

Summary of feedback from Beckingham Future Development Questionnaires

Overall

Of the 486 questionnaires that were delivered to the households in Beckingham, 90 were returned, giving a response rate for the village of **18.52%**.

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	53	58.8%
0-10 houses	21	23.3%
10-20 houses	9	10.0%
20-30 new houses	3	3.3%
30-40 houses	1	1.1%
40+ houses	1	1.1%
No answer given	2	2.2%
Total	90	100%

Taking into consideration all answers, the average (mean) number of new houses that residents wanted in their village was **6.5 houses**. However, the most common answer given was **no new housing**.

Types and size of new houses

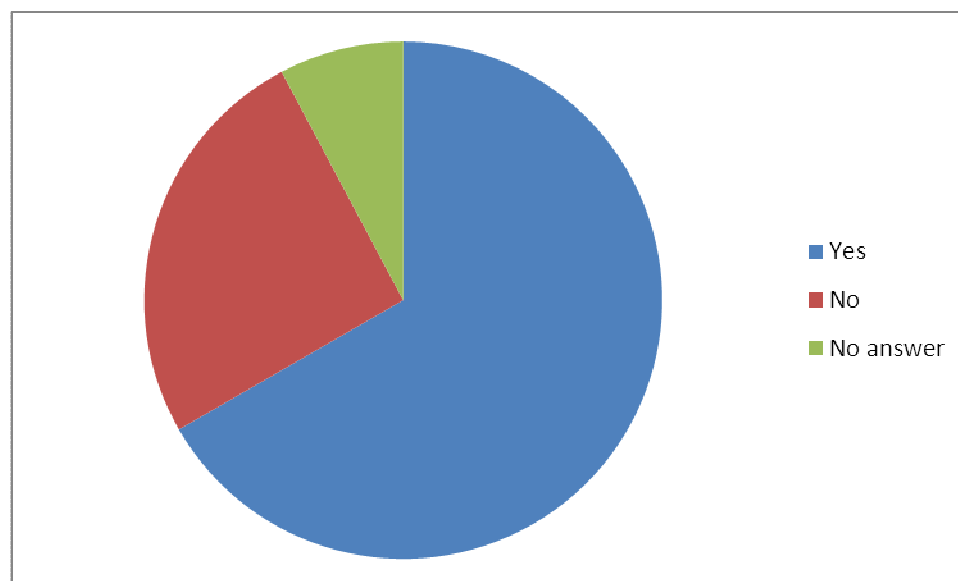
Respondents were asked to mark down which type of housing they believed the village needed in the future. The answer was multiple choice and people were not limited to only providing one answer. The results are shown below:

Answer	1 bedroom	2 bedrooms	3 bedrooms	4 bedrooms	5 bedrooms	Total
Detached		3	13	6	1	23
Semi detached	2	11	20	3	1	37
Bungalow	3	7	12	4	1	27
Terraced	3	5	3			11
Flats	1	1	1			3
Total	9	27	49	13	3	101

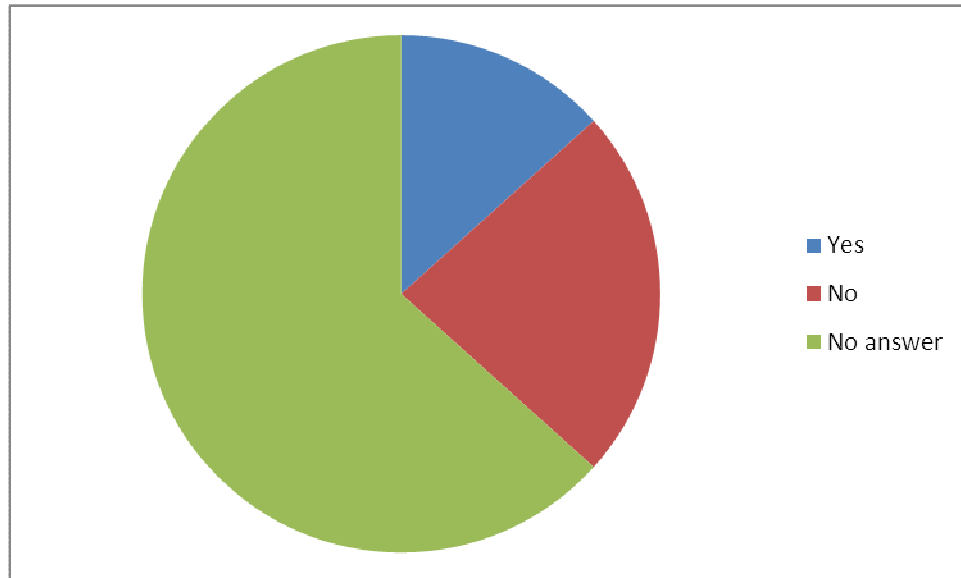
Nearly half the answers (48.5%) came back favouring **3 bed properties** (largely centred on detached properties, semi-detached properties and bungalows). **2 bed semi-detached** properties were also a popular answer (% of answers were 2 bed semis). **Flats** were the least popular option with only 3% of respondents favouring them.

