

The Parish of Charlton Horethorne



Community Plan 2016-26



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Front Cover (clockwise from top):
The Village Green, Charlton Horethorne
St Mary Magdalene Church, Stowell
Charlton Horethorne C of E Primary School
The Post Box at Sigwells

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INTRODUCTION

The Community Plan for the parish of Charlton Horethorne includes a set of 26 policies that are designed to map the future of the parish between 2016 and 2026. They have been developed after extensive consultation with residents and the Parish Council is confident that the policies will give useful guidance for the future direction and protection of the parish. The Plan as a whole covers 10 years but the target implementation dates for individual, high priority, policies have been set at what is considered as the earliest feasible date.

THE PARISH OF CHARLTON HORETHORNE

Charlton Horethorne is a rural parish in South Somerset, close to the county boundary with Dorset on the B3145 mid-way between Wincanton and Sherborne. The parish comprises the villages of Charlton Horethorne and Stowell, a cluster of houses at Sigwells and some outlying properties. The population in 2011 was 591.

In Charlton Horethorne village itself, three key parish assets stand within 50 metres of the village green: the Village Shop, the King's Arms Country Pub and Restaurant, and the Service Station and Garage.

In addition, and instrumental to the local economy, is a mix of small businesses, many operating from owners' homes.

The Village Hall is a former First World War army hut which is now equipped with up to date facilities and is used by a variety of village organisations and activities. The Hall is used for public activities and private functions.

The Millennium Green, opened in 2000, is a public recreational area. It includes a small children's playground and a wildlife pond.

The Church of St Peter and St Paul dates back over 900 years. Together with the Church of St Mary Magdalene in Stowell, built in 1834, they form part of the benefice of five village churches within the Diocese of Bath and Wells.

Charlton Horethorne Primary School plays an important role in the lives of our younger residents and has an active Friends of the School Association which organises fundraising events open to all.

The surrounding countryside is both ideal walking country and a place of work, with arable and livestock farming which considerably support the nation's economy. The village has a fine 17th century Manor House which sits within a conservation area.

THE COMMUNITY PLAN

Charlton Horethorne Parish Council held a village meeting on the evening of Thursday 27 August 2015, attended by over 50 residents, to discuss whether the parish needed to take the initiative with regard to planning its own future.

The options presented and discussed were:

- A Neighbourhood Plan: a statutory plan that primarily covers planning and land use matters.
- A Community Plan: more wide-ranging than a Neighbourhood Plan, without statutory status, but influential and far less costly and time-consuming to produce.
- No plan at all.

On a show of hands at the end of the meeting, an overwhelming majority of the attendees were in favour of producing a Community Plan. The Parish Council endorsed this view at its next meeting and took the first steps to get a Community Plan underway. A working group of nine people was formed comprising three Parish Councillors and six volunteers from the parish. A plan of action and a budget were produced and a Community Grant of £788 (50% of the budgeted cost) was obtained from South Somerset District Council (SSDC).

The working group wrote a Community Plan Questionnaire and a Housing Needs Survey (HNS) Form, which were delivered to all 290 households in the parish in October 2015. The Church and the School accepted the offer to have their questions included in the Questionnaire as this was a unique opportunity to gather the views of everyone in the parish. By the closing date at the end of November, 173 completed Questionnaires had been returned (an extremely high response rate of 60%) together with 165 HNS forms.

During December 2015 and January 2016 the Questionnaire results were entered into a database, analysed and summarised. At the same time, SSDC, who were extremely helpful throughout the process, produced a Housing Needs Survey Report based on the HNS form responses.

With this evidence base available, the working group formed three sub-groups to develop draft policies on:

- Housing and Development
- Traffic and Road Safety
- Environmental and Social Issues (including key parish assets, the Churches and the School).

The draft policies were discussed, amended and agreed by the full working group, resulting in a set of 26 draft policies.

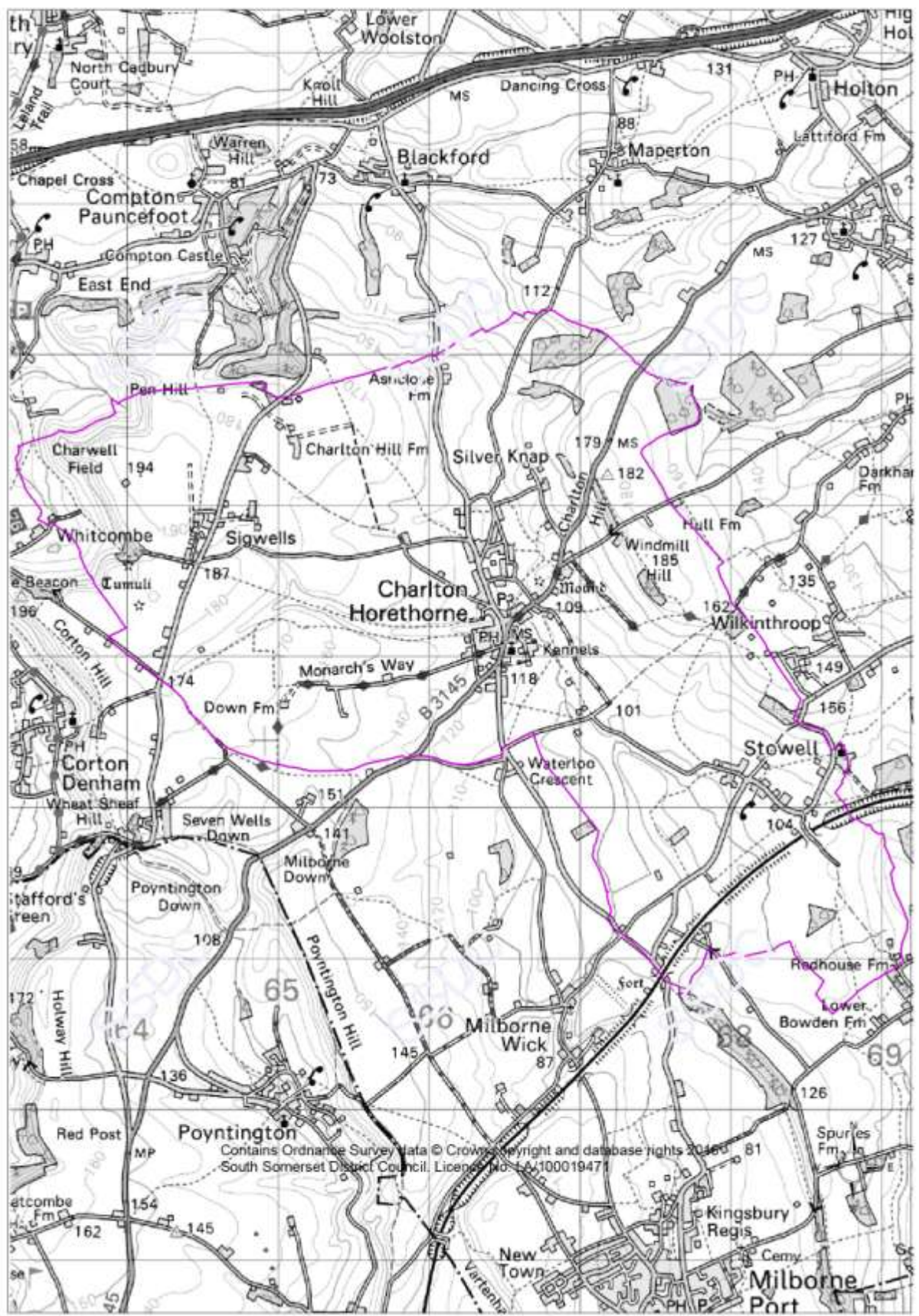
When considering each potential policy, the working group kept three key questions in mind:

1. Is it relevant? Will the policy either improve something within the parish or protect something of value within the parish?
2. Is it practical? Will there be sufficient money and people to implement the policy?
3. Is it clear? Is it possible to quantify the policy by setting target dates or numbers?

The draft policies were presented as part of the Annual Parish Meeting on the afternoon of Sunday 20 March 2016 and subsequently updated by the working group based on the feedback received. The 26 final policies were then adopted by the Parish Council meeting on the evening of Monday 11 April 2016.

The full Community Plan document, comprising the 26 policies plus introductory sections and appendices, was completed by the working group over the following months and approved at the Parish Council meeting on the evening of Monday 11 July 2016.

