

Parish of Branscombe Housing Needs Report



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1 Executive Summary

Principal Conclusions

The survey identified a need for six affordable homes within the next five years.

Key findings

Affordability

- The survey found six households in housing need who could not afford to buy or rent in the open market.

Tenure

- All of the households in need qualified for affordable rent, one may be able to afford a shared ownership property.

Size of Property Required

- Three x 1 or 2 bedroom properties were required for singles and couples.
- Two x 2 bedroom properties were required for families
- One x 4 bedroom property was required

Other Findings

- The survey achieved its aim of identifying actual households in need. 360 surveys were delivered and 89 survey forms were returned. The response rate was 25%.
- 79% of those who answered the question said they would be in favour of a small development of affordable housing for local people. 12 households did not answer this question.
- A total of 13 households showed an interest in self-build. 8 expressed an interest in individual self-build housing and 9 expressed an interest in group self-build housing.

2. Aims of the Survey

- To investigate the affordable housing need, tenure and house size for local people in the Parish of Branscombe, those wishing to return, and those who work in the Parish.
- To establish the general level of support for a small development of affordable housing for local people with housing needs

3. Survey history, methodology and response

3.1 History

Branscombe Parish Council decided to carry out a survey to assess the level of local housing need. This was because a previous housing needs survey that had been carried out in 2009 was now out of date. The survey in 2009 showed a need for 18 affordable homes. The Rural Housing Enabler attended a Parish Council meeting on 30th July 2015 to discuss the survey with Councillors and a decision was made subsequently to go ahead with the survey. Survey forms were agreed and 360 forms were hand delivered to every household in the village. Parishioners were able to return the survey in a reply paid envelope. The deadline for the return of the survey was 20th November 2015.

3.2 Methodology

The survey was carried out using a standard methodology approved by local planners. Background notes on the methodology can be obtained from the Rural Housing Enabler.

The survey form was in three parts. The first section asked a limited number of questions about the type of household and their support for affordable housing. All residents were invited to respond to this part of the survey. The second section was aimed at parishioners aged over fifty-five to gauge the specific needs of older residents. The third part of the survey was designed to be completed by households who believe they have a need for affordable housing and wish to remain living in the village. A reminder was also sent to those on the Devon Home Choice register to make them aware of the survey.

3.3 Response

- 89 surveys were returned, which is a response rate of 25% of all dwellings surveyed.
- The survey achieved its aim of identifying actual households in need. Out of the 89 returned surveys, 8 were returned with Part 3 completed.

It should be noted that whilst apparent inconsistencies in responses are followed up, the information given is taken at face value.

4. Introduction and Information about Branscombe

4.1 Overview of Branscombe

Branscombe is a small village located on the East Devon coast between the larger towns of Sidmouth and Seaton which lie approximately four and six miles to the west and east

respectively. It lies within the East Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and on the historic Jurassic Coast and is extremely popular with tourists due to the picturesque nature of the village and the surrounding countryside.

Village amenities include the Parish Church of St Winifred, a large well-appointed village hall, a primary and pre-school, two pubs, a post office and a beach restaurant. There are also bed and breakfast premises and caravan sites located within the parish. The Sidmouth Donkey Sanctuary is located in the adjoining Parish of Sidmouth and provides some employment for local people. There are no large employers within the parish.

The village has a daily bus service linking it with Sidmouth and Lyme Regis.

4.2 Population Figures

In the 2011 census the usually resident population of Branscombe was recorded as 507 in 342 households. The census also records that there were 112 dwellings which were empty properties, second homes or holiday lets. This equates to 33% of all dwellings which is extremely high and indicates a probable need for affordable homes for local people.

4.3 Council Tax Bandings

A breakdown of Council Tax bandings in Table 1 shows that there are only 74 properties (22% of all dwellings) in the lower two bandings out of a total of 342. These represent the entry level properties that people on lower incomes would be able to afford. This is a good indication of the lack of smaller, more affordable properties in Branscombe.

