

## Summary of feedback from Elkesley Future Development Questionnaires

### Overall

Of the 347 questionnaires that were delivered to the households in Elkesley, 40 were returned, giving a response rate for the village of **11.53%**.

### 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	17	42.5%
0-10 houses	8	20.0%
10-20 houses	4	10.0%
20-30 new houses	5	12.5%
30-40 houses	0	0.0%
40+ houses	2	5.0%
No answer given	4	10.0%
Total	40	100%

Taking into consideration all answers, the average (mean) number of new houses that residents wanted in their village was **11.4 houses**. However, the most common answer given was **no new housing**.

### Types and size of new houses

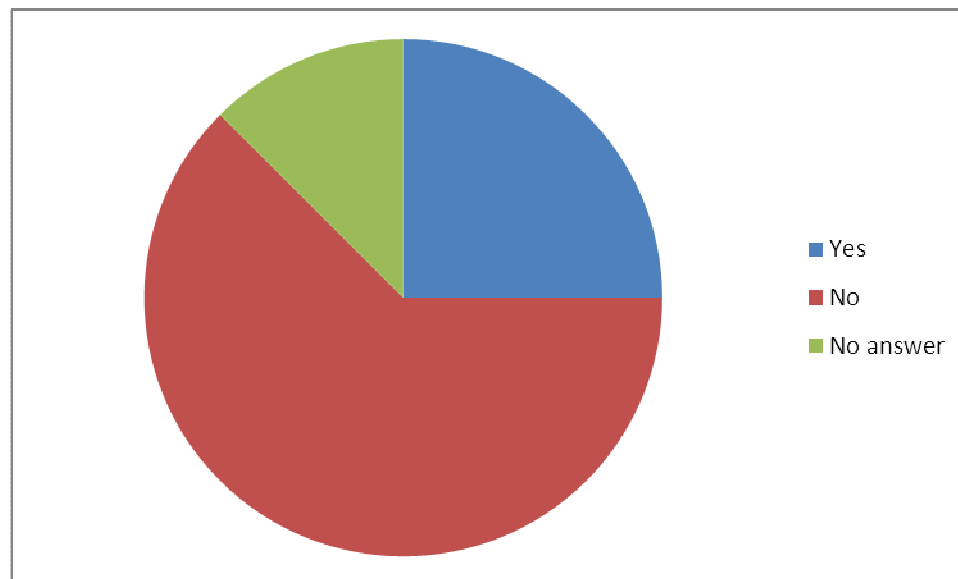
Respondents were asked to mark down which type of housing they believed the village needed in the future. The answer was multiple choice and people were not limited to only providing one answer. The results are shown below:

Answer	1 bedroom	2 bedrooms	3 bedrooms	4 bedrooms	5 bedrooms	Total
Detached		5	10	8	3	26
Semi detached		5	6	3	1	15
Bungalow	1	13	7			21
Terraced		3	3			6
Flats	1	1				2
Total	2	27	26	11	4	70

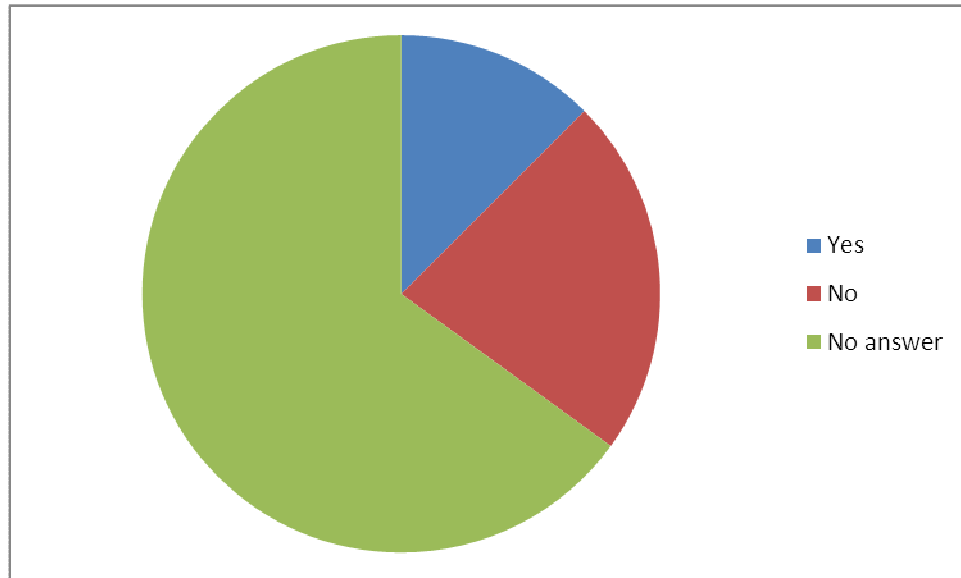
More than half the answers (**75.7%**) came back favouring **2 and 3 bed properties** (largely centred on detached properties, semi-detached properties and bungalows). Flats were the least popular option with only **2.8%** of respondents favouring them.

