Garsington Neighbourhood Plan

Annex F – Housing Needs Survey Report 2004

Garsington Parish Council agreed to undertake a housing needs survey with the help of Suzanne Willers, Oxfordshire Rural Community Council's Rural Housing Enabler in June 2004 because of concerns that housing in the parish was no longer affordable to many local people. A large number of potential sites were also identified. A brief synopsis follows below and a full copy of the report and additional charts can be located at on the Garsington Parish website.
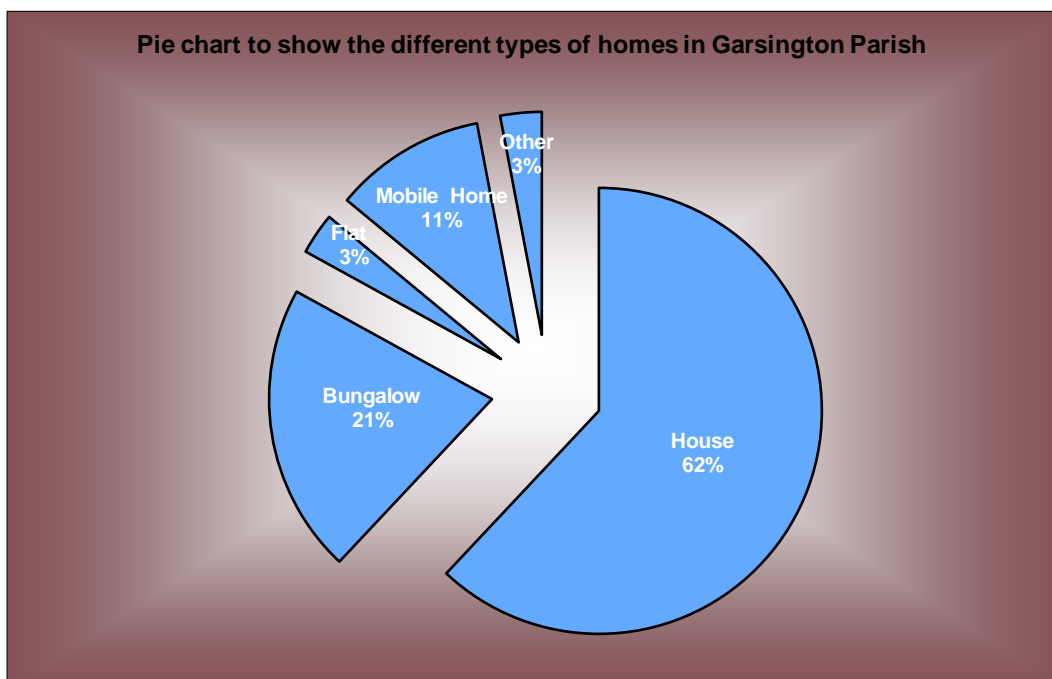
The survey was used to uncover the views of the local community about affordable housing; the possibility of a scheme being built in the village; to find out how many people with a local connection to the parish were currently in housing need and who could benefit from a new development.

Of the 787 forms given out to all households within the parish, 242 forms (31%) were returned. This was considered to be a good response and therefore representative of the views of people in the parish.

66% of the people who responded supported a small affordable housing scheme built for local needs. 13% definitely would not, and 21% answered "maybe".

The forms returned showed that 36 people had left Garsington Parish in recent years because of difficulties in finding a suitable home. Fifteen households filled in the second part of the form indicating a housing need sometime in the next three years. A further nine households were wanting to move from their current accommodation, but were only interested in buying from the open market. 6 of the 15 households in housing need were on the District Council's Housing Register, although one more was said to be applying.

The pie chart below showed the mixture of different types of homes in the Parish which will not have changed much in the intervening years.

Pie chart to show the different types of homes in Garsington Parish

Other 3%
Mobile Home 11%
Flat 3%
Bungalow 21%
House 62%

The homes in the parish have mostly 3 bedrooms and 90% are owner occupied (with or without a mortgage).

Pie chart to show the percentage of households with each number of bedrooms

Chart to show the different ownership of homes in Garsington Parish