

## Summary of feedback from Blyth Future Development Questionnaires

### Overall

Of the 550 questionnaires that were delivered to the households in Blyth, 83 were returned, giving a response rate for the village of **15.09%**.

### 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	46	55.4%
0-10 houses	17	20.5%
10-20 houses	6	7.2%
20-30 new houses	7	8.4%
30-40 houses	0	0.0%
40+ houses	5	6.0%
No answer given	2	2.4%
Total	83	100%

Taking into consideration all answers, the average (mean) number of new houses that residents wanted in their village was **9.3 houses**. However, the most common answer given was **no new housing**.

### Types and size of new houses

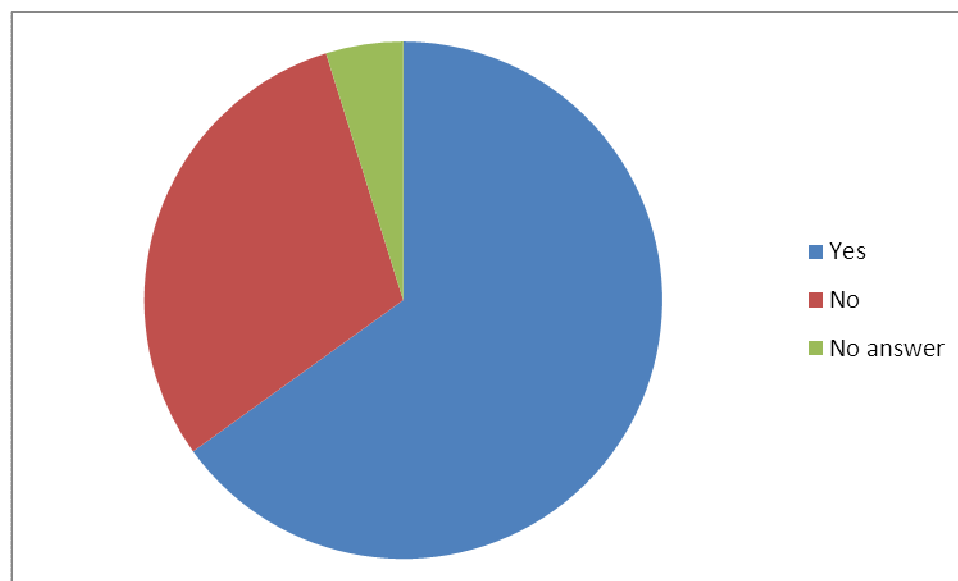
Respondents were asked to mark down which type of housing they believed the village needed in the future. The answer was multiple choice and people were not limited to only providing one answer. The results are shown below:

Answer	1 bedroom	2 bedrooms	3 bedrooms	4 bedrooms	5 bedrooms	Total
Detached	2		10	9	3	24
Semi detached	1	7	10	3		21
Bungalow	5	6	4	3		18
Terraced	3	5	1			9
Flats	5	6				11
Total	16	24	25	15	3	83

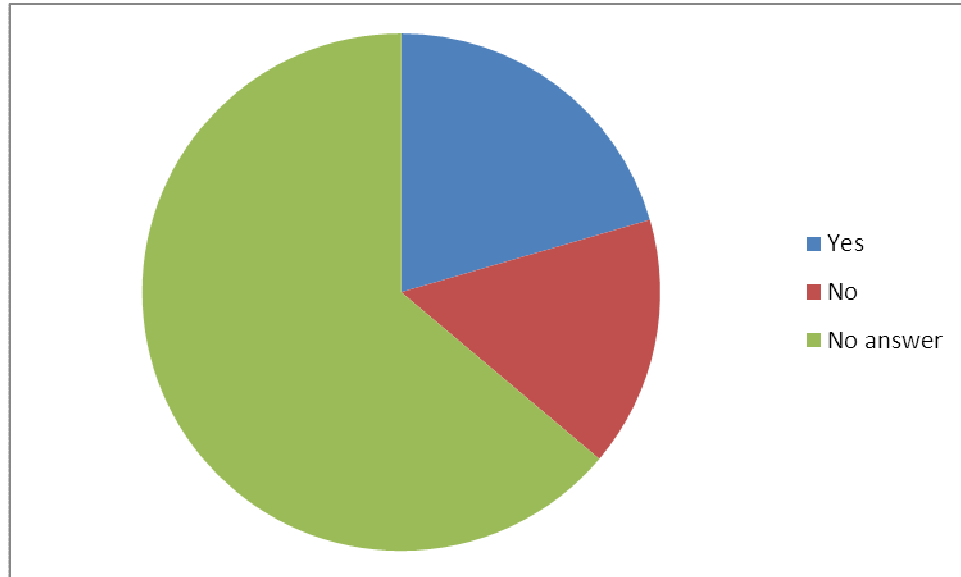
The results show there is a need for a mixture of housing in the area. Although residents favoured **1- 3 bed properties** (largely centred on detached properties, semi-detached properties and bungalows). **Flats and Terraced** housing were the least popular option with 24% of respondents favouring them.