### **2. Affordable Housing**

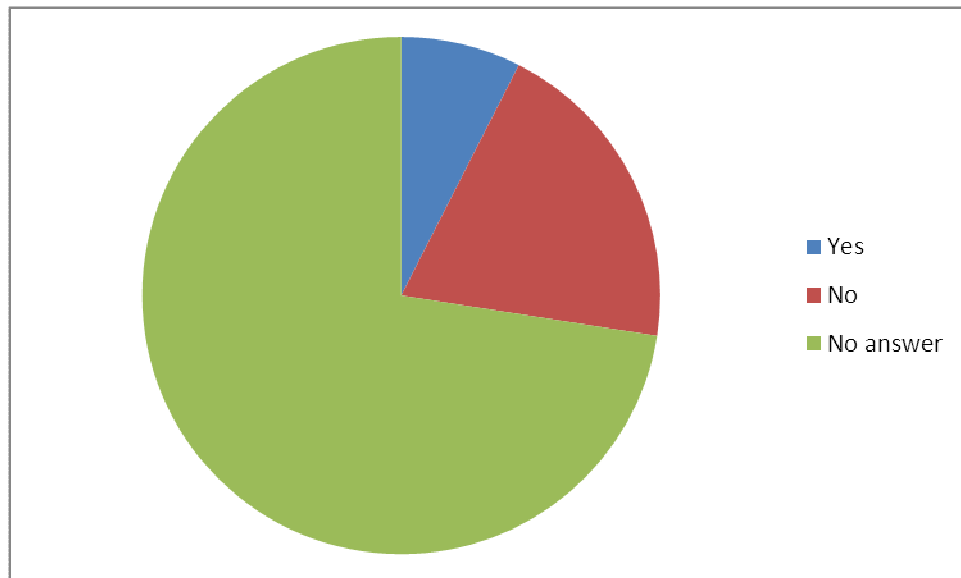
Respondents were asked to give a 'yes' or 'no' answer on whether there is a need for affordable housing in the area. The responses were as follows:



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:

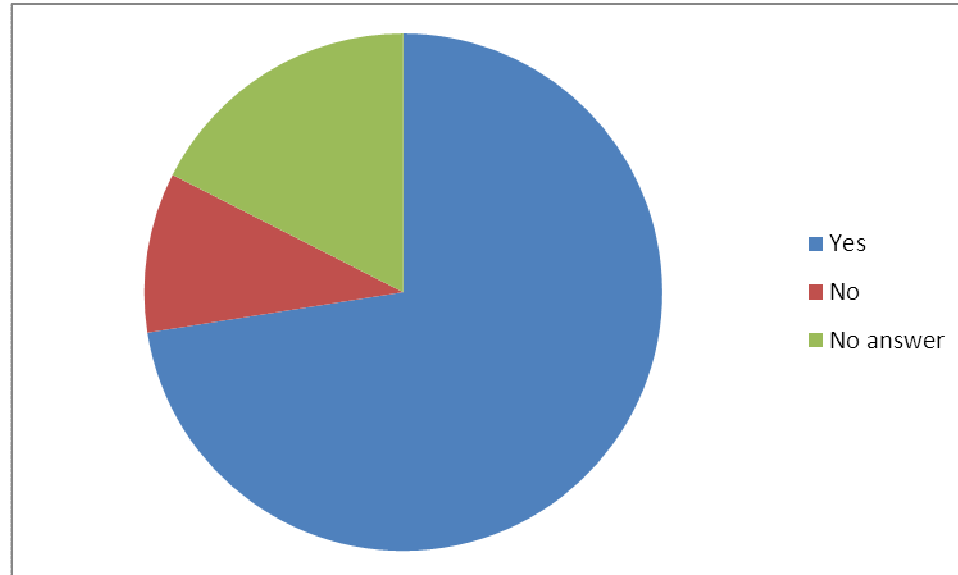
Answer	1 bedroom	2 bedrooms	3 bedrooms	4 bedrooms	5 bedrooms	Total
Detached		2	4	1		7
Semi detached		2	4			6
Bungalow	1	2	5			8
Terraced		1	2			3
Flats						0
Total	1	7	15	1	0	24

