

**Housing Needs Survey Report  
for  
Stoneleigh & Ashow Parish Council**

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## 1 Summary of Results

395 Housing Needs Survey forms were distributed and 126 forms were returned. This equates to a response rate of 32%, a rate considered to be very good for a survey of this type.

There is an identified need for four new homes in the parish as follows:

- **Housing association rent** 2 x 2 bedroom house
- **Owner occupier housing** 1 x 2 bedroom house
- **Owner occupier housing** 1 x 2 bedroom bungalow

## 2 Introduction

Stoneleigh & Ashow Parish Council commissioned a local Housing Needs Survey in November 2015.

The aim of the survey was to collect accurate, up-to-date housing needs information relating to the parish. This information can be used in a number of ways, but perhaps the most relevant is to identify any requirement for a small scale housing scheme to meet local needs, as specified in Warwick District Council's Local Plan.

The survey form was essentially a standard document used in parishes across Warwickshire. A survey form was delivered to every home in Stoneleigh & Ashow parish; a copy of the covering letter and the form can be seen as Appendix A1 and A2 of this report.

All households were invited to fill out the first part of the survey form with the aim of producing a demographic picture of household composition, tenure, property type and size. Positive and negative aspects to life in the parish were explored, and whether any household members had left the parish through lack of suitable market or affordable housing. Along with any additional comments, respondents were invited to suggest acceptable locations for new homes in the village.

Only households with, or containing, a specific housing need were asked to complete the second part of the survey form. This part of the form asked for respondents' names and addresses and other sensitive information in confidence, e.g. information relating to income.

Completed survey forms were posted directly to the WRCC Rural Housing Enabler via a 'Freepost' envelope. Analysis of the completed forms took place in January 2016.

### 3 Planning Context

The Warwick District Local Plan 1996-2011 is the current adopted development plan that provides policies and context for future development in the District. The Warwick District Local Plan 2011 – 2029 has been submitted though is currently suspended pending further examination in public, so the weight that the District Council can give updated policies is currently limited.

Policy RAP1 sets out the circumstances in which new residential development will be permitted in Limited Infill Villages - that being (i) on previously developed land within the Growth Village where any market housing meets a specific local need as identified by the community in an appraisal or assessment or (ii) affordable housing in accordance with Policy RAP4.

An appraisal or assessment would normally take the form of a full household survey (Housing Needs Survey) of the parish.

Where the survey indicates a need for market housing, any housing development proposals should only provide the types of homes which are shown to be in need by size (number of bedrooms) and type (houses, bungalows or flats).

Where a private development site emerges in a Limited Infill Village, the Council will require an element of affordable housing on sites of 3 dwellings or more. As a general rule, the Council will require a minimum of 80% social rented housing (usually through a Housing Association) and a maximum of 20% intermediate housing (often called Shared Ownership).

Policy RAP4 sets out the circumstances in which the development of affordable housing in the rural area to meet local needs of a village or parish may be permitted in exceptional circumstances (Rural Exception schemes), that being where;

- a) there is full, detailed and up to date evidence, in the form of a parish or village survey of housing need, which demonstrates that the proposal will meet a particular local housing need which cannot be met in any other way;
- b) the proposed development is small in scale, of appropriate design and is located within or adjoining an existing settlement; and
- c) the following principles are established;
  - i all of the housing provided will be for exclusive occupation of people with a demonstrable need to be housed in the locality;
  - ii the type of accommodation to be provided will be determined on the basis of local need;
  - iii forms of tenure other than social rented housing (such as Shared Ownership) will be considered provided that they achieve weekly outgoings significantly below the maximum affordable to households in housing need; and

- iv such housing is available, both initially and for subsequent occupancy, only to those with a demonstrable housing need.

All the dwellings must meet an identified need in a recent survey. However, notwithstanding the level of need, only small scale developments will be allowed and these should blend well into the existing settlement.

The design and layout of the scheme should be essentially rural in character and should integrate well with the styles and materials which predominate in the surrounding area.

The scheme must be located within, or adjoining, an existing settlement.

People with a demonstrable need to be housed in the locality include;

- people who currently live in the parish and have done so continuously for at least the last 2 years and are seeking more suitable accommodation;
- people who have lived in the parish for at least 2 years out of the last 10 years;
- people who used to live in the parish and who have immediate family (mother, father, son, daughter, brother or sister) living in the parish;
- people who have relatives living in the parish to whom it is desirable to live near for support eg elderly relatives, young families; and
- people who have been permanently employed in the parish for at least 12 months.

The Government accepts Rural Exception schemes in the Green Belt but greater controls are needed to ensure that the fundamental objectives of the Green Belt are not harmed – in particular, the retention of the open nature and rural character of the countryside.

Policy DAP1 sets out the circumstances in which development will be permitted in the Green Belt - that being new dwellings in accordance with Policy RAP1 (on previously developed land within a Limited Infill Village where any market housing meets a specific local need as identified by the community in an appraisal or assessment, or affordable housing in accordance with Policy RAP4).

Policies RAP1, RAP4, DAP1 and the Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document provide for a number of circumstances whereby residential development may be permitted in Limited Infill Villages such as Stoneleigh & Ashow.

## 4 Results – Contextual Information

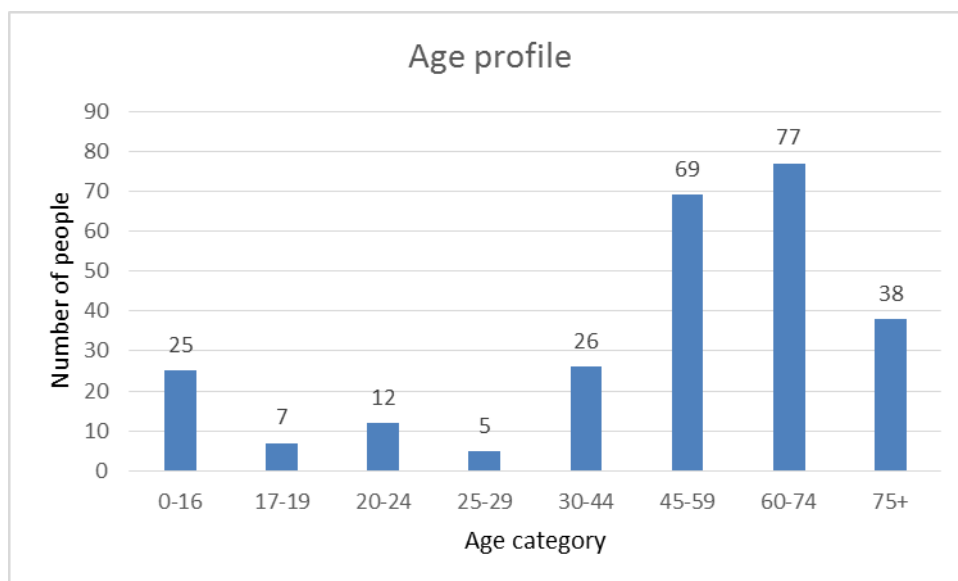
A total of 126 survey forms were returned equating to a response rate of 32%. Such a response rate is considered to be very good for a survey of this type because people generally only respond for one of three reasons;

- To express a housing need,
- To offer support in principle to the idea of a small housing scheme for local needs, or
- To state opposition to the idea of a housing scheme.

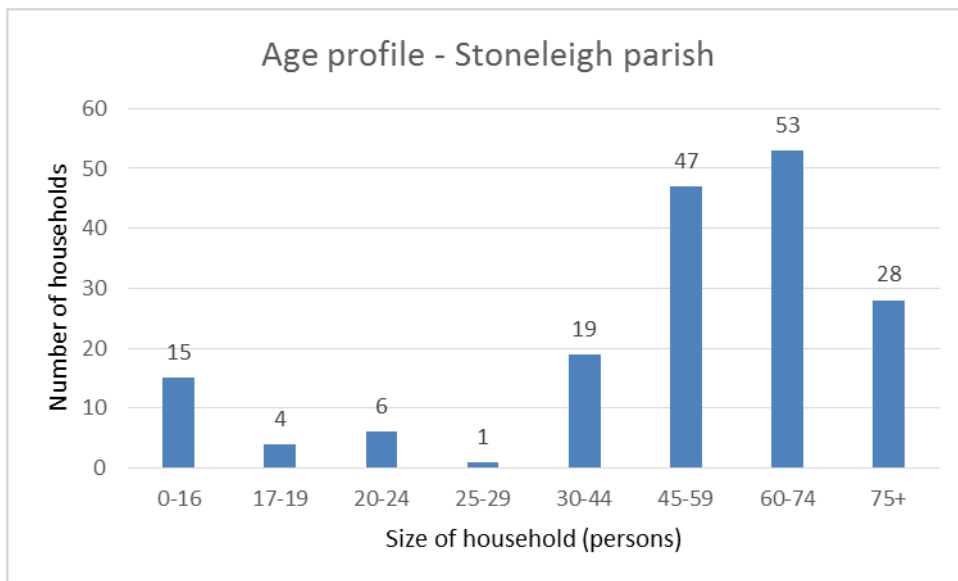
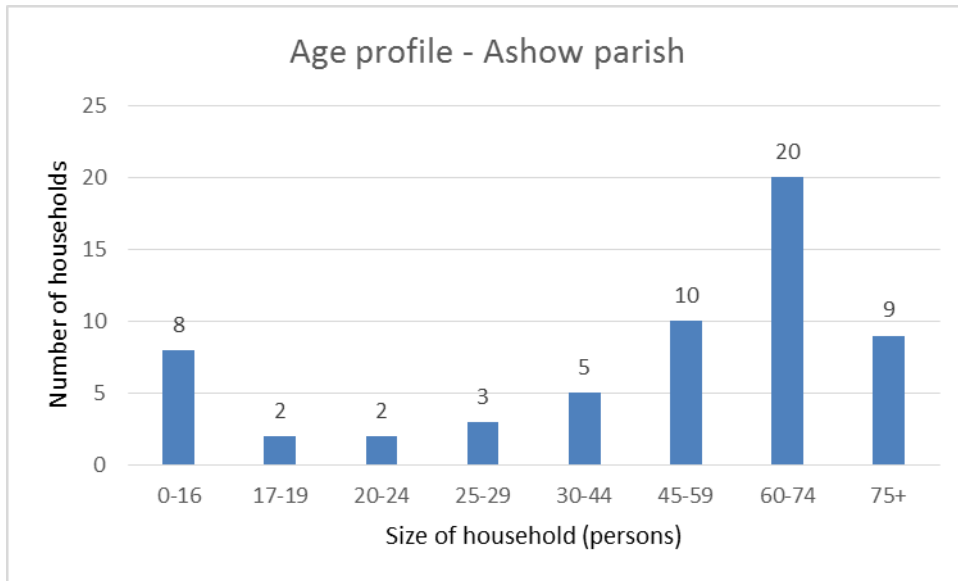
Respondents were asked to state whether the household is in Ashow or Stoneleigh parish and this is indicated in the survey responses below. The responses indicate that 24 households are in Ashow parish, 89 households are in Stoneleigh parish and 13 households did not state either parish.

