

Summary of feedback from East Markham Future Development Questionnaires

Overall

Of the 484 questionnaires that were delivered to the households in East Markham, 50 were returned, giving a response rate for the village of **10.33%**.

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
Only factory site	10	
No new housing	13	58.8%
0-10 houses	9	23.3%
10-20 houses	9	10.0%
20-30 new houses	5	3.3%
30-40 houses	1	1.1%
40+ houses	2	1.1%
No answer given	1	2.2%
Total	50	100%

Taking into consideration all answers, the average (mean) number of new houses that residents wanted in their village was **11.2 houses**. However, the most common answer given was **no new housing**.

Types and size of new houses

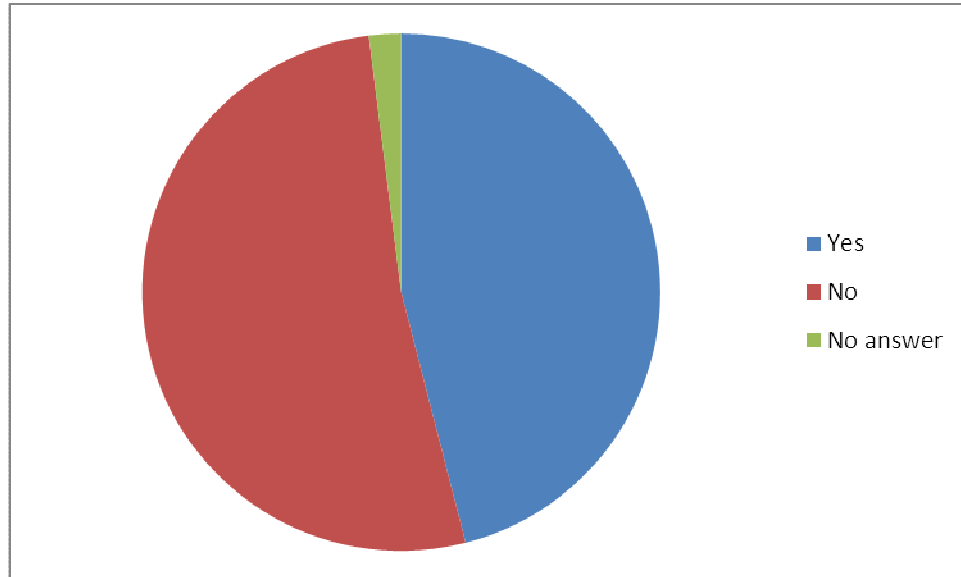
Respondents were asked to mark down which type of housing they believed the village needed in the future. The answer was multiple choice and people were not limited to only providing one answer. The results are shown below:

Answer	1 bedroom	2 bedrooms	3 bedrooms	4 bedrooms	5 bedrooms	Total
Detached	1	5	17	11	4	38
Semi detached	3	14	14	5	1	37
Bungalow	5	15	6	2		28
Terraced		7	2			9
Flats	2	1				3
Total	11	42	39	18	5	115

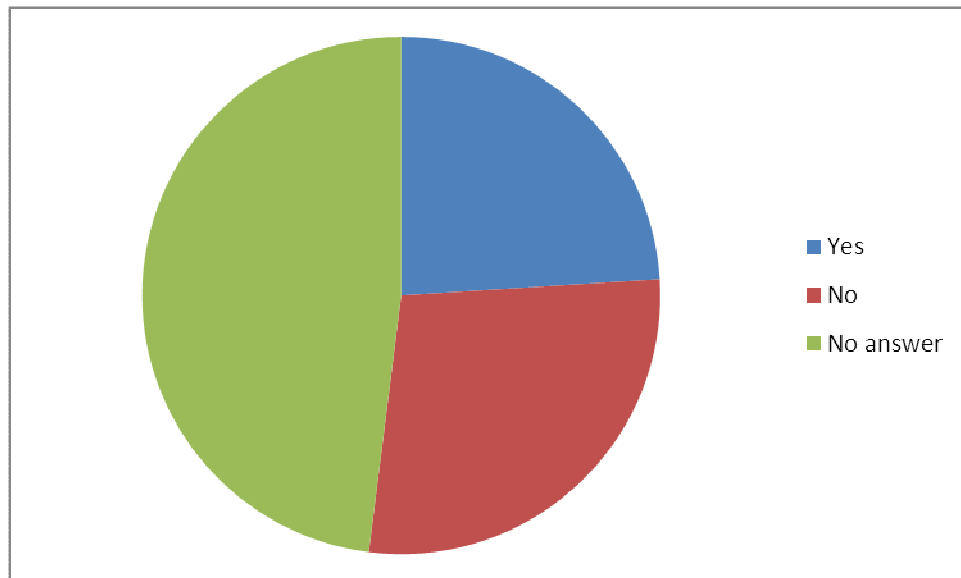
32.5% of respondents came back favouring **2 bed properties** (largely centred on detached properties, semi-detached properties and bungalows). **3 bed** properties were also a popular answer. **Flats** and **terraced** properties were the least popular option with only 10.4% of respondents favouring them.

