Neighbourhood Plan & Housing Need Survey questionnaire

Great Easton

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The countryside is an important asset for all of us and there is a general desire that it should be protected. However, the rise in house prices over the last decade has meant that the social mix of rural communities is under threat. The loss of council housing through the Right to Buy Scheme has also had an impact. Many Households, including those on above average incomes, are unable to afford the property prices necessary to stay in their village. As a result many villages are becoming the preserve of the rich and/or the elderly.

The purpose of Housing Needs Surveys are to assess levels of housing need in rural areas of Harborough District. As such the questions asked, particularly in Part 2 of the questionnaire, relates to the type, size and tenure of properties required. Part 3 should only be completed by those who need to find a home in the parish now or in the next five years. If a housing need is identified Harborough District Council will investigate the potential for an affordable housing development.

This survey comes in three parts and seeks to collect basic information about you and the people who live with you.

Please complete Part 1 and Part 2. Only complete Part 3 if you, or a family member, need to find a new home in the parish now, or in the next five years. We are interested to find out the need for all types of housing. So, if you think you will need a new home, whether you wish to purchase on the open market, or need rented accommodation, we would like to hear from you.

If more than one member of your household is in housing need or is hoping to move within the next five years. Please complete a separate form for each expression of need. Contact Midlands Rural Housing (01530 278080/ www.midlandsruralhousing.org) for additional forms.

Midlands Rural Housing (MRH) are independently conducting the survey on behalf of Harborough District Council and the Great Easton Neighbourhood Plan Group. MRH will analyse the results of this survey. Any information or comments provided may be included in our analysis but your identity will not be revealed and we will ensure that readers of any report will not be able to identify you.

New homes are not guaranteed to be built as a result of this survey, but any new homes would look to meet the needs of those with a local connection identified from the Housing Needs Survey.
Part 1: General Information

1. Which category best describes your household? (please tick one box only)
   
   [ ] One person household
   [ ] Two parent family
   [ ] Couple
   [ ] Lone Parent family
   [ ] Other—please specify

2. Please complete the table below for all those currently living in your household

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Is there anyone currently living away intending to return to the household in the coming 2 years?

[ ] Yes  [ ] No

3. How long have you lived in this Parish?
   
   [ ] Less than 2 years
   [ ] 2 - 5 years
   [ ] 5 - 10 years
   [ ] Over 10 years

4. Which of the following best describes your current accommodation?

   [ ] Own your own home outright
   [ ] Own your home with a mortgage
   [ ] Renting from the Council
   [ ] Renting from a Housing Association
   [ ] Shared ownership with a Housing Association
   [ ] Renting from a private landlord
   [ ] Living with parents or relatives
   [ ] In housing tied to your job
   [ ] Lodging with another household
   [ ] Other (please explain)

5. Do you live in? (Please tick one box only)

   [ ] House
   [ ] Flat
   [ ] Bungalow
   [ ] Other—please specify

6. How many bedrooms do you have? (Please indicate below)

   [ ] 1
   [ ] 2
   [ ] 3
   [ ] 4
   [ ] 5
   [ ] 6 or more (if so, how many ……..)
7. Please tell us what type of housing you think is needed in the parish

- Homes for young people
- Small family homes (1-2 bedrooms)
- Large family homes (3+ bedrooms)
- Homes for single people
- Homes for elderly people
- Homes for people with disabilities
- No further homes are needed
- Other—please specify

8. Does anyone living with you now need to set up home separately from you in the parish now or in the next 5 years?

- Yes
- No

Have any former members of your household left this village/parish over the last 5 years?

- Yes
- No

If yes, how many people?

If yes, was this

- To take up employment elsewhere
- Marriage or separation
- Due to the lack of affordable housing
- To go to university or college
- Other—please specify

9. All parishes have to accept some new housing to meet increasing demand. Great Easton is currently required to have ‘limited development’.

Where do you think this should be built?

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- Small family homes (1-2 bedrooms)
- Large family homes (3+ bedrooms)
- Homes for single people
- Homes for elderly people
- Homes for people with disabilities
- No further homes are needed
- Other—please specify

10. Do you have any proposals to build or develop property in the village?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please say where

11. Would you support building a small number of homes in this Parish if they would help to meet the needs of local people?

- Yes
- No

If no, please briefly explain your concerns
Part 2: Life in your Village

12. Which of the following best describes your village? (tick all that apply)
   - Sought after location
   - Nice place to live
   - Balanced and varied population
   - Friendly atmosphere/community spirit

13. Do you feel that the village suffers from the following? (tick all that apply)
   - Crime
   - Anti-social behavior
   - Lack of facilities

If you ticked any of the boxes to question 13, what would you like to see happen to improve the situation?

14. Do you feel there is a lack of adequate housing within the village?
   - Yes
   - No

   If you answered YES, what types of homes do you think are needed?

