

EXAMPLE VILLAGE HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

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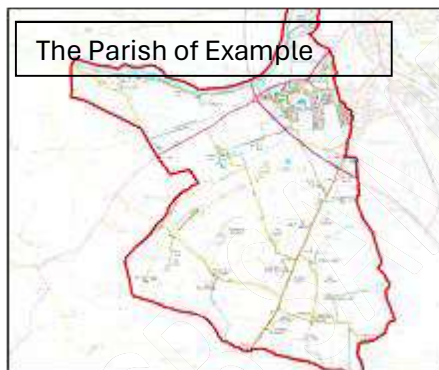
Dear Resident

WHY HAVE I RECEIVED THIS SURVEY?

A significant challenge for Rural Housing across the Southeast of England is providing affordable housing for those in need in the local community.

Through this survey we wish to find out more about current levels of affordable housing need in Example for people with a local connection to the parish– for example through residence or employment.

When homes come on the market in Example, prices can be high, as can costs for private rented properties. Since January 2023, 7 properties have been sold in Example at an average price of £582,100 (SOURCE rightmove.co.uk). This means that houses cost over 12 times the average salary of £40,939 in the district of Borough County. (SOURCE: Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings, 2023).



The survey has been commissioned by Example Village Parish Council and is being undertaken by Connecting Communities in Berkshire (CCB). All information given will be kept by CCB in accordance with General Data Protection Regulations 2018 and will not be shared with any other organisation including the Parish Council. You can read CCBs Privacy Policy at [privacy-policy-v4.pdf](https://ccberks.org.uk/privacy-policy-v4.pdf) (ccberks.org.uk). CCB will provide an anonymised summary report on the findings of this survey for Example Parish Council.

WHAT DO WE MEAN BY AFFORDABLE HOUSING NEED?

People in need might include:

- First-time buyers
- Older people thinking about down-sizing
- People struggling to afford rent or mortgage costs
- People who cannot afford to buy a home at open-market prices
- People who need housing at an affordable rent

We would like to have the views of everyone on this issue. All households are asked to complete Part 1, even if they are not in housing need.

Part 2 should be filled in by those households which have a housing need now or expect to have one in the next five years.

If you need help with completing the survey; need additional survey forms because more than one member of your household needs a separate home, or you know of anyone with similar needs who are not currently living locally but who might need to return to Example to live, please contact XXX and they will provide additional surveys.

Please return your survey in the FREEPOST envelope provided by (insert agreed date)

What is it affordable housing?

People sometimes talk about needing affordable housing when they mean cheaper open-market housing. However, the term affordable housing has a specific meaning when it comes to government policy. Affordable housing is defined in the government's National Planning Policy Framework. Social or affordable rent, shared ownership, First Homes, and discounted market sales housing are all types of affordable housing.

[National Planning Policy Framework \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk)

How much does it cost?

Social rent is around 50% of market rent, affordable rental homes are at least 20% cheaper than the average rent for private rented accommodation. Shared ownership is more affordable than buying a home on the open market – you buy a proportion of the dwelling, usually from a local authority or housing association, and rent the rest. First Homes are at least 30% cheaper than average sale price of property and can only be sold to first-time buyers.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND LOCAL CONNECTIONS

To be eligible for affordable housing through a Housing Association you must be registered on the Borough County Housing Register. You can find information and apply at: www.localauthoritywebsite

What does 'local connection' mean?

Establishment of what constitutes local connection will be agreed with the Borough. It will usually include current residence, former residence (for example growing up in the parish), employment in the parish or the need to be nearer to close family members.

PART 1 – YOUR HOUSEHOLD

PLEASE COMPLETE PART 1 ON BEHALF OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD,
EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT IN HOUSING NEED. THIS ALLOWS US TO
UNDERSTAND THE OVERALL HOUSING SITUATION IN THE PARISH

1 – How many people of each age group live in your household?

Please write number in box and include living-in carers if they are supporting independent living

	0-10	11-20	21-44	45-64	65-74	75-84	85+
Male							
Female							

2 – How long have you lived in the parish of Example?

Write number of years in box

This home	
This parish	

3 – Who owns the home you live in now?
tick one

Please

Self (with or without mortgage)	
Joint (with or without mortgage)	
Parents/ relatives	
Private rented	
Rented from Housing Association	
Part rent-part buy with a Housing Association (shared ownership)	
Tied to job	
Other: <i>please describe</i>	

4 – Have any members of your household left the parish of Example in the last 5 years?