### i) Age Profile (126 responses, 259 people)

The following chart shows the overall age profile captured by the survey returns. The chart shows an ageing population, with 184 out of the 259 people aged 45 and above. It is noticeable that the age groups 17-19 years, 20–24 years and 25-29 years are small in number, suggesting an imbalance in the age profile which may have repercussions for the long-term sustainability of the parish.



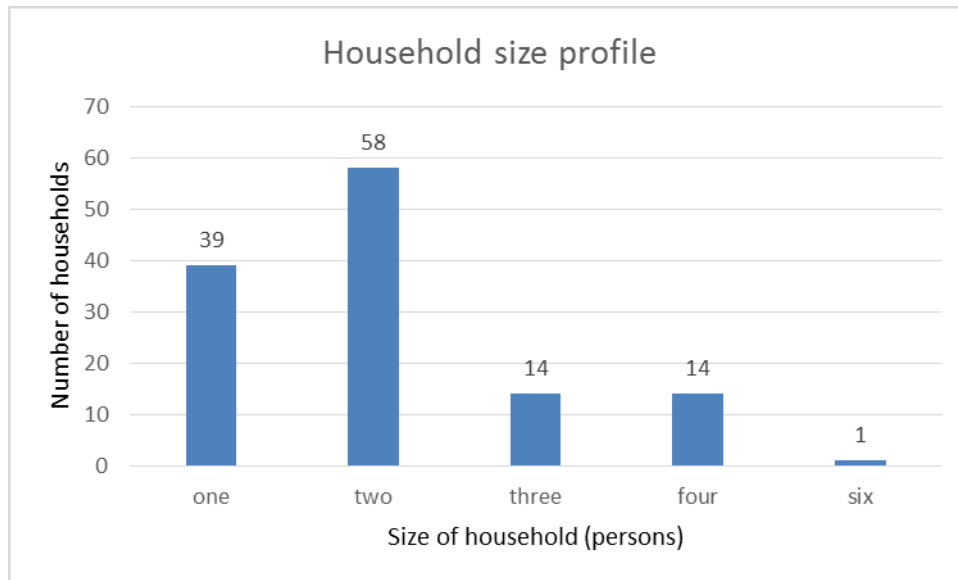
The following charts show the age profile where respondents indicated that they lived in one of the two parishes.



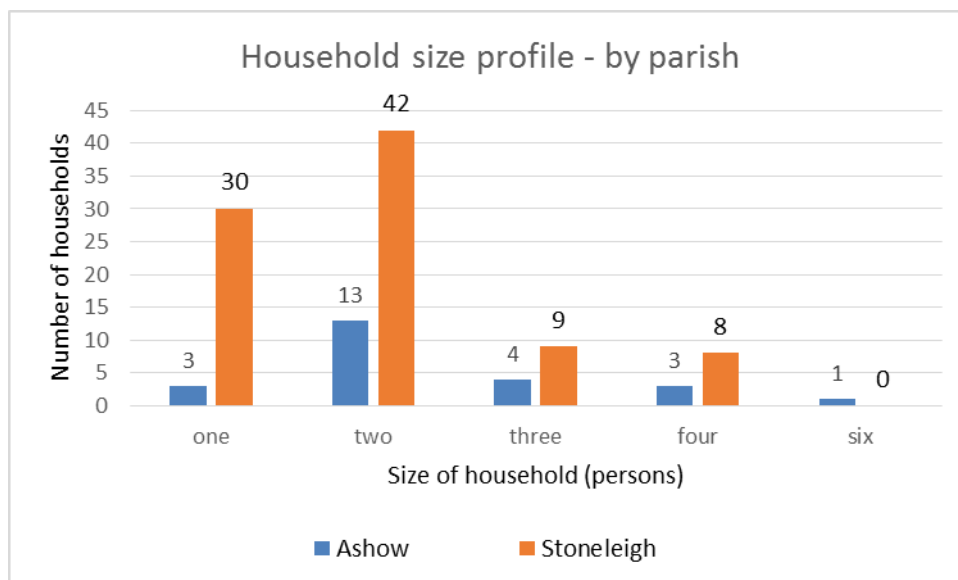


## ii) Household Size Profile (126 responses)

The data collected from the age question can be used to create a profile of household size. The following chart shows the profile of all responses. The chart shows a dominance of 1 and 2 person households, as do the majority of Parish Housing Needs Surveys. Within this survey the mean average household size is 2.05 people. The Census 2011 figure was 2.16 for Stoneleigh and Ashow.

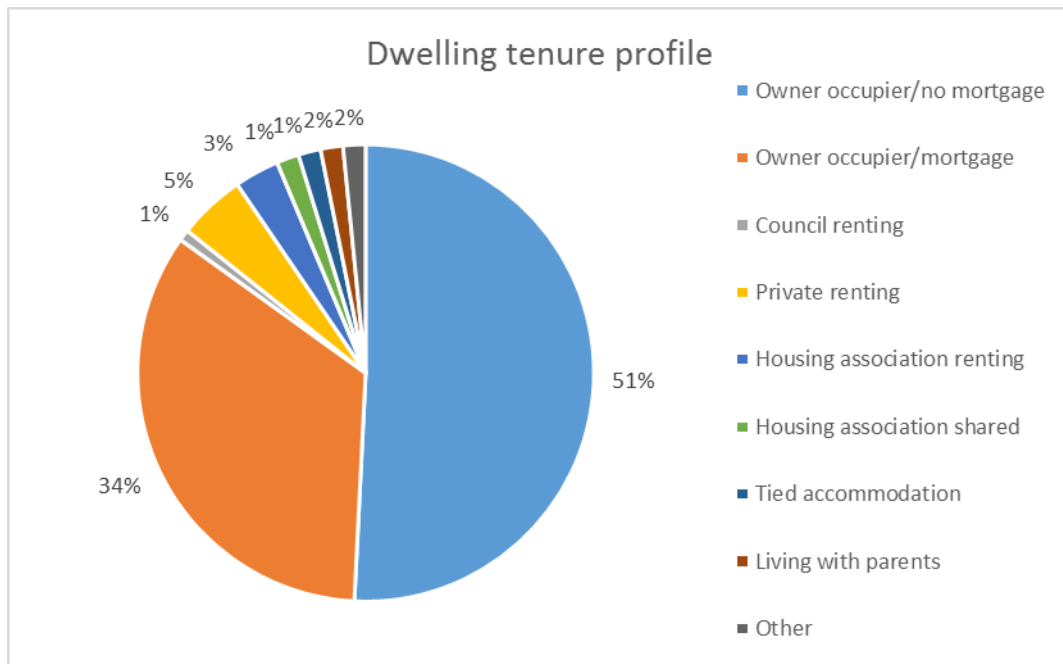


The following chart shows the predominance of 1 and 2 person households exists in both parishes.

