

Aylesbeare Parish Survey Feb 2012

Key Findings

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All Aylesbeare parish residents on the electoral register have been included within the survey. The survey has used an anonymous paper questionnaire for data collection.

356 respondents completed the questionnaire. This is a response rate of 76% for the whole parish. A greater proportion of residences completed the questionnaire within the village (87%) than the rest of the parish (67%).

The average (median) number of houses respondents wish to see developed within the village during the next 15 years is 5 houses (*interquartile range = 0 to 20 houses*). A significant difference in the numbers of houses respondents would like to see developed during the next 15 years was found between the village and the rest of the parish. While residents of the village itself wish to see an average of 5 houses (*interquartile range = 0 to 10 houses*), residents in the rest of the parish, outside the village and Bramble Mead, wish to see an average of 20 houses (*interquartile range = 5 to 30 houses*). No significant differences were found between areas within the village.

Within Aylesbeare village, mid-range 2-3 bedroom housing and housing for local people are considered needed by the most residents, followed by housing for the elderly and young people.

The most popular type of development respondents want to see in the village is infilling with single units and in groups.

Background data

In 2011 the Parish Council submitted to East Devon District Council its proposal for the development of Aylesbeare over the next 15 years based on its interpretation of the results of a survey it had undertaken in 2005 within the parish. This proposal suggested the building of 50 new homes within the parish. It became clear later that East Devon District Council would only allow development adjacent to the built up area boundary around the village. A public meeting on 4th January 2012 revealed an undercurrent of opposition to the potential building of so many new houses. At the public meeting it was agreed that the Parish Council should conduct a public opinion survey of all residents within the parish who are registered on the electoral role. The objective of this survey was to assess opinions on the number of houses appropriate for the future development of the parish.

Survey Methodology

The area covered by this survey is the parish of Aylesbeare in East Devon. The survey used an anonymous paper questionnaire for data collection. The questionnaire was delivered to all Aylesbeare parish residents, included on the Electoral Register for the parish, during the week of the 23rd January 2012.

There are 470 names on the Register for Electors 2011 residing in 239 properties in Aylesbeare. Completed questionnaires were collected until 6th February 2012. This report was completed on the 10th February 2012.

The parish council collectively designed the questionnaire. To each residence in the parish the questionnaire was distributed and collected, in person, by a number of Aylesbeare residents. The completed questionnaires were collected in sealed envelopes. Individuals collecting the completed questionnaires returned to residences that had not completed their questionnaire a second time. All returned completed questionnaires have been entered into an access database. The quality of input of responses into the database was checked by an independent Aylesbeare resident. Completed questionnaires have been analysed by Juliet Muir using Excel and Access. Statsdirect Chi Square with trend test (Chi 2 - k) has been used to test for significant differences between areas of the parish.

Survey Findings

The Parish Council required the responses to be presented as three distinct areas within the parish.

Residences within Aylesbeare by location			Number of residences
Area 1	Village	Residences within the built up area boundary of the village	108
Area 2	Bramble Mead	A development of houses situated near the centre of the village but lying outside the built up area boundary	18
Area 3	Parish	All other residences within the parish	113
All areas			239