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	5	12.5%
Old Persons Residential Homes	6	15%
Wardened accommodation/bungalows	1	2.5%
Total	12	30%

### 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 <sup>1</sup>
Outside development boundary	6	26.1%
Small extensions	15	65.2%
Large extensions	2	8.7%
Total responses	23	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 had been previously considered.

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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.

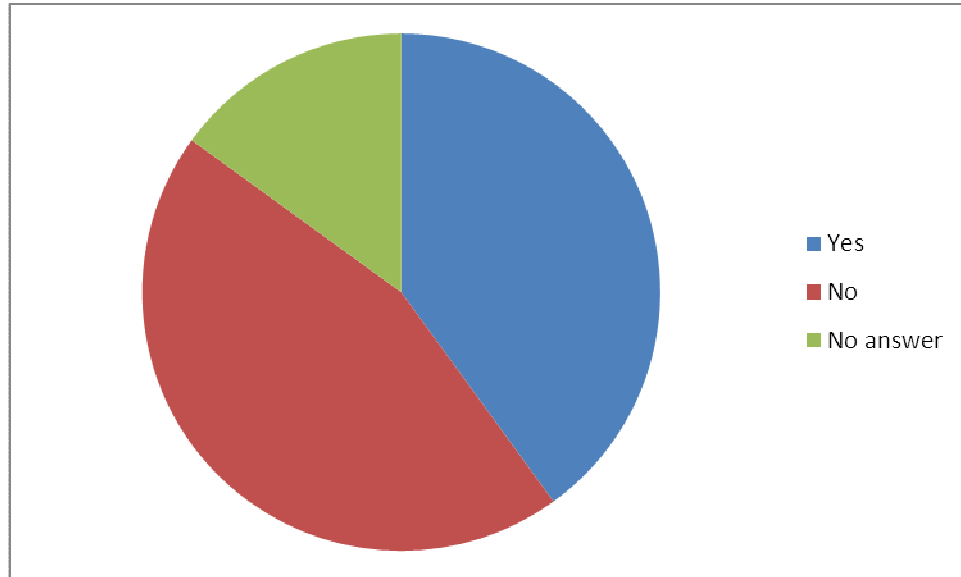
#### 4. Village facilities

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:

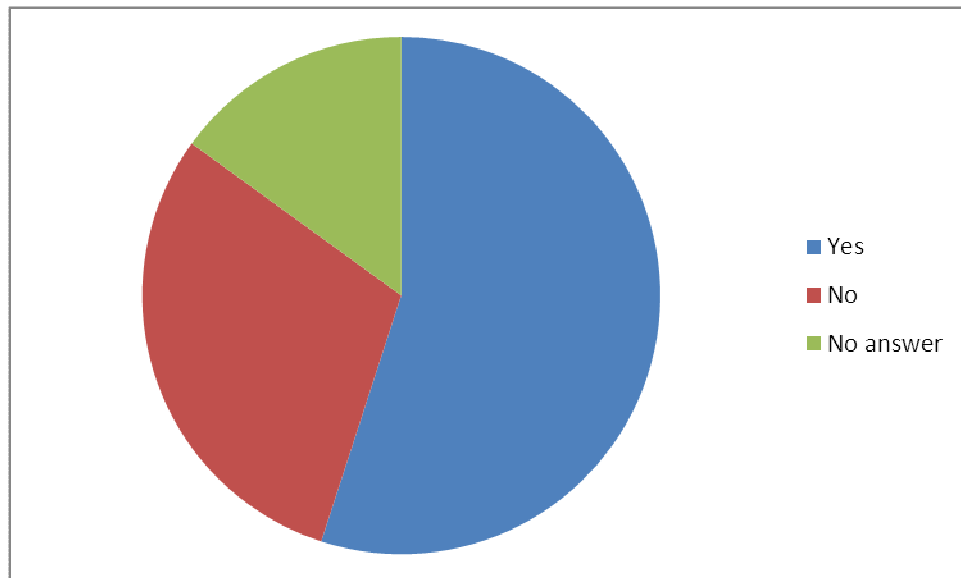
Answer	Number of respondents	% of respondents
Village hall/community centre	4	11.4%
New school or more places at existing school	10	28.6%
Sports pitch	4	11.4%
Play area	8	22.9%
Other		
- Bridge over A1	4	11.4%
- Doctors	2	5.7%
- Chemist	1	2.9%
- Bus service	1	2.9%
- Pavements	1	2.9%
Total number of respondents who answered this question	35	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:

- Compact and friendly village
- Surrounded by open countryside, woodland and fields
- Good village school

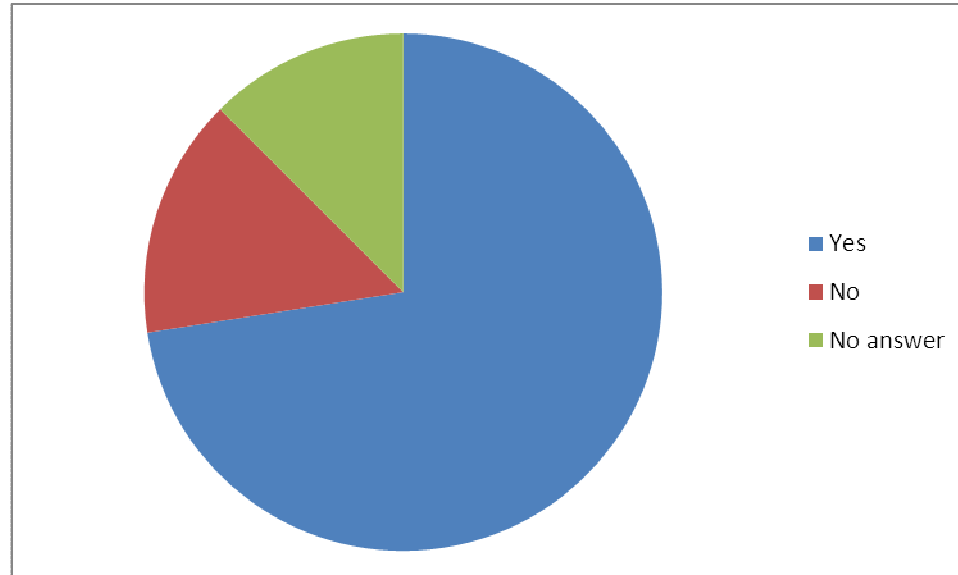
Respondents were asked what community assets they would like to see protected from future development or changes of use. Of the 64 people who responded, only two stated that there were no assets within the village. The remaining responses identified the following as potential community assets:

Potential assets identified	Number of respondents	% of respondents
Playing fields/sports facilities	19	26.7%
Village hall and vicinity	17	23.9%
Public house	13	18.3%
Shop/post office	5	7.0%
Footpaths and bridleways	4	5.6%
Playground/park	3	4.2%
Church and vicinity	2	2.8%
All assets	2	2.8%
School	1	1.4%
River area	1	1.4%
Bowling green	1	1.4%
Tennis courts	1	1.4%
Bus services	1	1.4%
Crookford	1	1.4%
Total respondents	71	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:

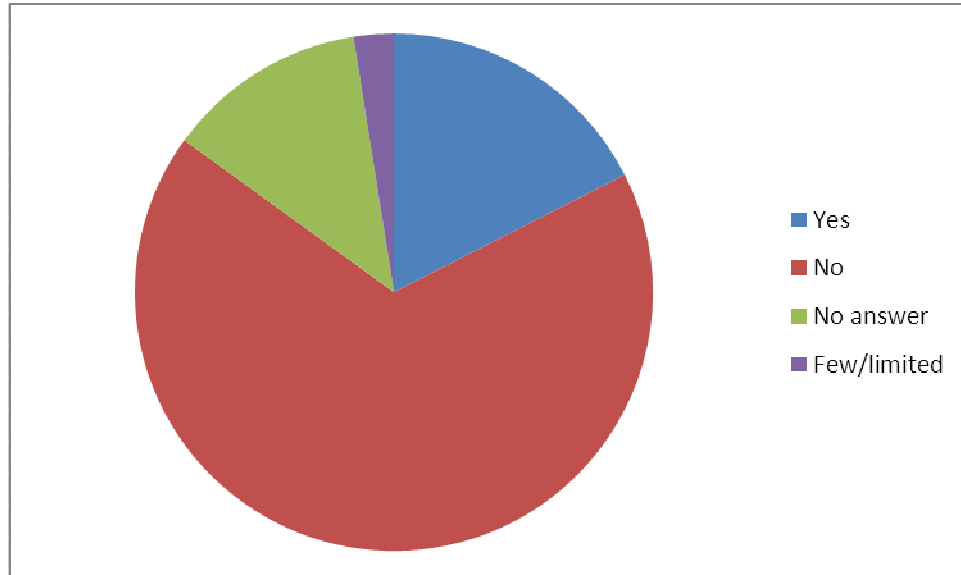


Respondents were then asked to expand on the specific problems and to provide details on the locations. These were summarised and the main issues are detailed below (in order of popularity):

- Concerns over road capacities and A1 junction (19 respondents)
- No access to mains gas (9 respondents)
- Sewerage/drainage system capacity problems were reported by 8 respondents, of which these areas were identified specifically:
  - High Street (1 respondent)
  - Headland Avenue (1 respondent)
- School capacity (5 respondents)
- Inadequate bus service (3 respondents)
- Broadband access (2 respondents)
- Power cuts/unpredictable supply (2 respondents)
- Play facilities (2 respondents)
- Poor water supply (1 respondent)
- Shop facilities (1 respondent)

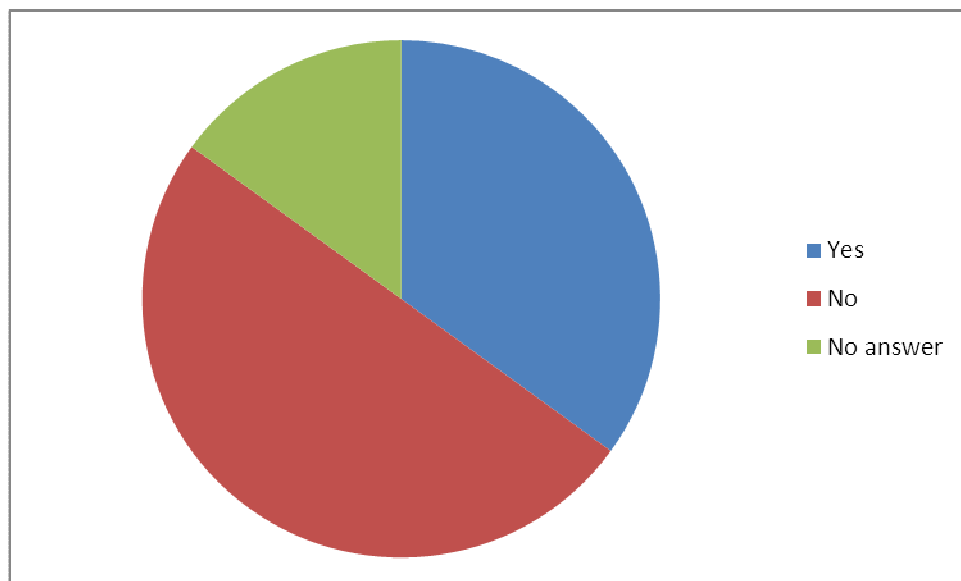
## 8. Employment opportunities

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 were as follows: local public house, school, shop, Gamston airfield, agricultural work along with the wood treatment plant (Plevins). There are other employment opportunities at Retford, Ollerton, Tuxford and Worksop

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 expansion of Plevins, foster and residential care homes

## **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:

- Keep and improve the shop and post office facilities (7 respondents)
- Hairdressers (2 respondents)
- Youth club (2 respondents)
- Foster/Residential care homes (2 respondents)
- Doctors/medical centre (2 respondents)
- Public house (1 respondent, although there were 2 people raised their concerns on this)
- Better public service, garage and village club all have been indicated once in the responses from Elkesley.

Three respondents also said there would not support any development, one respondent should reply with yes and a further reply came back stating there was no need for future opportunities.

## **10. Further comments**

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

- Need a bridge over the A1.
- Better pedestrian access through the village
- Concerns over capacity on the local village roads
- Allotments would be welcomed
- Concerns raised over the possible biomass incinerator at Plevins.