

## Item 11: Housing (For discussion and decision)

The 2022 parish survey conducted collectively by the organisations which are members of the non-affiliated Coddenham Community Response Group provided the following feedback in terms of future housing in the community:

- Responders' housing plans for the next 10 years (of the 140 households replying to the survey, 129 commented on housing):
  - 46% no plans to move
  - 16% downsize to smaller 2–3 bedroom property
  - 13% next move away from the parish
  - 12% retirement property
  - 6% other eco-efficient property
  - 5% starter home
  - 2% larger property (4-6 bedrooms)
- General requests for starter/smaller homes, so people might step onto the property ladder.
- No desire to see larger properties added to the village, but this doesn't exclude very limited development elsewhere in the parish similar to Sharmford Meadows.
- Although some householders don't want to see any development, the majority of those making comments, wish to see younger people being able to buy/rent so that the Village doesn't become gentrified.

As a result of the subsequent community plan published in May 2023, the intention had been to establish a 'housing working group', made up of two councillors, cllrs Gregory and Denning and residents, especially those with an interest in future starter homes. To date no resident has stepped forward.

As it is now two years since the parish survey, a period in which a degree of normality has returned to us all following the pandemic, to inform how the future housing needs of the community may be taken forward, the suggestion is that a specific housing needs survey of all households be conducted. This would be far more detailed than the housing element in the 2022 community survey and part reuse the format/questions from similar surveys in other MSDC parishes. One outcome of such a survey might be to close out housing as a plan area, but this would be evidence based. The survey would be conducted by the Parish Council.

Council is asked to approve progressing with a housing survey in principle, subject to a full proposal including costs to be presented at September's meeting.

Cllr Mills