

## Chedworth Parish Plan Consultation Response

### Housing and Development

#### Sources:

**Questionnaire** (relevant questions: Q1, 4 – 9,11, 18, 24, 31– 35, 43, 51, 59, 62)

**Comments additional to questionnaire**

**Comments from initial meeting**

**Youth Event**

**Seniors' consultation**

**St Andrews School consultation**

**Village clubs/societies consultation**

#### Background:

**Q1. How many people including children normally live in your household?**

The 192 households who took part in the survey contain a total of 490 people, giving an average of 2.55 people per household.

**Q4. Is this dwelling?**

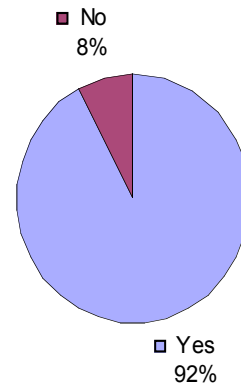
82% of the 192 households are owner occupied.

	No. of households	% of 192 households
Owner occupied	157	82%
Private rented	22	11%
Housing Association rented	5	3%
Provided as part of employment (e.g. MOD)	4	2%
Local authority rented	1	1%
Shared ownership (part owned/part rented)	1	1%
Holiday cottage	1	1%
Other	1	1%

**Q18. Are you permanently resident in the parish? (i.e. more than 4 nights a week)?**

32 respondents (8%) are not permanently resident in the parish.

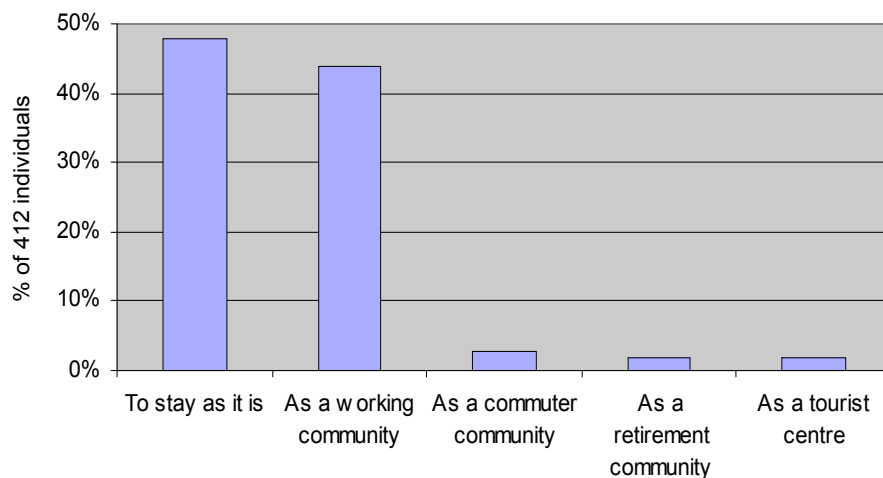
	No. of individuals	% of 412 individuals
Yes	380	92%
No	32	8%



**Priority responses:**

**Q59. How would you like the parish to develop? Tick more than one box if appropriate.**

Respondents would most commonly like the parish to stay as it is and/or develop as a working community. Very few (less than 4%) would like it to develop as a commuter community, a retirement community or a tourist centre.



	No. of individuals	% of 412 individuals
To stay as it is	197	48%
As a working community	181	44%
As a commuter community	12	3%
As a retirement community	8	2%
As a tourist centre	7	2%
None of these	13	3%
No reply	52	13%

### Comments

- *It must always be remembered that this is a working rural environment/community.*
- *It should be remembered that we live in a rural community, that needs encouragement to survive. There are still farming businesses here and livestock in the fields, which are fundamental to the English countryside.*

Moved from Q43:

- *Let's keep it as a rural village and not try and turn it into a town*
- *Chedworth is a country village not a suburb, let it stay like that*
- *Please maintain the charm, peace and quality of the village*

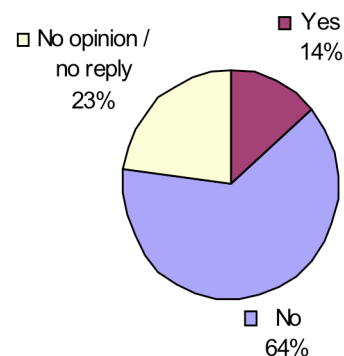
Added:

- *For the average age of residents to become lower*
- *The average age of people in the parish needs to come down. More people should have employment (or self-employed) within the parish.*
- *To become a supportive community socially*

### Q32. Would you have any objections in principle to a development in the parish which might help to meet the housing needs of local people?