2. Affordable Housing

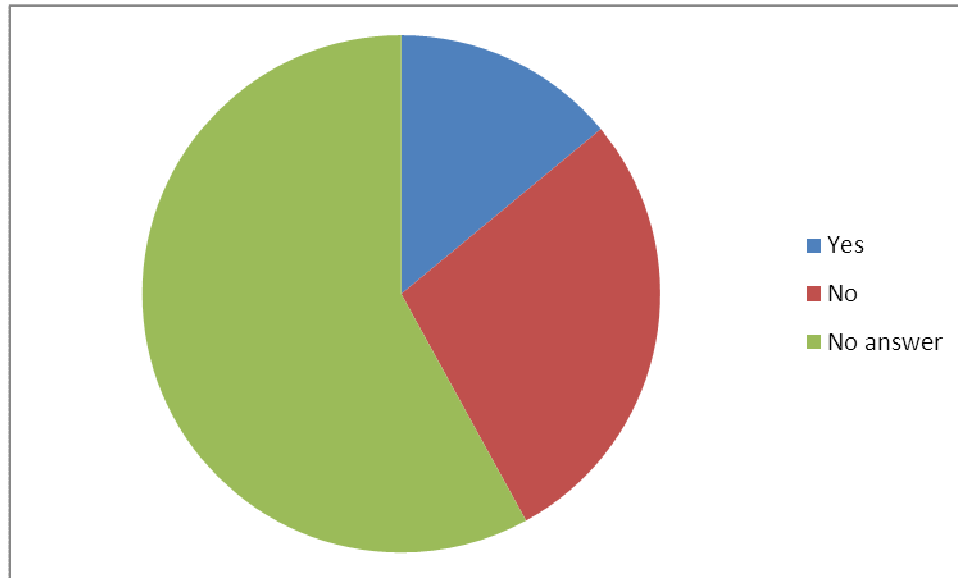
Respondents were asked to give a 'yes' or 'no' answer on whether there is a need for affordable housing in the area. The responses were as follows:



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:

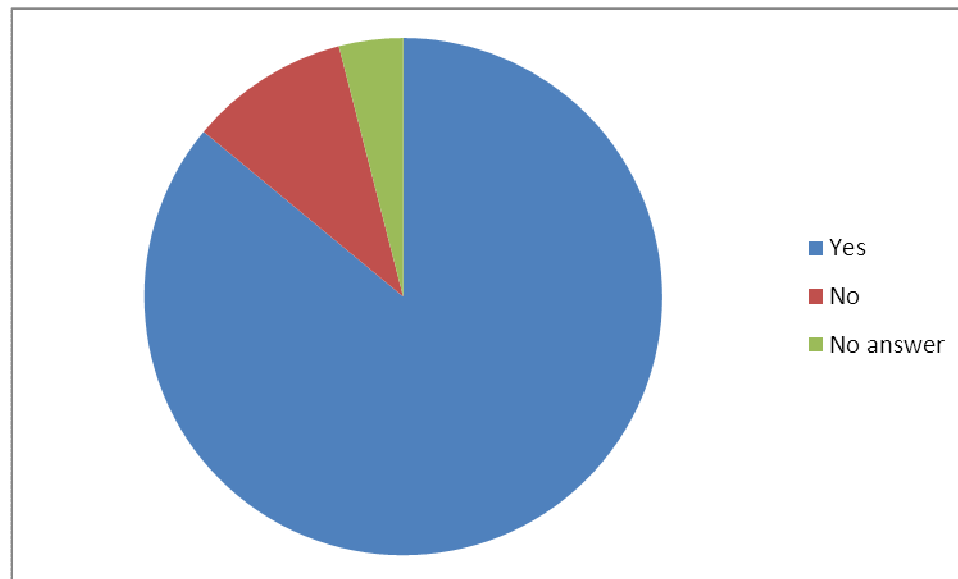
Answer	1 bedroom	2 bedrooms	3 bedrooms	4 bedrooms	5 bedrooms	Total
Detached	1	3	5	2		11
Semi detached	1	14	9	1		25
Bungalow	2	8	3			13
Terraced		3	2			5
Flats						0
Total	4	28	19	3	0	54

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	22	44%
Old Persons Residential Homes	10	20%
Affordable first time buyers	1	2%
Total	33	66%

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 respondents	% of respondents ¹
Outside development boundary	11	23.9%
Small extensions	32	69.6%
Large extensions	3	6.5%
Total responses	46	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, and these sites had not been previously considered.