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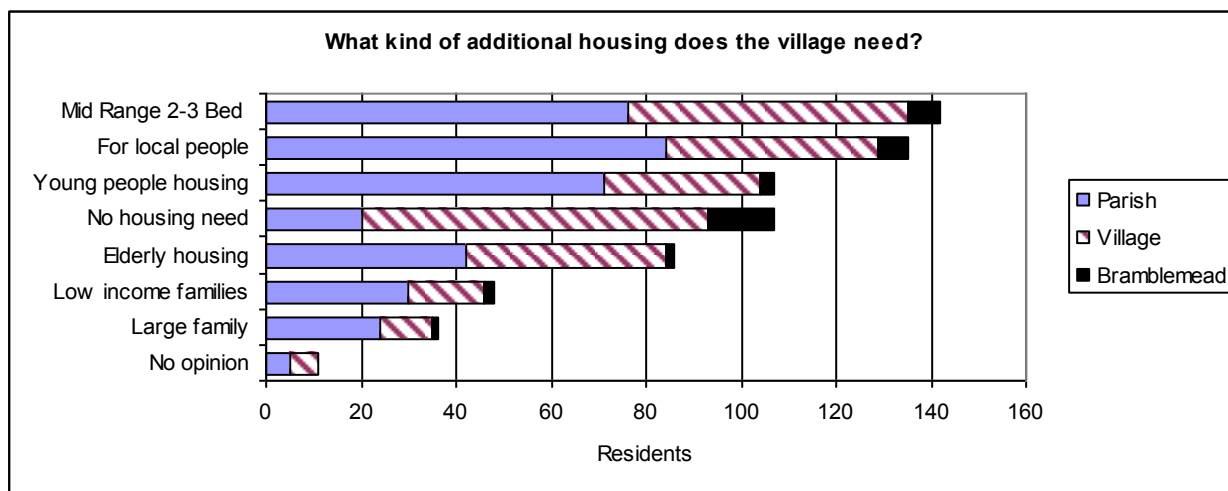
Parish Location	Number of residences in parish	Number of residences completed a questionnaire	% Residences completed questionnaires	Number of respondents completed questionnaire	Number of respondents within the parish	% Respondents completed questionnaires
Parish	113	76	67%	154		
Bramble Mead	18	15	83%	25		
Village	108	94	87%	177		
Total Parish	239	185	77%	356	470	76%

Question 1. What kind of additional housing do you think the village needs?

Respondents were asked to choose from a list of possible answers. They could choose multiple answers.

When asked what kind of additional housing do they think is needed in the village respondents most often chose mid-range 2-3 bedroom housing (142, 40%) and housing for local people (135, 38%). Few residents feel there is a need for large family houses with 4+ bedrooms or housing for low-income families.

Q1 Housing for...	Parish other	Village + Bram	Total	Parish % Respondents	Village + Bram % of Respondents	Total
No housing needed	20	87	107	13%	43%	30%
Young people	71	36	107	46%	18%	30%
Mid-range 2-3 bedroom	76	66	142	49%	33%	40%
Large family 4+ bedrooms	24	12	36	16%	6%	10%
The elderly	42	44	86	27%	22%	24%
Local people	84	51	135	55%	25%	38%
Low income families	30	18	48	19%	9%	13%
No opinion	5	6	11	3%	3%	3%
Total > 100% because of multiple answers						
Number of Respondents	n= 154	n= 202	n= 356			

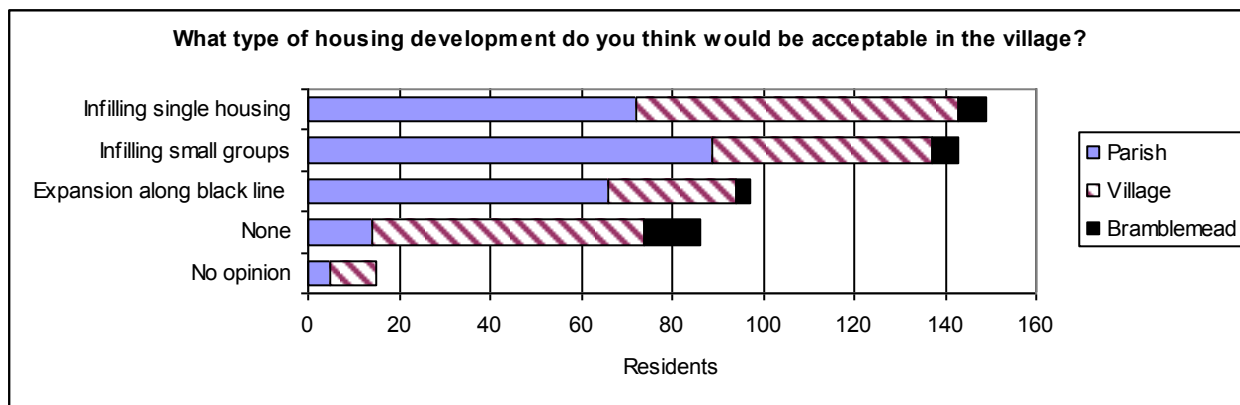


Question 2. What type of housing development do you think would be acceptable in the village?