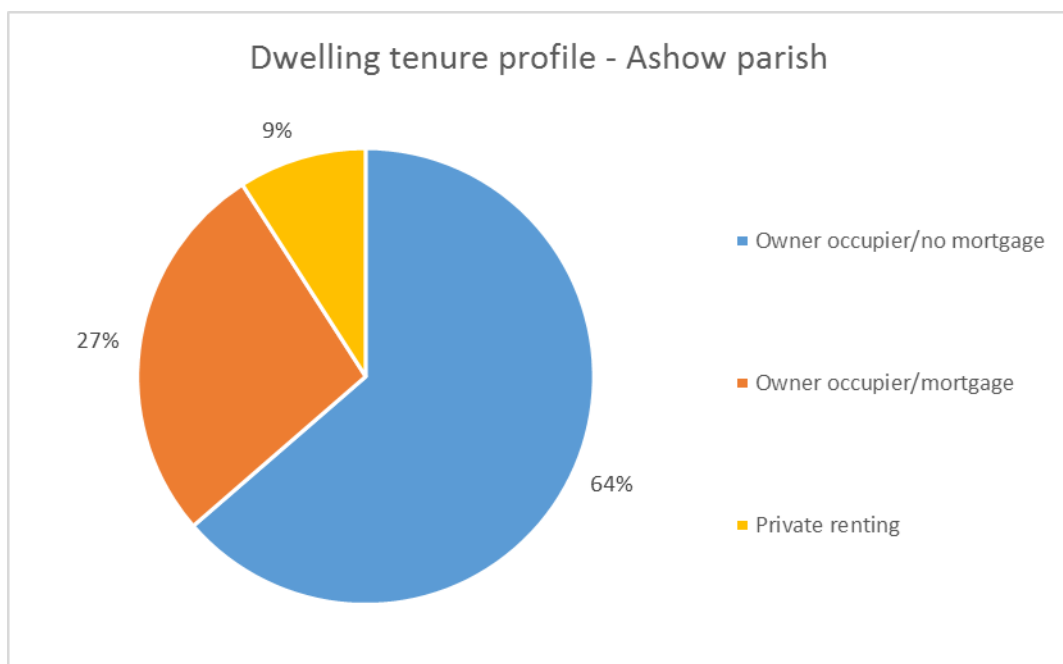


### iii) Dwelling Tenure Profile (126 responses)

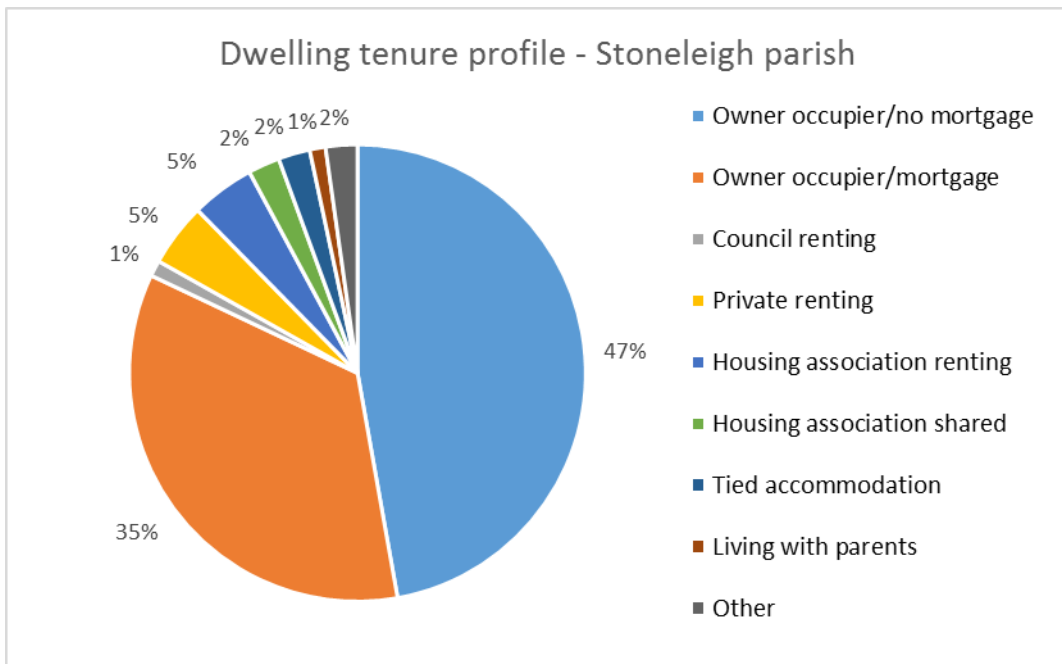
The following chart shows the dwelling tenure profile for survey respondents. In a pattern typical for villages across Warwickshire, owner-occupiers represent 85% of the total. Tenures traditionally considered to be within the 'social sector' represent 5% of the total. Respondents that stated "Other" dwelling tenure specified "Lease" (but it is unclear whether this is classed as private rental), and "Almshouse".



The following chart shows the dwelling tenure profile for Ashow separately, indicating a narrower range of tenures and none from the "social sector".

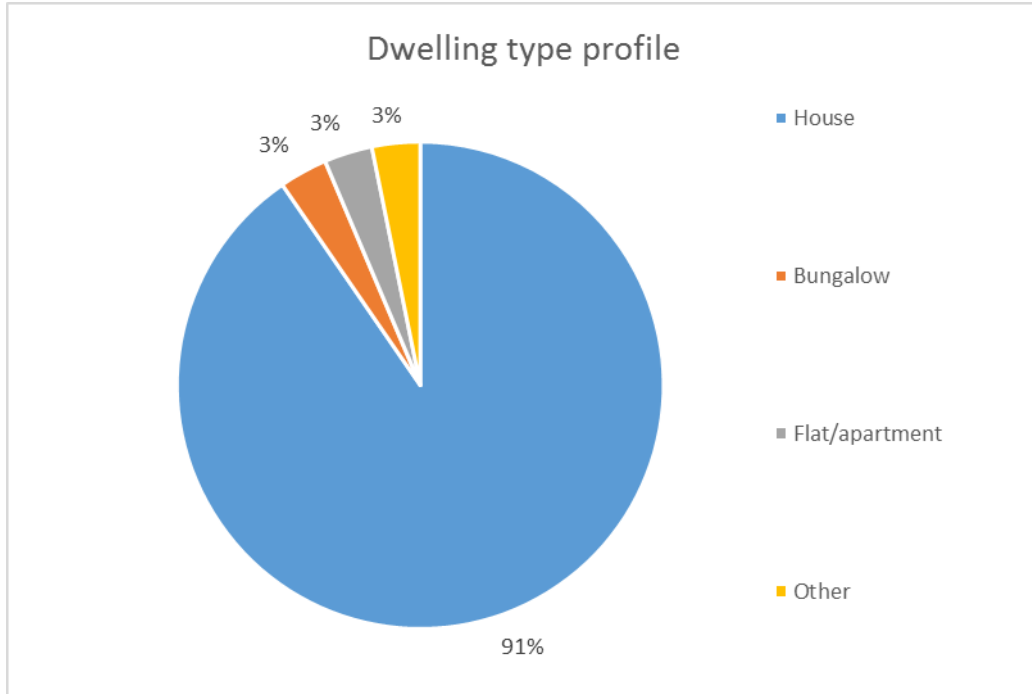


The chart below shows dwelling tenures for Stoneleigh parish indicating a wider range of tenures, including the “social sector”.

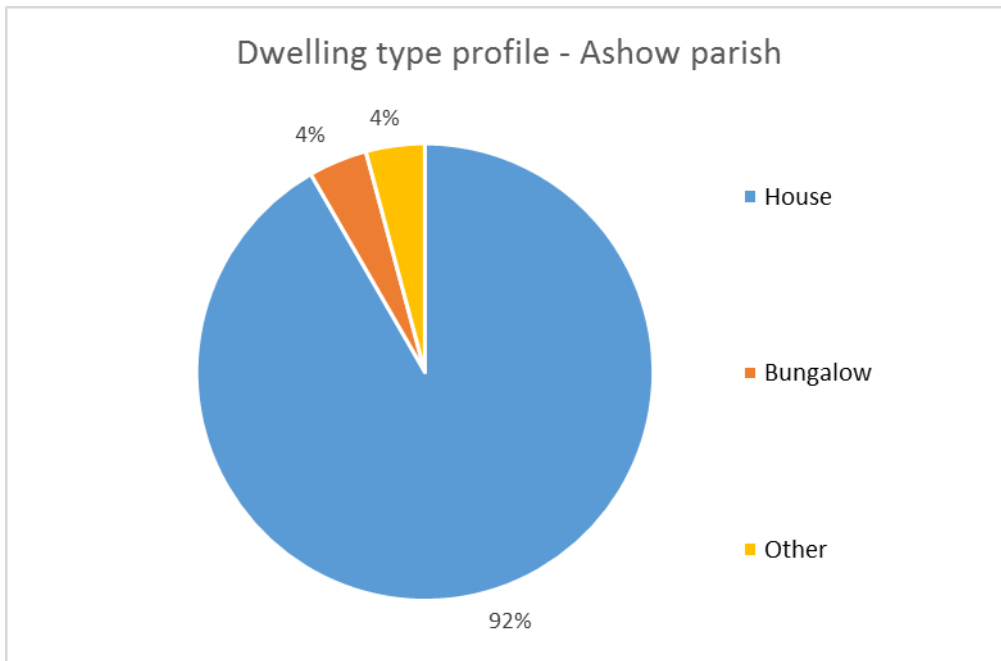


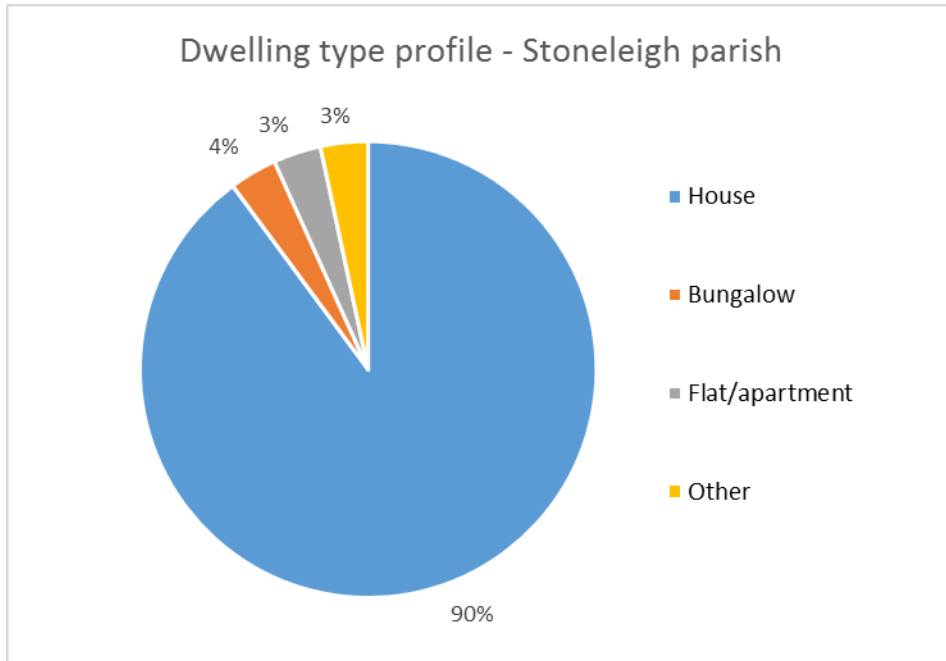
**iv) Dwelling Type Profile (125 responses)**

The following chart shows the types of dwellings that the survey respondents live in. Houses represent the largest factor. Respondents who stated the dwelling type “Other” specified barn conversions and cottages.



