

Summary of feedback from Mattersey Future Development Questionnaires

Overall

Of the 308 questionnaires that were delivered to the households in Mattersey, 55 were returned, giving a response rate for the village of **17.86%**.

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	25	45.5%
0-10 houses	11	20.0%
10-20 houses	7	12.7%
20-30 new houses	5	9.1%
30-40 houses	2	3.6%
30-40+	1	1.8%
40+ houses	3	5.5%
No answer given	1	1.8%
Total	55	100%

Taking into consideration all answers, the average (mean) number of new houses that residents wanted in their village was **12.6 houses**. However, the most common answer given was **no new housing**.

Types and size of new houses

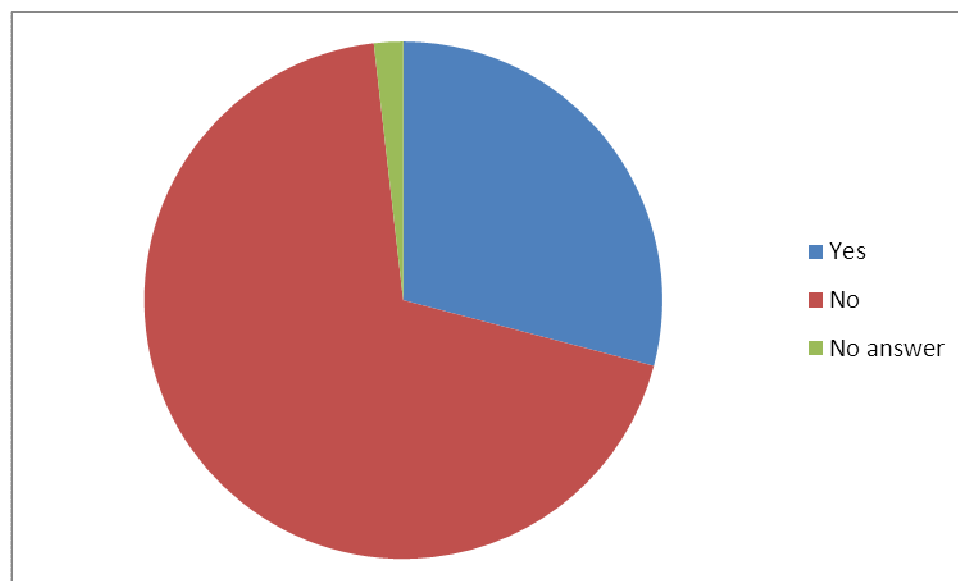
Respondents were asked to mark down which type of housing they believed the village needed in the future. The answer was multiple choice and people were not limited to only providing one answer. The results are shown below:

Answer	1 bedroom	2 bedrooms	3 bedrooms	4 bedrooms	5 bedrooms	Total
Detached		2	14	9	3	28
Semi detached	1	8	13	1		23
Bungalow		5	10	1		16
Terraced	1	2	1			4
Flats	1	1				2
Total	3	18	38	11	1	73

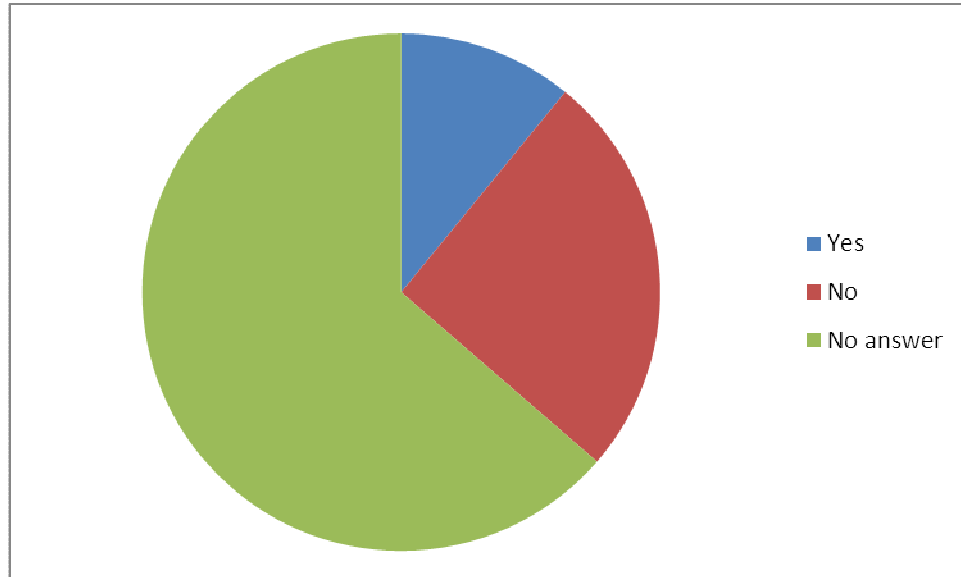
More than half the answers (52.%) came back favouring **3 bed properties** (largely centred on detached properties, semi-detached properties and bungalows). **Flats** and **Terraced** housing were the least popular option with only 8.2% of respondents favouring them.