PARISH MAP



COMMUNITY PLAN POLICIES

POLICY SUMMARY

Code	Housing and Development
HD 1	No more than a total of 20 new houses should be built in the parish over the period 2016-2026.
HD 2	A minimum of 4 new genuinely affordable starter homes should be built in the parish by the end of 2022.
HD 3	2-4 small downsizing/retirement houses should be built in the parish by the end of 2022.
HD 4	Two additional small workshop units (for non-intrusive light industrial/service use) should be provided in the parish by the end of 2022 to promote local employment.
HD 5	Two additional small office units should be provided in the parish by the end of 2022 to promote local employment.
HD 6	All new development in Charlton Horethorne village should be provided via infill sites within the current built environment limits. Some very limited small scale development would be supported in Stowell and Sigwells if it is compatible with the scale and layout of the current built environment. New development should only take place on open farmland outside the current built environment limits in exceptional circumstances where there is clear and proven benefit to the parish.
HD 7	To maintain the visual integrity of the village, new development needs to be of a high design quality. This may be achieved either by using local materials and vernacular design elements or a high standard of modern design.
HD 8	The Parish Council will investigate the demand for allotments within the parish. If there is a proven demand for allotments, a small number of plots will be provided by the end of 2022.
HD 9	The parish is strongly opposed to the development of commercial solar farms or wind turbines within the parish.
HD 10	Applications for the development of new holiday accommodation and retail facilities within the parish will be treated on their individual merits.

Code	Traffic and Road Safety
TRS 1	Promote policies and actions that reduce speeding traffic in the parish.
TRS 2	Encourage and support the continuation of community speed watch in the village.
TRS 3	Speed indicator devices (SIDs) should continue to be provided in the village.
TRS 4	Discourage additional street furniture in the parish.
TRS 5	There should be no street lighting in the parish.
TRS 6	Heavy vehicles should be prevented from travelling through the parish.
TRS 7	Encourage farmers and contractors to clear mud left on roads.
Code	Environmental and Social Issues
ESI 1	The Parish Council will investigate the demand for additional facilities for young children within the parish. If there is a proven demand for additional facilities, the Parish Council will support the provision of these facilities.
ESI 2	The Parish Council will investigate the demand for additional facilities for teenagers within the parish. If there is a proven demand for additional facilities, the Parish Council will support the provision of these facilities.
ESI 3	The Parish Council will investigate the demand for additional sports facilities within the parish. If there is a proven demand for additional facilities, the Parish Council will support the provision of these facilities.
ESI 4	The Parish Council will investigate the demand for the re-instatement of Charlton Horethorne Feast Day celebrations. If there is a proven demand, the Parish Council will offer its support to its re-instatement.
ESI 5	The Parish Council will support all efforts to conserve and restore historic assets in the parish, particularly the village green pump and the Victorian water or tap houses in North Road, Blackford Road and opposite the Primary School, Charlton Horethorne.
ESI 6	The Parish Council will support all efforts to keep the public footpaths in the parish open for unobstructed use at all times, with appropriate clear signage.

Code	Key Parish Assets
KPA 1	The Parish Council will aim to support key parish assets.
Code	School
SCH 1	The staff and governors of Charlton Horethorne Primary School will look to develop greater links between the school and the village, thus strengthening the school's relationship with the community.
Code	Churches
CH 1	The Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul will seek consultation from the Diocesan Advisory Committee about the possibility of creating additional space at the back of the Church to allow greater use of the Church as a hub for the community.

CHARLTON HORETHORNE PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN POLICIES 2016

HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT

POLICY HD 1	No more than a total of 20 new houses should be built in the parish over the period 2016-2026.
POLICY BASIS	<p>145 households replied to the Community Plan Questionnaire question:</p> <p>How many new dwellings do you think the parish will need in the next 10 years?</p> <p>82% of respondents said 20 or fewer dwellings (36% said less than 10 dwellings, 46% said 11-20 dwellings).</p> <p>This level of housing growth supports SSSC's Local Plan Policy SS2.</p> <p>Growth beyond this level would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • severely threaten the environmental and social cohesion of the village • create major sustainability issues, particularly in terms of traffic.
POLICY ACTION	<p>The policy will support any discussions that the Parish Council has with potential developers and guide its responses to planning applications.</p> <p>Note: the 20 new houses in this policy represent a maximum, not a target.</p>

POLICY HD 2	A minimum of 4 new genuinely affordable starter homes should be built in the parish by the end of 2022.
POLICY BASIS	<p>129 households replied to the Community Plan Questionnaire question:</p> <p>What sort of new dwellings would you like to see built in the parish?</p> <p>The number of respondents that selected each housing category as their top priority were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 65 said affordable starter homes - to buy • 25 said affordable starter homes - social housing to rent • 6 said small retirement/downsizing homes • 5 said sheltered accommodation • 14 said 2/3 bedroom houses • 4 said larger houses (4 bedrooms plus) <p>Young families are at the heart of a community. If the parish is to continue to be a balanced, vibrant and sustainable community, affordable starter homes for local families must be a top priority.</p>
POLICY ACTION	<p>The policy will support any discussions the Parish Council has with potential developers and guide its responses to planning applications.</p> <p>The Parish Council will work with SSDC, local landowners, developers and local housing associations/agencies with the objective of building at least 4 genuinely affordable new houses by the end of 2022 (the earliest practical date).</p> <p>The houses will be a mix of tenure types (to buy, social renting, joint ownership).</p> <p>The affordable houses will form part of the maximum of 20 new houses to be built in the parish by 2026 under HD 1.</p>

POLICY HD 3	2-4 small downsizing/retirement houses should be built in the parish by the end of 2022.
POLICY BASIS	<p>129 households replied to the Community Plan Questionnaire question:</p> <p>What sorts of new dwellings would you like to see built in the parish?</p> <p>The number of respondents that selected each housing category as their top priority were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 65 said affordable starter homes - to buy • 25 said affordable starter homes - social housing to rent • 16 said small retirement/downsizing homes • 5 said sheltered accommodation • 14 said 2/3 bedroom houses • 4 said larger houses (4 bedrooms plus) <p>This policy will enable people to remain in the village after their families have grown up and moved away and their current homes are too large.</p>
POLICY ACTION	<p>The policy will support any discussions the Parish Council has with potential developers and guide its responses to planning applications.</p> <p>The downsizing/retirement houses will be to buy, at market rates, by the end of 2022 (the earliest practical date).</p> <p>The downsizing/retirement houses will form part of the maximum of 20 new houses to be built in the parish by 2026 under HD 1.</p>

POLICY HD 4	Two additional small workshop units (for non-intrusive light industrial/service use) should be provided in the parish by the end of 2022 to promote local employment.
POLICY BASIS	<p>160 households replied to the Community Plan Questionnaire question:</p> <p>Would you support the use of land in the parish for the following? Small workshop units.</p> <p>73% of respondents said YES.</p> <p>New local employment opportunities are vital if Charlton Horethorne is to continue to be an economically thriving and balanced parish.</p>
POLICY ACTION	<p>The policy will support any discussions the Parish Council has with potential developers and guide its responses to planning applications.</p> <p>The Parish Council will work with SSDC, local landowners and developers with the objective of providing two small workshop units by the end of 2022.</p>

POLICY HD 5	Two additional small office units should be provided in the parish by the end of 2022 to promote local employment.
POLICY BASIS	<p>155 households replied to the Community Plan Questionnaire question :</p> <p>Would you support the use of land in the parish for the following? Small office units.</p> <p>66% of respondents said YES.</p> <p>New local employment opportunities are vital if Charlton Horethorne is to continue to be an economically thriving and balanced parish.</p>
POLICY ACTION	<p>The policy will support any discussions the Parish Council has with potential developers and guide its responses to planning applications.</p> <p>The Parish Council will work with SSDC, local landowners and developers with the objective of providing two small office units by the end of 2022.</p>

<p>POLICY HD 6</p>	<p>All new development in Charlton Horethorne village should be provided via infill sites within the current built environment limits.</p> <p>Some very limited small scale development would be supported in Stowell and Sigwells if it is compatible with the scale and layout of the current built environment.</p> <p>New development should only take place on open farmland outside the current built environment limits in exceptional circumstances where there is clear and proven benefit to the parish.</p>
<p>POLICY BASIS</p>	<p>152 households replied to the Community Plan Questionnaire question:</p> <p>Should new building be restricted to infill sites within the parish?</p> <p>66% of respondents said YES.</p> <p>162 households replied to the Community Plan Questionnaire question:</p> <p>Do you think open farmland in the parish should be built on?</p> <p>80% of respondents said NO.</p>
<p>POLICY ACTION</p>	<p>The policy will support any discussions the Parish Council has with potential developers and guide its responses to planning applications.</p> <p>This policy covers any development falling under policies HD 1-5 and any other development in the parish.</p>

POLICY HD 7	To maintain the visual integrity of the village, new development needs to be of a high design quality. This may be achieved either by using local materials and vernacular design elements or a high standard of modern design.
POLICY BASIS	<p>Charlton Horethorne village contains an important Conservation Area with 2 domestic buildings of outstanding quality: the Manor House and Monks Place, both from the early C17. The Church of St Peter and St Paul also has a long history and a number of notable features, including a fine Somerset perpendicular tower.</p> <p>We are seeking to maintain, and enhance, the visual amenity and cohesion of the built environment in Charlton Horethorne.</p>
POLICY ACTION	<p>The policy will support any discussions the Parish Council has with potential developers and guide its responses to planning applications.</p> <p>The Parish Council will undertake to produce a short Design Guide for the parish by the end of 2018.</p>

