

Summary of feedback from North Leverton Future Development Questionnaires

Overall

Of the 440 questionnaires that were delivered to the households in North Leverton, 74 were returned, giving a response rate for the village of **16.82%**.

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	29	39.2%
0-10 houses	13	17.6%
10-20 houses	8	10.8%
20-30 new houses	8	10.8%
30-40 houses	6	8.1%
40+ houses	6	8.1%
No answer given	3	4.1%
Don't know	1	1.4%
Total	74	100%

Taking into consideration all answers, the average (mean) number of new houses that residents wanted in their village was **15.3 houses**. However, the most common answer given was **no new housing**.

Types and size of new houses

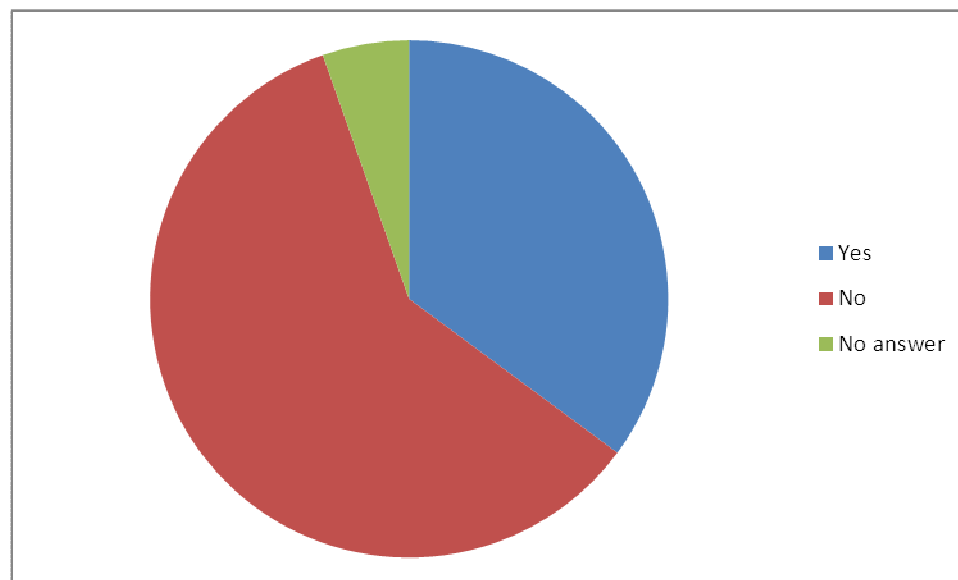
Respondents were asked to mark down which type of housing they believed the village needed in the future. The answer was multiple choice and people were not limited to only providing one answer. The results are shown below:

Answer	1 bedroom	2 bedrooms	3 bedrooms	4 bedrooms	5 bedrooms	Total
Detached	1	5	23	18	9	56
Semi detached	3	13	20	4		40
Bungalow	5	19	10	1		35
Terraced	1	3	2	1	1	8
Flats	2	2				4
Total	12	42	55	24	10	143

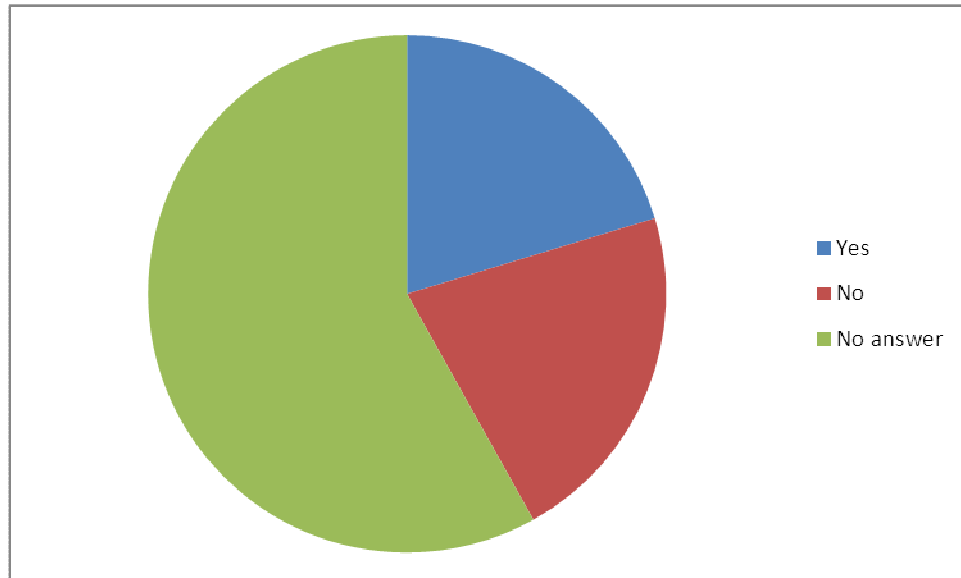
38.4% respondents came back favouring **3 bed properties** (largely centred on detached properties, semi-detached properties and bungalows). **2 bed** properties were also a popular answer (29.3% of answers were 2 beds). **Flats** were the least popular option with only 2.7% of respondents favouring them.