Yes (write number in box)	<input style="width: 50px; height: 25px;" type="text"/>	No	<input style="width: 30px; height: 20px;" type="checkbox"/>
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5 - If YES, why did they leave the parish? <i>Please tick all that apply</i>			
	Leaver 1	Leaver 2	Leaver 3
Employment			
Further education			
Lack of suitable housing			
Other: <i>please give details</i>			

6 - Would they return if their housing needs could be met in the parish Example? <i>Please tick all that apply</i>			
	Leaver 1	Leaver 2	Leaver 3
Yes - now or in the next 5 years			
No			
Maybe - now or in next 5 years			

7- Do you support the principle of providing housing for those in need who have local connections to the parish o Example? <i>Please tick one</i>		
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Maybe <input type="checkbox"/>

8- Do you support a small development of homes for those in affordable housing need with local connections to the parish of Example? <i>Please tick one</i>		
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Maybe <input type="checkbox"/>

9 - If the opportunity could be provided in the parish of Example for a self -build or self-finish scheme, would you be interested in taking part? <i>Please tick one</i>		
<i>For more information see: Self-build and custom housebuilding register Borough County</i>		
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Maybe <input type="checkbox"/>

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PART 2 IF YOUR HOUSEHOLD OR ANYONE WITHIN IT HAS A LOCAL CONNECTION TO THE PARISH OF EXAMPLE, HAS A HOUSING NEED, AND WANTS TO REMAIN LIVING HERE *OR* MOVE HERE.

PART 2 – YOUR HOUSING NEEDS

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION IF YOU HAVE AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING NEED AND WANT TO LIVE IN THE PARISH OF EXAMPLE. A SEPARATE FORM SHOULD BE FILLED IN FOR EACH NEW HOME THAT IS REQUIRED.

10 – How many people of each age group would live in the new home (include carers if support needed to live independently)? <i>Write total number in box</i>							
	0-10	11-20	21-44	45-64	65-74	75-84	85+
Male							
Female							

11 – Do you live in the parish of Example? <i>Please tick</i>	
Yes	<input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="checkbox"/>
No	<input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="checkbox"/>

12 – How long have you lived in the parish of Example? <i>Write number of years in boxes</i>	
This home	<input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
The parish	<input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>

13 – If you DO NOT live in the parish of Example, where do you live <i>Tell us below</i>

15 – Who owns the home you live in now? <i>Please tick one</i>	
Self (with or without mortgage)	
Joint (with or without mortgage)	
Parents/ relatives	
Private rented	
Rented from Housing Association	
Part rent-part buy with a Housing Association (shared ownership)	
Tied to job	

16 - Why does your household need a new home?		<i>Please tick all that apply</i>
Want to start first home		
Want to buy a new home but can't afford it		
Want to rent a new home but can't afford it		
Can't afford current rent		
Can't afford current mortgage		
Need bigger home		
Need smaller home		
Special needs		
Tenure insecure		
Job insecurity		
To be near family		
To give or receive family support		
To be near work		
Retiring		
Other: <i>please describe</i>		

17 - What is the occupation of all those aged 16+ who would live in the new home?		
<i>Occupation</i>	<i>Name and address of employer</i>	<i>How many years have you worked there?</i>
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

18 - When are you planning to move?	
Immediately	
Within the next 3 years	
3 - 5 years	
5+ years	

19 - Does anything affect the type of home you need? <i>apply</i>		<i>Please tick all that</i>
No		
Yes- limited mobility		
Yes- wheelchair used		
Yes- other care/ support need (please describe below)		

20 - What type of home would best meet your needs? <i>apply</i>		<i>Please tick all that</i>
House		
Flat		
Bungalow		

21 - Does anyone in your household have a specialist housing need? If so, what type do they require? <i>apply</i>		<i>Please tick all that</i>
No		
Yes, ground floor accommodation		
Yes, sheltered housing		
Yes, extra-care housing		
Yes, residential care		
Yes, supported living for an adult with learning disabilities who wants to live independently in a home of their own		
Yes, wheelchair adapted property		
Other: <i>please describe</i>		

22 – Which of the following affordable housing options would be best for you?
Please tick all that apply.
For more information about the terms below please see page 2

Rent (e.g. from Housing Association)	
Shared ownership (part-rent/ part-buy)	
Discounted market sales homes (including First Homes)	
Any of the above	

23 – How many bedrooms would your new home need? *Please tick one*

One		Two		Three		Four +	
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24- What is your household's total monthly income before tax (approximate gross income)? Please include all income that contributes to paying rent, mortgage, and other household bills. *Please tick one box*

Less than £500		£500 - 1000		£1000 - 2000	
£2000 - 3000		£3000 - 4000		£4000- 5000	
£5000 - 6000		£6000 - 7000			

25 - If interested in renting or buying a property, can you give us some idea of how much rent/ mortgage you would be prepared to pay per month?
Please do not include housing benefit *Please tick one box*

Less than £600		£600 - 700		£700 - 800	
£800 - 900		£900 - 1000		£1000 - 1100	
£1100 - 1200		£1200 - 1300		£1300 - 1400	
£1400 - 1500		£1500 - 1600		£1600 - 1700	
£1700 - 1800		£1800 - 1900		£1900 +	

27 – Are you registered on the Borough County Housing Register

This is not a housing register form – to be eligible for affordable housing through a Housing Association you must be registered.

Yes No

End of Survey

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey

Please use the enclosed pre-paid envelope to return the completed survey by post to Example Parish Council by (insert agreed date)

Once the surveys have all been collected and reviewed, a report will be created which will be shared with the residents of Example. The report will be completely anonymous and will not identify individual respondents.

CCB SAMPLE HN SURVEY



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