## **Housing Needs Survey**

The majority of residents will by now have received a Housing Questionnaire, issued by Saffron Housing, which is a Housing Association. It is asking about people's accommodation within the parish and if they would support a small affordable housing development in the parish.

In case of any confusion that may have arisen about the survey, the Parish Council has been aware for a number of years of the concerns that many residents have regarding the general lack of affordable housing, especially for younger generations who would like to stay in the village and not be forced to move away due to house prices. It has recognised that there is a lack of such housing, including low cost rental properties, that would allow the younger generations to stay and raise their own families in the village. This also applies to older generations who would like to be able to stay in the village and the Parish Council feels there should be suitable housing available for their needs too.

The last Housing Needs Survey was carried out in 2013 by Broadland District Council. The Parish Council requested the current survey be carried out in order to build a picture of need in the village. There will, of course, be an opportunity to discuss this in greater detail at an open meeting organised by the Parish Council at a date yet to be arranged.

We would encourage everyone to complete the survey so that the situation is reflected as accurately as possible.

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