POLICY HD 8	<p>The Parish Council will investigate the demand for allotments within the parish. If there is a proven demand for allotments, a small number of plots will be provided by the end of 2022.</p>
POLICY BASIS	<p>155 households replied to the Community Plan Questionnaire question:</p> <p>Would you support the use of land in the parish for the following? Allotments.</p> <p>75% of respondents said YES.</p> <p>The Parish Council has a duty to provide allotments where there is unsatisfied demand supported by 6 parishioners.</p>
POLICY ACTION	<p>The Parish Council will investigate the demand for allotments within the parish.</p> <p>If there is a proven demand for allotments the Parish Council will seek to provide a small number of allotments by the end of 2022.</p> <p>Any allotments will need to be fully self-financing in terms of initial land purchase and set-up (via grants and other fund raising) and ongoing management/maintenance. Any allotments will be managed by the Parish Council.</p>

POLICY HD 9	The parish is strongly opposed to the development of commercial solar farms or wind turbines within the parish.
POLICY BASIS	<p>160 households replied to the Community Plan Questionnaire question :</p> <p>Would you support the use of land in the parish for the following? Solar Farms.</p> <p>76% of respondents said NO.</p> <p>157 households replied to the Community Plan Questionnaire question:</p> <p>Would you support the use of land in the parish for the following? Wind turbines?</p> <p>78% of respondents said NO.</p>
POLICY ACTION	The Parish Council will oppose any planning applications for solar farms or wind turbines within the parish.

POLICY HD 10	Applications for the development of new holiday accommodation and retail facilities within the parish will be treated on their individual merits.
POLICY BASIS	<p>150 households replied to the Community Plan Questionnaire question :</p> <p>Would you support the use of land in the parish for the following? Holiday accommodation.</p> <p>51% of respondents said NO.</p> <p>149 households replied to the Community Plan Questionnaire question :</p> <p>Would you support the use of land in the parish for the following? Retail units</p> <p>62% of respondents said NO.</p>
POLICY ACTION	<p>Planning applications for new holiday accommodation and retail units will be treated on their individual merits. Where an application shows a clear and proven benefit to the parish it will be supported by the Parish Council.</p> <p>The policy will support any discussions the Parish Council has with potential developers and guide its responses to planning applications.</p>

TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY

<p>POLICY TRS 1</p>	<p>Promote policies and actions that reduce speeding traffic in the parish.</p>
<p>POLICY BASIS</p>	<p>163 households replied to the Community Plan Questionnaire question:</p> <p>Do you think speeding traffic is a problem in the parish?</p> <p>80% of respondents said YES.</p> <p>In response to the question of speeding on specific roads, there was a clear majority who considered that speeding was a problem on the following roads:</p> <p>B3145 into village from Wincanton 84% said Yes (154 responses)</p> <p>B3145 into village from Sherborne 78% said Yes (147 responses)</p> <p>Milborne Port Road 64% said Yes (136 responses)</p> <p>North Road/Blackford Road 54% said Yes (136 responses)</p> <p>148 households replied to the Community Plan Questionnaire question:</p> <p>Do you think road safety is a particular problem outside the school?</p> <p>70% of respondents said YES.</p> <p>Safety on our roads, in particular outside the school, is a primary concern for all our residents.</p>
<p>POLICY ACTION</p>	<p>The policy will support any discussions the Parish Council has with Somerset County Council and the Avon and Somerset Police Force on the issue of traffic and road safety in the village.</p>

POLICY TRS 2	Encourage and support the continuation of Community Speed Watch in the village.
POLICY BASIS	<p>161 households replied to the Community Plan Questionnaire question:</p> <p>Do you think the Community Speed Watch initiative introduced by the Parish Council will reduce speeding?</p> <p>66% of respondents said YES.</p> <p>Community Speed Watch (CSW) encourages drivers to observe the speed limit in the village.</p>
POLICY ACTION	The policy will support the Parish Council in seeking the continuation by South Somerset CSW of Community Speed Watch in the village.

POLICY TRS 3	Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) should continue to be provided in the village.
POLICY BASIS	<p>168 households replied to the Community Plan Questionnaire question:</p> <p>Do you think the Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) that are sometimes provided in the village are effective?</p> <p>80% of respondents said YES.</p> <p>The provision of SIDs by Somerset County Council assists in encouraging drivers to slow down and observe the speed limit in the village.</p>
POLICY ACTION	The policy will support the Parish Council in seeking the continued provision by Somerset County Council of SIDs in the village.

POLICY TRS 4	Discourage additional street furniture in the parish.
POLICY BASIS	<p>156 households replied to the Community Plan Questionnaire question:</p> <p>Do you think that additional speed signs should be put up in the parish?</p> <p>53% of respondents said NO.</p> <p>Additional street signs are unattractive and a step towards urbanisation and should be avoided where possible.</p>
POLICY ACTION	The policy will support the Parish Council in opposing unnecessary additional street signs being erected by Somerset County Council.

POLICY TRS 5	There should be no street lighting in the parish.
POLICY BASIS	<p>160 households replied to the Community Plan Questionnaire question:</p> <p>A 20 mph speed limit through the village would only be possible if street lights were introduced. Would you support the introduction of street lights?</p> <p>74% of respondents said NO.</p> <p>The absence of street lighting is important in retaining the rural environment of the parish.</p>
POLICY ACTION	The policy will support the Parish Council in opposing any measures that would promote or result in street lighting in the parish.

POLICY TRS 6	Heavy vehicles should be prevented from travelling through the parish.
POLICY BASIS	<p>162 households replied to the Community Plan Questionnaire question:</p> <p>Are heavy lorries a problem in the parish (high speeds, use of narrow lanes, etc)?</p> <p>73% of respondents said YES.</p> <p>The banning of heavy vehicles travelling through the parish will assist in providing a safer and quieter environment for our residents.</p>
POLICY ACTION	The policy will support the Parish Council in seeking the continuation of the ban on heavy vehicles using the B3145 to reach destinations other than in the village and in seeking similar restrictions on other roads in the parish.

POLICY TRS 7	Encourage farmers and contractors to clear mud left on roads.
POLICY BASIS	<p>164 households replied to the Community Plan Questionnaire question:</p> <p>Are tractors/other heavy agricultural vehicles a problem in the parish (high speeds, mud on road, etc)?</p> <p>71% of respondents said YES.</p> <p>Mud left on the road is a danger to other road users.</p>
POLICY ACTION	The policy will help the Parish Council in liaising with farmers and contractors to ensure mud clearance is carried out and in asking Somerset County Council to clean the road if necessary.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES

<p>POLICY ESI 1</p>	<p>The Parish Council will investigate the demand for additional facilities for young children within the parish. If there is a proven demand for additional facilities, the Parish Council will support the provision of these facilities.</p>
<p>POLICY BASIS</p>	<p>129 households replied to the Community Plan Questionnaire question:</p> <p>Should there be more facilities for young children in the village?</p> <p>58% said YES.</p>
<p>POLICY ACTION</p>	<p>The Parish Council will investigate the demand for additional facilities for young children within the parish.</p> <p>If there is a proven demand for such facilities the Parish Council will support their provision.</p> <p>Any facilities will need to be fully self-financing in terms of initial land purchase and set-up (via grants and other fund raising) and ongoing management/maintenance. Any facilities would not be managed by the Parish Council - they would need to be managed by a volunteer body/charitable trust.</p>

POLICY ESI 2	The Parish Council will investigate the demand for additional facilities for teenagers within the parish. If there is a proven demand for additional facilities, the Parish Council will support the provision of these facilities.
POLICY BASIS	<p>127 households replied to the Community Plan Questionnaire question:</p> <p>Should there be more facilities for teenagers in the village?</p> <p>66% said YES.</p>
POLICY ACTION	<p>The Parish Council will investigate the demand for additional facilities for teenagers within the parish by seeking the views of teenagers for example via an informal event to be held in the Village Hall. It will also investigate the possibility of giving teenagers more access to facilities outside of the parish.</p> <p>If there is a proven demand for such facilities the Parish Council will support their provision.</p> <p>Any facilities will need to be fully self-financing in terms of initial land purchase and set-up (via grants and other fund raising) and ongoing management/maintenance. Any facilities would not be managed by the Parish Council – they would need to be managed by a volunteer body/charitable trust.</p>