2. Affordable Housing

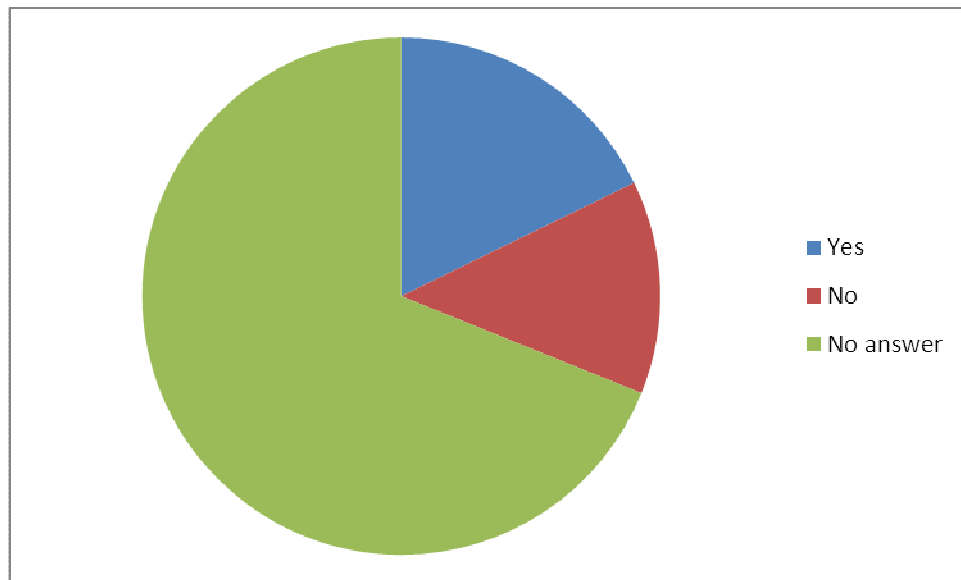
Respondents were asked to give a 'yes' or 'no' answer on whether there is a need for affordable housing in the area. The responses were as follows:



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	1		3
Semi detached	4	11	13	1		29
Bungalow	1	4	1			6
Terraced	4	8	4			16
Flats	1	2				3
Total	10	25	20	2	0	57

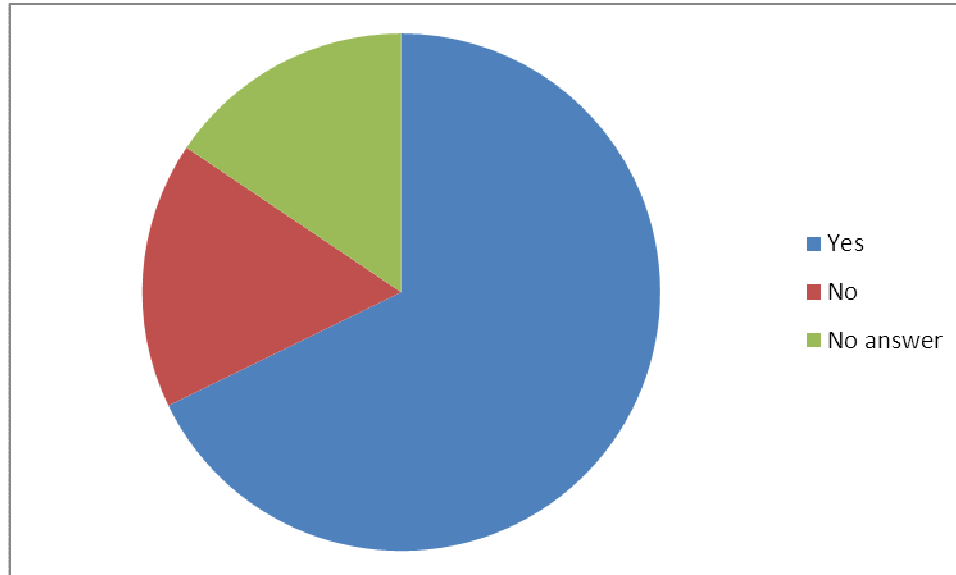
Respondents were asked if they believed there should be any specialist types of housing required in the village. The answers are as follows:

Answer	Number of responses	% of respondents ¹
Old Persons Sheltered Accommodation	24	26.7%
Old Persons Residential Homes	19	21.1%
Affordable first time buyers	3	3.3%
Wardened accommodation/bungalows	2	2.2%
Rented accommodation	1	1.1%
Total	49	54.4%

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 respondents	% of respondents
Outside development boundary	18	29.0%
Small extensions	41	66.0%
Large extensions	3	4.8%
Total responses	62	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 all of these were sites that had not been previously considered.

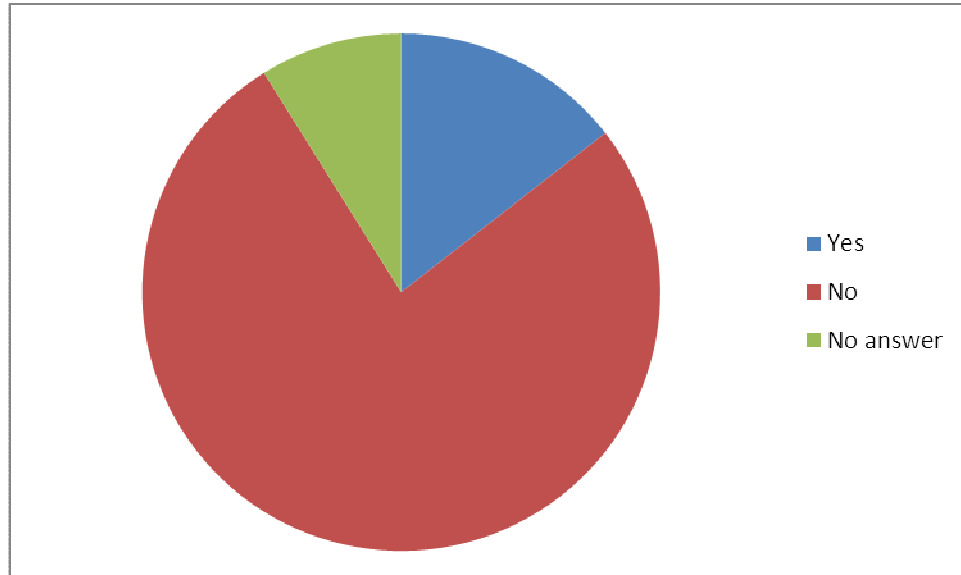
4. Village facilities

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:

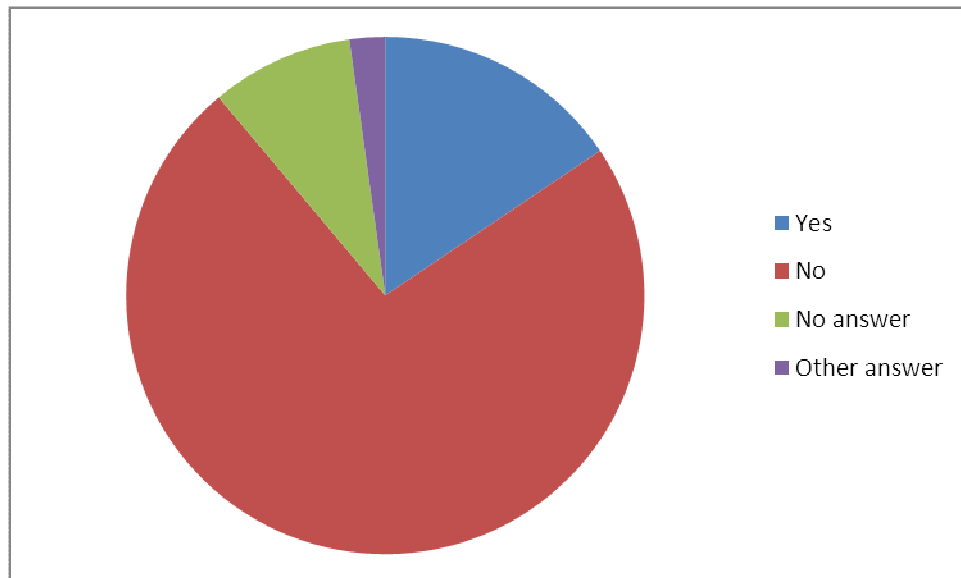
Answer	Number of respondents	% of respondents
Village hall/community centre	4	8.3%
New school or more places at existing school	6	12.5%
Sports pitch	3	6.3%
Play area	12	25.0%
Other		
- better bus service	1	2.1%
- fish and chip shop	1	2.1%
- Library	1	2.1%
- Allotments	1	2.1%
- shop/post office	2	4.2%
- public house	17	35.4%
Total number of respondents who answered this question	48	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. The results were as follows:

- a. Typical Trentside village
- b. Quiet, small attractive village with low crime rates
- c. Surrounded by open countryside, along with country walks and pavements.
- d. Tends to only be village traffic using the local roads.
- e. Open spaces within the village should be protected and not allowed to be used for infilling.