262 people (64% of 412) would NOT object to a development in the parish which might help meet the housing needs of local people.

	No. of individuals	% of 412 individuals
Yes	56	14%
No	262	64%
No opinion	49	12%
No reply	45	11%



### Comments

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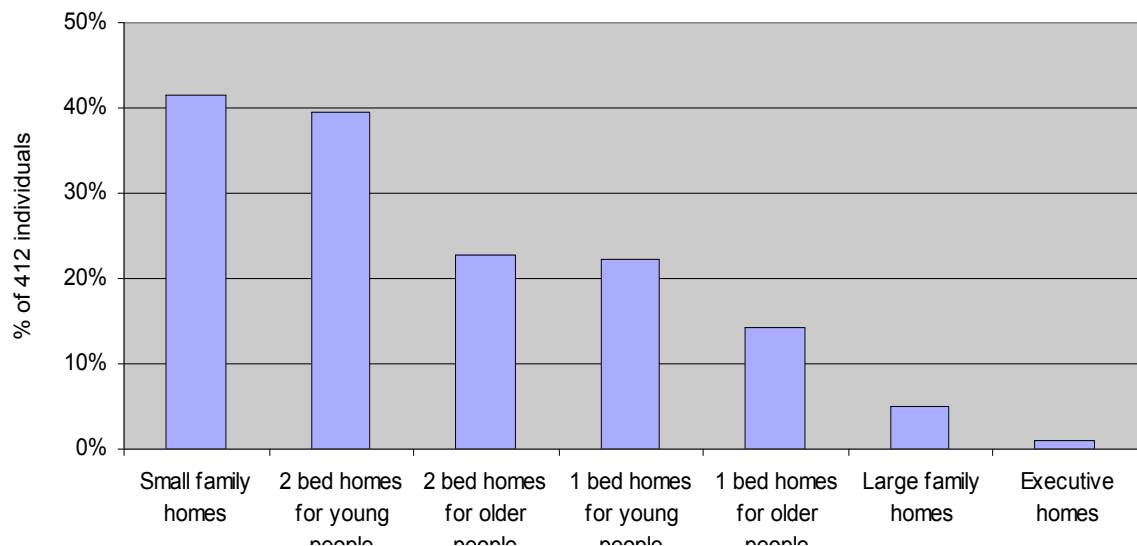
- Affordable housing is essential to correct/keep the social and economic balance. Many semi retired have kept and enriched societies and activities in the area but I'm concerned about the weight of balance towards those that are well moneyed. We need a balance.
- Affordable housing is a major issue in the parish which seems to be talked about endlessly but nothing happens. The village is not only losing a generation because of it, but we no longer have the socio-economic mix of 20 yrs ago.
- Can research be undertaken into creation of a planning area similar to New Forest and Exmoor whereby local people & local workers are given priority for housing. Is there a way of making better use of council tax generated by second homes and holiday housing?
- Future housing must give our youngsters a chance to stay in the village if they want to, not "townies" making a takeover bid. A village needs young to stay alive.
- Housing is extortionate & most people I know could not sell and re-buy in this area.
- It would be better for the village if the young people could stay and bring up their families here. As it is most young people can't afford this.
- Must provide low cost housing for key workers and young people wanting to stay in the village

Against

- Disturbance from building for overly large houses which takes a long time.
- Please - we do not want to encourage any more development, as this only leads to more traffic and this is the greatest menace in the village.
- No development of any agricultural land (for building houses etc). No estates.
- I think Chedworth is large enough and I don't want to see much new housing. There are quite a few semi-derelict farm buildings around which are real eye-sores.
- To maintain a village atmosphere with no new estates or large development of farm land for whatever purpose. No high density housing. To pass on a idyllic Cotswold village to future generations.

**Q33. What kind of accommodation do you think the parish needs? Tick more than one box if appropriate.**

63% of respondents ticked at least one accommodation type. The most commonly ticked options were small family homes (42%) and 2-bed homes for young people (40%). The least commonly ticked option was executive homes (1%).



2 bed homes for older people	94	23%
1 bed homes for young people	92	22%
1 bed homes for older people	59	14%
Large family homes	21	5%
Executive homes	4	1%
No further homes are needed	72	17%
No reply	82	20%

**Q6. Is any individual in your household, or your whole household, currently in need of alternative accommodation within the parish?**

11 households (6%) ticked 'Yes'.

