

## Report

### Results from the short survey on future development

#### Introduction

Following advice from MSDC Officers it was agreed that a short survey be conducted to elicit more detail on the preferred size and speed of new developments within the parish.

A short one page questionnaire was devised and introduced at the May Street Fayre. It was subsequently agreed that a full distribution of this questionnaire to all homes in the parish would be carried out. This was done by delivering the questionnaire with the August 2014 issue of the parish magazine. Residents were also given the option of completing the questionnaire online using the Survey Monkey software package.

#### The information requested

In the detailed Household questionnaire that was distributed in February this year Q14 asked "How would you like future developments within the Parish of Mendlesham". Respondents had to choose between two optional answers, "Small scale and dispersed" or "One or two large developments".

399 responses were received with 354 choosing "Small scale and dispersed" and 45 choosing "One or two large developments". However it was subsequently felt that "Small scale and dispersed" needed to be quantified more exactly.

The short questionnaire therefore posed three specific questions;

- "How would you best describe small scale and dispersed development?",
- "How important is phasing the rate of development a priority?", and,
- "What rate of development would you like to see in Mendlesham over the next decade?".

Additionally we asked for the postcode of the person completing the survey and also where they lived (Mendlesham village, Mendlesham Green or elsewhere in the parish).

### The results

111 questionnaires were returned,

- 30 were collected at the May street fayre,
- 37 were completed online, and
- 44 were completed on paper.

Q3: "How would you best describe small scale and dispersed development?"

No more than 50 dwellings on a single site	6 (5.41%)
No more than 40 dwellings on a single site	2 (1.80%)
No more than 30 dwellings on a single site	14 (12.61%)
No more than 20 dwellings on a single site	39 (35.14%)
No more than 10 dwellings on a single site	50 (45.05%).

Q4: "How important is phasing the rate of development a priority?"

Very important	79 (71.17%)
Not important	13 (11.71%)
Undecided	19 (17.12%).

Q5: "What rate of development would you like to see in Mendlesham over the next decade?"

More than 20 dwellings constructed each year	12 (10.81%)
Less than 20 dwellings constructed each year	94 (84.68%)
All allocated sites to be developed together.	5 (4.50%).

### Conclusions

These results demonstrate clearly the preference for slow and measured growth within the parish.

Parishioners want small sites brought on stream slowly over the coming years. Given the MSDC target for growth is estimated at 75 dwellings from 2012 until 2027, then ideally a growth of less than 10 dwellings a year would be in order.

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