

## Executive Summary & Key Findings

Mendlesham Parish Council carried out a Housing Survey to determine the level of need for housing across all tenure types in the parish.

The aim of this survey was to understand the existing and future housing needs for Mendlesham residents including family members (not necessarily living in Mendlesham) and other members of the household. The study was also designed to understand Mendlesham current housing stock and whether this is affordable to local people.

This study included-

- General information about the current housing in Mendlesham including 2011 Census data
- A Housing Survey to determine the housing needs of current households
- Contextual information about Mendlesham
- Information from the Gateway to HomeChoice register to cross check the findings

Data analysis and the writing of this report have been undertaken by Community Action Suffolk.

### Key Findings

	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
Surveys Returned Completed (full or partial)	199	29.70
Surveys Not Completed or Returned or Blank	471	70.30
Total Surveys Distributed	670	100

The Mendlesham Housing Survey 2017 achieved a 29.70% return rate, with respondents in favour of homes for older people, small family homes and homes for couples.

From the 199 surveys returned, 34 households responded that the current households have identified a current need totalling 50 people.

From the 199 surveys returned, 22 of those households responded identifying a need for 33 family members (people with a local connection) wishing to live in or return to Mendlesham.

In total, the response from 72 households identified a housing need for 56 people in Mendlesham. This report has been compiled based solely on the data from the responses received.

## **1. Survey Method**

The Housing Survey used was compiled by Community Action Suffolk in agreement with Mendlesham Parish Council. The survey was distributed to each of the 670 households within the parish boundary by a local team of volunteers from Mendlesham. The survey contained 45 questions and can be found in Appendix A. The closing date for the survey was 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018.

One survey form was provided per household with a unique code to allow the household to complete on-line or send a completed hard copy back. The unique code was to ensure that residents were only able to respond once to prevent the results being skewed. Households that had more than one housing need i.e. two or more people requiring housing going forward in different households could request additional forms from Community Action Suffolk.

A return rate of 29.70% was achieved which indicated a need for additional housing by 72 households (56 people). The average return rate for HNS is generally between 30 - 40% which indicates that the number of responses received provide a robust sample snapshot of the parish.

199 completed surveys were returned fully or partially completed via post and on-line. 471 surveys were not returned. Data entry of the surveys was undertaken by Community Action Suffolk using bespoke in house software. Each survey form input was allocated a unique code so that the data could be cross referenced to provide a comprehensive level of information. Individual people or households were not able to be identified. For quality purposes a 10% sample of the surveys input were checked for accuracy.