

# Barwick in Elmet and Scholes Housing Survey 2015

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Q. What is the deadline for responses and how do we return them to you?

1. The deadline is 7<sup>th</sup> March 2015
2. Questionnaires can be handed in to the places listed below in Barwick and Scholes and all will be forwarded to our survey manager Chris Broughton.

The Post Office (in Barwick)	Verdee's newsagent (in Barwick)	Satnam's Best One (in Scholes)
Sirrells Garage (in Scholes)	The Library (in Scholes)	Posted direct to Chris Broughton (address below)

If you prefer, you can send the questionnaire to Chris by email. Just scan or take a picture of the completed questionnaire or send an email request to Chris and he will send you an electronic copy for completion. Chris' contact details are given below.

### Q. Please say more about what the survey is for?

It is vital that demand for housing in the parish is understood. We can get much of the information we need from publically available information such as the 2011 census and official household projections. This will tell us about the profile of residences in the parish and pressures on it due to growth in the number of households. It will also tell us about trends that affect demand for certain types of home such as for newly forming households and older person households.

However the household survey is essential to provide:

- information about the type/size of property you feel is needed so we can inform developers of what is required and acceptable in any development; and
- an estimate of the number of homes that are needed for local residents. For this we need to know how many residents are planning to move and why and what features are they looking for in their next home?

Only if we have this information from households can we estimate the size type and tenure of housing needed by local people that want to move but also want to remain living in the parish.

### Q. Will this information help the neighbourhood plan?

Yes. The survey and its supporting information will form part of the evidence base to support the neighbourhood plan.

### Q. Will this information help the SOS campaign?

The information will be useful to the campaign because it will enable the campaign to be clear about the additional housing needed for parish residents. The Parish Council can present this as evidence in response to planning applications or consultations.

**Q. You say the survey is confidential – how will you guarantee this?**

Firstly we are not asking anyone for their name or address. There is no possibility that a household can be identified in our report due to their circumstances as our report will only contain the key findings. Only the survey manager will see individual responses.

**Q. Is it only demand for affordable housing that you are interested in?**

No. we want to understand supply and demand for all tenures. The tenures are owner occupation, private renting, shared ownership and social renting. Shared ownership and social renting are sometimes referred to as 'affordable housing'. Survey and other data including official demographic trends will be collected and analysed. From this we will be able to demonstrate what mix of tenure sizes and types of home are needed to help the whole village become as sustainable as possible. By sustainable we mean that the size and type of housing across the whole village will be in step with demand in the long term and will be appropriate to sustain local services and businesses.

**Q. Has the district council produced similar information?**

Not really. Leeds City Council has published a strategic housing market assessment (SHMA) which estimates need and demand for additional housing across the city. The SHMA is good for estimating how much additional housing is needed over a long period of time at the city level. The problem is it does not drill down to parish level and provide useful information about supply and demand gaps at that level or the mix of housing that should be provided at the local level.

**Q. Why is the questionnaire shorter than for other parish housing surveys we have seen?**

It is pointless to ask households about the house they live in and personal details that have no bearing on the research questions. So we have designed the survey to collect the information we really need to know from households that have moved or might move home. The Census 2011 and other Government information provides all of the context information we need.

Also people are getting tired of surveys so we really need to make sure the survey form is as short and quick to complete as possible.

**Q. What is a lifetime home?**

It is a house flat or bungalow that has special design features to enable someone who becomes infirm or disabled to live there. Features of a lifetime home include wide doors and entrance hall for a wheelchair, raised power sockets, kitchen equipment that can be reached from a wheelchair, able to fit a stair lift or through floor lift if needed etc. Lifetime homes cost more to build but are often less expensive than adaptation and home extension costs if they are fitted to existing dwellings.

**Q. Will you publish the findings?**

Yes, on the website.

**Q. I am really worried about my future housing. Can I talk to someone?**

The survey manager will be pleased to take your call or reply to your email. He cannot give advice but will point you in the right direction for expert advice.

**Q. A friend or family member wants to come to live in the village. Will you take them into account?**

Yes if they complete Part B of the questionnaire. If you have not moved or plan to move within 5 years it would be helpful if you completed and returned Part A, then pass Part B of the questionnaire to them, otherwise please complete Parts B and C as appropriate and ask Chris to send another survey form direct to them. They should only complete Part B.

**Q. How can I contact the survey manager?**

- Chris Broughton can be contacted on 07809 625636
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