
Walgrave Housing Survey

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Introduction

Housing need is a particularly complex issue that local authorities across the country are facing.

Nationally there is a significant shortfall in the provision of housing compared with the level of need.

All over the country, local people are not able to find a home within their communities, that is suitable for their needs and they can afford. There are a number of contributing factors to this including

- Increases in rural house prices
- The after effects of the recession
- Lack of available affordable homes
- Lack of specialist housing
- Availability of finance for developers and prospective homeowners
- Availability of sufficient land for new homes
- Local opposition for new homes

The Objectively Assessed Housing Needs (OAHN) Report (August 2013)¹, identifies the level of housing need across the district.

¹westnorthamptonshirejpu.org/connect.ti/website/view?objectId=2737904

Whilst this, together with the earlier Strategic Housing Market Assessment (June 2010)¹, allow DDC to plan for the future of the district as a whole, we also need to understand the housing need on a more local level, whether this is for market or affordable homes.

Whilst there is no single approach that will provide a definitive answer to the exact housing need of a parish, Housing Surveys and analysis of the DDC Housing Register will give a credible result

Strategic and Planning Context

Daventry District Council has a statutory responsibility to assess local housing needs as per the 1985 Housing Act.

To help achieve this and aid in the delivery of housing, a number of strategies, policies and documents are available to or produced by the Council including on a national, sub-regional and local level.

National

National Planning Policy Framework (March 2012)

Planning Practice Guidance (Launched March 2014)

Sub-Regional

West Northants Joint Core Strategy (December 2014)
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Objectively Assessed Housing Need (August 2013)

West Northants Strategic Housing Market Assessment (June 2010)
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Travellers Accommodation Needs Study (April 2013)

Local

Daventry District Council Corporate Plan 2014-2017
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Daventry District Council Community Strategy (2014 Update)
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Affordable Housing Supplementary Housing Document (December 2012) to be replaced by the Housing SPD once adopted
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Allocations Scheme (February 2013 revised December 2014)
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Tenancy Strategy (December 2012)

The Strategic Housing Plan 2014-2019 (February 2014)
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The Saved Policies from the Daventry District Local Plan 1997

Affordable Housing Marketing and Communication Strategy (December 2007 revised Dec 2010)
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Daventry District Community Strategy 2014

Daventry District Area Profile (December 2014)
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Methodology

The methodology that will be used for housing needs surveys in the District is set out below

Stage 1 – Identification of Parish

The order in which parishes will be surveyed is not definitive and can change for a number of reasons including where villages are undertaking neighbourhood planning activity or if a village is faced with a planning application/appeal and there would be a benefit from having an up to date survey to help inform the decision.

Parishes can also request Housing Surveys to be carried out if the existing survey is more than three years old.

Stage 2 – Engaging with the Parish Council

Early discussions will take place with the Parish Council or their nominated representatives about the survey.

Officers will talk through the process and objectives of the survey, and establish any priorities the Parish Council may have.

The Parish Council will also be given the opportunity to add any bespoke questions to the survey. Unfortunately the core questions and format cannot be changed to ensure consistency across the Housing Surveys.

Stage 3– Marketing

Posters and literature on the Housing Survey will be distributed to the Parish Council to place in relevant areas.

Officers from Daventry District Council's Local Strategy Service can attend one public event in the area. This could take the form of a drop-in event, a public meeting or an item on the Parish Council Meeting Agenda.

Stage 4 – Survey

A letter will be sent to all households within the parish, explaining how to access and complete the survey.

Surveys will be available to complete online.

If someone cannot access the survey online, paper copies will be made available.

The Survey will remain open for a minimum of 4 weeks.

Stage 5 – Collection & Analysis

Daventry District Council's Local Strategy Service will collate and analyse the completed surveys to enable a draft report to be compiled.

The report will detail the number, type and tenure of homes required, as identified via the surveys and analysis of the DDC Housing Register.

Stage 6 Review

The Parish Council/nominated representatives will be given the opportunity to factually comment on the draft report prior to its publication. This will be for a maximum of 4 weeks.

Stage 7 Publication

The final version of the Housing Survey will be published on the Daventry District Council website taking into account any relevant comments which may have been received from the Parish Council

Walgrave Parish Statistics

The following information is taken from the Neighbourhood Statistics Site² which uses the Census 2011 data.