Table 1

Band A	Band B	Band C	Band C	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H	Total
45	29	57	51	61	49	47	3	342

4.4 Property Prices and Rent

In the last 2 years the Land Registry has recorded fourteen property sales in the parish. The average price of properties whose value was shown was £433,000. Prices ranged from £170,000 for a 3 bedroom house to £875,000 for a 5 bedroom house. Only three of the properties sold for less than £250,000, making the vast majority unaffordable for local people.

There are currently two property listings on the Rightmove website. These are valued at £399,950 and £2,495,000. There is only one property to rent on Rightmove which is £895 per month¹. Again, these properties are out of the reach of those on a low income.

To assess whether a household can afford to buy in the open market it is necessary to look at the cost of an entry level property in the local market. This is done by comparing information on local private rents gained from the housing needs survey with rents of properties currently on the market. From this information, we can establish typical rents to assess affordability. There were no one bedroom properties for rent in Branscombe at the time of writing this report therefore data has been taken from surrounding rural areas.

The figures used to assess affordability are set out in Table 2 below.

¹ As of 09/11/15

Table 2

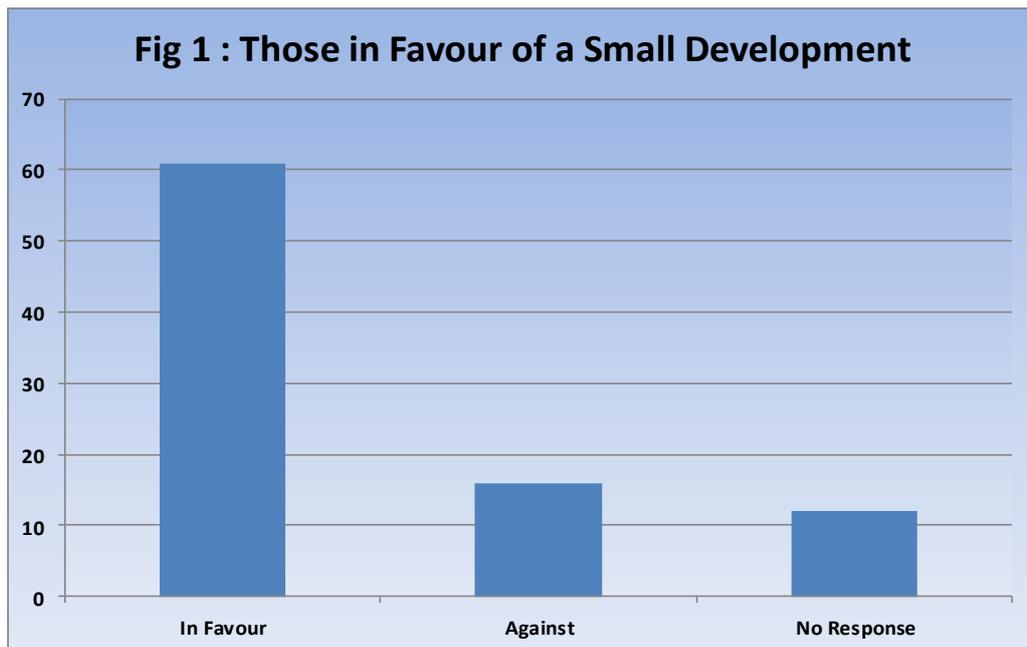
Size	Property price	Weekly rent
1 bedroom	£180,000	£127.00
2 bedroom	£220,000	£162.00
3 bedroom	£250,000	£208.00

There are currently twenty two council/housing association owned properties in Branscombe. Only four have been let in the last two years. Therefore lettings of current affordable housing stock will have little impact on future need figures.

5. General Survey Findings

5.1 In favour of a small local development

Respondents were asked if they would be in favour of a small number of homes for local people being built if the need for affordable housing were proven. 79% of those answering the question said they would be in favour. 21% said they were against any development. It should be noted that twelve households did not respond to this question. Fig.1 below shows the breakdown.



5.2 Suggestions where a development could be sited.

Twenty-nine individuals made suggestions. The full list will be made available to the Parish Council.

Additional comments were made more generally about the provision of new housing; these comments will also be made available to the Parish Council.