2. Affordable Housing

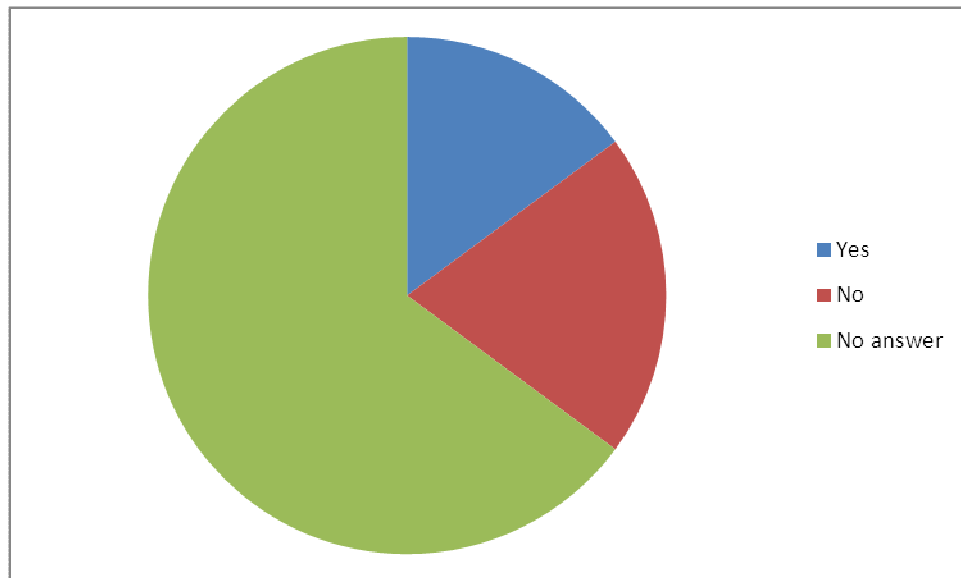
Respondents were asked to give a 'yes' or 'no' answer on whether there is a need for affordable housing in the area. The responses were as follows:



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



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	8	3		14
Semi detached	2	9	8	1		20
Bungalow	1	9	8			18
Terraced		2	1			3
Flats						0
Total	3	23	25	4	0	55

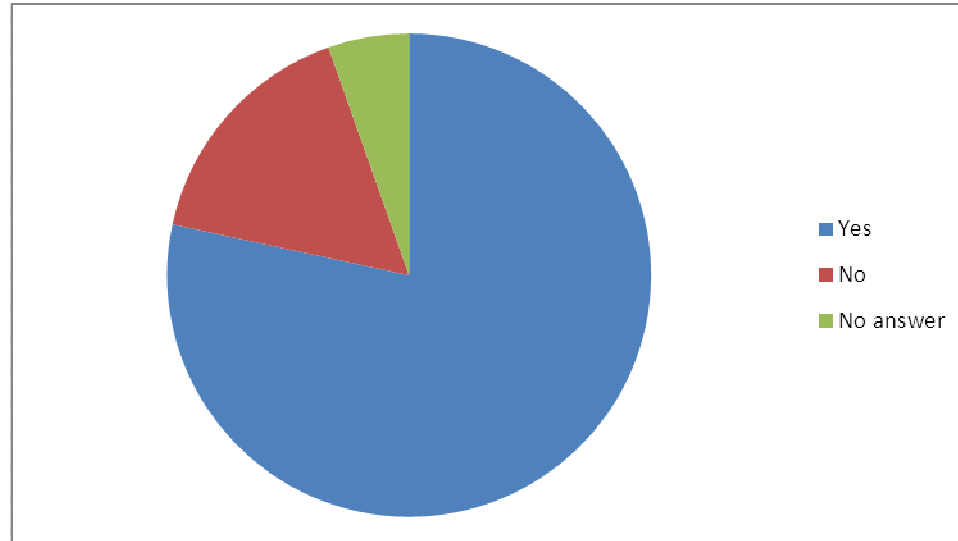
Respondents were asked if they believed there should be any specialist types of housing required in the village. The answers are as follows:

Answer	Number of respondents	% of respondents ¹
Old Persons Sheltered Accommodation	22	29.7%
Old Persons Residential Homes	20	27%
Affordable First Time Buyer	2	2.7%
Bungalows for Disabled people	1	1.4%
Total	45	60.8%

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 ²
Outside development boundary	21	28.0%
Small extensions	41	54.7%
Large extensions	13	17.3%
Total responses	75	100%

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

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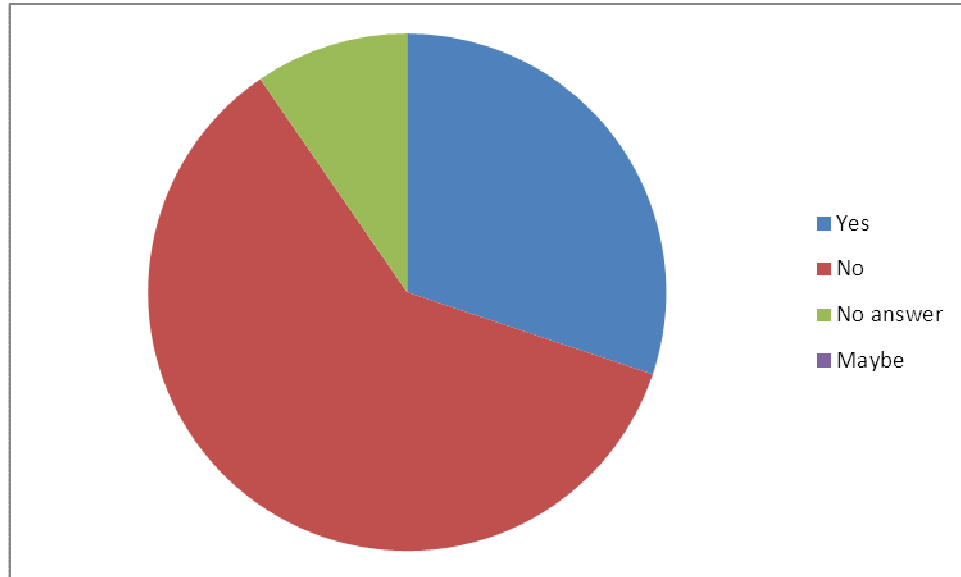
4. Village facilities

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	43	52.4%
New school or more places at existing school	7	8.5%
Sports pitch	16	19.5%
Play area	10	12.2%
Other		
- Skate park	2	2.4%
- Teenager facilities	1	1.2%
- Tennis club	1	1.2%
- Bakery	1	1.2%
- Shop	1	1.2%
Total number of respondents who answered this question	82	100%