Location

Walgrave is located in Daventry District within the county of Northamptonshire.

Dwellings³

Census information for Walgrave reports 360 dwellings at 2011. 76 of these dwellings are social housing.

Household & Tenure³

Walgrave contains 345 households

340 (99%) households live in bungalows or houses
5 (1%) live in flats

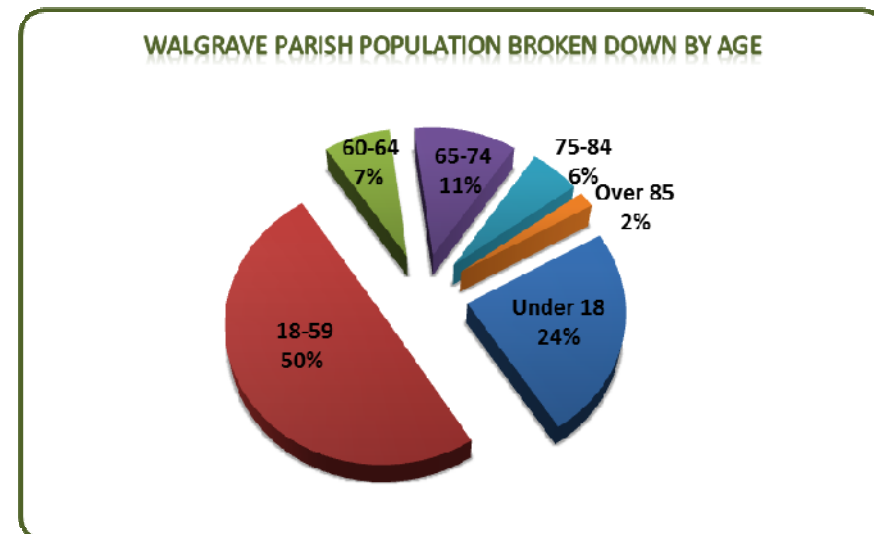
247 (72%) households are owner occupiers
63 (18%) are renting from a Registered Provider
31 (9%) are renting from a Private Landlord
4 (1%) are living rent free

Population

Walgrave has a population of around 868 of which

430 (50%) are male
438 (50%) are female

211 (24%) are under the age of 18
432 (50%) are aged between 18-59
63 (7%) are aged between 60-64
98 (11%) are aged between 65-74
48 (6%) are aged between 75-84
16 (2%) are aged 85 and over



² Neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk

³ gov.uk/definitions-of-general-housing-terms

Affordability in Walgrave Parish

The National Picture

The Financial Conduct Authority carried out a comprehensive review of the mortgage market in 2014 and capped the loan to income ratio at four and a half times a person's gross income. Previous to this borrowers could get a loan which equalled five times their income.

The review also saw the introduction of a stress test to determine the borrower's ability to repay the mortgage should any changes occur to their household finances e.g. an increase in interest rates or a loss of employment.

The Council of Mortgage Lenders November 2015 report showed that first time buyers were typically borrowing 3.37 times their gross income and were tending to use around 19% of their income towards paying off the loan.

Assessing Affordability

Assessing affordability involves comparing the house costs against the ability to pay.

This is done by determining the ratio of lower quartile house prices to lower quartile earnings which indicates whether people on the lowest earnings can afford to access the cheaper housing in their area.

The lower quartile house prices are determined by ranking all property prices within the area and taking the lowest 25%

The lower quartile incomes are determined by ranking all incomes in the area and taking the lowest 25%.

The higher the ratio the less affordable the homes are within an area.

Daventry District

The 2013/14 Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) Live Table 576 ⁴ showed Daventry District's lower quartile house price to income ratio to be 7.89.

This illustrates that house prices in the district are nearly eight times higher than incomes.

This figure is higher than the national ratio of 6.45 and is the second highest figure in the County after South Northamptonshire district.