5.3 Main or second home

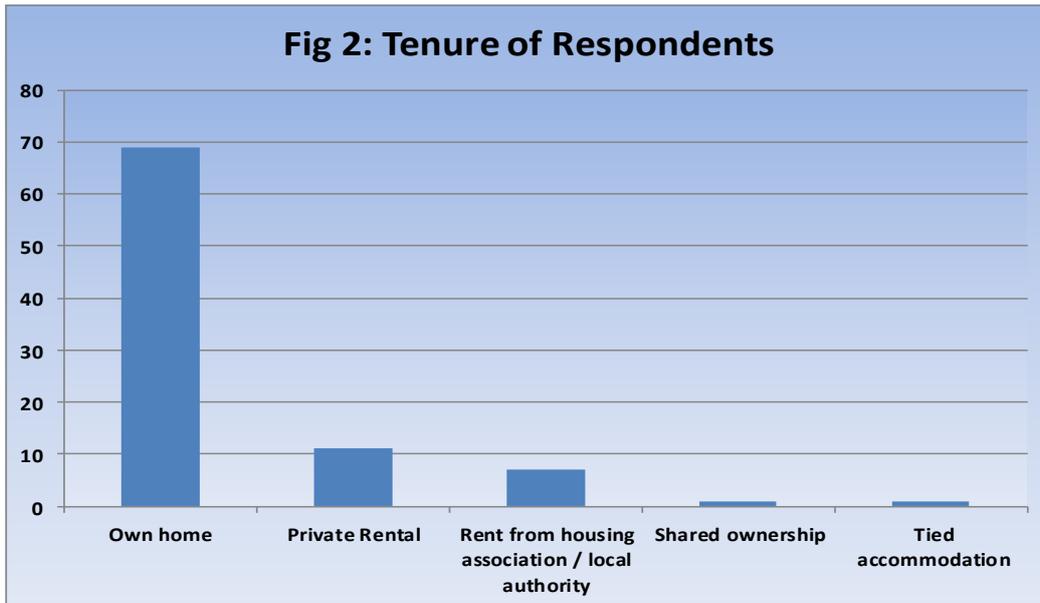
Five responses were received from second home owners.

5.4 Home Parish of Respondents

All but three of the respondents live in Branscombe with the other three living in Seaton, Street and Hertfordshire.

5.5 Current tenure

All respondents replied to this question. 69 (78%) own their own home, 11 (12%) rent from a private landlord, 7 (8%) rent from a housing association, 1 (1%) lives in shared ownership and 1 (1%) lives in tied accommodation. Figure 2 below shows the breakdown of tenure.



5.6 Interest in self-build

Respondents were asked whether they would be interested in a self-build project either individually or part of a group if a site were available. Thirteen households showed an interest in one or more types of self-build project (households were able to tick both types if they wished). As interest in self-build is very high at the moment and is being encouraged by local and central government, this may be something for the Parish Council to consider further.

- Eight households stated they may be interested in an individual self-build project.
- Nine households stated they may be interested in a group self-build project.

6. Housing needs and aspirations of older residents

Part 2 of the questionnaire was directed at residents over the age of 55. The number of people over the age of 55 is set to rise significantly across the UK over the next 20 years. The Office for National Statistics predicts that by 2034 the percentage of people over the age of 55 will increase by 23% across Devon and by 22% across East Devon.

97 people answered Part 2 of the survey from 58 households with at least one member over the age of 55. This is 65% of the total respondents.

6.1 Age of Respondents to Part 2 survey

Respondents were asked to give the ages of those over 55 in their households in 10 year bands. The majority of those who replied (77%) were aged between 55 and 75.

Table 3

Age Group	55-65	66-75	76-85	Over 85
Number	33	42	16	6

6.2 Future Housing Plans

Households were asked about their future housing plans. The results are in Table 4 below. (Three respondents ticked more than one box).

Table 4

Plan to move within 5 yrs	Plan to move after 5 years	No Plans to Move
15	12	34

- Of the fifteen households who plan to move house within the next five years, two would like to remain in Branscombe. One of these expects to need affordable housing.
- Of the twelve households who expect to move after five years, three of these would like to remain in Branscombe. None would require affordable housing.

6.3 Reasons for moving home in next 5 years

Households were asked to list the reasons they wish to move home in the next five years. They could give more than one reason. The reasons are listed below in Table 5.