**Q7. Has any member of your household moved away from the parish of Chedworth in the last year?**

20 households (10%) ticked 'Yes'.

**Q8. Why does your household/individual need to move or why has an individual moved? Give the most important reason only.**

38 households (20%) answered Q8. Independent living is the most common reason why a household/individual has moved or needs to move away from the parish.

	No. of households
Independent living	13
For employment reasons	6
To move to a larger home	4
For education	4
For family reasons	3
Family break up	2
To move to a more urban area	1
To meet the needs of an elderly or disabled person	1
To move to a smaller home	1
To move to a cheaper home	1
To move to a better area	0
Other	2

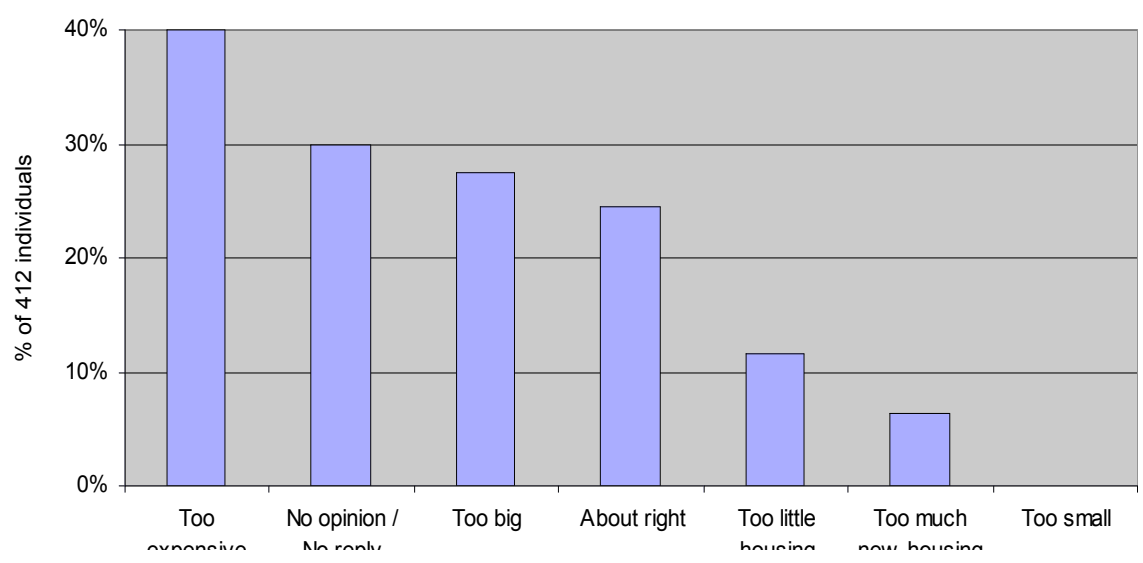
**Q9. If your household/individual wants/wanted to stay in the parish what is stopping them moving to accommodation for the type needed? Tick more than one box if appropriate.**

35 households (18%) answered Q9. Price and lack of suitable stock to buy were the most common answers

	No. of households
Price	17
Lack of suitable stock to buy	16
Lack of local authority/housing association homes	6
Lack of private rented accommodation	6
Unable to afford the cost of moving	2
No suitable sheltered housing	1
Not able to get a job	1
Other financial commitments	1
Lack of physically accessible stock	0
Other	4

**Q31. What do you think about the number of houses that have been built in the parish over the last 10 years? Tick more than one box if appropriate.**

- 40% think the housing built in the parish over the last 10 years is too expensive
- 27% think it is too big; none think it is too small
- 12% think there is too little new housing; 6% think there is too much
- 25% think the number of houses is about right
- 30% do not have an opinion on the number of houses that have been built (no opinion / no reply)



	No. of individuals	% of 412 individuals
Too little housing	48	12%
Too much new housing	26	6%
Too big	113	27%
Too small	0	0%
Too expensive	163	40%
About right	101	25%
No opinion	66	16%
No reply	56	14%