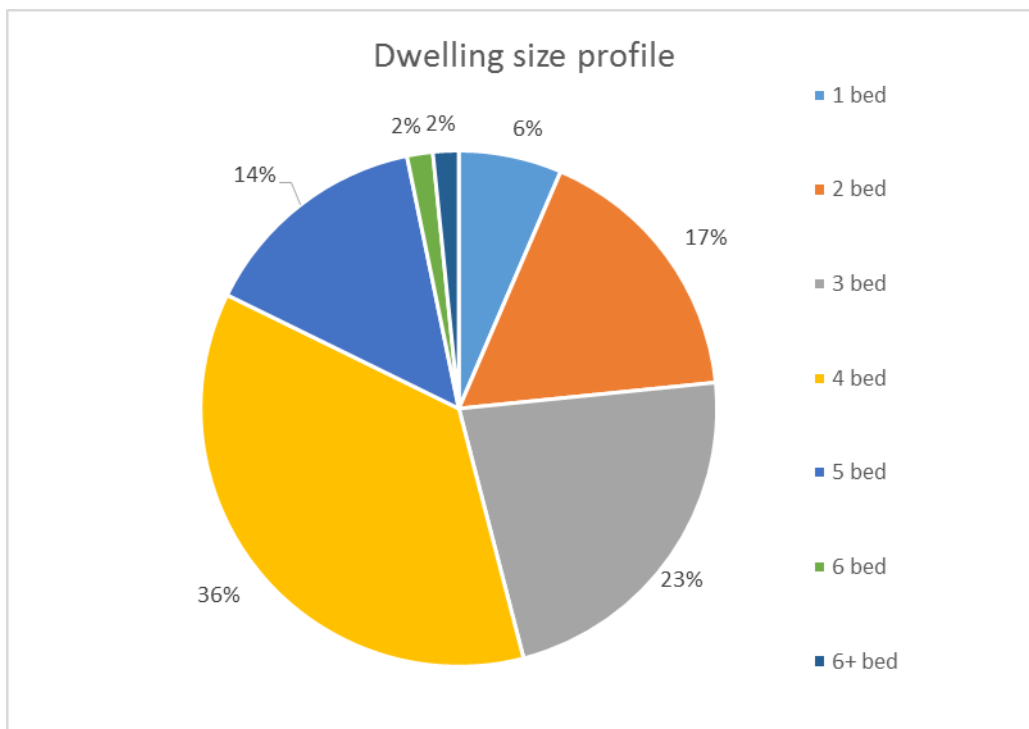
The following charts show how types of dwellings in Ashow and Stoneleigh follow the same profile.



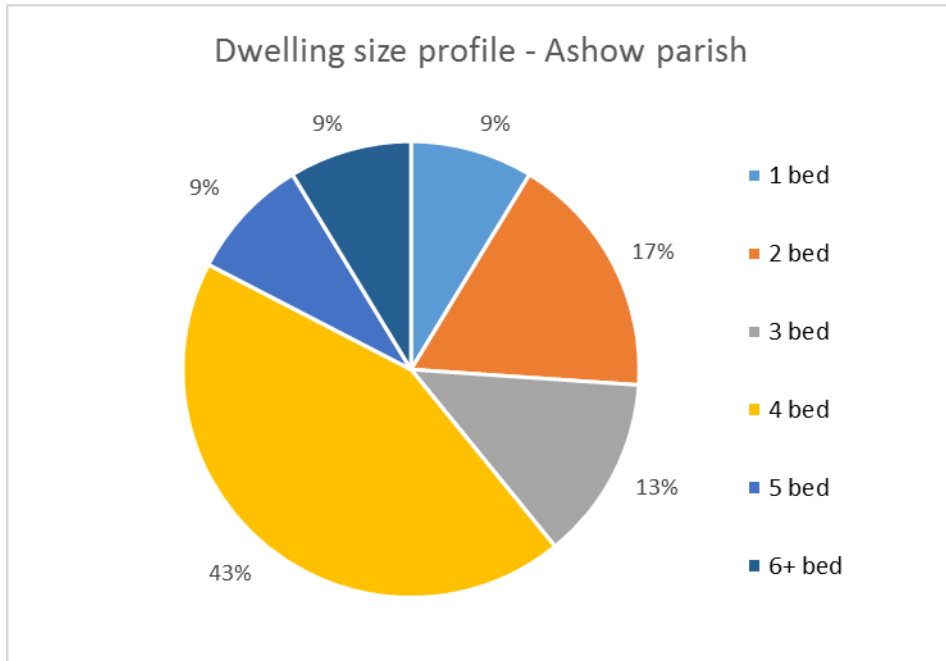


**v) Dwelling Size Profile (124 responses)**

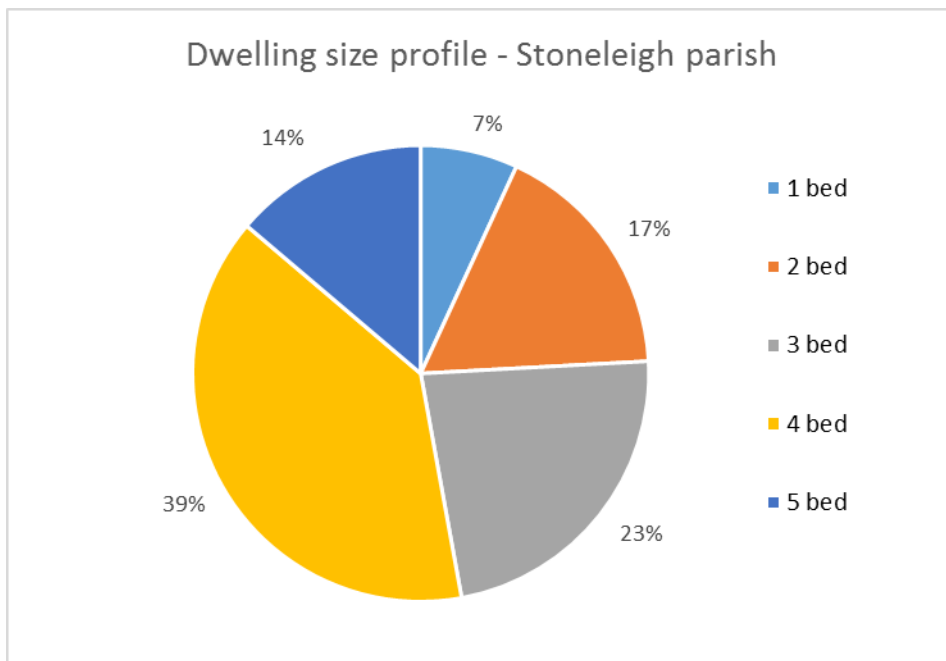
The following chart indicates the sizes of dwellings of the survey respondents and shows over one third live in 4 bed houses.



The following chart indicates the sizes of dwellings of the survey respondents of Ashow, again indicating a predominance of 4 bed houses:

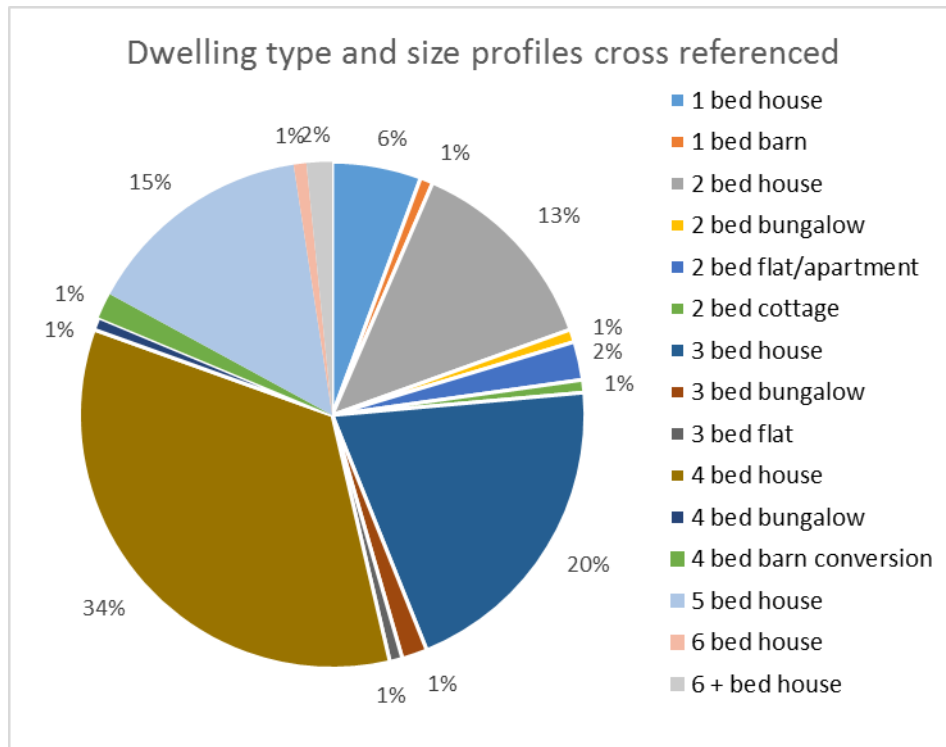


The following chart indicates the sizes of dwellings of the survey respondents of Stoneleigh, showing the predominance of 4 and 3 bed houses:

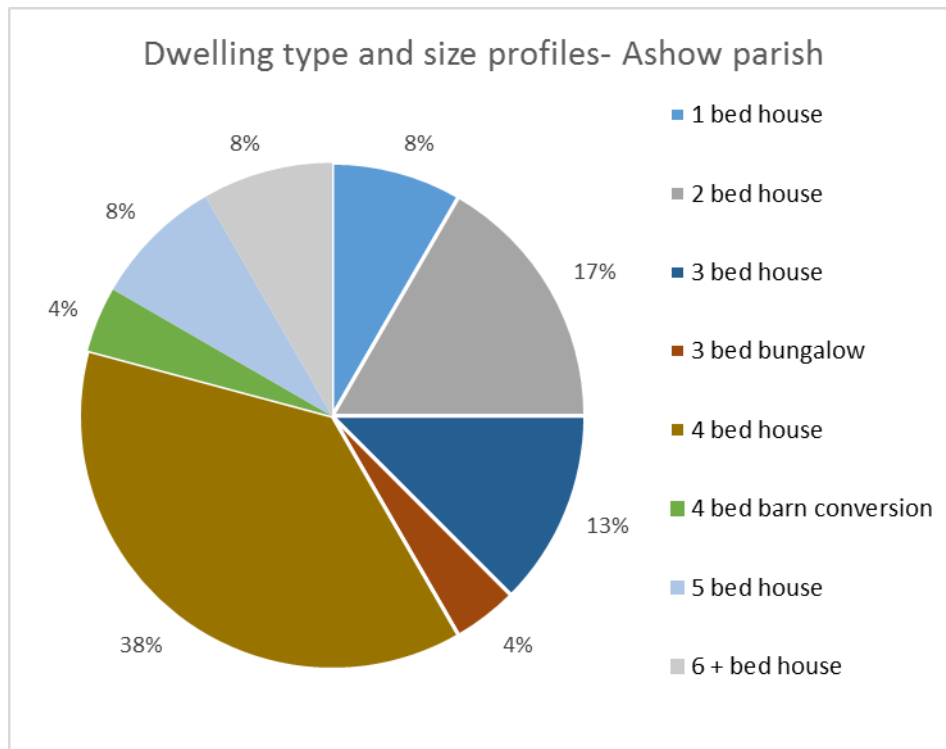


**vi) Dwelling Type and Size Profiles Cross Referenced (124 responses)**

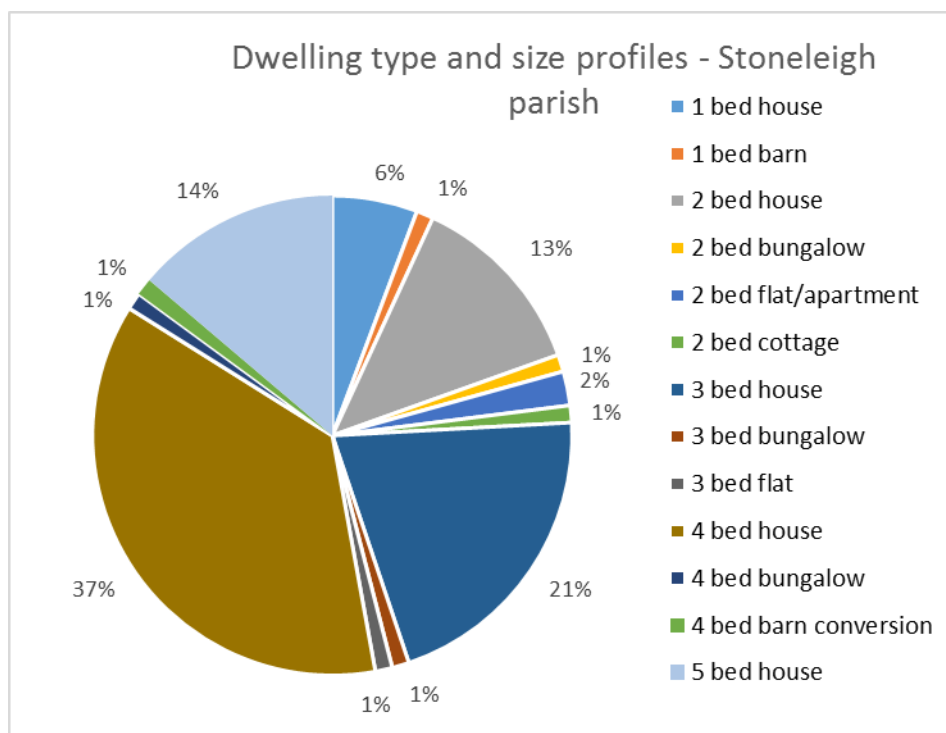
Cross-referencing the data from 5.iv and 5.v provides a combined profile of dwelling type and size. This can be seen in the following chart. 4 bedroom houses emerge as the largest single factor of those specified, followed by 3 bedroom houses. When compared to 5.ii above, i.e. a dominance of 1 and 2-person households, these results may suggest an issue of dwelling under-occupation in the parishes.



The following chart for Ashow shows the same predominance of 4 bedroom houses with a more even-spread of other dwelling type and size.



The chart below shows responses for Stoneleigh, again with the predominance of 4 bedroom houses but a wider range of dwelling type and size.



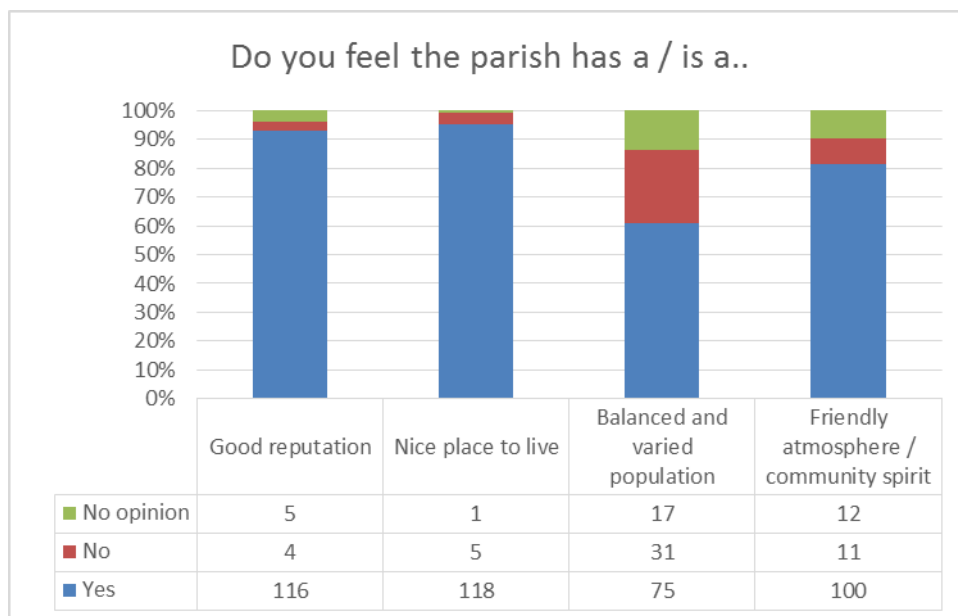


## vii) Life in the Parish: Positive / Negative Aspects

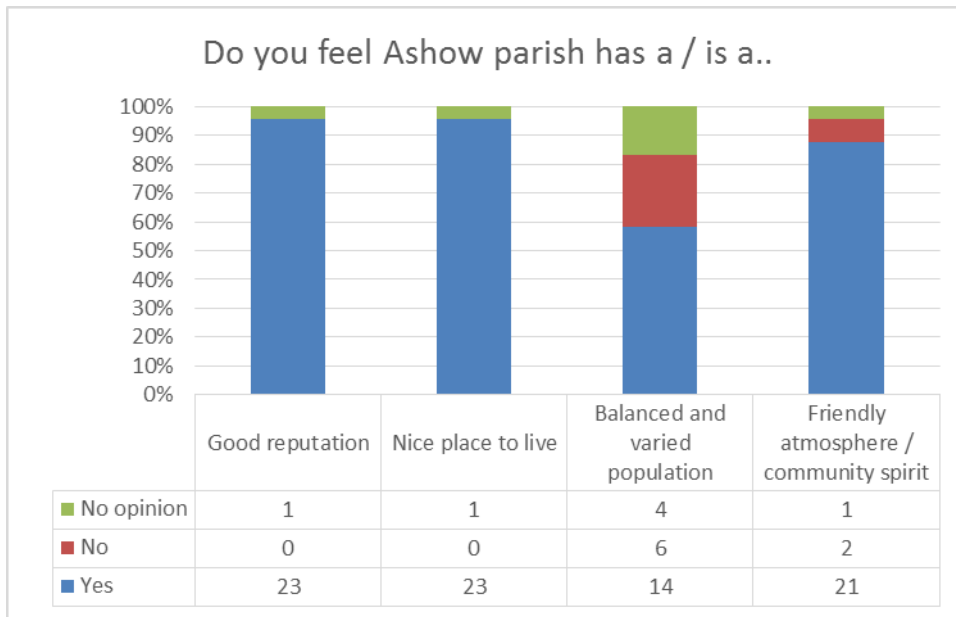
The survey respondents were asked a series of questions relating to the perceived benefits and disadvantages to living in Stoneleigh and Ashow. This was done to build-up a picture of life in the parish and also to identify any issues / problems which could threaten the long-term sustainability of the parish.