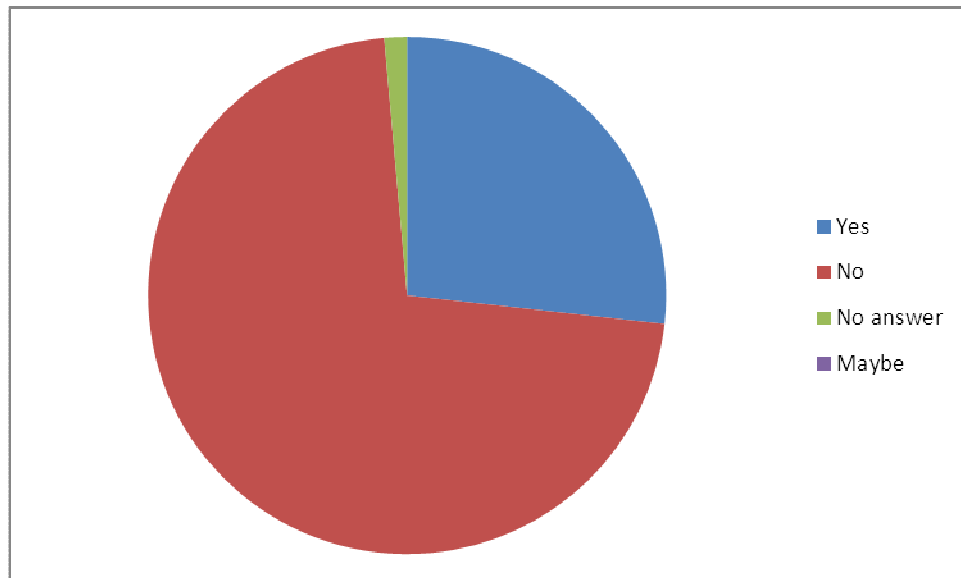
5. Renewable Energy

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:



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

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:



Three 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:

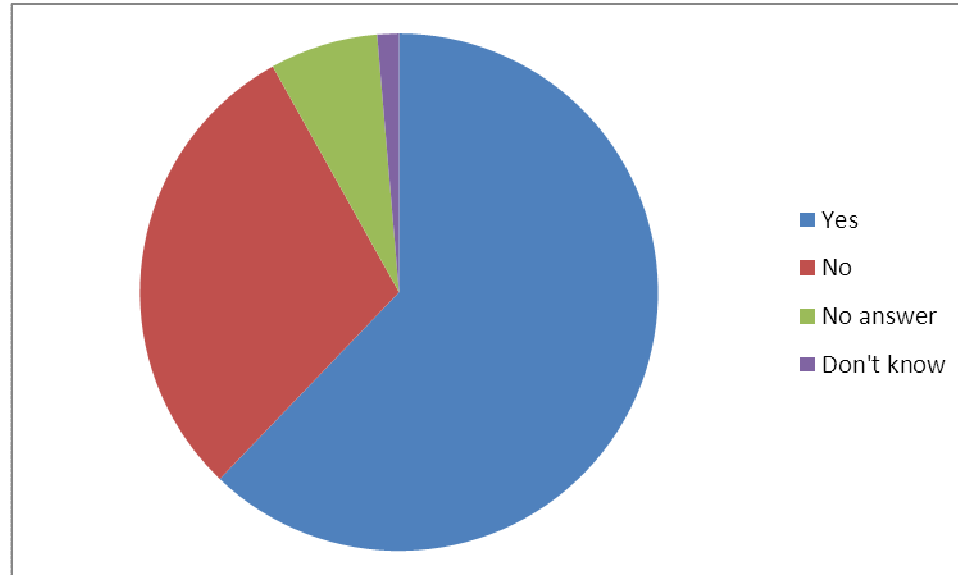
- Church and windmill are valuable landmarks within the village
- Relatively quiet and peaceful rural atmosphere
- Character properties

Respondents were asked what community assets they would like to see protected from future development or changes of use. One respondent stated that there were no assets that should be protected, while the remaining respondents identified the following as potential community assets:

Potential assets identified	Number of responses	% of responses
Playing fields	19	21.8%
Public house	18	20.7%
Play area/park	15	17.2%
Village hall	8	9.2%
Green spaces	7	8.0%
Shop	5	5.7%
School	4	4.6%
Doctors surgery	4	4.6%
Post office	2	2.3%
Churches	2	2.3%
Garage	2	2.3%
Windmill	1	1.1%
Total respondents	87	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:

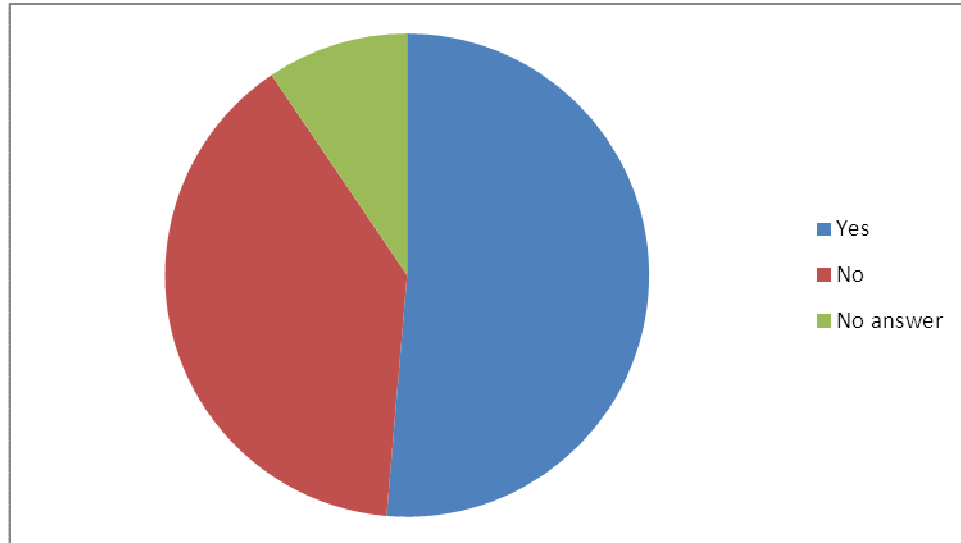


Respondents were then asked to expand on the specific problems and to provide details on the locations. These were summarised and the main issues are detailed below (in order of popularity):

- Sewerage/drainage system capacity problems were reported by 32 respondents, of which these areas were identified specifically:
 - Main Road (3 respondents)
 - Southgore Lane (1 respondent)
- No mains gas within the village (12 respondents)
- Poor water supply (5 respondents)
- Roads/footpaths too narrow (2 respondents)
- Road capacity problems (2 respondents)
- School (1 respondent)
- Poor access to play facilities (1 respondents)
- Frequent power cuts (1 respondents)

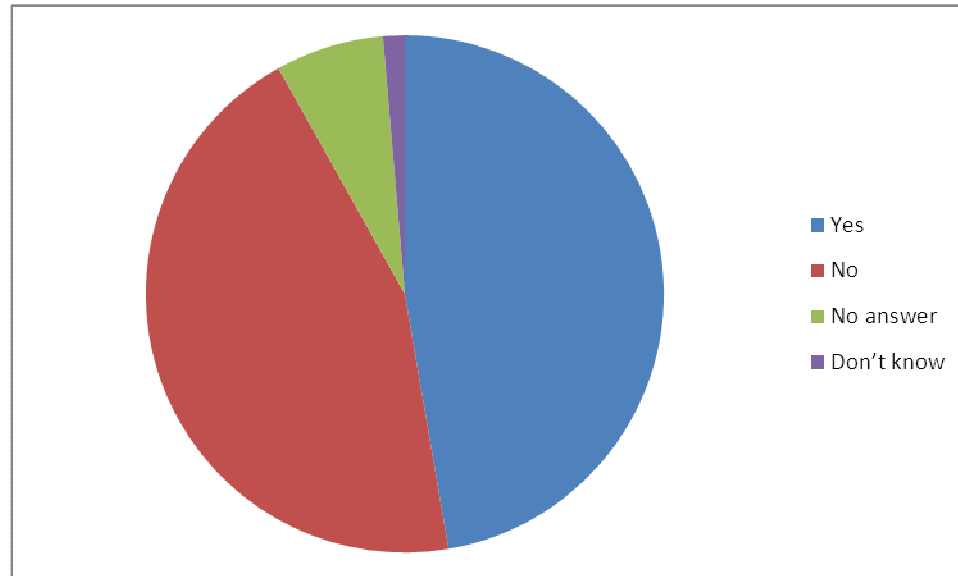
8. Employment opportunities

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 on farms, in the public house, shop, boarding kennels and garage shop or as self-employed joiners and plumbers. Other opportunities exist at the power stations, Quantum, Leverton Fabrications, Sundown Adventure Land, The Environment Agency and Rampton Hospital. There are also opportunities in Retford, Worksop 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 responses included providing small scale business units for startup companies.

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 (7 respondents)
- Public house (5 respondents)
- Garage (2 respondents)
- Ski slope, rail station, fruit and vegetable shop, takeaway, village hall, butchers, bakers, grocers, post office extension, hairdressers and restaurant all have been indicated once in the responses from North Leverton.

Five people said that they would not support any new development/no need for the development and two people queried how viable any new development would be.

10. Further comments

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

- Need more police presence within the village
- More facilities needed for young and sport minded people
- Volume and speed of traffic going through the village is increasing.
- Any new building should be low carbon/low energy use.