POLICY ESI 3	The Parish Council will investigate the demand for additional sports facilities within the parish. If there is a proven demand for additional facilities, the Parish Council will support the provision of these facilities.
POLICY BASIS	<p>134 households responded to the Community Plan Questionnaire question:</p> <p>Should there be more sports facilities in the village?</p> <p>58% of respondents said YES.</p>
POLICY ACTION	<p>The Parish Council will investigate the demand for more sports facilities within the parish.</p> <p>If there is a proven demand for more sports facilities the Parish Council will investigate the nature of the additional facilities which respondents would like to see and will support their provision, where possible through the use of existing village assets such as the Village Hall and the Millennium Green.</p> <p>Any sports facilities will need to be fully self-financing both in terms of initial set-up costs (through grants and other fund raising) and ongoing management and maintenance. Any such facilities would not be managed by the Parish Council – they would need to be managed by a volunteer body or charitable trust.</p>

POLICY ESI 4	<p>The Parish Council will investigate the demand for the re-instatement of Charlton Horethorne Feast Day celebrations. If there is a proven demand, the Parish Council will offer its support to its re-instatement.</p>
POLICY BASIS	<p>130 households replied to the Community Plan Questionnaire question:</p> <p>Would you like to see the annual village Feast Day re-instated?</p> <p>79% said YES.</p>
POLICY ACTION	<p>The Parish Council will investigate the demand for the re-instatement of the Feast Day celebrations in Charlton Horethorne by seeking the views and suggestions of individuals and local organisations at a meeting to be held in the Village Hall.</p> <p>If there is a proven demand for such an event, the Parish Council will offer its support for its re-instatement.</p> <p>The event would not be organised (or funded) by the Parish Council but would need to be organised by volunteers.</p>

POLICY ESI 5	The Parish Council will support all efforts to conserve and restore historic assets in the parish, particularly the village green pump and the Victorian water or tap houses in North Road, Blackford Road and opposite the Primary School, Charlton Horethorne.
POLICY BASIS	In responses to the Community Plan Questionnaire 18 people said that they would like to see the village green pump and the water or tap houses conserved and restored.
POLICY ACTION	The Parish Council will support the restoration and conservation of the water or tap houses and the work of a small group of volunteers which is already working towards this. This group is entirely independent of the Parish Council and will be self-financing.

POLICY ESI 6	The Parish Council will support all efforts to keep the public footpaths in the parish open for unobstructed use at all times, with appropriate clear signage.
POLICY BASIS	In responses to the Community Plan Questionnaire 20 comments were made about footpaths and stiles being blocked by crops, overgrowth, electric fences or other obstacles. In addition there were 26 comments about broken, missing and inadequate signage of public footpaths.
POLICY ACTION	The Parish Council will support the work of the voluntary Parish Paths Liaison Officer who will liaise with District and County Councils, landowners and others in keeping the footpaths open and well signed.

KEY PARISH ASSETS

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SCHOOL

<p>POLICY SCH 1</p>	<p>The staff and governors of Charlton Horethorne Primary School will look to develop greater links between the school and the village, thus strengthening the school’s relationship with the community.</p>
<p>POLICY BASIS</p>	<p>129 households replied to the Community Plan Questionnaire question:</p> <p>Would you like to see the relationship between the village community and the Primary School strengthened?</p> <p>95% said YES.</p>
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CHURCHES

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APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1 – SUMMARY OF QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES

SECTION 1 : HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT	
1.1	<p>Do you think that new housing in the parish should be restricted to that required to meet the needs of local people?</p> <p><i>164 respondents</i> 63% said YES</p>
1.2	<p>Do you think the parish needs to grow beyond its current population (of about 600)?</p> <p><i>156 respondents</i> 54% said NO</p>
1.3	<p>How many new dwellings do you think the parish will need in the next 10 years?</p> <p>The figures show the number of Questionnaire responses for each option.</p> <p>82% of respondents think the parish needs 20 or fewer houses over the next 10 years.</p> <p><i>145 respondents</i></p> <p>52 said less than 10 66 said 10 to 20 16 said 21 to 30 11 said more than 30</p>
1.4	<p>What sort of new dwellings would you like to see built in the parish?</p> <p>The figures show the number of Questionnaire respondents that ranked each option as their first priority.</p> <p>A very large majority of respondents think affordable housing is the first priority for new housing provision.</p> <p><i>129 respondents</i></p> <p>65 said affordable starter homes: to buy 25 said affordable starter homes: social housing, to rent 16 said small retirement/downsizing homes 5 said sheltered accommodation 14 said 2/3 bedroom houses 4 said larger houses (4 bedrooms plus)</p>

1.5	<p>Would you support the use of land in the parish for the following?</p> <p>Small office units <i>155 respondents - 66% said YES</i> Small workshop units <i>160 respondents - 73% said YES</i> Holiday accommodation <i>150 respondents - 51% said NO</i> Retail units <i>149 respondents - 62% said NO</i> Allotments <i>155 respondents - 75% said YES</i> Solar farms <i>160 respondents - 76% said NO</i> Wind turbines <i>157 respondents - 78% said NO</i></p>
1.6	<p>Do you think open farmland in the parish should be built on?</p> <p><i>162 respondents</i> 80% said NO</p>
1.8	<p>Should new building be restricted to infill sites within the parish?</p> <p><i>152 respondents</i> 70% said YES</p>
1.10	<p>Should spaces between existing developments be retained and not built on?</p> <p><i>142 respondents</i> 51% said YES</p>

SECTION 2 : TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY

2.1	<p>Do you think speeding traffic is a problem in the parish?</p> <p><i>163 respondents</i> 80% said YES</p>
2.2	<p>Do you think the Community Speed Watch initiative introduced by the Parish Council will reduce speeding?</p> <p><i>161 respondents</i> 66% said YES</p>
2.3	<p>Do you think the Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) that are sometimes provided in the village are effective?</p> <p><i>168 respondents</i> 80% said YES</p>
2.4	<p>Do you think there is a problem with speed signs in the parish being faded, broken or obscured by trees/bushes?</p> <p><i>163 respondents</i> 57% said YES</p>

2.5	<p>Do you think additional speed signs should be put up in the parish - or speed signs moved to make them more effective?</p> <p><i>156 respondents</i> 53% said NO</p>												
2.7	<p>A 20 MPH speed limit through the village would only be possible if street lights were introduced. Would you support the introduction of street lights for this purpose?</p> <p><i>160 respondents</i> 74% said NO</p>												
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3.1	Should there be more facilities for young children in the village? <i>129 respondents</i> 58% said YES
3.2	Should there be more facilities for teenagers in the village? <i>127 respondents</i> 66% said YES
3.3	Should there be more facilities for adults in the village? <i>129 respondents</i> 76% said NO
3.4	Should there be more sports facilities in the village? <i>134 respondents</i> 58% said YES
3.5	Would a playing field in the village be a good idea? <i>139 respondents</i> 74% said YES
3.7	Would you like to see the annual village feast day re-instated? <i>130 respondents</i> 79% said YES
3.8	Would you be prepared to volunteer to help set up and run any of these facilities/events? <i>124 respondents</i> 56% said YES
3.10	Would you use a local bus service if it were re-introduced? <i>152 respondents</i> 51% said YES
3.11	Would you like to see the village pond re-instated? <i>151 respondents</i> 56% said YES
3.13	Do you think the following are a serious problem in the village? Dog mess on pavements and in public areas <i>150 respondents</i> - 61% said NO Litter <i>143 respondents</i> - 62% said NO Shortage of litter bins <i>145 respondents</i> - 55% said NO

3.15	Do you think the parish should have some sort of war memorial in addition to that in the church? <i>143 respondents</i> 64% said NO
3.16	Is flooding an issue in your part of the parish? <i>163 respondents</i> 80% said NO
3.18	Do you feel safe in the parish? <i>163 respondents</i> 98% said YES

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5.1	Do you have children of primary school age? <i>165 respondents</i> 95% said NO										
5.2	(If Yes to 5.1) Do they attend Charlton Horethorne Primary School? <i>9 respondents</i> 67% said YES										
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APPENDIX 2 – HOUSING NEEDS REPORT

Report Summary

Charlton Horethorne Parish Council decided to assess the current need for housing in the parish as part of the work to produce a Community Plan. An up to date record of the number of people in need of local housing will influence the future growth of the parish via relevant Community Plan policies and provide evidence to support Parish Council responses to planning applications. The survey was produced and distributed to all households by the Charlton Horethorne Community Planning Working Group. South Somerset District Council has dealt with the inputting and analysis on behalf of the group.

This is **not** an affordable housing needs survey but aims to identify the overall potential housing need over the next five years.

The survey found that **21** households/individuals currently living in the parish were looking to move within the parish in the next five years. Of these, **six** have indicated that they would need affordable housing in the form of rented accommodation from a housing association or a shared equity solution.

Fourteen respondents also stated that they knew of people with a local connection that would like or need to set up a home in the parish.

