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## Sandhurst Housing Need Survey - Executive Summary

Sandhurst Parish Council recently commissioned Gloucestershire Rural Community Council to undertake a Housing Need Survey in order to ascertain the affordable housing needs within the Parish. Housing Need Surveys were distributed by the parish council to all dwellings in the parish. 110 completed questionnaires (54%) were received from 205 households (according to Census 2011). Analysis of the data revealed that:

- 89% of respondents owned their own home, 6% rented from a housing association or local authority.
- 65% of homes have 4 or more bedrooms. Yet 69% of households had only 1 or 2 persons.
- 2 respondents revealed that a member of their family had moved away in the last 5 years because they could not afford the accommodation available within the parish.
- **There are currently 7 households within the parish who have self-identified themselves as being in need of affordable housing, 4 of which require affordable rented accommodation, whilst 3 would prefer shared ownership.**
- In February 2010 another housing needs survey of Sandhurst parish was carried out, which revealed 7 households in need of affordable housing. The overall number has remained the same. However, there are more single people and couples and fewer families in need in 2015 compared to 2010.
- 24% of respondents were in favour of a small development of affordable homes in the village, 34% said maybe, and 37% said 'no'. 5% gave no reply.

The responses form the basis of a full report which can be viewed in the Village Hall or by contacting your Parish Clerk on tel 01452 528491 or [sandhurstpc@gmail.com](mailto:sandhurstpc@gmail.com).

### What happens next?

The survey may be used to influence proposals for future residential development in Sandhurst. Sandhurst Parish Council will consider its options on how to respond to the survey findings.

#### Don't forget:

Anyone wishing to apply for affordable housing must register on the Gloucestershire Homeseeker website [www.gloshomeseeker.co.uk](http://www.gloshomeseeker.co.uk) or contact Tewkesbury Borough Council Housing Advice Team on tel 01684 272212.