Respondents were asked to choose from a list of possible answers. They could choose multiple answers.

The most popular type of development respondents want to see in the village is infilling with single buildings (149, 42%) and in small groups (143, 40%).

Q2	Parish other	Village + Bram	Total	Parish % Respondents	Village + Bram % of Respondents	Total
None	14	72	86	9%	36%	24%
Infilling with single buildings	72	77	149	47%	38%	42%
Infilling in small groups	89	54	143	58%	27%	40%
Expansion on the edge of the built up area boundary	66	31	97	43%	15%	27%
No opinion	5	10	15	3%	5%	4%
Total > 100% because of multiple answers						
Number of respondents	n=153	n=201	n= 354			



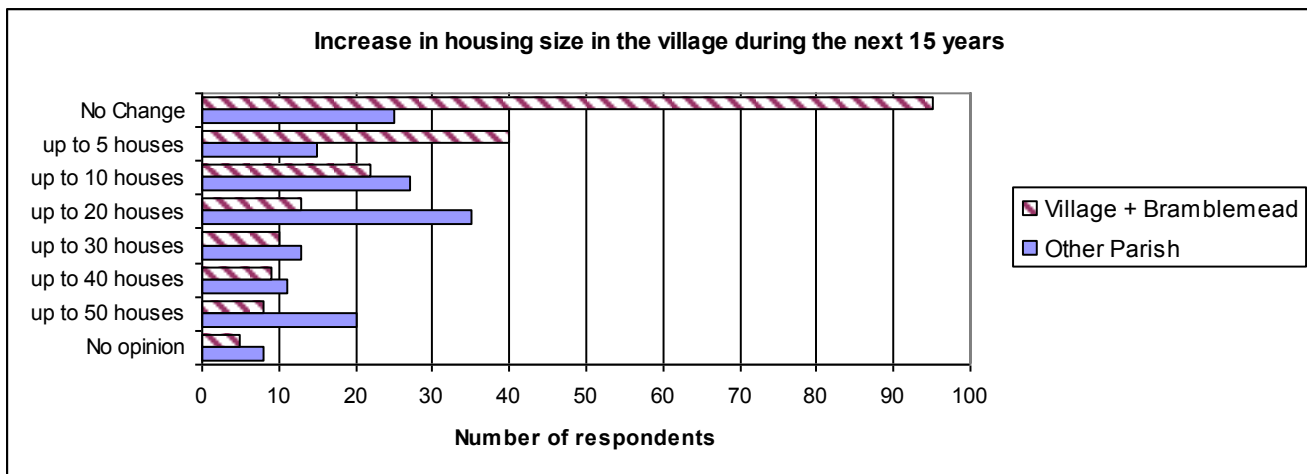
Question 3. During the next 15 years, in addition to any infill development, would you like to see the size of your village....

Respondents were asked to choose one from a list of possible answers. The questionnaire informed respondents that if they selected a category then it would be assumed the respondent would accept the maximum number of houses within that category. The median has been calculated assuming the maximum number within each category. Those respondents without an opinion have been excluded from the calculation.

