

Village Plan 2007

Housing Development

The general view from the community is that either people have lived here for a long time and like the nature and character of the community, or they have moved here deliberately to live in a community with the existing characteristics. In either case, there is a strong feeling against any significant development which would alter the community significantly.

The questionnaire asked for views on whether a number of general types of development should take place and, if so, what kind of houses should be built. The results are summarised for the whole community in the following tables:

Village Development		Support
For:	Conversion of existing buildings	85%
	Infill only	74%
	Up to 10 separate houses	72%
	None	63%
Anti:	Up to 20 separate houses	64%
	Single 10 house development	73%
	Single 25 house development	97%

Housing need		Support
For:	None	90%
	Family Homes	90%
	Low Cost	84%
	Retirement	75%
Anti:	Flats	90%
	Mobile Homes	100%

In particular, there is support for conversion of existing buildings and for reasonable infill, with support limited to around 10 new houses overall. Single housing developments of even 10 houses are strongly opposed, as is a number of separate houses as high as 20. Support for some development was generally higher in the more rural areas, rather than in the two main villages, by 19 percentage points in the case of individual houses and by 12 percentage points for a development. This does not change any of the overall results, but indicates a view that it may be more appropriate and preferable to allow a modest number of further houses (governed by the design statement and type of housing required) away from the locations of the two main villages.

When it comes to the type of houses that could be acceptable, family, low cost and retirement houses are felt to be required. This result seems to be reflective of both the cross-section of people who live in the community and the clear shortage in the housing stock of lower-cost homes for all categories of person. Hence if any houses were to be built, the provision of a broader range of house types, size and tenure is considered to be desirable, to redress the social and age group balances within the community.