Information relating to the sustainability of a village is important to assess whether any affordable homes that are subsequently provided will be 'sustainable'. Ensuring that people will take up tenancies and live in a settlement are crucial considerations when proposing new homes.

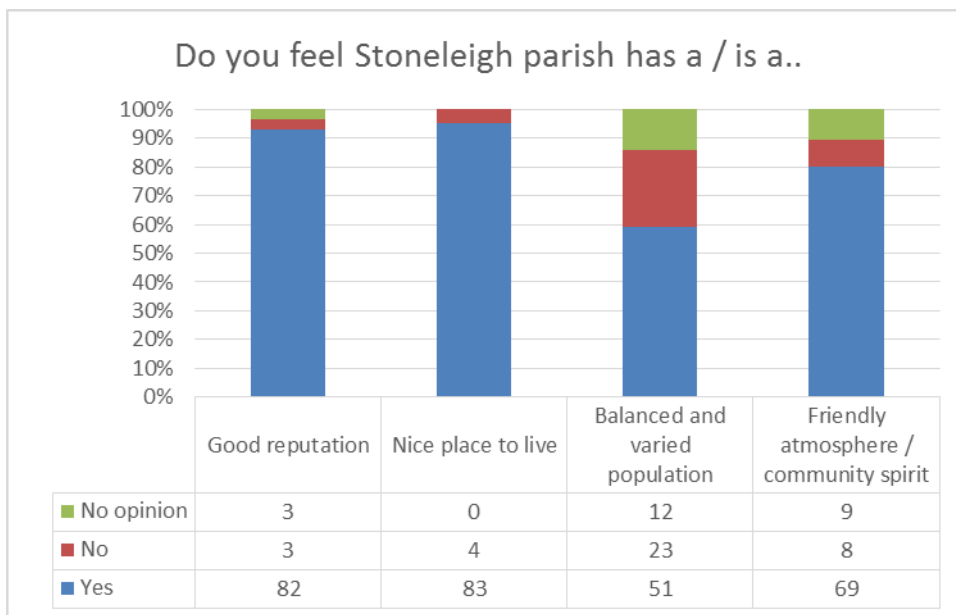
The first chart shows the respondents' views about the benefits to living in Stoneleigh and Ashow parishes. The vast majority thought the parishes had a good reputation, were a nice place to live, and had a friendly atmosphere/community spirit. Views differed more greatly about the balance and variety of the population.



The following chart shows the views of respondents residing in Ashow:



The following chart shows the views of respondents residing in Stoneleigh:



The following additional comments were made by residents of Stoneleigh parish:

**Good reputation and nice place to live**

- HS2, Development, Gateway and WDC's Local Plan ruined all this

**Nice place to live**

- Apart from traffic in morning and night peak times
- Traffic has become unbearable and is unsustainable

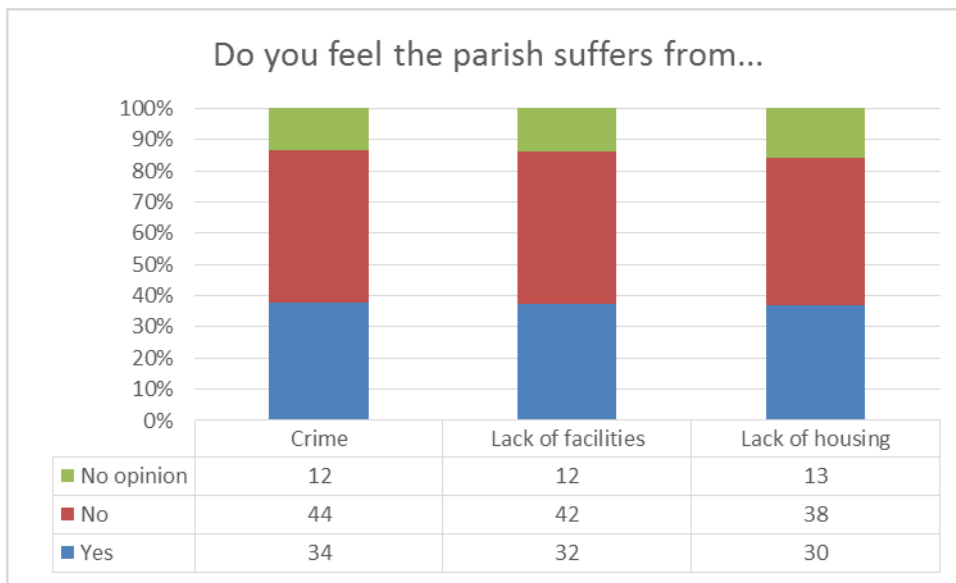
**Balanced and varied population**

- The village population is predominantly elderly

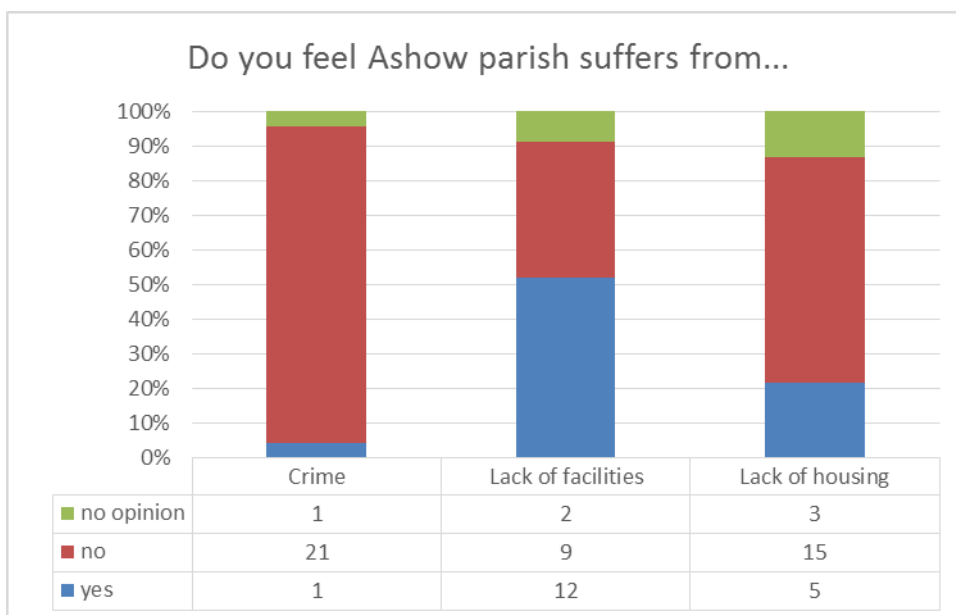
### Friendly atmosphere

- but much less so than even 5 years ago. It's a conservation area. It would be nice to see if WDC and others (eg HS2) treat it as such

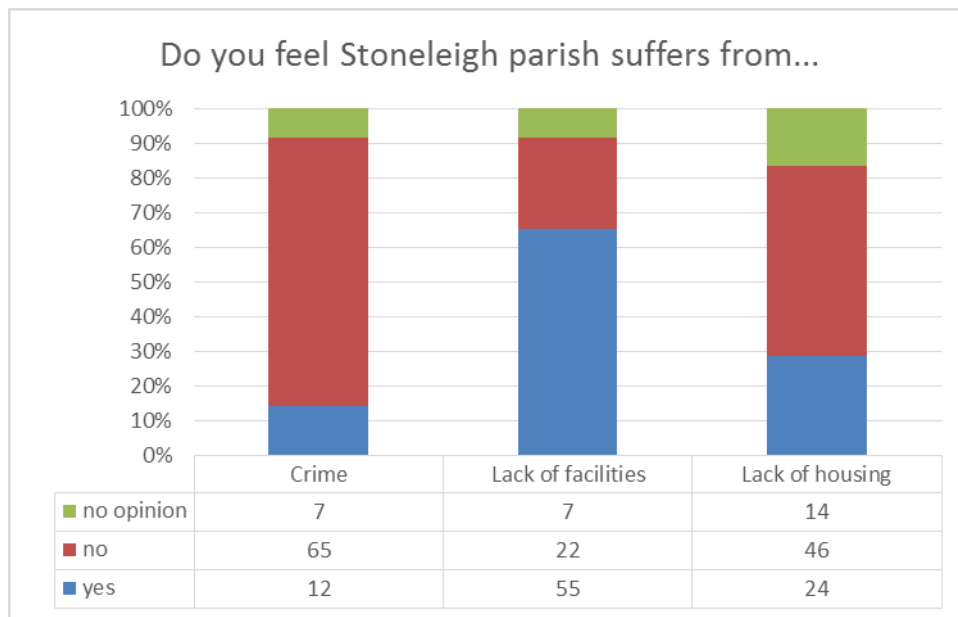
The following 3 charts show survey respondents' views about negative issues that might exist in the parish and revealed that views diverged on each of these concerns. The first chart includes those respondents who did not state in which parish they live. Overall, the greater number of residents did not feel that the parish suffers from crime. However, a significantly large number of residents stated the opposite. Similarly, although the larger number of respondents thought there was a lack of facilities and a lack of housing, a significantly high number stated there is not a lack of facilities or lack of housing.