Methodology

During October 2015, survey forms were distributed to every household in the parish. The questionnaire contained a section that was to be completed by every household and a section to be completed only by those in housing need. Surveys were collected by volunteers or dropped off at the village shop and sent directly to SSDC Area Development (East).

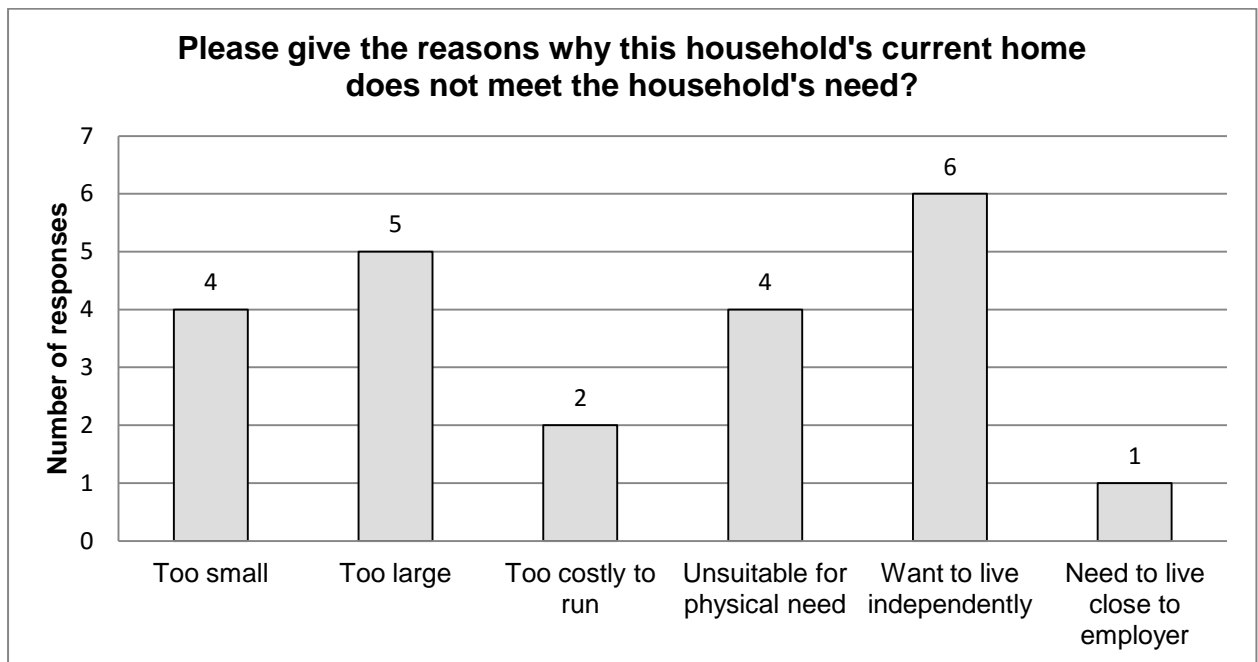
Housing Needs

Twenty-one households/individuals within a household expressed a need for housing in the parish of Charlton Horethorne.

- 21 respondents are currently living in Charlton Horethorne.
- 13 are looking specifically for houses that would be bought on the open market.
- 6 have stated the need for affordable housing (either via rented housing association accommodation or shared equity purchase)

It is impossible to determine whether those stating the need for affordable housing would qualify as the survey did not test financial need. A further, more detailed survey would be needed to determine the right mix of tenure.

Reasons for needing to move



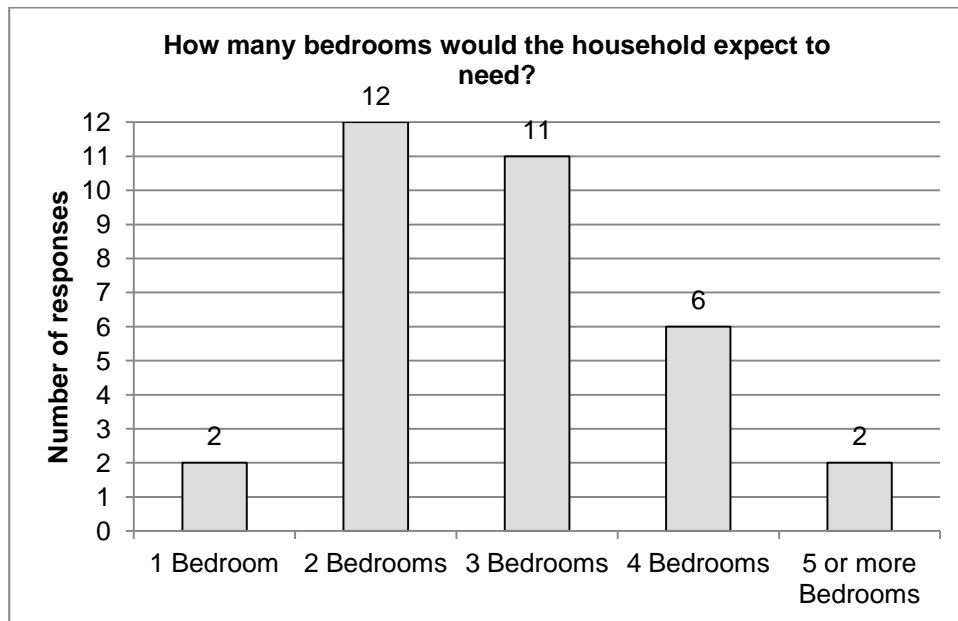
The above chart shows that need for independent accommodation was the most common reason given. Four respondents are in need of larger accommodation, five are looking to downsize with a further four stating that their current accommodation is unsuitable for physical needs.

Some respondents gave more than one reason for needing to move but they have not been included in the report as it starts to become possible to identify people.

A further 14 respondents have said that they know people with a local connection who are not currently residing in the parish that would like or need to set up home in the parish.

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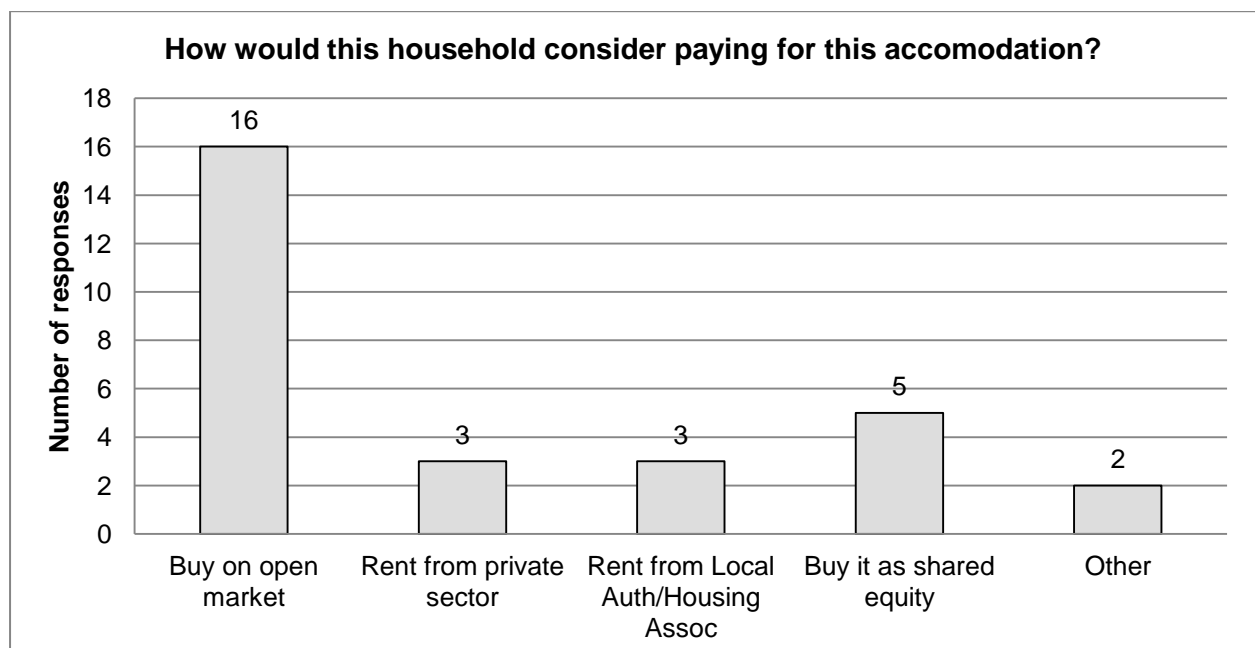


Special requirements

- Three respondents expressed the need for ground floor accommodation.
- One would require a 'wetroom'.
- One would require another housing support service

Tenure

21 responded to question 14 about the tenure arrangements required. The table below shows the relative split. However, three households ticked a number of options that they felt were possible. One has stated that they would consider all options. However, if they are able to purchase a property, and the response is a result of a shortfall of market housing, the household is unlikely to qualify for affordable housing.