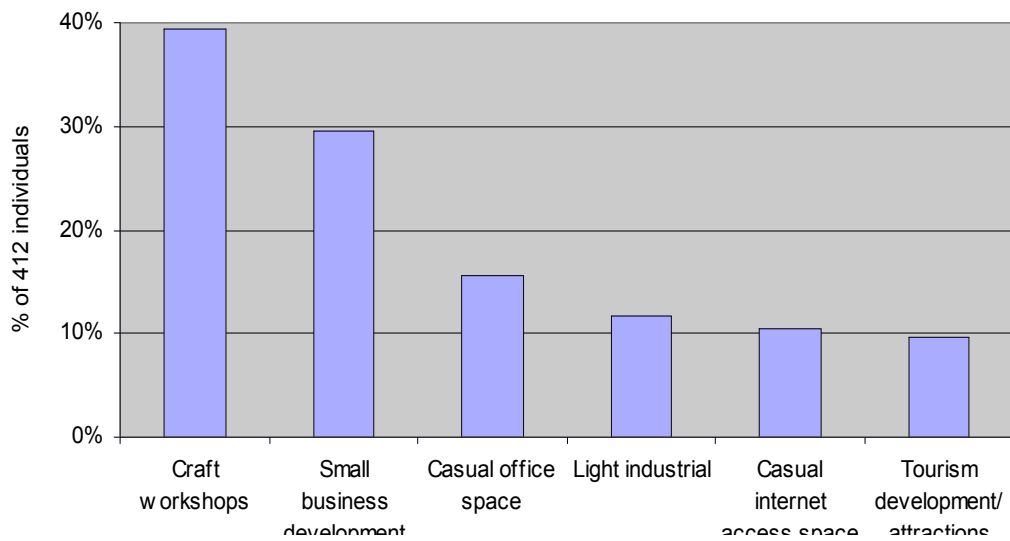
**Q24. If you intend to become self-employed what barriers/issues do you feel might restrict you? Tick more than one box if appropriate.**

15 respondents answered Q24. The most common answers were lack of premises and lack of start-up finance.

	No. of individuals
Lack of premises	7
Lack of start-up finance	5
Need for business skills	3
Lack of advice/information	3
Lack of contacts	2
Lack of required technical skills	2
Lack of confidence	1
Other issues	4

**Q35. Which types of business development would you like to see in the parish? Tick more than one box if appropriate.**

58% of respondents ticked at least one option. The most common answers were craft workshops (39%) and small business development (30%). The least common were casual internet access and tourism (10% each).

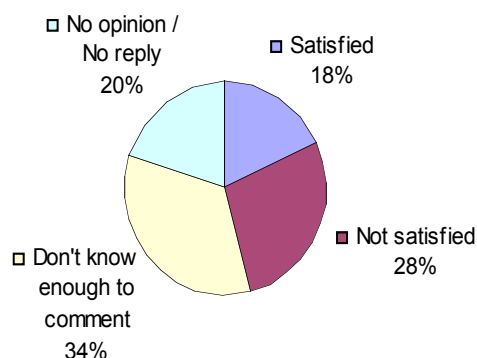


	No. of individuals	% of 412 individuals
Craft workshops	162	39%
Small business development	122	30%
Casual office space	64	16%
Light industrial	48	12%
Casual internet access space	43	10%
Tourism development/attractions	40	10%
No reply	173	42%

**Q51. What is your opinion of the way the planning system is implemented in the parish?**

46% of respondents expressed an opinion on the way the planning system is implemented in the parish. A higher proportion is dissatisfied than satisfied.

**Looking only at the 189 people who expressed an opinion, 40% are satisfied (75 out of 189), while 60% are dissatisfied (114 out of 189).**



	No. of individuals	% of 412 individuals
Satisfied	75	18%
Not satisfied	114	28%
Don't know enough to comment	141	34%
No opinion	21	5%
No reply	61	15%

**Comments**

- We find the standard of design of new houses and extensions extremely poor. The planning department should be open to new ideas and modern design.
- Would like to have a village design statement restricting e.g. the size/proportion of extensions in relation to plot. Also paint colours, encouraging adoption of traditional garden design etc. especially in conservation areas.
- One disappointment is the perceived inconsistencies in the application of planning control within the conservation area - particularly with regard to extending/rebuilding larger properties and maintaining a sense of scale.

**Comments from initial meeting:**

Both “overdevelopment” and “lack of affordable housing” were identified as threats by all 3 groups and “loss of young people” as a threat by 2 out of 3 groups

“Affordable homes” gained 20 out of 125 votes, making it the second most popular issue.

“Limiting housing” gained 13 votes making it the 4<sup>th</sup> most popular issue.

**Clubs/societies consultation:**

WI: “unless there is more affordable housing the age profile [of Chedworth WI] will be even more skewed towards the retired”.

**Youth event:**

Consultation revealed need for a meeting/hanging out place for teenagers, playing field suggested as most suitable site.