Table 5

Reason for Moving	Number
Need to downsize to a smaller more manageable home	10
Expect health to deteriorate	9
Need to be nearer family / carers	9
Need to reduce running costs i.e. Fuel Bills	7
Cannot manage stairs / need level access	3

The largest single reason for wanting to move was the need to downsize to a smaller, more manageable home.

6.4 Type of Accommodation preferred by older persons

Older households were asked what type of accommodation they may need in the future. The majority preferred a home better suited to their needs but not designed for older people. Preferences are shown in Table 6 below.

Table 6

Type of Accommodation Preferred by Older Persons	Number
Home better suited to needs but not specifically designed for older people	22
Home specially designed for older people	7
Residential / nursing home	2

6.5 What reasons would be most important when choosing a new home

Older households were asked to give the three most important considerations when choosing their next home. The results are shown in Figure 3 below. The most popular reason is ease of maintenance followed by access to shops / amenities and public transport.



6.6 Conclusion - Older Persons Needs

The older persons' survey shows that the majority of households (59%) have no plans to move home. However, Branscombe does have a number of older households who wish to downsize to smaller accommodation that is easier to maintain, has lower running costs and is close to amenities and support.

Only one of the fifteen households that expect to move home within the next five years and remain in Branscombe believe they will need affordable housing. The remaining fourteen households would require open market housing. Small open market bungalows, flats and houses can be built, however, developers who build open market homes do not usually attach any kind of local connection covenant as this reduces the value of the homes. This means that any open market properties cannot be guaranteed for local people.

The Parish Council may wish to give this group of people further consideration.

7. Assessment of those in need - Part 3 survey

Eight households indicated a need to move and returned part three of the survey.

Of the eight cases being assessed two have been excluded for the following reasons

- One respondent is an owner occupier with funds to remain so.
- One respondent gave insufficient information to assess their eligibility.

This section refers to the remaining six households.

7.1 Housing need

Households completing this part of the form were asked to identify why they had a housing need and when they would need to move.

- Three households indicated a current need to move.
- Two households indicated a need to move within the next 1 - 3 years.
- One households indicated a need to move within the next 5 years.

Table 7 shows why households need to move within the next 12 months. They could give more than one reason.

Table 7

Reason for current need	No of respondents
Need to move to a home with more bedrooms	2
Home is in poor condition	1

Table 8 shows the reasons why people expect to need to move in the future. They could give more than one reason.

Table 8

Reason for future need	No of respondents
Expect family to grow	2
Have a private tenancy ending and expect to need affordable housing	1
Wish to return to Branscombe	1

7.2 Local Connection

The definition of local connection for East Devon District Council is set out below:

Local connection means one or more of the following connections in priority order in respect of parishes or the parish grouping:

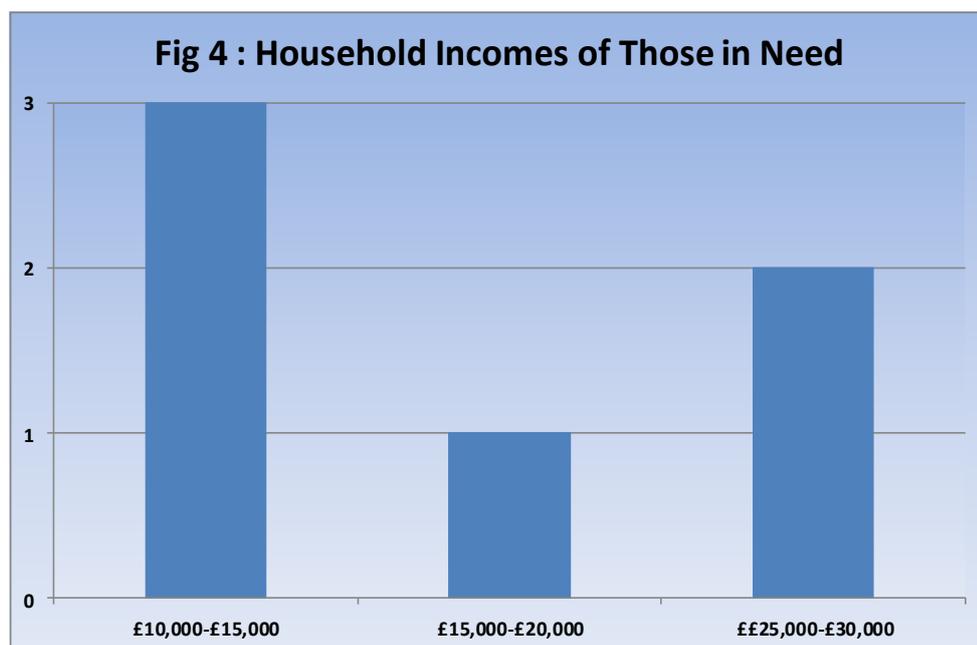
- i) persons who have been permanently resident therein for a continuous period of three years out of the five years immediately prior to the Affordable Dwelling being offered to them; or
- ii) being formerly permanently resident therein for a continuous period of five years at some time in the past
- iii) having his or her place of permanent work (normally regarded as 16 hours or more a week and not including seasonal employment) therein for a continuous period of at least twelve (12) months immediately prior to being offered the Affordable Dwelling; or
- iv) persons who can demonstrate a close family connection to the District in that the person's mother, father, son, daughter or sibling has been permanently resident therein for a continuous period of five years immediately prior to the Affordable Dwelling being offered to them and where there is independent evidence of a caring dependency relationship.