## 2. Affordable Housing

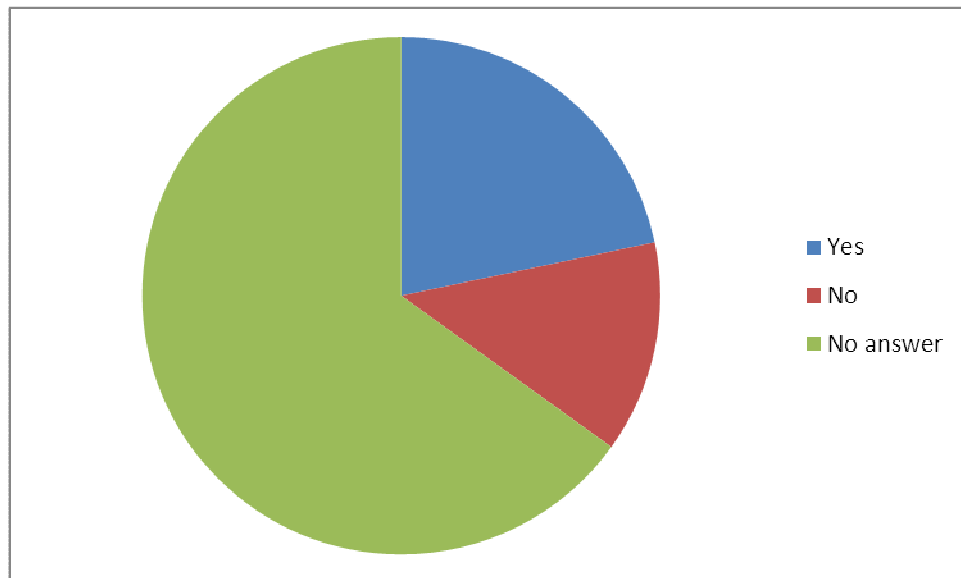
Respondents were asked to give a 'yes' or 'no' answer on whether there is a need for affordable housing in the area. The responses were as follows:



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:

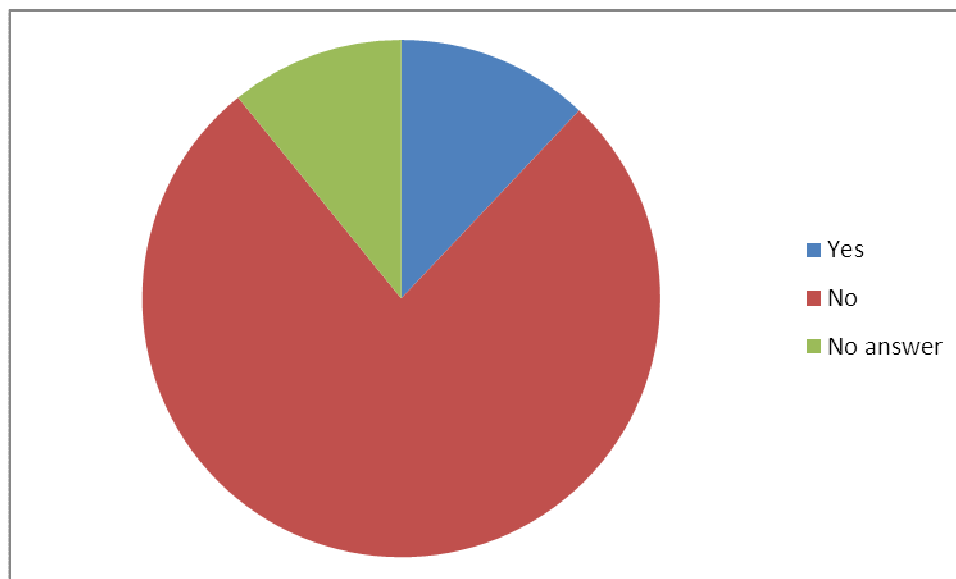


Respondents were then asked to mark down which type of *affordable* housing they believed the village needed in the future. The answer was multiple choice and people were not limited to only providing one answer. The results are shown below:

Answer	1 bedroom	2 bedrooms	3 bedrooms	4 bedrooms	5 bedrooms	Total
Detached			1		1	2
Semi detached	2	6	7	1	1	17
Bungalow	3	5				9
Terraced	1	1				2
Flats	4	3				7
Total	10	15	8	1	3	37

### 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	14	21.9%
Small extensions	46	71.9%
Large extensions	4	6.3%
Total responses	64	100%

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

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 <sup>1</sup>
Old Persons Sheltered Accommodation	24	28.9%
Old Persons Residential Homes	8	9.6%
Affordable First Time Buyers	1	1.2%
Wardened accommodation/bungalows	1	1.2%
Total	34	100.0%

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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

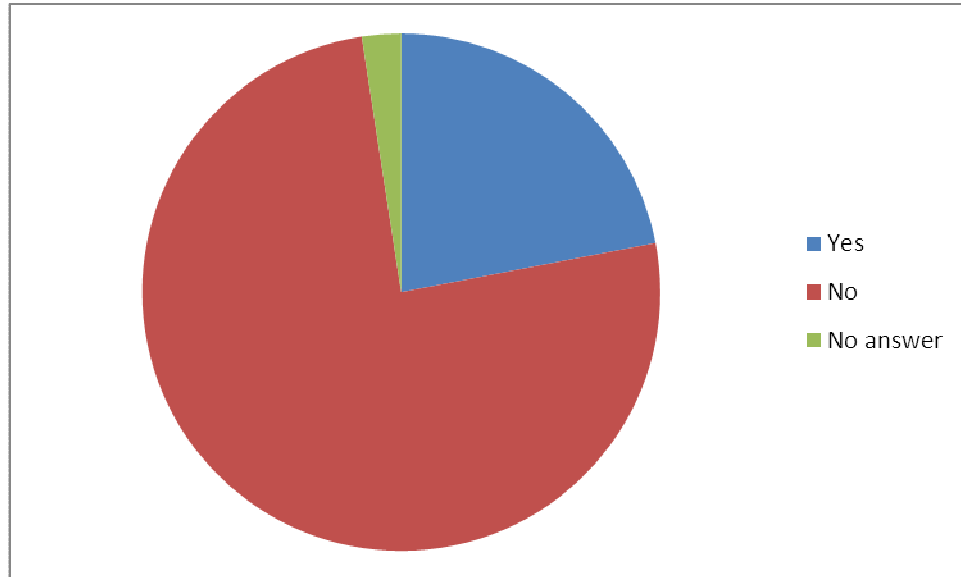
Respondents were asked to comment on the additional facilities would they like to see in the village (secured through planning obligations or CIL) if new housing sites were allocated. The results were as follows:

Answer	Number of respondents	% of respondents
Village hall/community centre	9	15.3%
New school or more places at existing school	6	10.2%
Sports pitch	18	30.5%
Play area	13	22.0%
Other		
- Improved parking	4	6.8%
- Shop/post office	2	3.4%
- Transport links/by-pass	2	3.4%
- Allotments	2	3.4%
- GP surgery	1	1.7%
- Youth club	1	1.7%
- Facilities for pensioners	1	1.7%
Total number of respondents who answered this question	59	100%

Four respondents also expressed that they would not support any developments of this nature.

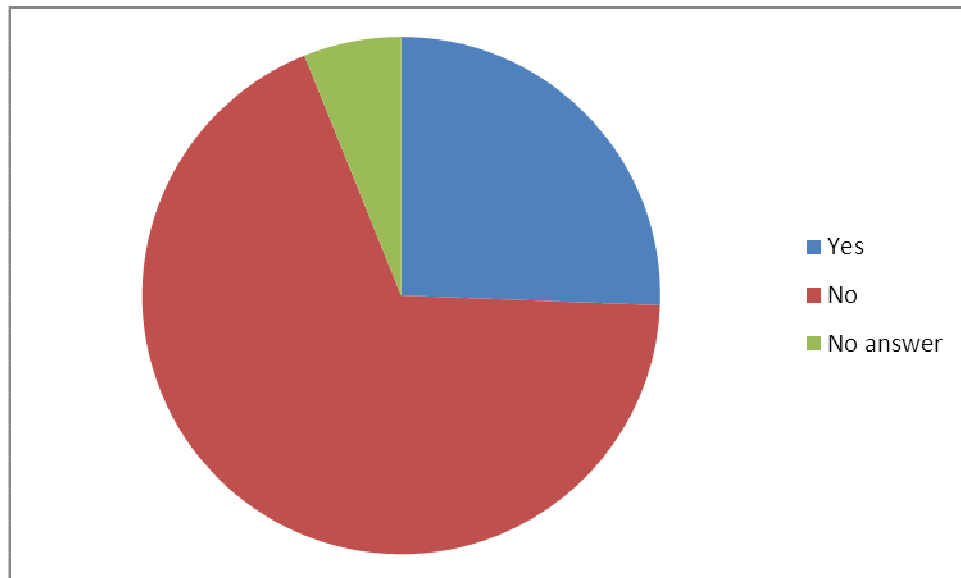
## 5. Renewable Energy

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:



A further respondent specifically stated that this would depend on the scale and location of the proposed scheme.