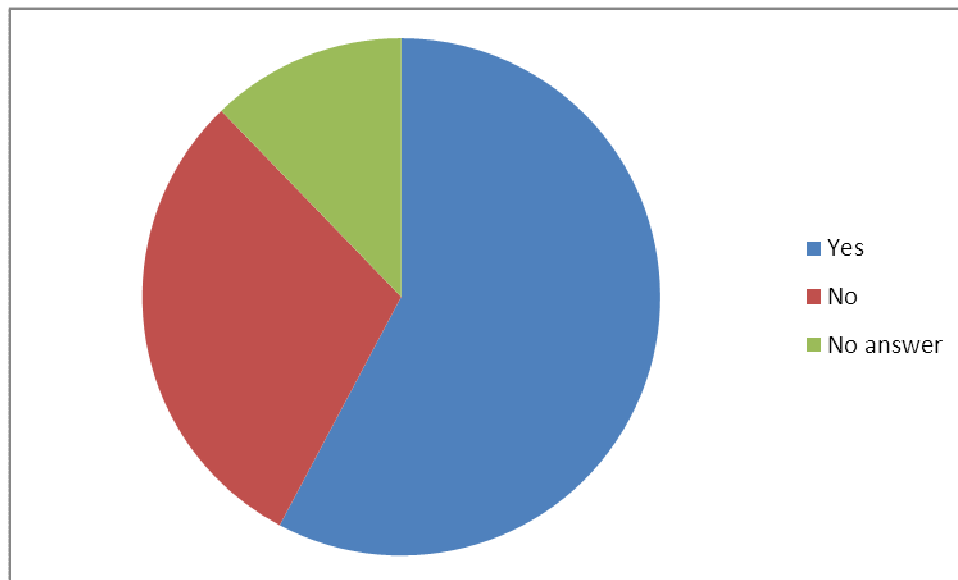
Respondents were asked what community assets they would like to see protected from future development or changes of use. Of the 64 people who responded, two stated that there were no assets within the village. The remaining responses identified the following as potential community assets:

Potential assets identified	Number of respondents	% of respondents
Village hall and vicinity	41	26.8%
Playing fields/sports facilities	33	21.6%
Village green	13	8.5%
Shop/post office	12	7.8%
Recreational room	9	5.9%
Playground/park	8	5.2%
Public house	8	5.2%
All open spaces	6	3.9%
School	6	3.9%
Spinney	5	3.3%
Church and vicinity	3	2.0%
Bowling green	2	1.3%
Farmland/greenfield sites	2	1.3%

Institute	2	1.3%
Bowling green	1	0.7%
Pre-school hall	1	0.7%
Tennis courts	1	0.7%
Total respondents	153	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:



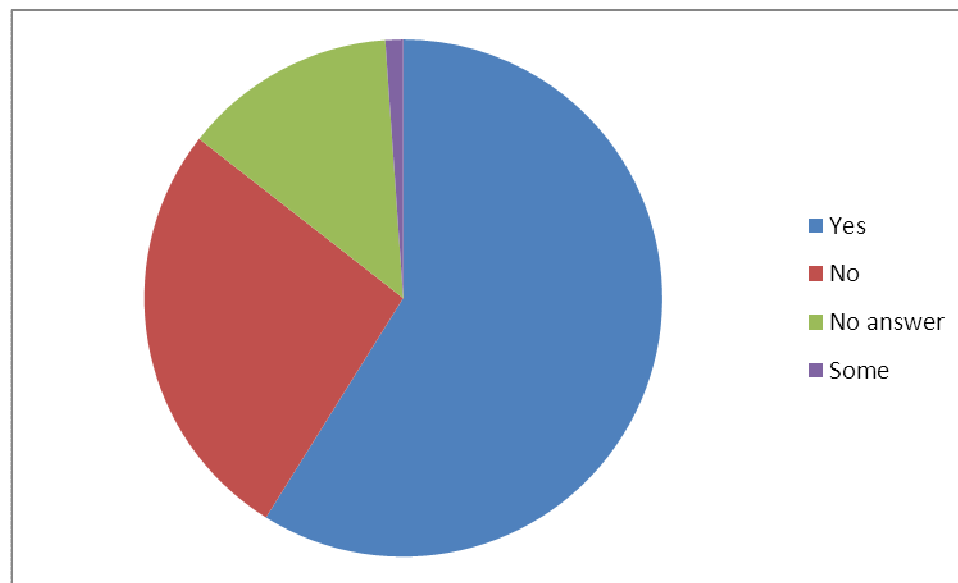
Respondents were then asked to expand on the specific problems and to provide details on the locations. These were summarised and the main issues are detailed below (in order of popularity):

