

ACTION PLAN - DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING

OBJECTIVE ONE	ACTION	BY WHEN
Ascertain under what circumstances the questionnaire respondents may accept new housing within or close to the village	Analyse data from survey	Done

OUTCOME

From the assessment of collective views of the questionnaire respondents, about half of them would at least consider some new housing if only to ensure the continued viability of the settlement, particularly to ensure the continuation of the school and of younger families in the village.

Some 47% of respondents would not oppose the principle of a modest amount of new housing development. The prime reason for this is that without the injection of younger people and the future provision of some affordable housing, the village community is at risk of becoming an increasingly expensive and exclusive place.

However, all respondents who supported new housing wished to ensure that it would be modest in scale and must be of high quality design that would both relate to and enhance the existing 'sense of place', i.e. it needs to fit in to its surroundings.

'Packaged' designs common to urban housing developments would almost certainly not be appropriate because such development would fail to be in keeping with the essentially rural character of the area and the mixed style of existing development in and around Church Broughton.

Given that the majority of existing properties are large and expensive it is likely that residents would look more favourably on any application for smaller scale new development that would appeal to and meet the needs of younger people with a more limited budget.