A Village plus Bramble Mead compared to the rest of the parish

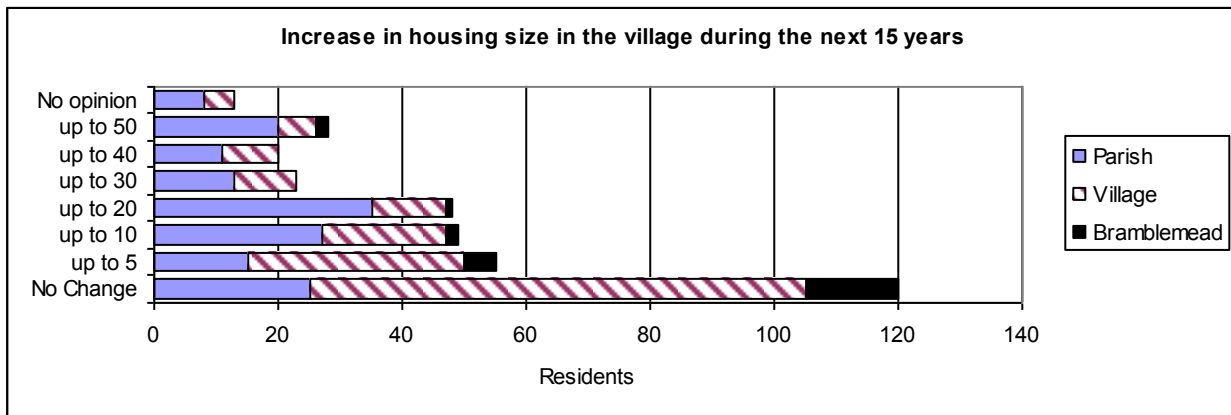
The average (median) number of houses respondents from the whole parish and village all together would like to see in the village during the next 15 year is 5 houses (*median = 5, interquartile range 0 to 20*). This is also the average number of houses the village and the village plus Bramble Mead would like developed (*median = 5, 95% interquartile range 0 to 10*). The rest of the parish is significantly different from the village wanting an average of 20 houses developed during the next 15 years (*median = 20, interquartile range 5 to 30*) ($X^2 = 62.31, d.f. = 6, P < 0.0001$, chi-square test).

Q3 Number houses	Other Parish	Village + Bramble Mead	Total	Other Parish	Village + Bramble Mead	Total
No Change	25	95	120	17%	48%	35%
up to 5 houses	15	40	55	10%	20%	16%
up to 10 houses	27	22	49	18%	11%	14%
up to 20 houses	35	13	48	24%	7%	14%
up to 30 houses	13	10	23	9%	5%	7%
up to 40 houses	11	9	20	8%	5%	6%
up to 50 houses	20	8	28	14%	4%	8%
No opinion	8	5	13			
Total	154	202	356	100%	100%	100%
Number of Respondents	n=154	n=202	n=356	146	197	343

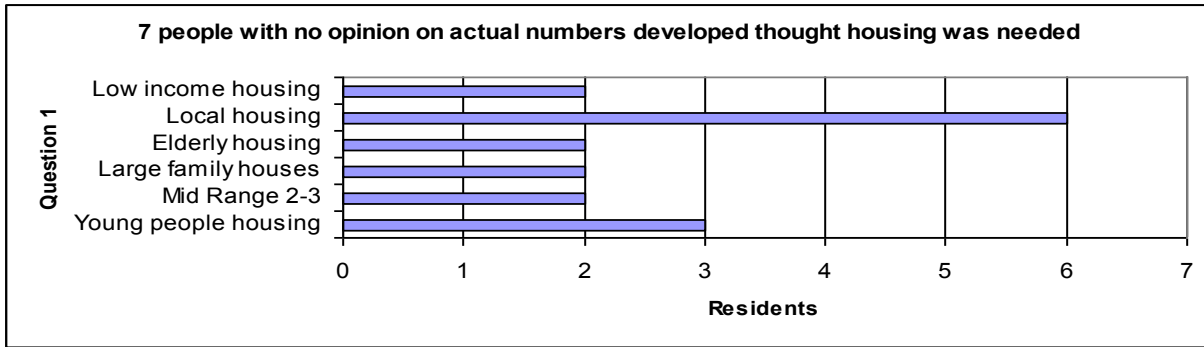


B The village, Bramble Mead and the rest of the parish all as distinct areas

Q1 Housing for...	Bramble mead	Parish	Village	Total	Bramble Mead % Respondents	Parish % of Respondents	Village % of Respondents	Total
No Change	15	25	80	120	60%	17%	47%	35%
up to 5 houses	5	15	35	55	20%	10%	20%	16%
up to 10 houses	2	27	20	49	8%	18%	12%	14%
up to 20 houses	1	35	12	48	4%	24%	7%	14%
up to 30 houses		13	10	23	0%	9%	6%	7%
up to 40 houses		11	9	20	0%	8%	5%	6%
up to 50 houses	2	20	6	28	8%	14%	3%	8%
No opinion		8	5	13				
Total					100%	100%	100%	100%
Number of Respondents	25	154	177	356	25	146	172	343



All the above 'average number of houses' calculations do not include the residents that have no opinion on exact numbers of houses. Of these residents one in the village and six in the parish expressed a need within the village for houses of different types.