Timescales

Only one respondent indicated that they need to move immediately. This household requires a larger house and has confirmed that affordability isn't a factor.

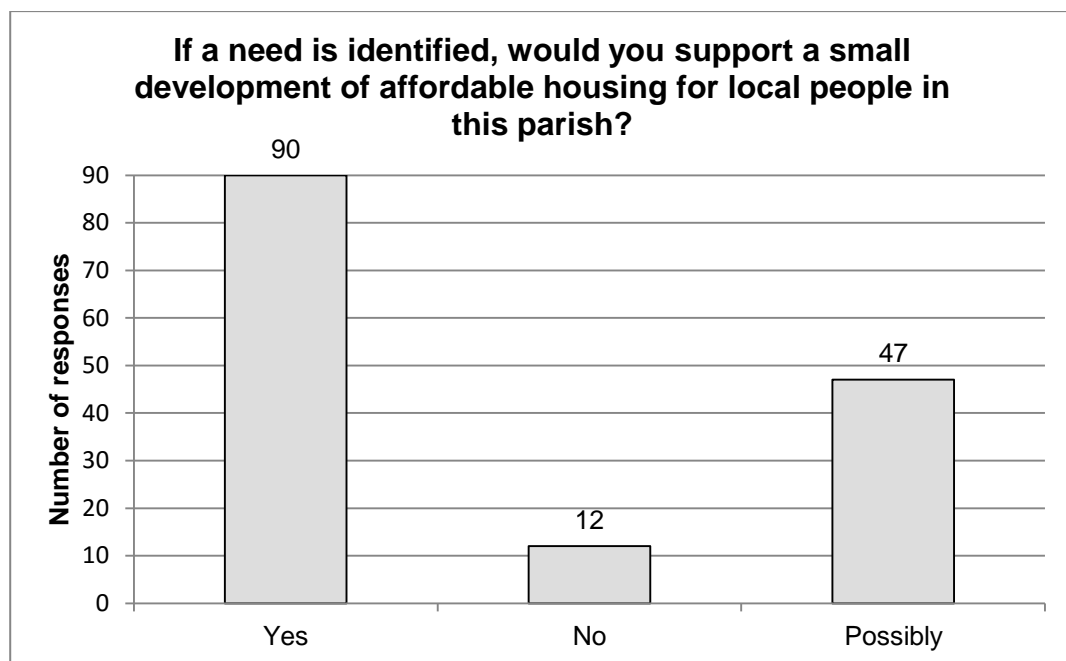
Five households would like to move within one year, eight within three years and ten are looking to move within five years.

Location of new housing

The questionnaire gave people the opportunity to suggest locations for new housing in order to try and establish a general preferred direction of growth. The results do not help to reach any sort of conclusion due to the relatively low numbers of people answering the question. Including specific sites in this report could be interpreted as implied support or endorsement which would not be appropriate.

Support for new housing

The survey asked people to indicate whether they would support a small development of affordable housing for local people. Of the 149 people responding to the question, 92% (137 respondents) would support or would possibly support a scheme. The majority of people 'possibly' supportive of a scheme have acknowledged the need but express concerns about location, design and maintaining the right balance.



Only 12 respondents stated that they wouldn't support a small development of affordable housing for local people. Reasons included concerns about the capacity of the existing infrastructure and previous experience of affordable housing both in the parish and elsewhere.

Policy Context

National Planning Policy Framework

The NPPF states that:-

‘In rural areas, exercising the duty to cooperate with neighbouring authorities, local planning authorities should be responsive to local circumstances and plan housing development to reflect local needs, particularly for affordable housing, including through rural exception sites where appropriate. Local planning authorities should in particular consider whether allowing some market housing would facilitate the provision of significant additional affordable housing to meet local needs.’

‘To promote sustainable development in rural areas, housing should be located where it will enhance or maintain the vitality of rural communities. For example, where there are groups of smaller settlements, development in one village may support services in a village nearby. Local planning authorities should avoid new isolated homes in the countryside unless there are special circumstances such as:

- The essential need for a rural worker to live permanently at or near their place of work in the countryside; or
- Where such development would represent the optimal viable use of a heritage asset or would be appropriate enabling development to secure the future of heritage assets; or
- Where the development would re-use redundant or disused buildings and lead to an enhancement of the immediate setting; or
- The exceptional quality or innovative nature of the design of the dwelling.

The current affordable housing definition includes some low cost home ownership models, such as shared ownership and shared equity, provided that they are subject to ‘in perpetuity’ restrictions or the subsidy is recycled for alternative affordable housing provision. This limits the current availability of home ownership options for households whose needs are not met by the market.’

The Government is currently consulting on introducing measures to introduce starter homes to the definition.

The Bill defines starter homes as new dwellings for first time buyers under 40, sold at a discount of at least 20% of market value and at less than the price cap of £250,000 (or £450,000 in London).

Local - South Somerset Local Plan

The South Somerset Local 2011 – 2018 has determined that Charlton Horethorne is a rural settlement.

Policy SS2

Development in Rural Settlements (not Market Towns or Rural Centres) will be strictly controlled and limited to that which:

Provides employment opportunities appropriate to the scale of the settlement; and/or

- Creates or enhances community facilities and services to serve the settlement; and/or
- Meets identified housing need, particularly for affordable housing.

Development will be permitted where it is commensurate with the scale and character of the settlement, provides for one or more of the types of development above, and increases the sustainability of a settlement in general.

Proposals should be consistent with relevant community led plans, and should generally have the support of the local community following robust engagement and consultation.

Proposals for housing development should only be permitted in Rural Settlements that have access to two or more key services listed below.

New housing development should only be located in those Rural Settlements that offer a range (ie two or more) of the following services, or that provide these within a cluster of settlements:-

- local convenience shop;
- post office;
- pub;
- children's play area/sports pitch;
- village hall/community centre;
- health centre;
- faith facility; and
- primary school.

Policy SS4 – District wide housing

Rural settlements are expected to deliver 2,242 houses during the plan period which represents 14% of total district housing growth.

Policy HG3 – Provision of Affordable Housing

Planning permission for the erection of ten or more new dwellings will be permitted provided that, where it is viable to do so, the scheme provides 35% affordable housing.

Affordable Housing is exempt from paying Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).

HG5 - Achieving a Mix of Market Housing

A range of market housing types and sizes should be provided across the district on large sites that can reasonably meet the market housing needs of the residents of South Somerset. The mix should contribute to the provision of sustainable and balanced communities.

On small sites, housing types and sizes should be provided that, taken in the context of existing surrounding dwellings, contribute to that provision of sustainable, balanced communities.

Profile of Respondents

A total of 165 Questionnaires were received.

163 responses were from households whose residence is the main home.

People

The information in the table below compares the breakdown of respondents represented by age with data collected by the 2011 census for the whole parish.

A total of 335 people are represented in the survey responses.

Age Distribution				
Charlton Horethorne Parish	Survey Count 2016	% of respondents	Parish Count (Census 2011)	% of Parish
Total respondents	335	100%	591	100%
0-9 years	15	4%	29	5%
10-15 years	14	4%	29	7%
16-19 years	12	3%	133	22%
20-44 years	41	12%		
45-64 years	108	32%	215	36%
65-74 years	84	25%	113	19%
75+ years	61	18%	72	12.2%

The 2011 census data shows that the total population of the parish was 591. This can no longer be considered accurate as it is now over five years since the data was collected. However, it can help to demonstrate how representative the survey responses are. The survey collected information based on different age ranges from the census and that makes comparison of ages 16 to 44 difficult.

Household Tenure - Parish

The information in the table below is taken from data collected by the 2011 census.

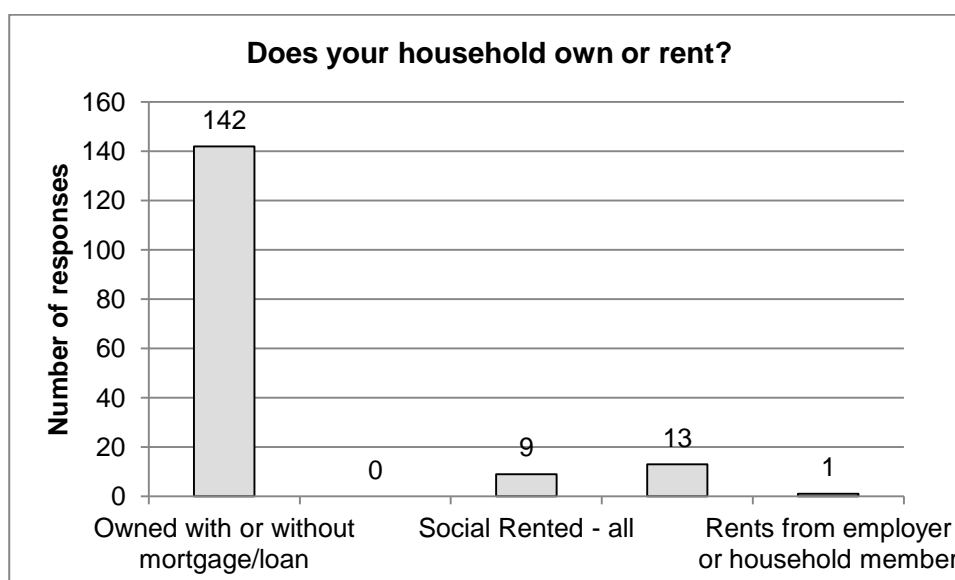
Household Tenure			
	Parish Count 2011	Parish %	South Somerset %
Owned: Owned Outright	140	52.8%	38.40%
Owned: Owned with Mortgage/Loan	65	24.5%	31.90%
Owned: Shared Ownership	0	0.0%	0.80%
Social Rented - all	25	9.4%	14%
Private rent	21	7.9%	11.30%
Living rent free	8	3.0%	1.60%
Private rented - other	6	2.3%	2%

Survey responses

All **165** respondents answered the question about tenure of their current property.