On reviewing the circumstances, all of the households in need were found to meet the local connection requirement as set out above.

7.3 Housing Options

The housing options available to the six households in need with a local connection are now given consideration.

Respondents provided information on income and savings which allows an assessment of what the household can afford to pay for their accommodation. Figure 4 below shows the breakdown.



Taking into account the income, savings and assets of the six households in housing need, none of them can afford to rent or buy in the open market. One may be able to afford to buy a shared ownership property but the only affordable option for the remaining five households is subsidised rented housing.

The survey also asked households who had a housing need which type of housing they were interested in. Respondents could give more than one option. The responses are listed below.

Table 9

Type of housing	Interested
Shared ownership/equity	2
Affordable rented	5
Self-build	3

7.4 Other evidence of housing need

As well as this survey other evidence of housing need should be considered. The housing waiting list or register for South Hams is called Devon Home Choice. Applicants are given a banding from A to E depending on their level of need. There are eight households resident in Branscombe registered on Devon Home Choice. Details are set out below.

Table 10

Devon Home Choice band	1 bed	2 bed	3 bed	4 bed	Total
Band A (Emergency need)	0	0	0	0	0
Band B (High)	0	0	0	0	0
Band C (Medium)	2	0	0	1	3
Band D (Low)	1	0	0	0	1
Band E (No Housing Need)	1	2	1	0	4
Total	4	2	1	1	8

All of the households registered on Devon Home Choice were contacted prior to the survey to make them aware of it and to ask them to complete it to evidence their housing need. Only two of the households who are registered on Devon Home Choice completed the survey.

7.5 Housing Mix

The suggested mix of housing is shown in Table 11 below. This takes account of the family makeup as declared on the survey form and the type of housing required.

Table 11

Type of Property	Affordable Rent	Shared Ownership	Totals
1 or 2 bedroom property for single people	1	0	1
1 or 2 bedroom property for couples	2	0	2
2 bedroom property for families	1	1	2
3 bedroom property for families	0	0	0
4 bedroom property for families	1	0	1
Totals	5	1	6

8. Conclusion - Future Housing Need for Branscombe

Overall, it must be remembered that this Housing Needs Survey represents a snapshot in time. Personal circumstances are constantly evolving. Any provision of affordable housing, would, by necessity, need to take account of this. However, given the level of response to the survey, and in spite of the potential for circumstances to change, the Parish Council can feel confident in the results of this survey. The survey has identified a need in the near future for 6 units of affordable housing.

As the needs of households are constantly evolving the level and mix of need in this report should be taken as a guide. In particular it may be appropriate to vary the mix of sizes provided. This report remains appropriate evidence of need for up to five years. However if there is a significant development of affordable housing in the parish which is subject a local connection requirement and substantially meets the need identified in the report it will normally be necessary to re-survey the parish before any further development to address local needs is considered.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Parish Council:

- Note this report
- Consider the options for addressing the need for six affordable homes.