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.

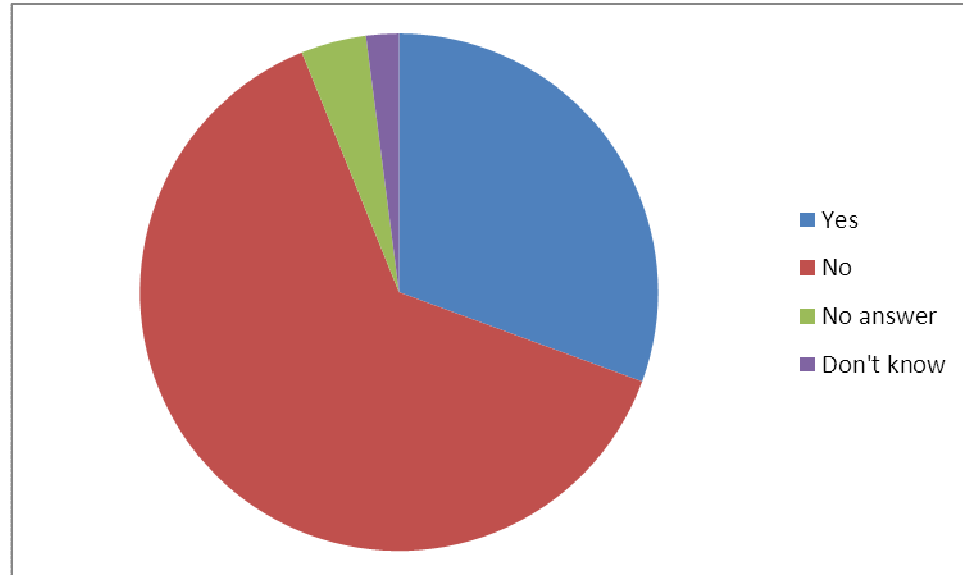
4. Village facilities

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	0	0
New school or more places at existing school	30	50.0%
Sports pitch	3	5.0%
Play area	21	35.0%
Other		
- Medical centre	1	1.7%
- Post office	1	1.7%
- Indoor gym	1	1.7%
- Cycle path to school	1	1.7%
- Shop/newsagent	1	1.7%
- Village pond and wildlife area	1	1.7%
Total number of respondents who answered this question	60	100%

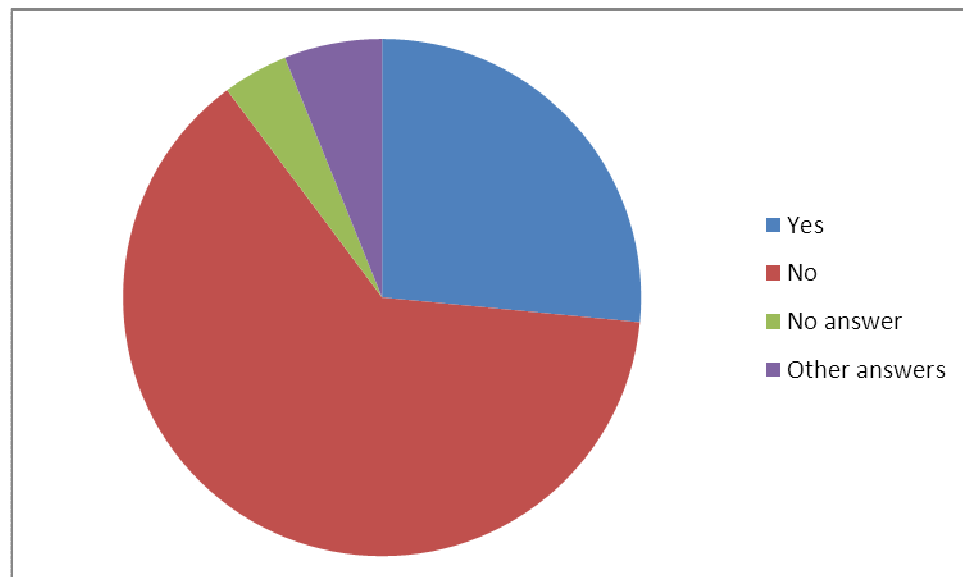
5. Renewable Energy

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:



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6. Local Distinctiveness

This question was aimed at finding out what local characteristics residents felt were special. The results were as follows:

- Nice village atmosphere with community events organised regularly.
- Surrounded by open countryside with access to protected wildlife area and protected historical sites.
- Low crime rates
- Very little through traffic
- Loosely structured village with a predominantly traditional Nottinghamshire red brick and pantile constructed housing stock with importantly open spaces within the heart of the village
- Special characteristics have been identified in the VDS (especially pages 29 and 30)

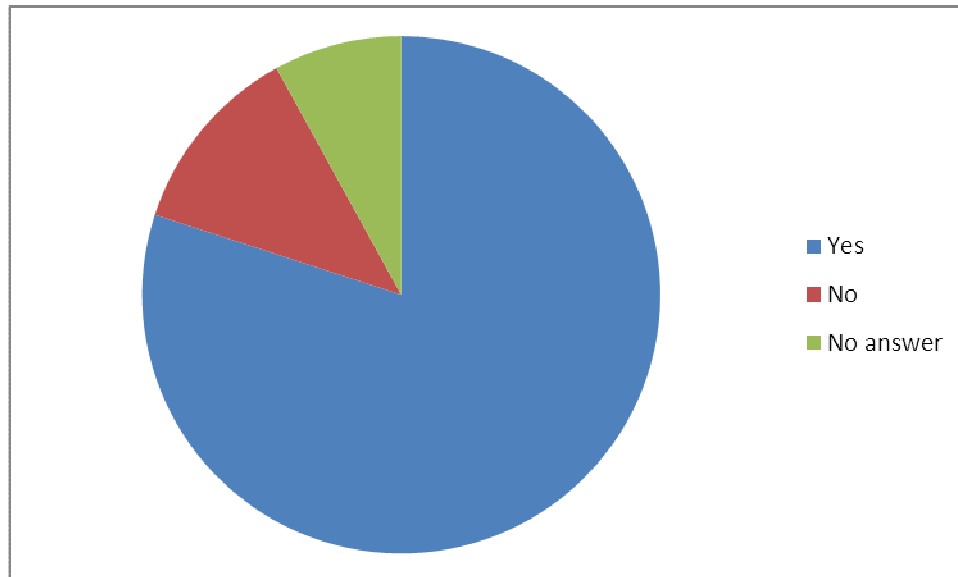
Respondents were asked what community assets they would like to see protected from future development or changes of use. The remaining responses identified the following as potential community assets:

Potential assets identified	Number of responses	% of responses
Playing fields/sports facilities	29	23.7%
Village hall	26	21.1%
Public house	20	16.3%
Farmland/open spaces	10	8.1%
Bowling green and tennis courts	8	6.5%
Church and surrounding land	7	5.7%
All existing	6	4.8%
Shop/post office	4	3.3%
Allotments	4	3.3%
Footpaths	4	3.3%
Playground/area	3	2.4%

Woodland/trees	1	0.8%
School and adjacent land	1	0.8%
Total respondents	123	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:



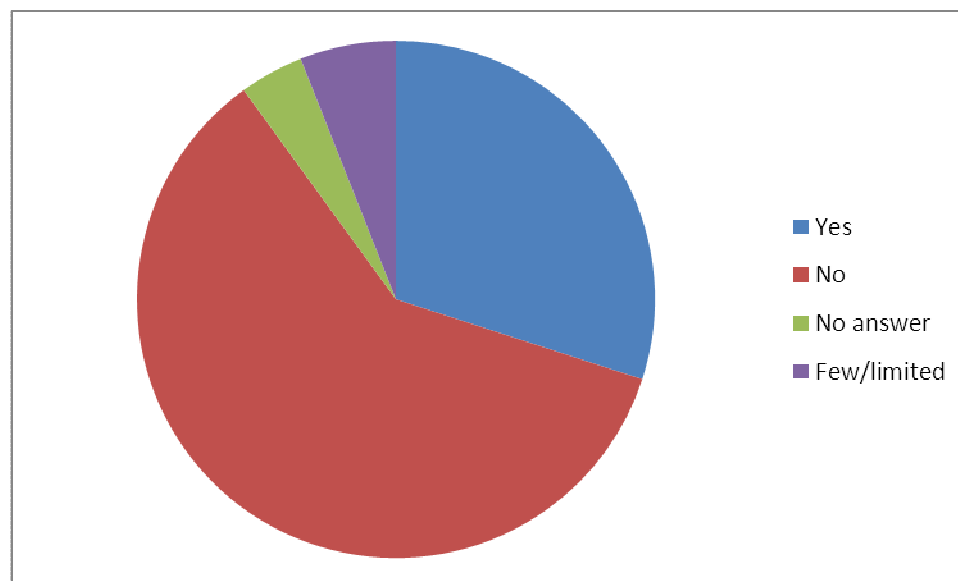
Respondents were then asked to expand on the specific problems and to provide details on the locations. These were summarised and the main issues are detailed below (in order of popularity):