2. Affordable Housing

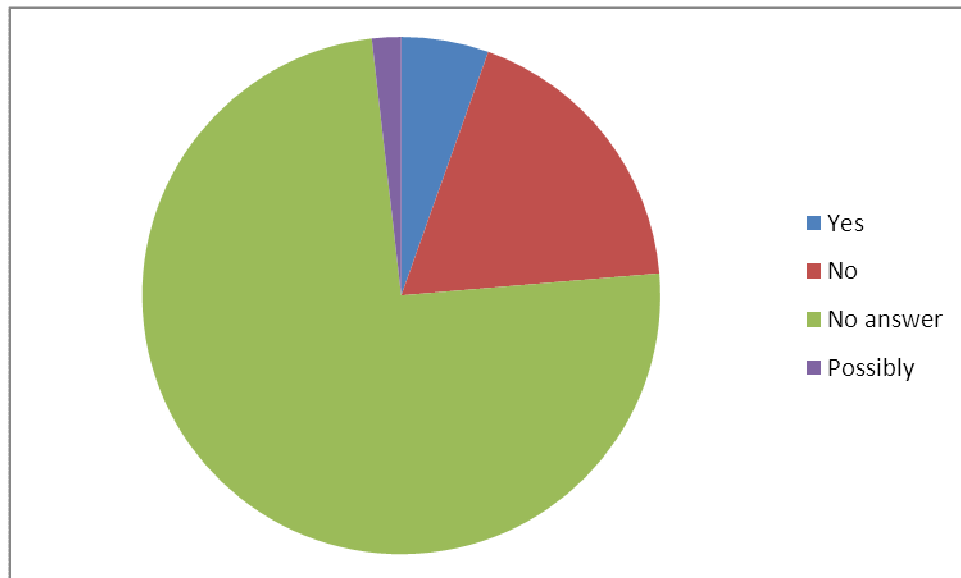
Respondents were asked to give a 'yes' or 'no' answer on whether there is a need for affordable housing in the area. The responses were as follows:



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	1		4
Semi detached	1	4	9	2	1	17
Bungalow	1	2	3	1		7
Terraced		3	2			5
Flats		1				1
Total	2	10	17	4	1	34

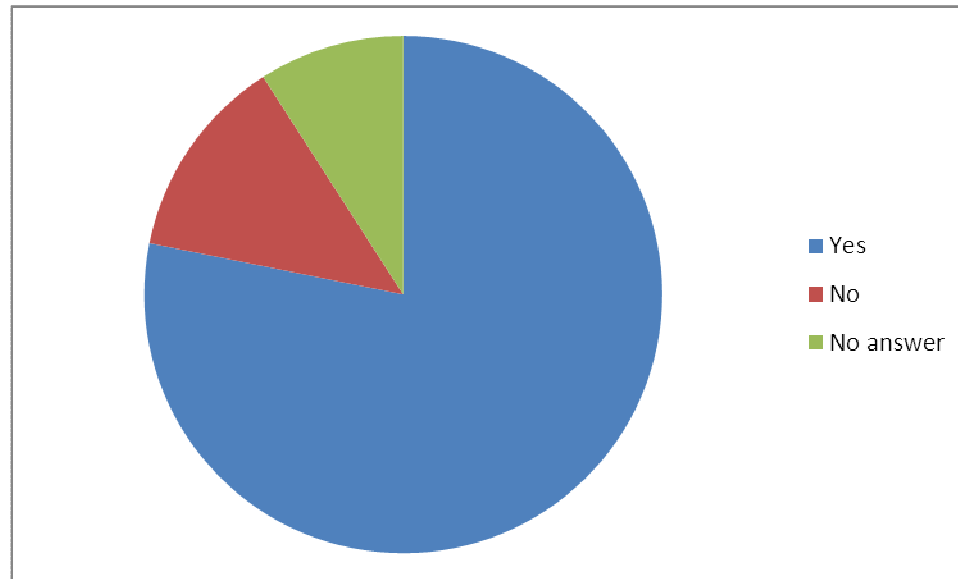
Respondents were asked if they believed there should be any specialist types of housing required in the village. The answers are as follows:

Answer	Number of respondents	% of respondents ¹
Old Persons Sheltered Accommodation	10	18.1%
Old Persons Residential Homes	4	7.2%
Affordable first time buyers	2	3.6%
Total	16	28.9%

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
Outside development boundary	12	22.6%
Small extensions	36	67.9%
Large extensions	5	9.4%
Total responses	53	100%

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

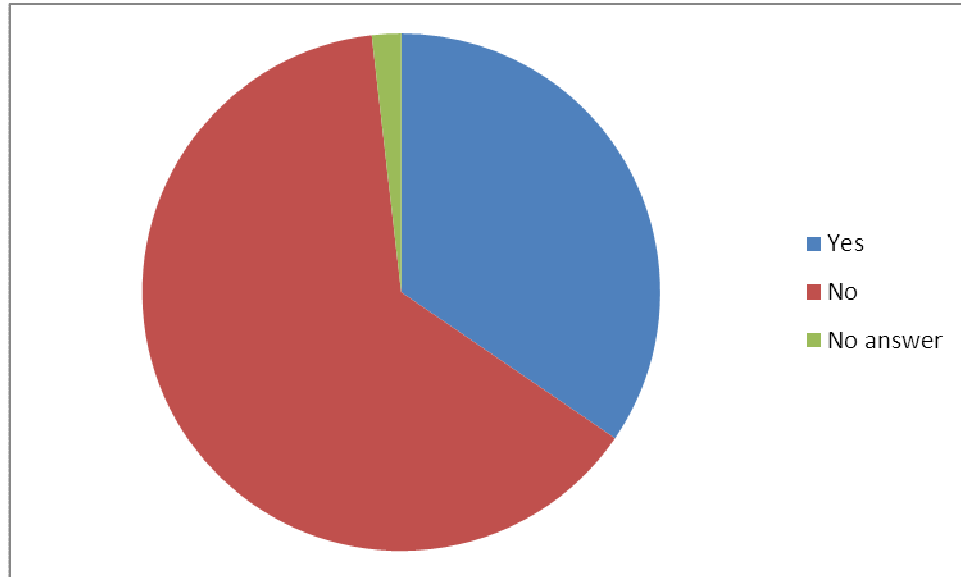
4. Village facilities

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:

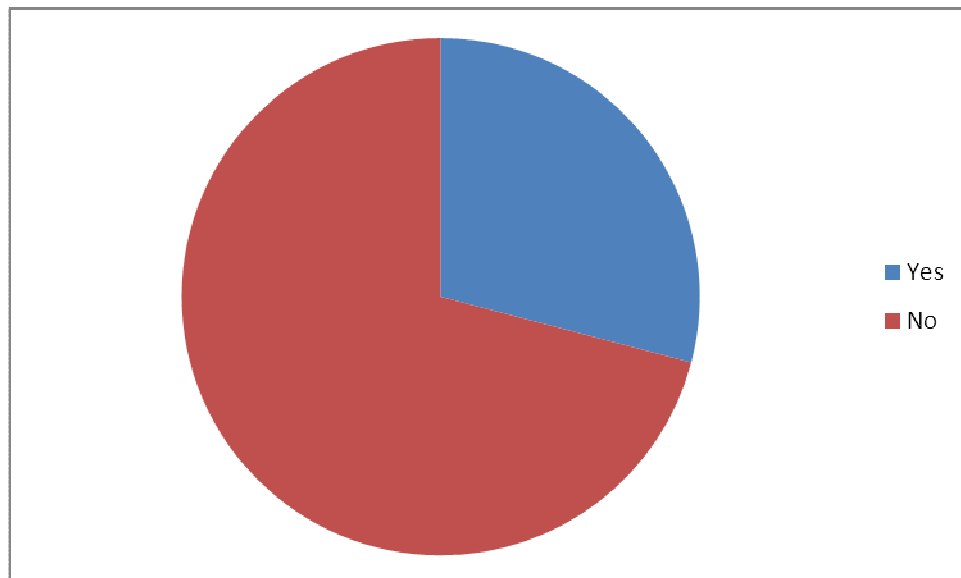
Answer	Number of respondents	% of respondents
Play area	10	19.2%
Village hall/community centre	14	26.9%
New school or more places at existing school	7	13.5%
Sports pitch	8	15.4%
Other		
- Shop	5	9.6%
- Public house	3	5.8%
- Tennis courts	1	1.9%
- Bowling green	1	1.9%
- GP surgery	1	1.9%
- Recycling facilities	1	1.9%
- Better bus service	1	1.9%
Total number of respondents who answered this question	52	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:

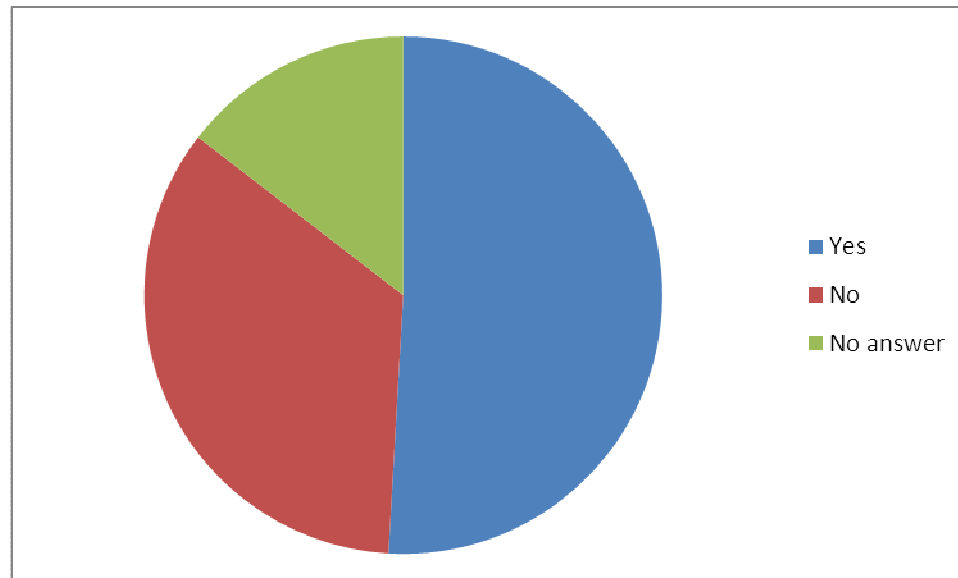
- Historical centre of the village is important
- Valuable open spaces such as Millennium Green and college fields on Retford Road.
- River Idle and footpaths
- Small peaceful village
- Church and its environs

Respondents were asked what community assets they would like to see protected from future development or changes of use. There were 2 respondents who said that there were no assets to be protected. The remaining responses identified the following as potential community assets:

Potential assets identified	Number of respondents	% of respondents
Millennium Green	10	24.4%
Playing fields/sports facilities	8	19.5%
Village hall	5	12.2%
All existing	4	9.8%
Play area/park	3	7.3%
Thorpe village green	3	7.3%
Post office	2	4.9%
School and fields	2	4.9%
Public house	1	2.3%
College fields	1	2.3%
Church	1	2.3%
Riverside	1	2.3%
Total respondents	41	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:

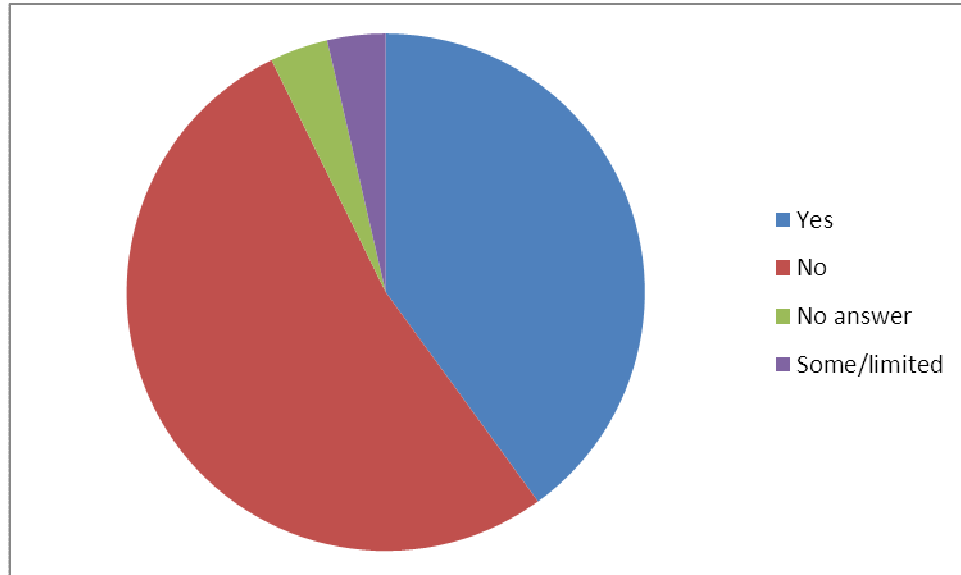


Respondents were then asked to expand on the specific problems and to provide details on the locations. These were summarised and the main issues are detailed below (in order of popularity):

- Sewerage/drainage system capacity problems (4 respondents)
- No mains gas (22 respondents)
- Poor broadband access (2 respondents)
- Road capacity (7 respondent)
- Limited public transport (7 respondents)
- Poor mobile phone reception (2 respondents)
- Limited power supply (4 respondents)
- Play area needs improving (1 respondents)
- Traffic calming schemes (1 respondent)
- Terrible school (1 respondent)
- Gritting (1 respondent)

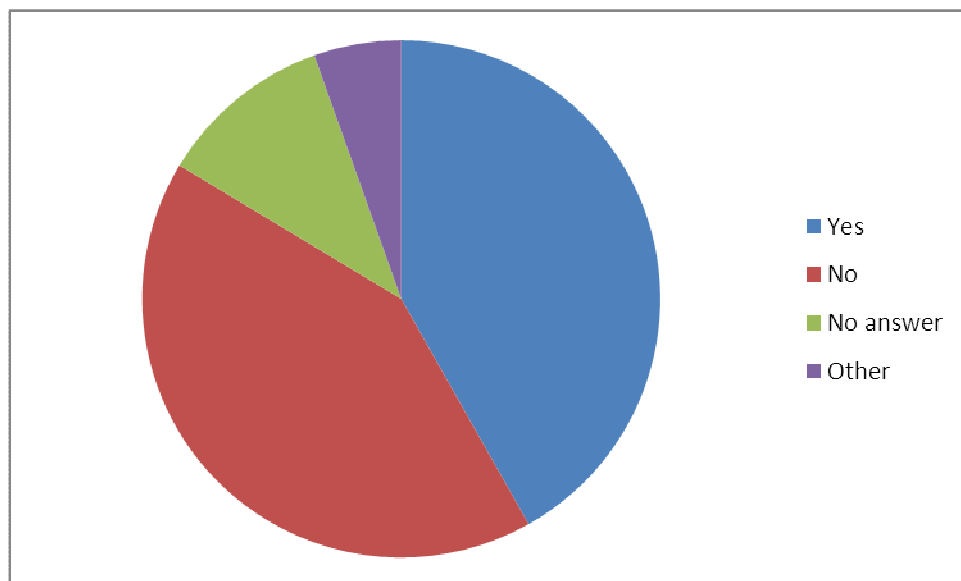
8. Employment opportunities

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 included working in agriculture, equestrian, Bible College, garage, metal working factory, shop and post office and a technology company. The village is also within a convenient location to access opportunities from a number of towns- Doncaster, Retford, Worksop and Gainsborough

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 the potential for a daytime activity center.

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:

- Public house (17 respondents)
- Shop/post office facilities (14 respondents)
- Café (2 respondents)
- GP surgery/health facilities (2 respondents)
- Restaurant (2 respondents)
- Hairdressers, veterinary surgery, bakery, all have been indicated once in the responses from Mattersey.

Five respondents stated that they had concerns whether a public house and shop would be viable in these economic uncertain times, and three further respondents stated that there should be no development.

10. 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:

- Roads to Ranskill and Sutton do not have pavements alongside
- Improved park facilities are required
- Brownfield sites in Mattersey Thorpe which could be re-used.
- Could there be a conservation area over the original Thorpe hamlet?
- Houses struggle to sell in the village
- Excess flies within the village
- Concerns raised over the antisocial behaviour within Mattersey Thorpe