

## Summary of results of 2019 survey of Stinsford residents

### Stinsford Neighbourhood Plan

A survey of residents aged 13+ in Stinsford parish was carried out in September 2019 by the neighbourhood plan steering group. Its aim was to seek people's views on the scope of the neighbourhood plan and the issues it needed to tackle. The survey was delivered by hand to all 126 households in the parish. It could be completed online or on paper. Eighty-seven replies were received, from 71 households.



#### Scope and aims of the plan

The topics and broad aims of the plan were backed by 89% and 86% of replies, respectively. Of those people who did not wholly support the topics or the aims, several commented about other matters which should be considered, such as climate change, or about resisting development at 'North Dorchester'.

#### Perceptions of Stinsford parish

Residents overwhelmingly valued the rural tranquillity of Stinsford, its heritage, and its convenient location near Dorchester. The main drawbacks of living here were the threat of development, traffic issues, and the lack of facilities.

#### Views and green spaces

The main areas of countryside that residents said they valued were the River Frome valley, the area north of Dorchester, and woodlands especially Thorncombe Woods. Kingston Maurward College parkland was also popular.

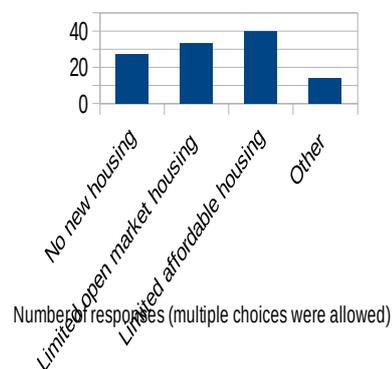
#### Housing

Neighbourhood plans cannot override 'strategic proposals' contained in any Local Plan made by Dorset Council. The 'North Dorchester' development of 3500 homes that was proposed in the (then West Dorset) council's 2018 planning document was a strategic proposal, and so Stinsford Neighbourhood Plan cannot prevent it if Dorset Council maintains it as part of the final Local Plan due in 2023. However the neighbourhood plan can directly affect options for the rest of the parish, which was called 'Area B' in the 2019 survey of residents.

Residents expressed mixed views about the question of housing in 'Area B'. The option that received most support (48%) was 'limited affordable housing'. The option of 'no new housing' was supported by 32% of replies.

There was some support (39% of replies) for 'a limited amount of new open market housing'.

Q 10. What type of housing do you support in 'Area B'?

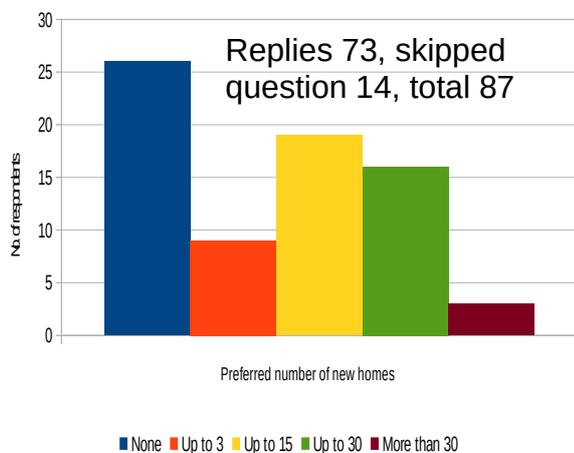


When asked about what type of open market housing they supported, residents preferred small or medium sized homes, rather than larger homes with 4+ bedrooms.

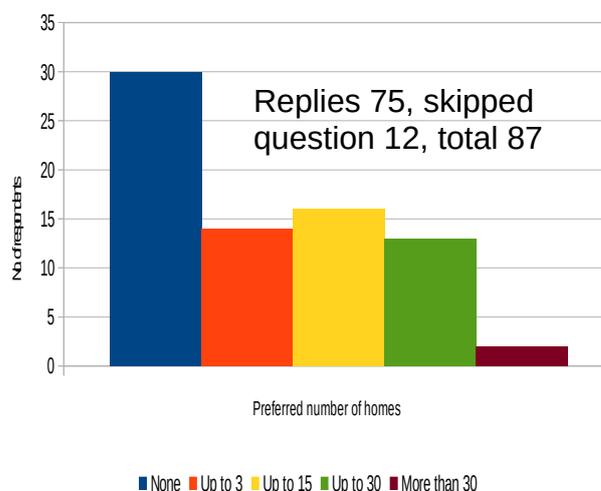
Increase the number of small / starter homes with 1-2 bedrooms	48.3%*	28
Increase the number of family homes with 3 bedrooms	51.7%	30
Increase the number of larger homes with 4+ bedrooms	8.6%	5
Other (please specify):	29.3%	17
	<b>answered</b>	<b>58</b>
*Respondents could tick more than one box, and so the percentages do not add up to 100%	<b>skipped</b>	<b>29</b>

On the question of where any new housing should go, the most popular answer (16 replies out of 46 to this question) was ‘within or adjoining existing settlements’. Regarding the number of new homes that should be built (if any), the most frequent choice was no houses of either type. Among those who wanted some housing built, the most frequent choices were 15 affordable and 15 open market homes. Details are shown in the charts below.

Q14 How many new affordable homes should be built in Stinsford in 2020-2036?



Q 15 How many new open-market homes should be built in Stinsford in 2020-2036?



A weighted average approach to the replies gives an outcome of 13 affordable and 10 open-market homes over the plan period of 16 years.

### Community facilities

Over half of replies (44) said that additional community facilities were needed in the parish. Most frequently mentioned was the need for a community hall or meeting place (22 replies).

### Traffic and travel

Four-fifths of replies said that people had problems with travel in Stinsford. The most common concerns were the volume and speed of traffic, including large vehicles; rat-running, especially when the A35 is blocked; and the vulnerability of travellers such as cyclists, walkers and horse riders.

### Other information available

A full report of the survey results can be seen at [www.stinsfordnplan.org.uk/surveys](http://www.stinsfordnplan.org.uk/surveys)