Daventry District income to house price ratio

2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
7.89	7.82	7.25	8.00	8.27

DCLG Live Table 576: ratio of lower quartile house price to lower quartile earnings

Northamptonshire authorities' income to house price ratio

Authority	Ratio
Northamptonshire Overall	6.43
Corby	5.35
East Northants	6.37
Kettering	5.93
Northampton	5.98
South Northants	9.33
Wellingborough	6.32

DCLG Live Table 576: ratio of lower quartile house price to lower quartile earnings

⁴ [.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/live-tables-on-housing-market-and-house-prices](http://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/live-tables-on-housing-market-and-house-prices)

The English indices of Deprivation⁵ provide a relative measure of deprivation at a small area level across England. Areas are ranked from the least deprived to the most deprived on seven aspects of deprivation including 'Barriers to Housing and Services' which contribute to an overall combined measure of multiple deprivation. Daventry District is currently ranked 148 out of 326 authorities with 1 being the most deprived and 326 being the least deprived.

Walgrave Parish

15 properties were sold within Walgrave Parish during 2014/2015, ranging from £145,000 for a 3 bedroom terraced house to £795,000 for a 4 bedroom house. (Land Registry Data).

The average price paid for a property in Walgrave was therefore just over £321,663.

Using this value and the Money Advice Service⁶ mortgage calculator, repayments would equate to

Weekly	Monthly	Annually
£434	£1,880	£22,560

This is assuming a 10% deposit (£32,166), 5% interest rate and 25 year mortgage term.

The repayment costs stated above are for housing only and would need to be added to living costs to determine the level of household income required.

⁵ gov.uk/government/statistics/english-indices-of-deprivation-2010

⁶ MoneyAdviceService.org.uk

*The Minimum Income Standard for the United Kingdom*⁷ reports on how much income households need to afford an acceptable standard of living by using a Minimum Income Calculator⁸.

The programme is carried out by Centre for Research in Social Policy at Loughborough University with funding from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation.

The calculator estimates that an average family of 2 parents and 2 children in primary education, living to a minimum standard and excluding any housing costs and tax payments, requires the following (gross) household income for a basic standard of living

Weekly	Monthly	Annually
£715	£3,098	£37,176

If the housing costs opposite were added to the above figures, a person in Walgrave would require an income of

Weekly	Monthly	Annually
£1,149	£4,979	£59,748

The survey asked respondents about their household income and of the 12 people who responded to the question, only 2 could possibly afford to buy a property in Walgrave.

⁷ lboro.ac.uk/research/crsp/mis/

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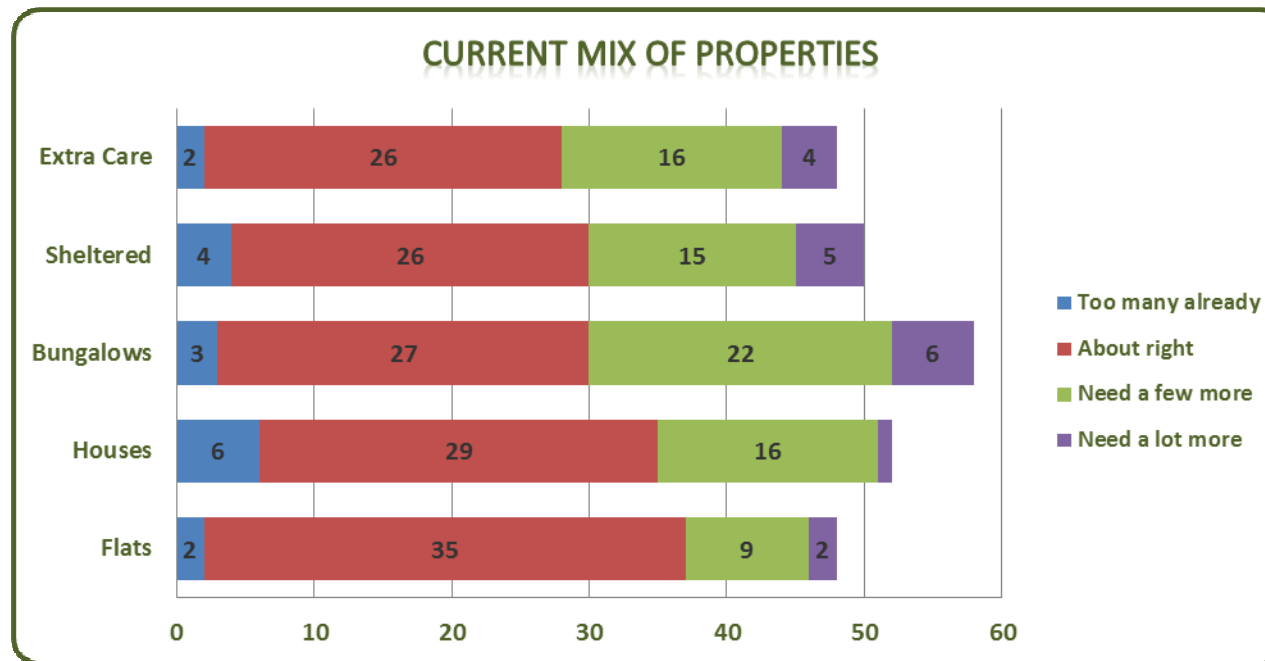
Survey Analysis