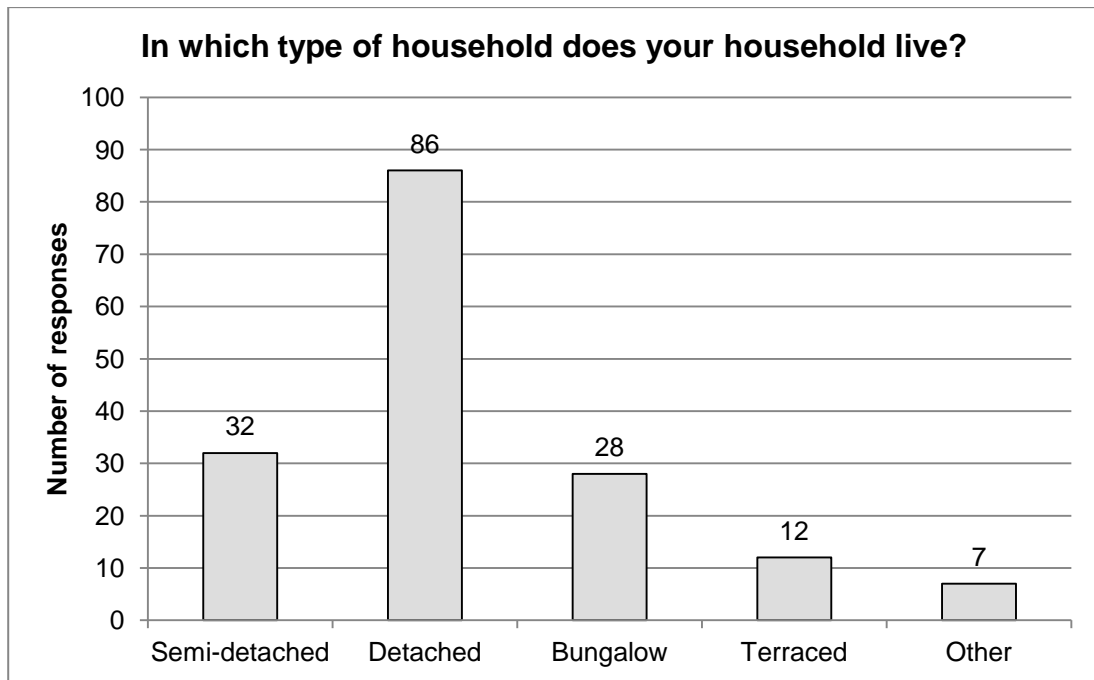
Household Tenure – HNS 2016		
	Survey Count 2016	%
Owned with or without mortgage/loan	142	86%
Shared Ownership	0	0%
Social Rented - all	9	5%
Private rent	13	8%
Rents from employer or household member	1	1%

The results are broadly in line with Census data and show that the majority (86%) of respondents own their own home. The other 23 forms were completed by households in rented accommodation of one sort or another.



House type

The chart below (based on 165 responses) shows the type of property that respondents live in.



APPENDIX 3 – PARISH CENSUS SUMMARY

2011 CENSUS PROFILE	Area Name: Charlton Horethorne
Produced by the Partnership Intelligence Unit, Somerset County Council 2011 Census statistics from Office for National Statistics Copyright@ons.gov.uk.	Area Type: Parish
	Area Code: E04008676

Population					
Population	Charlton Horethorne	Charlton Horethorne %	Somerset	Somerset %	England & Wales %
Total usually resident population	591	100.0%	529,972	100.0%	100.0%
Total males	290	49.1%	258,396	48.8%	49.2%
Total females	301	50.9%	271,576	51.2%	50.8%
Age 0-4	13	2.2%	28,717	5.4%	6.2%
Age 5-9	16	2.7%	27,487	5.2%	5.6%
Age 10-15	29	4.9%	38,386	7.2%	7.0%
Age 16-24	49	8.3%	54,266	10.2%	11.9%
Age 25-44	84	14.2%	119,246	22.5%	27.4%
Age 45-64	215	36.4%	150,210	28.3%	25.4%
Age 65-74	113	19.1%	57,463	10.8%	8.7%
Age 75 and over	72	12.2%	54,197	10.2%	7.8%
Median age of population in the area	54		44		
Population density (people per hectare)	No data		1.5		3.7
People living in households	588	99.5%	517,124	97.6%	98.2%
People living in communal establishments	3	0.5%	12,848	2.4%	1.8%
Schoolchildren or full-time students aged 4+ at non-term time address	22		8,053		

Identity					
Ethnic Group	Charlton Horethorne	Charlton Horethorne %	Somerset	Somerset %	England & Wales %
White Total	586	99.2%	519,255	98.0%	86.0%
White: English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British	582	98.5%	501,558	94.6%	80.5%
White: Irish	2	0.3%	2,257	0.4%	0.9%
White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller	0	0.0%	733	0.1%	0.1%
White: Other White	2	0.3%	14,707	2.8%	4.4%
Black and Minority Ethnic Total	5	0.8%	10,717	2.0%	14.0%
Mixed: White and Black Caribbean	2	0.3%	1,200	0.2%	0.8%
Mixed: White and Black African	0	0.0%	650	0.1%	0.3%
Mixed: White and Asian	0	0.0%	1,407	0.3%	0.6%
Mixed: Other Mixed	0	0.0%	984	0.2%	0.5%
Asian/Asian British: Indian	2	0.3%	1,069	0.2%	2.5%
Asian/Asian British: Pakistani	0	0.0%	203	0.0%	2.0%
Asian/Asian British: Bangladeshi	0	0.0%	442	0.1%	0.8%
Asian/Asian British: Chinese	0	0.0%	1,247	0.2%	0.7%
Asian/Asian British: Other Asian	1	0.2%	1,912	0.4%	1.5%
Black/Black British: African	0	0.0%	607	0.1%	1.8%
Black/Black British: Caribbean	0	0.0%	291	0.1%	1.1%
Black/Black British: Other Black	0	0.0%	115	0.0%	0.5%
Other ethnic group: Arab	0	0.0%	175	0.0%	0.4%
Other ethnic group: Other	0	0.0%	415	0.1%	0.6%

Country of Birth	Charlton Horethorne	Charlton Horethorne %	Somerset	Somerset %	England & Wales %
United Kingdom	553	93.6%	498,211	94.0%	86.6%
Republic of Ireland	2	0.3%	1,989	0.4%	0.8%
Other EU member countries (in March 2001)	8	1.4%	6,340	1.2%	0.9%
Other EU Accession countries (April 2001-March 2011)	0	0.0%	8,171	1.5%	1.5%
Other countries	28	4.7%	15,261	2.9%	8.1%
Religion	Charlton Horethorne	Charlton Horethorne %	Somerset	Somerset %	England & Wales %
Religion not stated	33	5.6%	42,304	8.0%	7.2%
Christian	438	74.1%	339,211	64.0%	59.3%
Buddhist	0	0.0%	1,612	0.3%	0.4%
Hindu	2	0.3%	506	0.1%	1.5%
Jewish	1	0.2%	337	0.1%	0.5%
Muslim	0	0.0%	1,470	0.3%	4.8%
Sikh	0	0.0%	100	0.0%	0.8%
Other religions	3	0.5%	3,361	0.6%	0.4%
No religion	114	19.3%	141,071	26.6%	25.1%
Language	Charlton Horethorne	Charlton Horethorne %	Somerset	Somerset %	England & Wales %
Households where all people aged 16+ have English as a main language	263	99.2%	220,394	97.1%	91.2%
Households where at least one but not all people aged 16+ have English as a main language	1	0.4%	2,810	1.2%	3.7%
Households where no people aged 16+ have English as main language but at least one person aged 3 to 15 has English as a main language	0	0.0%	381	0.2%	0.8%
No people in household have English as a main language	1	0.4%	3,404	1.5%	4.3%
Migration	Charlton Horethorne	Charlton Horethorne %	Somerset	Somerset %	England & Wales %
Born in UK	553	93.6%	498,211	94.0%	86.6%
Resident in UK: Less than 2 years	3	0.5%	3,964	0.7%	1.7%
Resident in UK: 2 years or more but less than 5 years	3	0.5%	5,531	1.0%	2.1%
Resident in UK: 5 years or more but less than 10 years	2	0.3%	6,343	1.2%	2.8%
Resident in UK: 10 years or more	30	5.1%	15,923	3.0%	6.8%