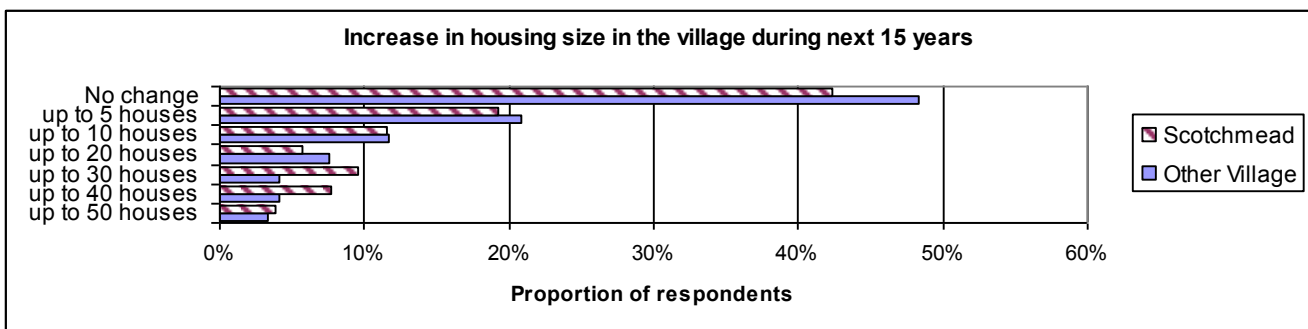


Within Village comparison

The responses from a part of the village, Scotchmead, were compared to the rest of the village within the built up boundary. Residences within the Scotchmead area of the village are not near the proposed development and do not overlook the proposed development.

Q3 Number houses	Total Respondents			Proportion of Respondents	
	Other Village	Scotchmead	Grand Total	Other Village	Scotchmead
No change	58	22	80	48.3%	42.3%
up to 5 houses	25	10	35	20.8%	19.2%
up to 10 houses	14	6	20	11.7%	11.5%
up to 20 houses	9	3	12	7.5%	5.8%
up to 30 houses	5	5	10	4.2%	9.6%
up to 40 houses	5	4	9	4.2%	7.7%
up to 50 houses	4	2	6	3.3%	3.8%
Total	120	52	172	100.00%	100.00%
No opinion	2	3	5		
Number of respondents	n=122	n=55	n=177		

Scotchmead respondents' responses were not found to be significantly different to the rest of the village regarding the number of houses developed ($\chi^2 = 3.22, d.f = 6, P = 0.779$, chi-square test). The median number of houses respondents would like to see is the same for both areas.



Question 4. To help the Parish Council to draw up an up-to-date demographic profile of the parish, please list the number of people living in your household, by age.

Q4	Other Parish	Bramble Mead	Village	Total	Proportion
<16 years	17	4	48	69	15%
16-17 years	5	3	10	18	4%
18-64 years	110	17	128	255	56%
65 +yrs	51	6	53	110	24%
Total	183	30	239	452	100%
Number of residences completed question	n=75	n=15	n=93	n=183	

Question 5. To help give a clear view of the profile of the parish, please state approximately how long you/your family have lived in the parish of Aylesbeare.

38% of respondents have lived in the village for more than 20 years. Over half of respondents have lived in the village for greater than 10 years (61%). 18% have lived in the village less than five years

Q5	Other Parish	Bramble Mead	Village	Total	Proportion
less than 5 yrs	8	2	22	32	18%
5 to 10 yrs	20	4	14	38	21%
11 to 20 yrs	19	2	21	42	23%
greater than 20 yrs	28	7	34	69	38%
Number of Residences completed question	n=75	n=15	n=91	n=181	100%

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