

HINTON CHARTERHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL

Section 5. Key Findings and Conclusions

5.9. The limited sales evidence indicates a substantial price difference between three and four-bedroom homes, presenting a particular obstacle for growing families. Overall, high purchase prices, restricted rental supply and the limited availability of smaller properties create a significant affordability gap for younger households, first-time buyers and residents wishing to remain in Hinton Charterhouse.

5.12 The identified housing requirement was entirely for smaller accommodation including one and two bedroom houses, a two bedroom bungalow and a one bedroom flat or maisonette. This is consistent with the wider evidence showing a limited supply of smaller homes within the parish.

5.15 Resident perceptions provide strong support for locally targeted housing. Of the 61 respondents answering the question, 50 (82%) supported the building of a small number of affordable homes where occupancy was restricted to local people. Respondents placed greatest emphasis on energy-efficient homes, small family homes and smaller homes enabling older people to downsize. Affordable home ownership and social rented housing received the strongest high-priority ratings among the household groups considered.

5.23 An upgraded village Hall was the most frequently requested community facility, alongside safer footpaths and crossings, support for the village shop and Post Office, improved transport and traffic calming. Nearly half of those answering the volunteering question indicated that they would be willing to volunteer.