Branscombe Housing Needs Survey - Part 1

This survey form has been sent to every known household in the Parish. Please complete Part 1 of the form, even if you do not have a housing need, and return it in the envelope provided.

Completed forms must be received by 20th November 2015

If you require extra forms or have any questions, please contact Janice Alexander on 01392 248919

Confidentiality and Data Protection: The information you provide will be used by DCT to provide information for the Housing Needs Survey Report and summary information on rural housing need. No data will be published which can identify an individual.

1) Please tick one of the following. Do you:

- Own your own home Live in a shared ownership property
Rent from a private landlord Live in housing tied to a job
Rent from a housing association / local authority Live with relatives
Other, please specify

2) Is this your: Main Home Second Home

In which parish do you live?

4) How many bedrooms does your current home have?

- 1 bedroom 2 bedrooms 3 bedrooms 4 bedrooms +

5) If you rent privately how much rent do you pay per month?

- Under £400 £400-£500 £500-£600 £600-£700
£700-£800 £800-£900 £900-£1000 £1000 +

6) Self-Build Opportunities

Would you be interested in Self-build either individually or as part of a group if a site was available within your area? Please tick relevant box below and provide contact details.

Individual Self Build Group Self-Build

Housing aspirations of older residents

7) Are any members of your household aged over 55? YES/NO

If you have answered Yes to this question, please also complete Part 2 of the questionnaire which refers to older persons' housing needs and aspirations

What do we mean by affordable housing?

SHARED OWNERSHIP- this is where you part buy, part rent your home. In a typical housing association example, you would start off owning 40% of the equity and paying rent on the remaining 60% with the option of buying a greater share of the equity when you can afford to do so. You need either to have the cash to buy the equity share or be able to raise a mortgage. If you need a mortgage you will need a deposit plus your buying costs.

SHARED EQUITY - there are a number of types of shared equity housing. Often you will own the freehold, and another party will also have an interest in the value of the home such as through an equity loan arrangement (you will have paid less than the market value of the home). Where such housing is provided as affordable housing, there will be a restriction on price, occupation and resale. If you need to raise a mortgage you will need a deposit plus your buying costs to do so.

AFFORDABLE RENTED - this is where you pay a less than market rent to a housing association or similar organisation. The rent is no more than 80% of current market rents. Affordable rented housing has replaced "social housing" where rents were 50-60% of market rents although some existing council or housing association properties are still rented at the lower level.

SELF BUILD- this is where you are directly involved in the construction of your home, this can be individually or as a group. The extent of your involvement will be decided by the type of scheme. Self build normally involves some form of ownership (either shared ownership or shared equity) but can also be used to provide rented housing. If the home is considered as affordable you must have an affordable housing need. If you require a mortgage you will need a deposit plus your buying costs.

All households should answer the following questions on affordable housing

8) If a need for affordable housing is identified, would you support a small (up to 15 homes) development of affordable homes for local people? Yes/No

9) Do you have any suggestions for a suitable site for affordable housing within the parish?
.....

10) Do you have any other comments regarding affordable housing (attach extra sheets if needed):
.....

If you believe you or any member of your household has a need for affordable housing either now or sometime within the next 5 years you should complete part 3 of this form.

PLEASE NOTE: You should complete part 3 of the form even if you are already registered with Devon Home Choice or Right to Buy South West, or already live in Council or Housing Association property and need to move.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form.

Part 2 Needs of Older People in Branscombe

Population projections for Devon show an increase of 23% in people over 55 by 2034 with figures in East Devon set to rise by 22%. This part of the survey looks at the impact of this increase on Branscombe and should only be completed by those households with at least one member over 55.

1) How many people of each age group are there in your household?

Age 55 -65	<input type="text"/>	Age 66-75	<input type="text"/>	Age 76-85	<input type="text"/>	Age 86 or above	<input type="text"/>
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2) Which of these statements best describes your future housing plans? Please tick one box

I have no plans at the moment to move home I expect to move home within 5 years

I have thought about moving home but do not expect to do so in the next 5 years

3) What are the reasons you may need to move home in the next 5 years?