Responses

378 letters were sent to households within Walgrave Parish, inviting them to complete a Housing Survey for the area.
63 surveys, equating to 17%, were returned

Mix of Properties

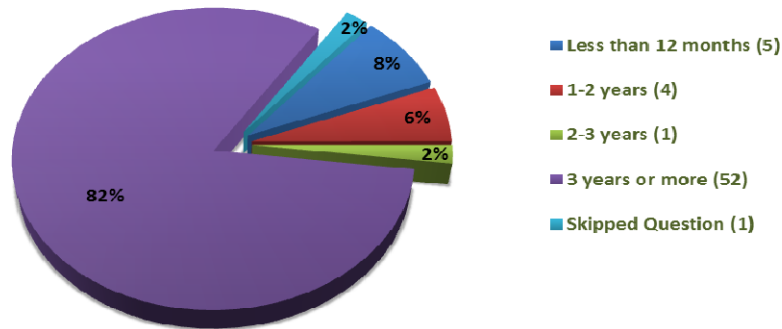
The graph below shows the opinion of Walgrave Parish Households on the mix of properties within the parish.
The majority of respondents thought the mix of properties was 'about right' across all property types except for bungalows where respondents thought a 'few more' were needed.



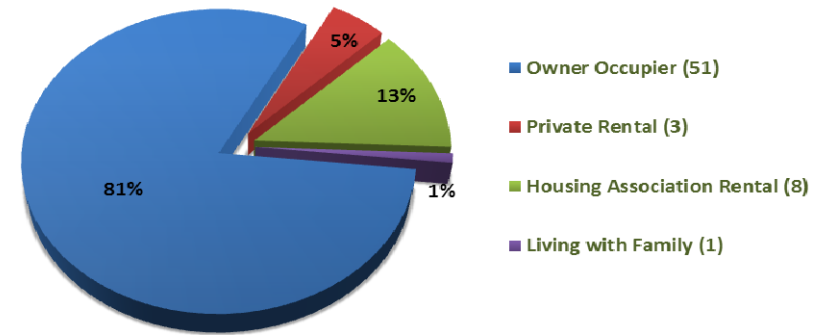
Demographics of all Respondents

The following charts show the demographics for all households that completed the Walgrave Parish Housing Survey.