## 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:

- Quiet, small attractive village with low crime rates
- Historic village recognised by the conservation area, dating back 900 years
- Main road running through the village brings good road links to the nearby area and access to the A1 (and also problems: congestion and parking problems).
- Rural nature surrounded by open countryside

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:

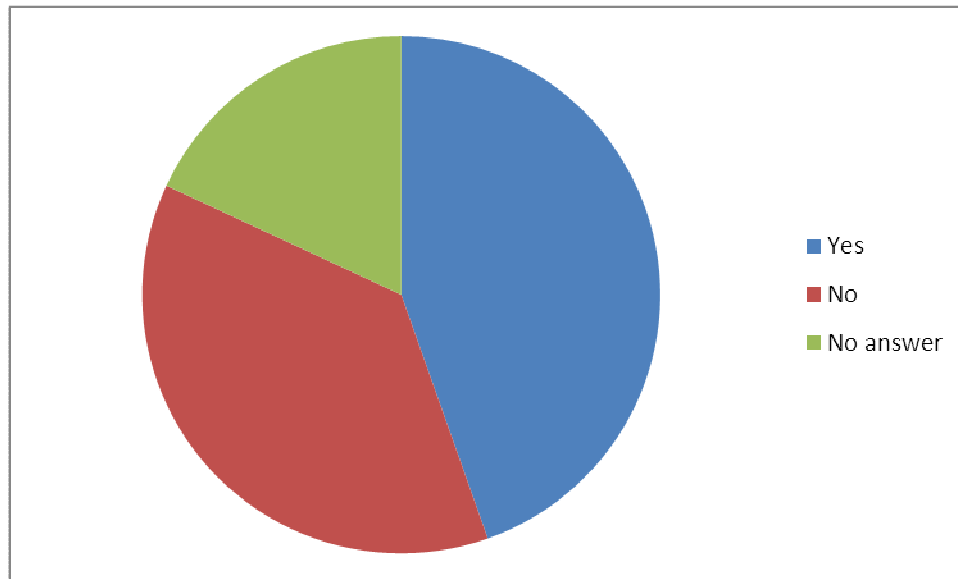
Potential assets identified	Number of responses	% of responses
Village hall	32	17.4%
Playing fields/sports facilities	28	15.2%
Public house	28	15.2%
Cricket field	18	9.8%
Village green	16	8.7%
Playground/area	14	7.6%
Church and green	9	4.9%
Bowling green	8	4.3%
Shop/post office	8	4.3%
School and adjacent land	7	3.8%
Memorial hall	5	2.7%
Footpaths	3	1.6%
Farmland/greenfield sites	2	1.1%



Parking facilities	2	1.1%
GP surgery	1	0.5%
Bus shelter	1	0.5%
Telephone box	1	0.5%
Play group	1	0.5%
Total respondents	184	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:

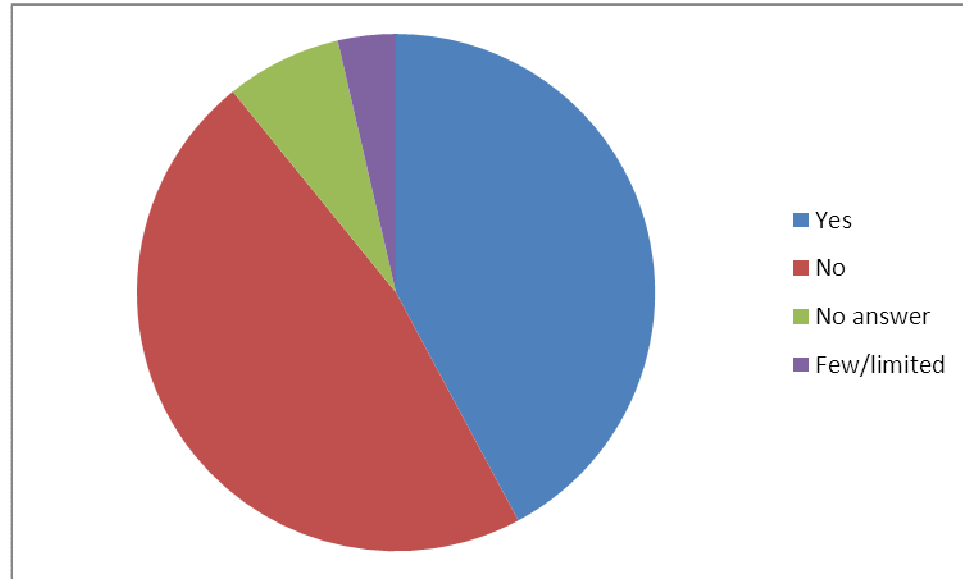


Respondents were then asked to expand on the specific problems and to provide details on the locations. These were summarised and the main issues are detailed below (in order of popularity):

- Sewerage/drainage system capacity problems were reported by 17 respondents, of which these areas were identified specifically:
  - Sheffield Road (5 respondents)
  - Maltings Estate (1 respondent)
  - Mill Meadow View (1 respondent)
  - Ryton Close (1 respondent)
  - Ryton Fields (1 respondent)
  - Spital Fields (1 respondent)
- Road capacity problems, congestion and use of the roads for HGVs (11 respondents)
- Parking issues (5 respondent)
- Frequent power cuts/unpredictable supply (4 respondents)
- Broadband and mobile phone reception problems (2 respondents)
- Gas supply problems (1 respondent)

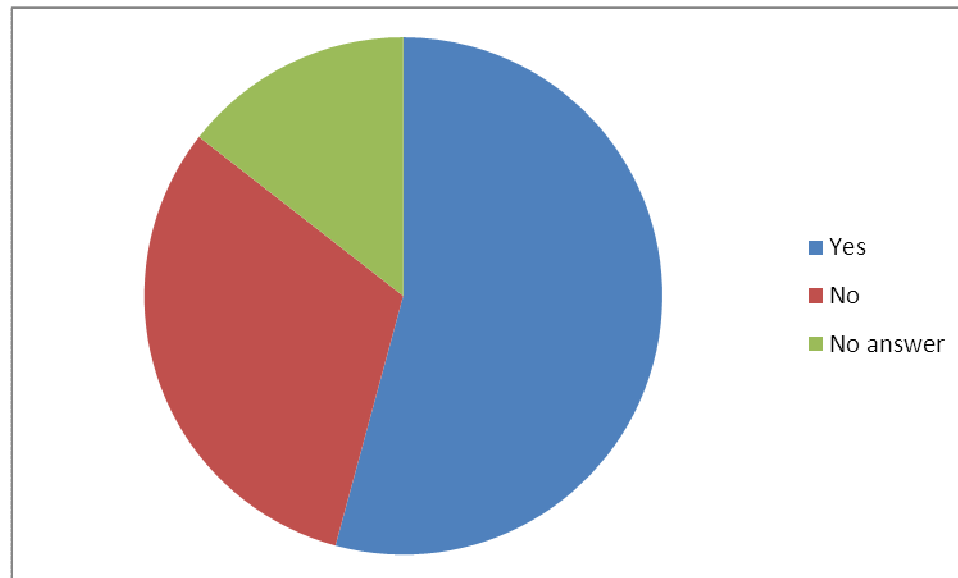
## 8. Employment opportunities

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 includes shops, public houses/restaurants/hotels, agricultural work and light industry, doctors' surgery, hairdressers, dentist, beauticians, care home, garage, service station, craft shop and physiotherapists. There are also opportunities at the A1 service stations and the industrial estates at Harworth Bircotes, Worksop, Retford, Bawtry, Doncaster and Lincoln.

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 new workshops, offices and studios within Blyth as well as exploring rural pursuits, retail, leisure services and holiday and tourist facilities in the locality. Mention was also made to the new opportunities emerging in Harworth Bircotes (such as labouring and warehouses).

## 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 (14 respondents)
- Chemist/pharmacy (4 respondents)
- Fish and chip shop (3 respondents)
- Cafe (2 respondents)
- Recycling facilities, taxi service and public houses all have been indicated once in the responses from Blyth.

Five people said that they would not support any new development and 8 people said there were enough facilities within the village.

## 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:

- Parking issues associated within the village (near the shop and green) and the need for policing/pay meters in these areas.
- Heavy through traffic (especially HGVs going to and from the A1) and speeding traffic causing pedestrian crossing facilities within the village and the need to slow traffic down
- Road capacity and congestion within the village
- Concerns over the quality and amount of pavements within the village.
- More control in the conservation area is required
- Concerns over the planned reduction in street lighting
- Street cleaning