- Sewerage/drainage system capacity problems were reported by 39 respondents, of which these areas were identified specifically:
 - Bar Road South (1 respondent)
 - Church Street (1 respondent)
 - High Street (1 respondent)
 - Low Street (6 respondents)
 - Old Trent Road (1 respondent)

- Walkeringham Road (1 respondent)
- Broadband and mobile phone reception problems (5 respondents)
- Road surface/pavement improvements (4 respondents)
- Road capacity problems (4 respondents), of which one respondent highlighted the roads around the primary school as a specific example
- Frequent power cuts/unpredictable supply (4 respondents)
- Inadequate bus service (1 respondent)

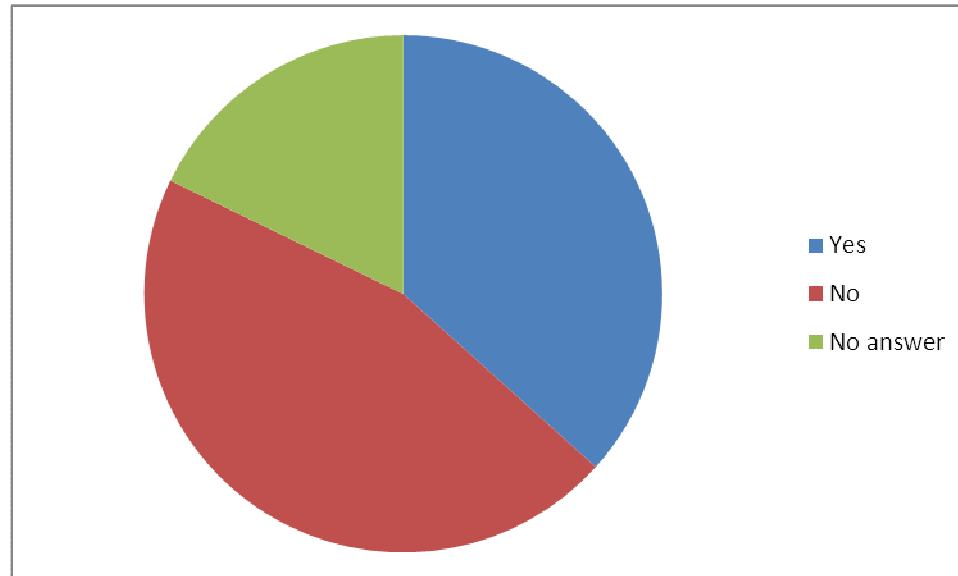
8. Employment opportunities

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: John Brash Timber (at old shipyard, importing timber), Difuria's, Retford Garden Centre, primary school, post office/village shop, Saundby Garage, play school, hairdressers and the nearby power stations.

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 looking to expansion of opportunities in Doncaster, Gainsborough, Retford and Sheffield, along with more local opportunities such as redeveloping the old ship yard, new start-up business and office developments.

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 (41 respondents, although there were 4 people raised their concerns on this)
- Extension to the shop/post office facilities (8 respondents)
- Fish and chip shop (3 respondents)
- GP surgery (2 respondents)
- Better public service (2 respondents)
- Residential/elderly care home (2 respondents)
- Dog bins, community centre, library, farm shop, train station, bakery/deli and café all have been indicated once in the responses from Beckingham.

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:

- Need to respect character and historic nature of the village
- Should prioritise brownfield sites. Including re-using empty properties
- Concerns over amount and location of recent developments, which involved infilling and loss of gardens spaces within the village
- Roads, pavements and lightning are important within the village and needs improving.
- Affordability of the recent developments as most have been large detached houses.
- Should be protecting agriculture land for future food production
- Have been delays when selling houses in Beckingham
- More help available for the elderly
- Willow works and RSPB site