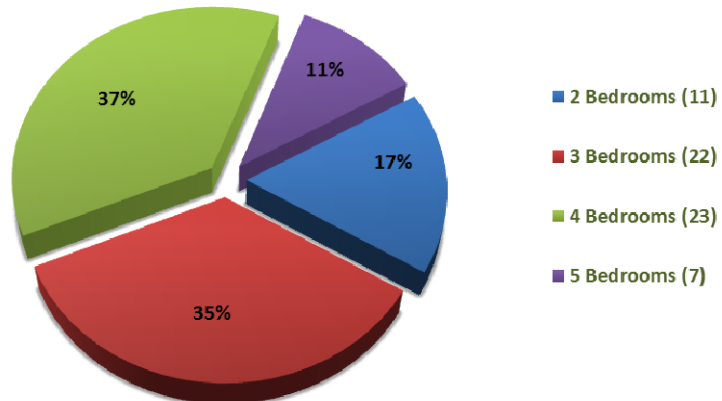
WALGRAVE PARISH HOUSING SURVEY
RESIDENCY PERIOD - ALL RESPONDENTS



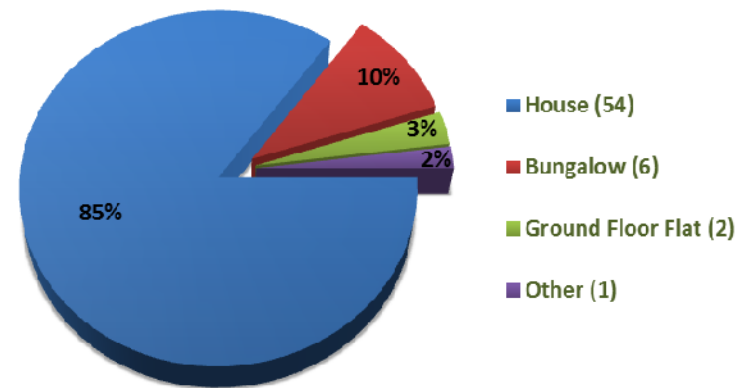
WALGRAVE PARISH HOUSING SURVEY
TENURE TYPE - ALL RESPONDENTS



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NUMBER OF BEDROOMS - ALL RESPONDENTS