- Sewerage/drainage system capacity problems were reported by 26 respondents, of which these areas were identified specifically:
 - High Street (3 respondents)
 - Plantation Avenue (3 respondents)
 - Plantation Road (1 respondent)
 - Low Street (1 respondent)
 - Church Street (1 respondent)
 - Old Hall Lane (1 respondent)

- Beckland Hill (1 respondent)
- School and its facilities (16 respondents)
- No mains gas (11 respondents)
- Broadband access (2 respondents)
- Play facilities (3 respondents)
- Road capacity problems (4 respondents)
- Parking problems (3 respondents), of which one respondent highlighted the area around the Beckland Hill and High Street as a specific example
- Frequent power cuts/unpredictable supply (3 respondents)
- Inadequate public transport (1 respondent)
- Medical services (1 respondent)
- Weight restrictions on local roads (1 respondent)
- Roads need to be gritted more (1 respondent)

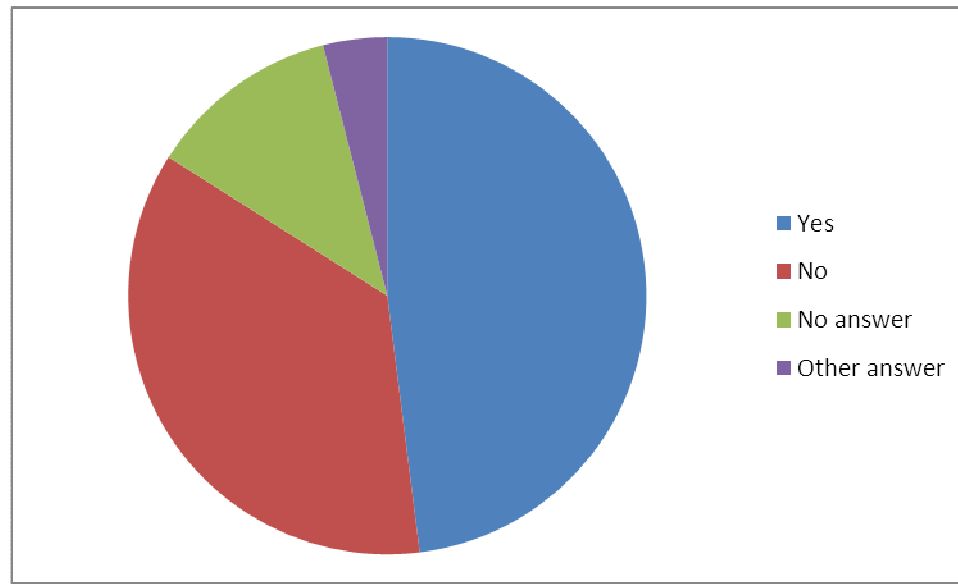
8. Employment opportunities

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 within the village. The responses were as follows: garage, local shops/post office, public houses, hairdressers, workshop, self employed builders, agricultural work, catteries, clay pigeon factory and electricians. There are also many opportunities in Tuxford.

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. There were very few opportunities mentioned within the village, but responses were referencing the re-establishment of Marnham power stations and the potential developments at Markham Moor roundabout as being key areas of potential opportunity within the locality. One respondent stated that bringing new employment opportunities to the area should be a priority.

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 the shopping and post office facilities (26 respondents)
- Garden centre (3 respondents)
- Children's nursery (2 respondents)
- Florist, craft workshops, beauticians, medical centres, brewery, photovoltaic farm, café, public house, library, dentist and doctor all have been indicated once in the responses from East Markham

Furthermore, two respondents stated that there would not support any other development.

10. Further comments

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

- Avoidance of over-building on small plots and large dwellings which dwarf others nearby
- New developments should use local builders
- Should consider the VDS in detail when looking at the future of the village

Other comments were raised and these are listed below:

- Concerns raised over building works that are occurring within the Conservation Area.
- Concerns over new development having a negative impact on the 'village life and community spirit'.
- Concerns were raised over the factory site application.
- Need for eco-homes
- Conservation area should be extended