Need to be nearer family / carers Need to reduce running costs i.e. fuel bills

Expect your health to deteriorate Cannot manage stairs / need level access

Need to downsize to a smaller more manageable home

4) If you expect to move, what type of accommodation do you think you will need?

A home which better meets your needs but is not specially designed for older people

A home which has been specially designed for older people

A residential or nursing home

5) Where do you want to move to when you next move home?

Remain in Branscombe Elsewhere in East Devon

Elsewhere in Devon Away from Devon

6) Which 3 reasons listed below will be the most important when you choose your next home?

Close to health / support services A home on one level

A home which is easy to maintain Cost of property

Running costs of property Easy access to public transport

Close to family / friends Close to shops/amenities

7) If you need to move within 5 years, will you need one of the types of affordable housing as described in Part 1? Yes/No

If you need to move to affordable housing in the next 5 years please complete Part 3 of the form

Branscombe Housing Needs Survey - Part 3

Please complete this form if you think you may need to move to an affordable home in Branscombe within the next five years. All questions must be answered as fully as possible in order to ensure that your housing need can be accurately assessed. Please return the completed form in the envelope provided.

A separate form for each household in need of housing must be completed. For example, each grown up child (over 18) in a family, who wants to set up their own home, should complete a separate form, giving their own financial details and personal circumstances, not that of the main household. If you require extra forms or have any queries, please contact Janice Alexander on 01392 248919

In order to accurately assess housing need, we have to ask for some sensitive information.

Confidentiality and Data Protection: This information is collected by Devon Communities Together (DCT) as data controller in accordance with the data protection principles in the *Data Protection Act 1998* to provide information for the Housing Needs Survey Report and summary information on rural housing need. No data will be published which can identify an individual and no sensitive information will be passed to any other organisation or agency without your permission, including the parish council. Personal data will be retained for 5 years and then destroyed.

- 1) Please complete the table below listing all persons who would need to live in the new affordable housing including the person completing the form? (Please continue on a separate sheet if needed)

Name and relationship to person completing the form	Age	Gender	Wheelchair accommodation needed	Level access needed
		M/F	Y/N	Y/N
		M/F	Y/N	Y/N
		M/F	Y/N	Y/N
		M/F	Y/N	Y/N
		M/F	Y/N	Y/N
		M/F	Y/N	Y/N

If you have a specific need which is not covered above please provide details on a separate sheet.

- 2) What is the current tenure of the household needing to move?

- | | |
|---|---|
| Private rented <input type="checkbox"/> | Rent from a housing association or local authority <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Owner occupier <input type="checkbox"/> | Living with relatives <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sharing a house <input type="checkbox"/> | Tied accommodation <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Lodger <input type="checkbox"/> | Other - please describe: <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Shared ownership <input type="checkbox"/> | |

- 3) How many bedrooms does your current property have?

If you consider that your household is in affordable housing need, you should register with Devon Home Choice at www.devonhomechoice.com

If you are interested in a shared ownership property you should register with Help to Buy South West at www.helptobuysw.org.uk

- 4) a) Have you registered your need with Devon Home Choice? YES/NO
 b) Have you registered your need with Help to Buy South West? YES/NO

5) a) If you are registered with Devon Home Choice what Band has been allocated to you?

Band A Band B Band C Band D Band E

b) What is your Devon Home Choice reference number?

6) When do you think you will need to move to affordable housing? Please tick one box

Now or within the next 12 months Within 1 - 3 years Within 3 - 5 years

If you have indicated you need to move now or within the next 12 months please answer question 7

If you have indicated you need to move within 1 - 5 years, please answer question 8

7) Current housing need

If you need to move now or within 12 months, why do you need to move? Please tick any that apply to you

You need to move to a larger home because your current home doesn't have enough bedrooms for your household	<input type="checkbox"/>
You share a kitchen, toilet or bathroom with someone who is not going to be rehoused with you i.e. parents, grandparents	<input type="checkbox"/>
You are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your health or well-being is made worse by your present home and a move would improve it	<input type="checkbox"/>
You cannot manage stairs	<input type="checkbox"/>
You need to move to escape violence or harassment	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your current home is in very poor condition	<input type="checkbox"/>
You are struggling to afford your current home	<input type="checkbox"/>
You are a council or housing association tenant looking to move to a smaller home	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other -please detail	<input type="text"/>