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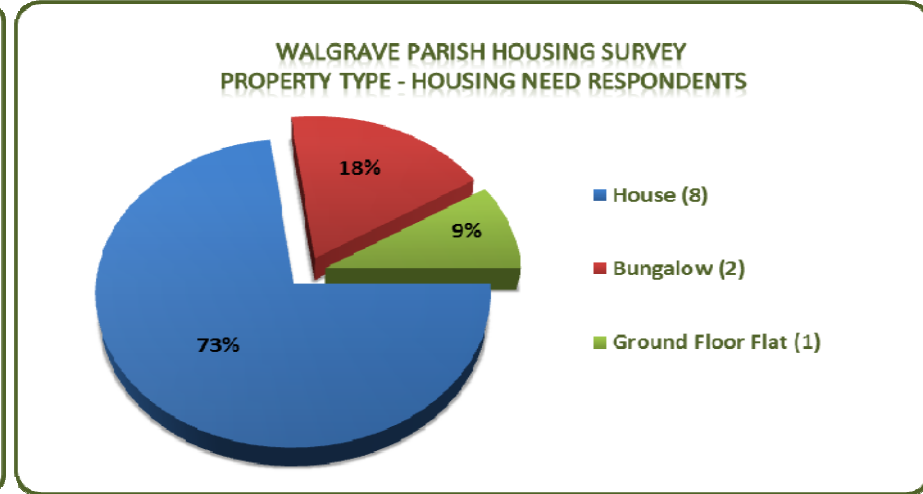
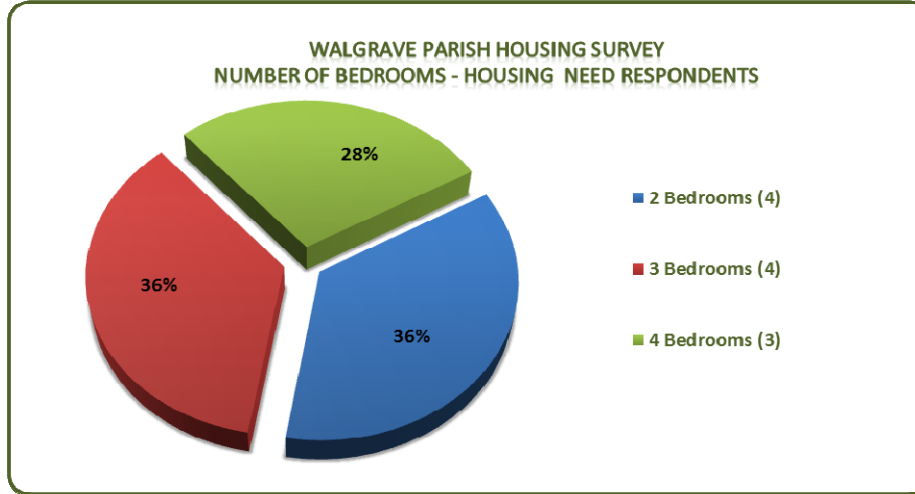
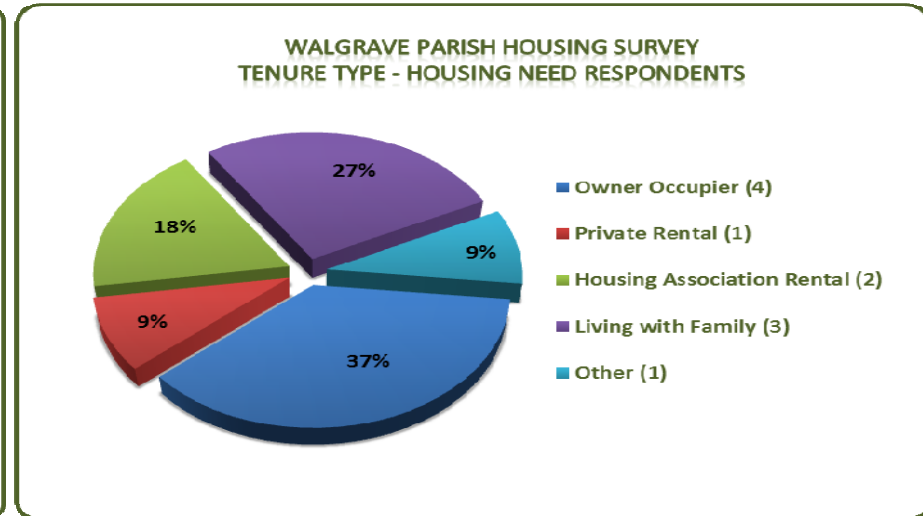
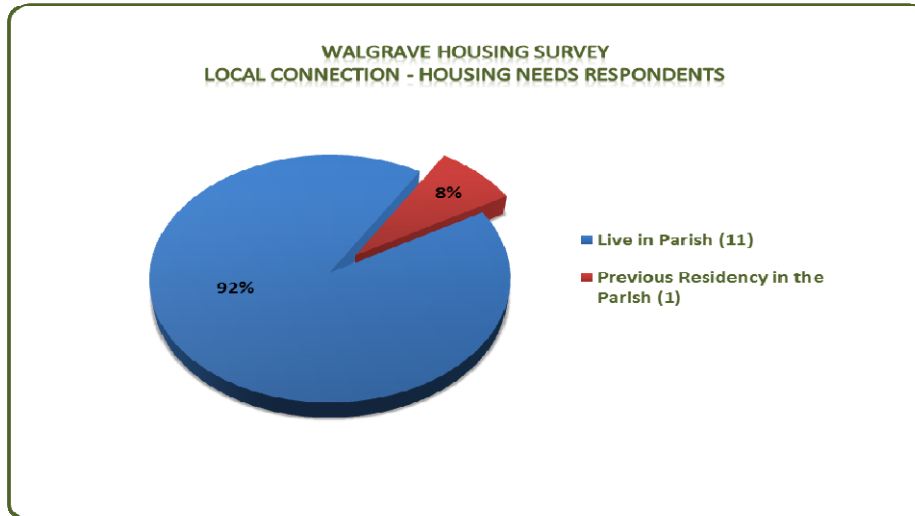


Housing Need Responses

Of the 63 responses received, 12 respondents stated they have or could have a housing need. This equates to 19% of all respondents. However, not all respondents gave further details so their need could not be assessed. They have therefore been omitted from the figures below.

Demographics of Housing Need Respondents

The charts below show the demographics for those households who stated they had housing need.



Housing Need Analysis

It should be noted that whilst the Daventry District Council Allocations Policy can be applied to those households requiring Social Housing to determine exact need, it cannot be applied to those who have expressed a preference in any other tenure as this is an individual choice.

Breakdown of respondents whose preferred tenure option is to rent from a housing association

Respondent	Household Makeup	Current Tenure & Size			Required		Need	Local Connection	Reason
		Bedrooms	Property	Tenure	Bedrooms	Property			
1	Older Person – Single	2	Ground floor flat	Social Rent	2	Bungalow	Yes	Residency	Require older persons housing
2	Couple + 2 (also included in buy on open market)	4	House	Living with family	3	House	Yes	Previous residency	Independence Cannot afford to live in the parish Buy a home for the first time To be near work
3	Single (also included in buy on open market figures)	2	House	Private Rental	1	Flat	Yes	Residency	Rent to expensive Buy a home for the first time
4	Single (also included in shared ownership and starter home figures)	3	House	Living with family	1	Flat	Yes	Residency	Independence

Breakdown of applicants on the DDC Housing Register who did not complete a housing survey

The Housing Register was analysed to identify any applicants with a connection to Walgrave but who had not filled out a Housing Survey. No applicants were identified.

