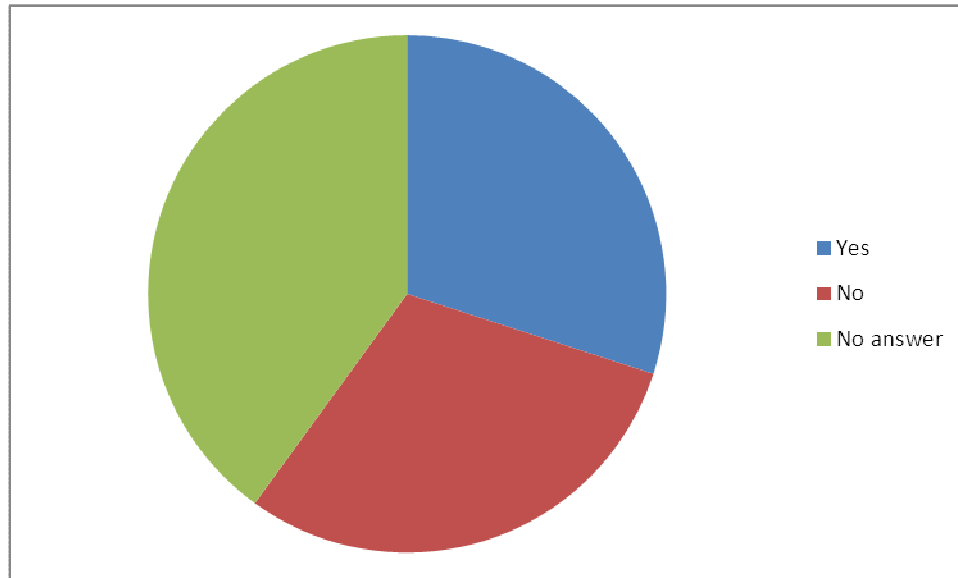


Respondents were asked what scale of future housing developments would be most appropriate and were given four options. Respondents were able to give multiple answers and the results are shown below:

Answer	Number of responses	% of responses <sup>1</sup>
Small extensions	2	16.6
Medium extensions	4	33.4%
Large extensions	0	0%
Redeveloping existing sites	6	50%
Total responses	12	100%

<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.

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. Feedback received included old school sites, corner of Moorgate and Bolham Lane and Leafield near North Road end.

#### 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:

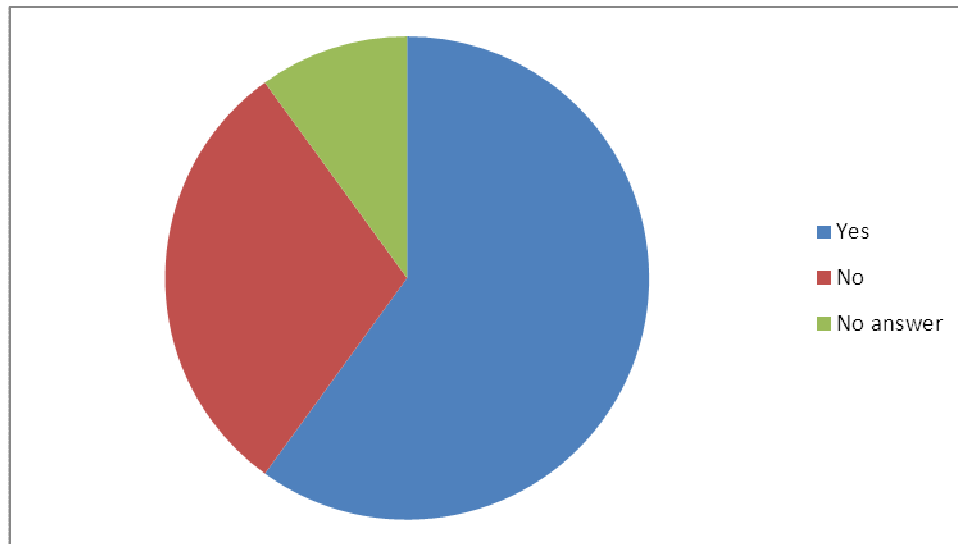
Answer	Number of responses	% of responses
Redeveloping existing sites	5	41.6%
New sites on the edge of Retford	5	41.6%
New sites within the urban area	2	16.6%
Total responses	12	100%

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
Warehouses	1	14.2%
Manufacturing	3	42.8%
Needs big employer	1	14.2%
All kinds	1	14.2%
Local businesses	1	14.2%
Retail	1	14.2%
Small office	1	14.2%
Total responses	7	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.

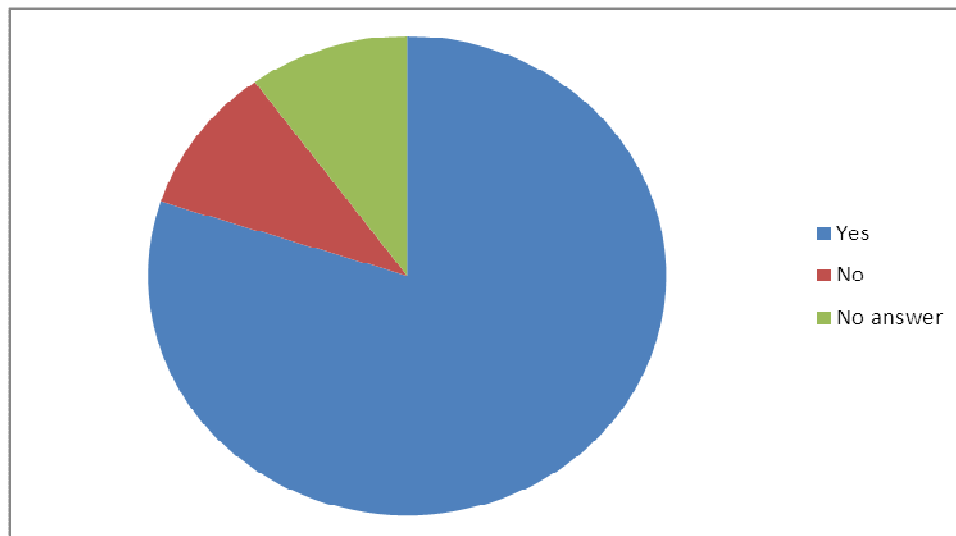
## 6. Community facilities

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:

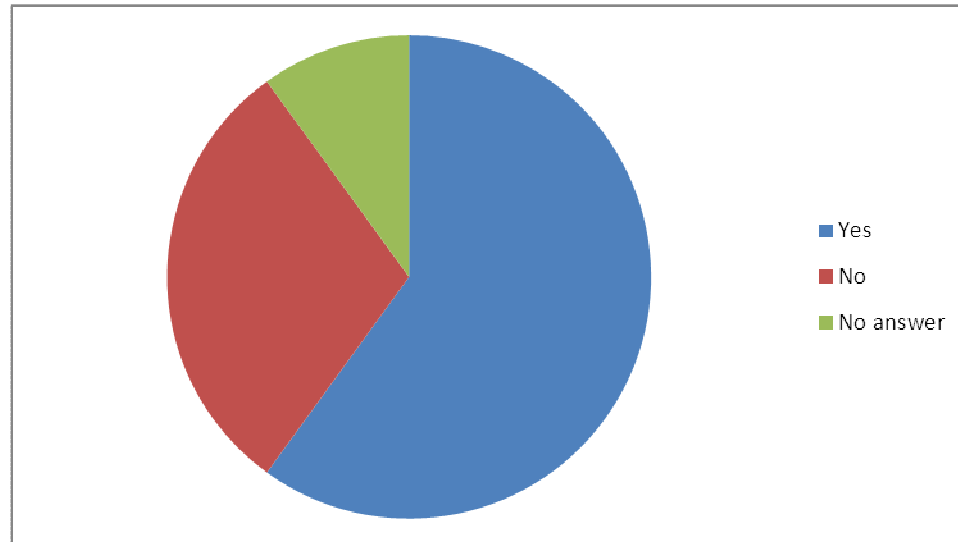
Answer	Number of responses	% of respondents
Doctors surgery	1	6.6%
New school or more places at existing school	1	6.6%
Sports pitch	5	33.3%
Play area	3	20%
Other		
- Traffic calming at Tiln Lane	1	6.6%
- Cinema	2	13.3%
- Bowling and leisure facilities	1	6.6%
- Elderly persons bungalows	1	6.6%
Total responses	15	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:



## 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:

- Trees and planting on streets
- Need to improve the HGV traffic flow on Tiln Lane
- Open access to the countryside
- Need better access to the Chesterfield Canal
- Protect Retford's heritage
- Preserve Kings Park

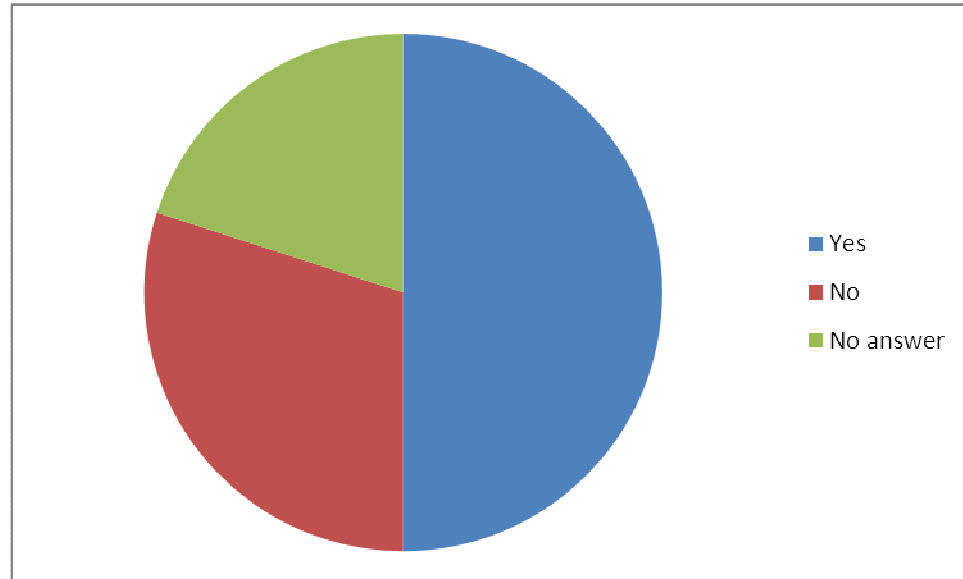
Respondents were asked what community assets they would like to see protected from future development or changes of use. The respondents identified the following as potential community assets:

- Ordsall Hall old school site
- Open access to the countryside
- Chesterfield Canal



## 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):

- Sewerage/drainage system capacity problems were reported by respondents, of which these areas were identified specifically:
  - Pennington Walk
  - Century Road
- Tiln Lane cannot cope with size, amount or speed of traffic.
- Need increase in leisure facilities (such as cinema)
- Need better health care (such as A&E facilities)
- Traffic problems

## **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 given by one respondent each: cinema, 'big name' shops, crazy golf reinstated within Kings Park and more seating within Kings Park

## **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:

- Need more trees planted
- Need more tennis courts and bowling green
- Protect Thrumpton Park
- Market in Carolgate is excellent
- Retford needs a vision and a plan so people can see what is happening
- Need to encourage more shops and people into the town
- Huge need for two bedroomed bungalows