8) Future housing need

If you expect to move in 1 - 5 years time, why do you need to move? Please tick any that apply to you

You expect your family to grow	<input type="checkbox"/>
You expect to leave home and do not expect to be able to rent or buy privately	<input type="checkbox"/>
You are in tied accommodation and will be retiring in the next 5 years	<input type="checkbox"/>
You are being discharged from the Armed Services in the next 5 years	<input type="checkbox"/>
You will be leaving care	<input type="checkbox"/>
You will need a smaller property	<input type="checkbox"/>
You expect your health to deteriorate which will make you need to move home in the next 5 years	<input type="checkbox"/>
You have a private tenancy ending and are likely to need affordable housing	<input type="checkbox"/>
You want to move back to Branscombe because you have a strong local connection (please specify)	<input type="text"/>
Other - please detail	<input type="text"/>

9) What type of affordable housing are you interested in?

In Part 1 of this form the different types of affordable housing are described. The information you provide in the survey will allow an assessment of what is the most appropriate affordable housing for you. However it would be helpful to know what type of housing you are interested in. Please tick the appropriate boxes.

Shared Ownership / Equity

Affordable /Social Rent

Self Build

IMPORTANT

Please note we can only assess your eligibility for affordable housing if we have full income and financial details. Without these, we will not be able to process this form or include your household in the need figures.

As per our confidentiality and data protection statement, this financial information will remain confidential and will not be seen or passed on to any other organisation including the Parish Council.

10) Do you believe that you have enough income and savings (including equity in your existing home) to be able to buy a suitable property on the open market in the parish?

YES/NO

If you have answered YES to this question then you need not answer questions 10 and 11

11) Income

What is your household's **gross annual income**? (before deductions) including benefits and pensions. This should be the combined income for couples.

Less than £10,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	£10,001 - £15,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	£15,001 - £20,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	£20,001 - £25,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
£25,001 - £30,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	£30,001 - £35,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	£35,001 - £40,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	£40,001 - £45,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
£45,001 - £50,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	£50,001 - £55,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	£55,001 - £60,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	Over £60,000	<input type="checkbox"/>

12) Savings, investments and assets

Please give the amount of any savings and investments you have to the nearest £500

£

Do you potentially have access to a deposit in addition to any savings? If so how much?

£

If you own a home we need the following information to make a proper assessment of whether you could potentially qualify for an affordable home

What is your estimate of the current value of your home?

£

What is your estimate of how much you still owe on your mortgage?

£

Please note: Single people wishing to set up a new home alone i.e. children moving out of family home, should give their income and financial details only, not that of their parents or other household members who will not be re-housed with them.

Do you have a local connection to Branscombe?

If any affordable homes are provided in Branscombe, they will be for people living or working in the Parish, or for those who can show that they have a long-term connection with the parish.

13) Please answer the following questions, if they do not apply please put "n/a"

Is a member of the household currently resident in the parish, if so for how long in years?

Is a member of the household currently employed in the parish, if so for how long in years?

Do you have other strong local connection with the parish for example by upbringing?

Please give details in the box below

Contact Details.

Please provide your contact details below in case any clarification is required. It may also be necessary for the Rural Housing Enabler to stay in touch to ensure that you have the best chance of receiving an offer of housing if your need is verified. These details will not be passed on to any other organisation without your permission as per our confidentiality and data protection statement at the beginning of the survey.

Name	
Address	
Postcode	
Telephone Number:	Email:

Please sign the following declaration if you are happy for your details to be shared with our partners.

I confirm that I agree to the Rural Housing Enabler sharing my contact information on this form with the local authority and any other relevant organisations where this is to assist in helping me to access affordable housing.

Signed..... Date.....

Name.....

If you know someone who has moved away from the parish because of the lack of affordable housing and may wish to return, please ask them to contact Janice Alexander who will send them a form.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

Please return the survey form in the envelope provided by 20th November 2016

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