15. Where do members of the household work / go to school (if applicable) (tick all that apply)
   - Great Easton
   - Market Harborough
   - Corby
   - Kettering
   - Rutland
   - Leicester
   - Other—please specify

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16. If members of the household go to work / school, how do they travel? (tick all that apply)

- Own car / motorbike
- Get a lift
- Public transport
- Taxi
- Cycle
- Walk

17. If you have regular visitors for employment purposes who come from outside the village where do they come from and how do they get here? (tick all that apply)

- Uppingham
- Market Harborough
- Corby
- Kettering
- Rutland
- Leicester
- Other—please specify

18. Would you like to see more opportunities for people to work in the village? (tick all that apply)

- Yes, office work
- Yes, light industry
- No more employment in the village

19. Where do you do your main grocery shop (location not store)?

- Great Easton
- Market Harborough
- Corby
- Kettering
- Uppingham
- Oakham
- Leicester
- Online delivery / home delivery
- Other—please specify

20. Where is your GP based?

- Uppingham
- Market Harborough
- Corby
- Kettering
- Barrowden
- Oakham
- Gretton
- Other—please specify
21. Which community facilities do you use within the parish and how often? (tick all that apply)

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22. Which additional or improved facilities would you like to see in the parish? (tick all that apply)

- Allotments
- Children’s play area
- Facilities for teenagers
- Local bus service
- Health care
- Dental care
- Care home
- Primary School
- Other—please specify

23. Your Details (needed to clarify local residency)

- Name
- Address
- Date of Birth

24. Housing need:
Are you in need of a different home in this Parish?

- [ ] Yes, now (go to Part 3 on page 8)
- [ ] Yes, within 12 months (go to Part 3)
- [ ] Yes, within three years (go to Part 3)
- [ ] Yes, within 5 years (go to Part 3)
- [ ] No (please end survey here)

If you do not have a housing need please end the questionnaire at this point.

Thank you for your time and for completing this survey.

Please return in the pre paid envelope provided (no stamp required)

CLOSING DATE: XXXX 2015
Part 3: Affordable Housing Section

The following information is confidential to MRH and is only required if you would like to be considered for affordable housing.

All questions relate to the person requiring housing. If more than one person requires housing, additional forms can be requested from Midlands Rural Housing - 01530 278080 / enquiries@midlandsrural.org.uk

25. Reason for Housing Need
(Please tick all that apply)

- First independent home
- Present home too small
- Present home too expensive
- Need permanent accommodation
- Renting, but would like to buy
- Disabled, need specially adapted home
- To be closer to employment
- Couple setting up home together
- Present home too large
- Family break up
- Cannot manage stairs
- Moved away but wish to return
- To be closer to parent or other family member
- Present home in poor condition
- Other—please specify

26. Are you registered with any of the following?

- Yes
- No

Harborough DC’s Choice Based Lettings Scheme (housing register)  
Housing Association housing register  
Private Letting Agency

27. Your Details

Name
Address
Tel No.
Mobile
Date of Birth
28. Local connection to village

☐ I was born / grew up here
☐ I currently work here
☐ Close family live here
☐ I live here now
☐ I am starting a job here
☐ Offering / receiving care and support for / from family
☐ Other—please specify ____________________________

29. Type of Housing - What would best suit your housing need?

☐ Buying on the open market
☐ Privately renting
☐ Shared ownership (part rent, part buy)
☐ Renting from the Council
☐ Renting from a Housing Association

What type of home do you need? (Please tick)

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The answers you give to the following questions will help us assess how much you could afford to pay for any new housing.

Any information you give will be kept strictly confidential and will not be seen by Harborough District Council, the Parish Council or any other organisation.
30. Your Employment:
How many people in the household wishing to move are; (Please indicate the number of people in each category in the appropriate box)

☐ Working full time
☐ Working part time
☐ Unemployed
☐ Retired
☐ In full time or further education
☐ Claiming Benefit
☐ Claiming Job Seeker’s Allowance
☐ Incapacity Benefit
☐ Other—please specify

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31. Your Savings
Do you have any savings or equity which could be used towards the purchase of a home?

☐ No Savings
☐ Under £4,999
☐ £5,000 - £9,999
☐ £10,000 - £19,999
☐ £20,000 - £29,000
☐ Over £30,000

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32. Your Income
Please indicate the annual income of the household wishing to move. Please use joint income where applicable

☐ Below £14,999
☐ £15,000 - £19,999
☐ £20,000 - £29,999
☐ £30,000 - £39,999
☐ £40,000 - £49,999
☐ £50,000 - £59,999
☐ £60,000 - £69,999
☐ £70,000 - £79,999
☐ Over £80,000

For additional forms please contact Midlands Rural Housing:-

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