The following chart shows the views of respondents of Ashow parish and shows far fewer reported suffering from crime, and fewer reported a lack of housing.



The following chart shows respondents' views for Stoneleigh parish:



As part of the survey respondents were invited to elaborate on their views regarding a lack of local facilities and a lack of housing. Comments received are reproduced below, whole and verbatim.

#### **Lack of facilities - additional comments**

The following additional comments were made by respondents resident in Ashow:

- A pub
- All facilities except for church and club
- Broadband, gas, mains sewage
- Communal area, fast broadband
- For youth/young people
- Most people have cars
- No regular bus service/footpaths (car is essential)
- Shop and bus service
- Shop, pub
- Shop, public transport, good footpaths to public transport 1 mile away
- Small shop
- Village hall or church hall (Ashow club is not large enough)
- Village Hall. The resent club is not this

The following additional comments were made by residents of Stoneleigh parish:

- All facilities, theres nothing, no shops, poor transport, no pub, school
- Bus service
- Buses, village shop, pubs, Post Office, bank etc
- Clubs and sports Kenilworth close. Footpaths. It is dangerous for me!
- Local shop x 3

- Local shop/post office
- Low cost affordable housing
- Maybe village shop
- More childrens recreation facilities
- More sports
- No shop
- No shop or pub
- No shop, no garage (petrol station), no public house
- Poorly served bus routes, no gas supply!
- Post office, pub, good bus service
- Post office/shop, pub
- Pub, post office, shop
- Pub, shop
- Pub, shop, school
- Pub/restaurant, shop
- Public house
- Public transport, broadband, amenities - local village shop
- School, shop
- Shop x 5
- Shop - general and newsagent, post office
- Shop , pub, place(s) to eat
- Shop for essential
- Shop, doctor, chemist, school, pub, post office
- Shop, garage, pub
- Shop, good bus service
- Shop, mobile library, poor bus service
- Shop, post office
- Shop, post office, poor public transport
- Shop, public house
- Shop, reg bus service, local pub
- Shop, restaurant, pub
- Shop, road cleaning, drains, public paths on roads
- Shop, school, pub, garage
- Shop/post office
- Shop/post office
- Shop/post office/coffee shop
- Shops
- Shops, leisure centre
- Shops, pub
- Transport
- Village shop would be good
- Village shops
- We need high speed internet! Our current speed is 0.5m/sec! Shame!

The following comments were made by residents who did not state a parish in which they live:

- Local pub/eating place, bowling green
- Post office/shop, car parking
- Shop
- Shop, public transport nearby
- Shop, street lighting, litter bins
- Shop/post office
- Shops

### **Lack of housing – additional comments**

The following additional comments were made by respondents resident in Ashow:

- Bungalow or semi bungalow to allow for physical needs and first time buyers, social housing
- Market smaller housing
- Small houses for young people and retired
- Small, affordable (£<250k)
- Smaller housing

The following additional comments were made by residents of Stoneleigh parish:

- Affordable x 5
- Affordable (small/first time)
- Affordable for locals
- Affordable housing
- Affordable housing for villagers
- Affordable housing for young families
- Affordable housing to enable families to stay in the area
- Affordable starter homes for the young
- All housing
- Don't know what the need for housing is
- Family homes/affordable
- First time buyer
- Houses and bungalows
- Housing for young people
- Housing for younger people who are forced to move to cheaper areas
- Low cost/affordable housing
- none
- Rented houses or first time buyers
- Small houses for renting
- Small starter homes
- Smaller, more affordable (cheaper)
- Starter homes, bungalows for the elderly villagers

The following comments were made by respondents who did not state a parish in which they live:

- Affordable smaller houses
- First time buyers
- Properties for first time buyers or downsizing properties

#### **viii) People leaving the parish in the last 5 years**

The survey respondents were asked whether anyone in the household had to leave the parish in the last 5 years because no suitable affordable or market housing was available. 5 respondents' stated this has occurred in their household.

In Ashow 3 respondents stated no suitable market housing was available.

In Stoneleigh 2 respondents stated no suitable affordable housing was available.

## **5 Results – Housing Needs Information**

Out of the 126 responses to the survey, five households expressed a need for affordable housing. However, one was discounted as they did not indicate a qualifying local connection.

Section 6 provides specific information from the four qualifying respondents.

### **i) Reasons for Housing Need**

Respondents were asked why they needed alternative housing and were able to state more than one housing need.

- Two of the respondents stated they need smaller accommodation.
- Two of the respondents need to be closer to their employment in the parish.

### **ii) Local Connection**

To qualify the local connection, respondents were able to state more than one type.

- All four currently live in the parish.
- Two of the respondents also work in the parish.
- One stated a need to be closer to a carer/dependent.

### **iii) Housing Register**

None of the respondents are registered on the local authority waiting list or on a housing association waiting list.

### **iv) Family Members also Seeking Housing**

Two respondents reported additional family members seeking housing.

## v) Specific Housing Needs

There were no specific housing needs stated (such as disability requirements).

## vi) Type of Housing Needed

Two respondents stated a need for housing association rented housing.

Two respondents stated a need for owner occupier housing.

## 6 Determination of Specific Housing Need

The following table shows the specific housing needs of the respondents.

ID no	Local Connection Verified	Tenure	Type	Size
053	Yes	Owner occupied	House	2 bed
095	Yes	Owner occupied	Bungalow	2 bed
103	Yes	Housing association rent	House	2 bed
125	Yes	Housing association rent	House	2 bed

## 7 Conclusion

There is a need for four new affordable homes in Stoneleigh and Ashow for local people.

The specific needs are:

### Housing association rent

- 2 x 2 bedroom house

### Owner occupied

- 1 x 2 bedroom house
- 1 x 2 bedroom bungalow

The development of just four affordable homes in Stoneleigh and Ashow may not be financially viable. It is recommended this is discussed with an appropriate housing association to determine the financial viability before taking any further action.



## **8 Acknowledgements**

Gratitude is expressed to all those who helped to deliver the survey forms across the parish.

## **9 Contact Information**

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## Appendix A1

### STONELEIGH & ASHOW PARISH COUNCIL HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

November 2015

Dear Householder

The Parish Council is aware that a lack of affordable and suitable housing is an issue for many rural communities, which can lead to local people being forced to move away.

To assess whether or not this is a problem in Stoneleigh and Ashow parishes we are carrying out a survey to identify the types and sizes of homes that local people need. **The survey is for everyone, however, not just people in housing need.** The questions in the first part of the survey form will help to compile a profile of residents and some general points about life in the parish. We need your help and ask all households to complete a survey form.

- People who are not in housing need are requested to complete Page 1 only.
- People in need of either affordable or market housing are requested to complete all parts of the form.

The survey is being carried out in partnership with Warwickshire Rural Community Council (WRCC). When the survey is complete the Parish Council will consider the results of the survey and work together with WRCC and Warwick District Council to explore how any needs can be addressed.

**PLEASE NOTE that people in housing need do not have to be living in Stoneleigh and Ashow parish at the present time.** They do, however, need to have a strong local connection, e.g. they work in the parish **or** they previously lived in the parish but moved away to find affordable/suitable housing **or** they have a close relative in the parish. If you know of anyone with a strong connection to the parish but currently living elsewhere, please encourage them to contact Fiona Henderson, Rural Housing Enabler at WRCC, on 01789 842812 or email [fionah@wrccrural.org.uk](mailto:fionah@wrccrural.org.uk) so that a survey form can be sent to them.

**All information you give will be treated in strict confidence and the Parish Council will not see individual replies.** The analysis will be carried out by WRCC and it will retain all survey forms.

Forms should be returned by 7 December 2015 in the 'Freepost' envelope provided.

Thank you for your help in conducting this survey.

Yours sincerely

**Councillor Richard Hancox**  
Chairman of Stoneleigh & Ashow Parish Council

## Appendix A2

### Housing Needs Survey for Stoneleigh and Ashow parishes

#### Q1: Your household

Please specify the number of people in your household that fall into each age category

0-16 years  17-19 years  20-24 years  25-29 years   
 30-44 years  45-59 years  60-74 years  75+ years

Where do you live? (please tick) Stoneleigh parish  Ashow parish

#### Q2: Your housing circumstances

Housing tenure (please tick)

Housing association renting  Living with parents  Owner occupier / no mortgage  Council renting   
 Housing association shared ownership  Living with friends  Owner occupier / mortgage  Private renting   
 Tied accommodation  Other (please specify)

Housing type (please tick)

House  Bungalow  Flat/apartment  Mobile home   
 Other  (please specify)

Number of bedrooms (please tick)

1  2  3  4  5  6  6+

#### Q3: Life in the parish

Do you feel the parish ... (please tick)

	Yes	No	No opinion
Has a good reputation?			
Is a nice place to live?			
Has a balanced and varied population?			
Has a friendly atmosphere / community spirit?			
Suffers from crime?			
Suffers from a lack of facilities?			
If yes, what facilities?			
Suffers from a lack of housing?			
If yes, what type of housing?			

Has anyone in your household had to leave the parish in the last 5 years because no suitable affordable or market housing was available (please tick)? (\*see back page for definitions)

Market housing  Affordable housing\*  Not applicable

Additional comments

**The remainder of this survey is to be completed only if you have an unmet housing need within either parish.**

If there is more than one housing need in your household please request extra forms (details overleaf).