Breakdown of applicants requiring Shared Ownership Properties

Respondent	Household Makeup	Current Tenure & Size			Required Size		Local Connection	Reason
		Bedrooms	Property	Tenure	Bedrooms	Property		
4	Single also included in social rent and starter home figures)	3	House	Living with family	1	Flat	Residency	Independence
5	Single (also included in starter home, custom build and open market figures)	4	House	Living with family	2	House	Residency	Independence Learning difficulties

Breakdown of respondents whose preferred tenure option is Starter Homes

Respondent	Household Makeup	Current Tenure & Size			Required Size		Local Connection	Reason
		Bedrooms	Property	Tenure	Bedrooms	Property		
4	Single (also included in social rent and shared ownership figures)	3	House	Living with family	1	Flat	Residency	Independence
5	Single (also included in Shared ownership, custom build and open market figures)	4	House	Living with family	2	House	Residency	Independence Learning difficulties
6	Single (also included in custom build and open market figures)	4	House	Living with family	3	House	Residency	Independence Buy a home for the first time

Breakdown of respondents whose preferred tenure option is to custom or self-build a property

Respondent	Household Makeup	Current Tenure & Size			Required Size		Local Connection	Reason
		Bedrooms	Property	Tenure	Bedrooms	Property		
5	Single (also included in starter home, shared ownership and open market figures)	4	House	Living with family	2	House	Residency	Independence Learning difficulties
6	Single (also included in starter homes and open market figures)	4	House	Living with family	3	House	Residency	Independence Buy a home for the first time

Breakdown of respondents whose preferred tenure option is to buy on the open market

Respondent	Household Makeup	Current Tenure & Size			Required Size		Local Connection	Reason
		Bedrooms	Property	Tenure	Bedrooms	Property		
7	Older Person – Couple	2	Bungalow	Owner Occupier	2	Bungalow	Residency	Difficulty maintaining Property and Garden
8	Older Person – Couple	3	House	Owner Occupier	2	Extra Care	Residency	To avoid isolation
9	Older Person – Couple	3	House	Owner Occupier	2	Bungalow	Residency	Difficulty using stairs Require
10	Older Person – Couple	3	Bungalow	Owner Occupier	2	Bungalow	Residency	Independence Difficulty maintaining Property and Garden
2	Couple + 2 Also included in Social Rent figures	4	House	Living with Family	3	House	Previous Residency	Independence Cannot afford to live in the parish Buy a home for the first time To be near work
3	Single (Also included in social rent figures)	2	House	Private Rental	2	House	Residency	Rent too expensive Buy a home for the first time
5	Single (also included in starter home, custom build and shared ownership)	4	House	Living with family	2	House	Residency	Independence Learning difficulties
6	Single (also included in custom build and shared ownership figures)	4	House	Living with family	3	House	Residency	Independence Buy a home for the first time

Walgrave Parish Housing Need Conclusion

The Walgrave Parish Housing Survey was carried out during December 2015 and January 2016. The results can be seen below. It should be noted that some households have expressed more than one tenure preference.

Respondent	Social Housing (Rented)									Social Housing (Sh/Ownership)							Starter Homes					Custom Built Homes					Market Homes									
	Flat		House					Bungalow			Flat		House					Flat		House			House					Bungalow			Ex. Care					
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Walgrave Ward Housing Need Conclusion

The results below show the collective housing need of Walgrave Ward. They have been reached by combining totals from the individual parish housing surveys of Hannington, Holcot, Old and Walgrave.

Respondent	Social Housing (Rented)						Shared Ownership						Private rental			Starter Homes					Self Build Homes						Market Homes																		
	Flat			Bungalow			Flat			House			Flat			Flat					House			Bungalow			House					Bungalow			Ex. Care										
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