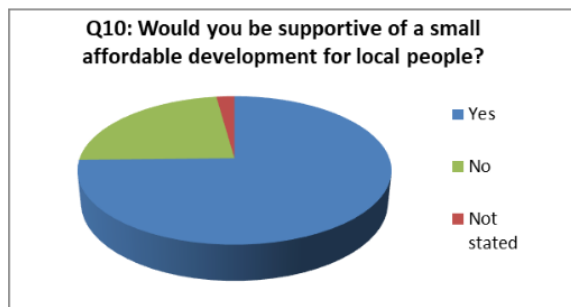




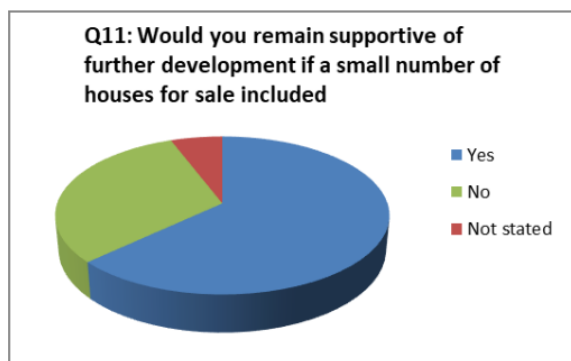
HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY RESULTS. OUR SINCERE THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO TOOK PART IN THE SURVEY.

The **results** of the Housing Needs Survey are now available. RCCE (Rural Community Council of Essex) has prepared a report following analysis of the survey carried out in March and April this year.

- 140 households responded out of the 600 surveys delivered.
- There was support for a small development, with **75%** (103) stating they would be supportive of a small development which is primarily affordable housing for local people.



- **63%** (87) of respondents would be supportive of a development if a small number of houses for sale were included.



The report indicated that there was general support for housing for the local community and more

particularly for the younger generation, older retired people and families, whilst hoping any development would not be too large and unsympathetic (in both cost and design) to its surroundings.

- In part one of the survey, 47 households indicated that they had a need to move to alternative accommodation.
- From those, 31 went onto complete Part 2 and wished to remain in the parish.

The **main reason** respondents had a desire to move to alternative accommodation was to set up their first/independent home, with 13 of the 31 (42%) households citing this option. Two-bedroom households were the most preferred property size (45%).

There was also evidence of a younger generation coming through, whose needs were hard to identify due to lack of finances.

The survey indicated that:

- 5 households were considered capable of buying on the open market,
- 1 could purchase under a shared ownership scheme,
- 1 could purchase under the new Government First Homes scheme,
- 1 could custom build
- 1 could purchase under a discounted market sale scheme.
- 13 respondents did not provide sufficient information to assess their need.
- 9 households were seeking some form of affordable rented housing, two thirds of which are required within the next 5 years.

Recommendation

As a result of RCCE's analysis of the survey data, they have suggested that an **affordable rented** recommendation of **up to 9 units** of mixed size should be considered. However, as for any affordable housing scheme discussions on finalising the size and tenure will take place with the Parish Council, the housing association partner and the local authority at the appropriate time should a scheme go ahead.

The full report is now with Little Hallingbury Parish Council to be reviewed and discussed.