**Q4: Your details**

Name	
Address	
Telephone number (landline / mobile)	

**Q5: Reason/s for your housing need (please tick all that apply)**

Larger accommodation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Smaller accommodation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Physically adapted home	<input type="checkbox"/>	Less expensive home	<input type="checkbox"/>
To be closer to relatives	<input type="checkbox"/>	To be closer to employment	<input type="checkbox"/>
To be closer to carer/dependent	<input type="checkbox"/>	To be closer to school	<input type="checkbox"/>
First time buyer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Independent accommodation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supported accommodation (eg warden on site)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q6: Local connection**

Do you / have you ... (please tick all that apply):

Currently live in the parish?	<input type="checkbox"/>	If so, for how long?	years
Previously lived in the parish?	<input type="checkbox"/>	If so, for how long?	years
Work in the parish?	<input type="checkbox"/>	If so, for how long?	years
Immediate family in the parish?	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Is it essential to live near close relatives in the parish to give/receive support? Yes / No

**Q7: Housing register**

Are you on a housing register?

No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes (please specify):	Local authority housing register	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Housing association register	<input type="checkbox"/>

You are recommended to register with the local authority if you have not already done so.

**Q8: Details of family also seeking housing with you (if any)**

Title	Surname	First name	Relationship to you	Date of birth

**Q9: Specific housing needs**

Please specify any specific housing needs (eg disability requirements) for yourself or any members of your household who are seeking housing with you.

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**Q10: Type of housing needed**

Housing tenure (please tick)

Housing association rented \*  Private rented   
 Housing association shared ownership \*  Owner occupier

\* See back page for definition of housing association rented & shared ownership

Housing type (please tick)

House  Bungalow  Flat/apartment

Number of bedrooms (please tick)

1  2  3  4  5  6  6+

**Q11: Financial information**

Please specify basic annual income including pension but not including benefits (joint income where applicable).

Up to £14,999	<input type="checkbox"/>	£15,000-£19,999	<input type="checkbox"/>	£20,000-£29,999	<input type="checkbox"/>
£30,000-£39,999	<input type="checkbox"/>	£40,000-£49,999	<input type="checkbox"/>	£50,000-£59,999	<input type="checkbox"/>
£60,000-£69,999	<input type="checkbox"/>	£70,000-£79,999	<input type="checkbox"/>	£80,000-£89,999	<input type="checkbox"/>
£90,000-£99,999	<input type="checkbox"/>	£100,000+	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

If owner occupier required at what price range are you looking to purchase (please tick all that apply)?

Up to £125,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	£125,000-£149,999	<input type="checkbox"/>	£150,000-£199,999	<input type="checkbox"/>
£200,000-£249,999	<input type="checkbox"/>	£250,000-£299,999	<input type="checkbox"/>	£300,000-£349,999	<input type="checkbox"/>
£350,000-£399,999	<input type="checkbox"/>	Over £400,000	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

If you require a shared ownership home what is the maximum amount you could afford?

Maximum mortgage (assume 3 x income)	£
Equity in existing home	£
Savings	£
Other	£
TOTAL	£

Thank you for completing this form.

**Please return in the FREEPOST envelope by 7 December 2015.**

If you have any questions regarding this survey or you require additional forms please contact  
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**Definition of housing association property types:**

Housing Association properties are available to people with a strong local connection. Housing Association rented properties would be available at an affordable rent. Housing Association shared ownership is a 'middle ground' between renting a property and full ownership. A 'shared owner' buys a share of the property, typically 50% initially, and pays rent to the housing association on the remaining share.

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## Appendix B

At the end of the survey form Part 1, respondents were invited to provide additional comments including their views on acceptable locations for new homes in the village. Although intended to focus on housing issues, the comments relate to a range of subjects and are reproduced below, whole and verbatim except where identifying comments have been removed.

General comments from Ashow respondents:

- Ashow has approx 40 housing units and village layout and cul-de-sac situation does not lend itself to development. New housing with facilities to cater accordingly should be built in nearby Kenilworth where we will shortly seek to downsize to a smaller property.
- Ashow village has no main drain or main gas supply. The village not suitable for elderly people, young children, invalides, etc. The village lacks many paved footpaths causing problems for mothers with prams, pushchairs, invalid transports. These categories are forced to walk in the road at danger to themselves. Speed limits often ignored by transport, often cars cause problems. Too many cars already using antiquated roads. Structure. Grove View Lane has no footpaths at all. No playing area for children except one garden where available. This village is a conservation status with ancient rights to roam in fields to Stoneleigh Abbey. These footpaths generally closed to public. In particular the children seeking an outlet for high spirits.
- There is a need for smaller houses, not larger houses in the village. I feel this will bring people into the village who want to live in a beautiful village, but don't need the space/don't have finances to live in the bigger houses
- There is an abundance of large housing. Planning has recently been given for large 5 bed+ house. We need an abundance of smaller 2-4 bedroom houses
- To my knowledge - 3 x people live in Ashow who were born here. Healthy community - young families and children, elderly people, 2 x multicultural families. Some houses rented (not many) We have a church and club which provide social amenities. I have lived in Ashow for 33 years and it is a delightful place to live

General comments from Stoneleigh respondents:

- A lovely place to live but lacking some facilities
- Additional housing cannot be considered when the traffic issue is so bad in Stoneleigh village. The residents are at breaking point with the volume, speed and weight of traffic. Road rage on a regular basis, abuse from drivers to residents merely trying to access their drives. No more housing!
- Affordable housing in villages such as Stoneleigh and Ashow is bound to be a problem because of the perceived desirability of those villages as places to live. You can't really build any significant quantity of such housing without it impacting on the essential character of those places. People need to be prepared to move to more affordable areas nearby, such as Coventry
- Both Stoneleigh and Ashow are in danger of becoming retirement villages for the well-to-do.
- Don't agree with Alms houses being offered to people from outside the parish.

Could be offered to younger people in need

- Good idea PC!
- I consider it would be wise to talk to the district to ascertain if this housing need could be incorporated in this proposal
- I moved here 1/10/15. The only thing I would very much like to follow up (please) is footpaths: Crewe Lane and the connecting B4115 - purely just to meet up with the existing public footpaths. I have approx 4 plausible ideas that could work. Also - opposite Stoneleigh Abbey - why/who has blocked the layby with tree trunks blocking the access to a public footpath. Everything else is blocked so can't they move these ones?! I would be happy to remain in Stoneleigh (area) long term - if I had safe walk passages.
- I think there is a good mix of housing in Stoneleigh parish: premium property; ex council and ex-estate properties, almshouses etc. This means people with a variety of backgrounds are able to reside within the parish
- I would support the building of affordable housing within the parish. But would strongly oppose the creation of "executive" housing targeted at the well-to-do.
- It has been generations our young people of had to leave the village because of no housing that was affordable. My children have move out, they have home elsewhere but would have stayed if the village had more affordable houses
- It would be nice if the local parish Council would consider change and growth instead of being narrow minded and only pursuing there own goals of wanting the road closed or stopping a train or any other plans that would be bring change and possible wealth to the area.
- Main road is a danger for more traffic. Since living here 2 men have been killed
- My daughter husband and child had to leave the village. They are still residing in the parish at Coventry golf club but the tenancy is not secure, it is linked to their job
- Not from our household, but we appreciate there is a need for some affordable housing to assist first time buyers and/or young families
- Our son married and moved out to Wellesbourne where he could afford to buy, even though he works at Stoneleigh Park.
- Shared ownership is a great idea where I live but escalating "ground rent" make it impossible for younger people to afford!
- Some form of appropriate housing development would help the sustainability of this village
- Stoneleigh has a good mix of various different backgrounds and statuses of people generally get on very well
- Stoneleigh has always been a friendly place to live, with a great community spirit. People live there for long periods.
- Stoneleigh has an unbalanced age profile and barely of "critical mass" size to be a viable community. WE need properties for young families
- Stoneleigh is a white christian community NO muslim immigrants
- Stoneleigh is in close proximity to Coventry, Leamington and Kenilworth, all of which offer a full spectrum of housing therefore no need to urbanise Stoneleigh
- Stoneleigh parish is a desirable place to live. Houses are either rented by the Stoneleigh estate or occupied by well off people who are attracted by the setting of the village. We need to build affordable houses or bungalows in



"appropriate plots" specifically for the young and elderly. We will then transport and playgroups etc to meet their needs.

- The parish needs more homes to enable to keep its current facilities - eg. Village hall village club
- There are sites in the village which would benefit by infilling
- There is a terrible problem here with through traffic and if the present situation continues there is bound to be an accident with possible fatalities. Turning right from Stoneleigh chess? Is blind due to parked cars and there is traffic passing them at speed. the Leamington Road end junction should be closed
- Village blighted by prospect of HS2 . Sale of properties v difficult. As a result large family homes occupied by elderly people only.
- We have just moved to Stoneleigh from Coventry. In the Coventry area local people are having to compete with buy to let bidders converting properties for student use, pricing families out of the market. Limits on multi-occupancy housing use and buy to let is necessary

Comments from respondents who did not state in which parish they live:

- Having spent some time looking for a smaller property I feel that more bungalows with 3 bedrooms but a fairly small garden would be appreciated. Older people do not all wish to live in flats, but wish to retain facilities for children and grandchildren visiting while having single storey accommodation for themselves.
- I know a few people who would love to live in Stoneleigh, in a village community - but no properties hardly ever come onto market and no or few can move in. RE crime - minimal
- One young family renting a house had to recently move out of the village, contrary to their wishes, because no smaller affordable housing was available to buy.
- Serious congestion in Stoneleigh village already. More housing would make this a bigger problem and ruin the nature of the village
- Until the traffic problems are solved on the Birmingham Road and the bridge (not fit for purpose) there is no room for any form of extra housing