Health and Care					
Limiting long-term illness	Charlton Horethorne	Charlton Horethorne %	Somerset	Somerset %	England & Wales %
People whose day-to-day activities are limited a lot	41	6.9%	43,988	8.3%	8.5%
People whose day-to-day activities are limited a little	71	12.0%	55,676	10.5%	9.4%
People aged 16 to 64 whose day-to-day activities are limited a lot	14	2.4%	16,901	3.2%	3.7%
People aged 16 to 64 whose day-to-day activities are limited a little	22	3.7%	24,038	4.5%	4.7%
General health	Charlton Horethorne	Charlton Horethorne %	Somerset	Somerset %	England & Wales %
Very good health	261	44.2%	241,500	45.6%	47.1%
Good health	227	38.4%	187,101	35.3%	34.1%
Fair health	74	12.5%	74,426	14.0%	13.2%
Bad health	23	3.9%	21,227	4.0%	4.3%
Very bad health	6	1.0%	5,718	1.1%	1.3%
All people who provide unpaid care	Charlton Horethorne	Charlton Horethorne %	Somerset	Somerset %	England & Wales %
Total number of carers	72	12.2%	58,382	11.0%	10.3%
1-19 hours a week	53	9.0%	39,353	7.4%	6.5%
20-49 hours a week	5	0.8%	6,716	1.3%	1.4%
50 or more hours a week	14	2.4%	12,313	2.3%	2.4%

Economic Activity					
Economic Activity	Charlton Horethorne	Charlton Horethorne %	Somerset	Somerset %	England & Wales %
Total number of people aged 16 to 24	461		381,185		
Total Economically active	299	100.0%	269,768	100.0%	100.0%
Employees full time	139	46.5%	141,278	52.4%	55.2%
Employees part time	54	18.1%	60,626	22.5%	19.7%
Self-employed	92	30.8%	46,782	17.3%	13.9%
Unemployed	8	2.7%	11,350	4.2%	6.3%
Full time student	6	2.0%	9,732	3.6%	4.9%
Total Economically inactive	162	100.0%	111,417	100.0%	100.0%
Retired	120	74.1%	64,972	58.3%	45.6%
Student	14	8.6%	13,422	12.0%	19.2%
Looking after home or family	15	9.3%	13,935	12.5%	14.3%
Long-term sick or disabled	9	5.6%	13,317	12.0%	13.8%
Other	4	2.5%	5,771	5.2%	7.2%
Total Unemployed	8	100.0%	11,350	100.0%	100.0%
aged 16-24	No data		3,466	30.5%	27.9%
aged 50 and over	No data		2,644	23.3%	18.5%
who have never worked	No data		1,255	11.1%	16.2%
who are long term unemployed	No data		4,092	36.1%	39.3%

Qualifications of people aged 16 and over	Charlton Horethorne	Charlton Horethorne %	Somerset	Somerset %	England & Wales %
No Qualifications	75	14.1%	97,590	22.4%	22.7%
Highest level of qualification: Level 1	61	11.4%	59,803	13.7%	13.3%
Highest level of qualification: Level 2	102	19.1%	74,821	17.2%	15.3%
Highest level of qualification: Apprenticeship	19	3.6%	19,408	4.5%	3.6%
Highest level of qualification: Level 3	75	14.1%	52,538	12.1%	12.3%
Highest level of qualification: Level 4 and above	180	33.8%	111,538	25.6%	27.2%
Other qualifications / level unknown	21	3.9%	19,684	4.5%	5.7%

People in Employment					
Method of travel to work	Charlton Horethorne	Charlton Horethorne %	Somerset	Somerset %	England & Wales %
Total number of people aged 16 to 74	461	100.0%	381,185	100.0%	100.0%
People who work mainly at or from home	45	9.8%	20,104	5.3%	3.5%
Who usually travel to work by:					
Underground; metro; light rail; tram	3	0.7%	319	0.1%	2.5%
Train	5	1.1%	2,160	0.6%	3.3%
Bus; Mini Bus or coach	1	0.2%	4,470	1.2%	4.7%
Taxi	0	0.0%	553	0.1%	0.3%
Motorcycle; scooter; moped	2	0.4%	2,488	0.7%	0.5%
Driving a car or van	187	40.6%	165,198	43.3%	37.1%
Passenger in a car or van	10	2.2%	13,462	3.5%	3.3%
Bicycle	1	0.2%	9,917	2.6%	1.9%
On foot	35	7.6%	36,465	9.6%	6.9%
Other method of travel to work	2	0.4%	1,619	0.4%	0.4%
Not in employment	170	36.9%	124,430	32.6%	35.5%
Hours Worked	Charlton Horethorne	Charlton Horethorne %	Somerset	Somerset %	England & Wales %
Part time: 15 or less	35	12.0%	27,292	10.6%	9.6%
Part time: 16 to 30	55	18.9%	54,428	21.2%	19.5%
Full time: 31 to 48	129	44.3%	138,579	54.0%	57.7%
Full time: 49 or more	72	24.7%	36,456	14.2%	13.2%
Industry	Charlton Horethorne	Charlton Horethorne %	Somerset	Somerset %	England & Wales %
A Agriculture; forestry and fishing	24	8.2%	6,420	2.5%	0.9%
B Mining and quarrying	0	0.0%	646	0.3%	0.2%
C Manufacturing	25	8.6%	29,124	11.3%	8.9%
D Electricity; gas, steam and air conditioning supply	0	0.0%	1,681	0.7%	0.6%
E Water supply;sewerage,waste management+remediation activities	0	0.0%	2,213	0.9%	0.7%
F Construction	21	7.2%	21,362	8.3%	7.7%
G Wholesale + retail trade; repair of motor vehicles + motorcycles	43	14.8%	45,068	17.6%	15.9%
H Transport and storage	6	2.1%	9,446	3.7%	5.0%
I Accommodation and food service activities	7	2.4%	15,281	6.0%	5.6%

J Information and communication	10	3.4%	6,227	2.4%	4.0%
K Financial and insurance activities	3	1.0%	4,758	1.9%	4.3%
L Real estate activities	8	2.7%	3,127	1.2%	1.4%
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	22	7.6%	13,495	5.3%	6.6%
N Administrative and support service activities	17	5.8%	10,538	4.1%	4.9%
O Public administration and defence	21	7.2%	16,472	6.4%	6.0%
P Education	37	12.7%	25,159	9.8%	9.9%
Q Human health and social work	23	7.9%	33,483	13.0%	12.5%
R/S/T/U Other	24	8.2%	12,255	4.8%	5.0%
National Statistics Socio-Economic Classification	Charlton Horethorne	Charlton Horethorne %	Somerset	Somerset %	England & Wales %
Total number of people aged 16 to 74	461	100.0%	381,185	100.0%	100.0%
1. Higher managerial and professional occupations	61	13.2%	35,394	9.3%	10.3%
2. Lower managerial and professional occupations	120	26.0%	80,961	21.2%	20.8%
3. Intermediate occupations	56	12.1%	45,949	12.1%	12.7%
4. Small employers and own account workers	85	18.4%	47,655	12.5%	9.4%
5. Lower supervisory and technical occupations	22	4.8%	30,116	7.9%	6.9%
6. Semi-routine occupations	52	11.3%	62,295	16.3%	14.1%
7. Routine occupations	34	7.4%	44,359	11.6%	11.1%
Never worked and long term unemployed	11	2.4%	11,886	3.1%	5.6%
Full-time students	20	4.3%	22,570	5.9%	9.0%
Not classifiable for other reasons	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0.0%

Housing and Accommodation					
Dwellings	Charlton Horethorne	Charlton Horethorne %	Somerset	Somerset %	England & Wales %
Total number of dwellings	293	100.0%	239,720	100.0%	100.0%
Unshared	293	100.0%	239,633	100.0%	99.9%
Shared	0	0.0%	33	0.0%	0.1%
Total number of household spaces	293	100.0%	239,965	100.00%	100.0%
Occupied	265	90.4%	226,989	94.6%	95.6%
Unoccupied	28	9.6%	12,976	5.4%	4.4%
Accommodation type	Charlton Horethorne	Charlton Horethorne %	Somerset	Somerset %	England & Wales %
Detached	179	61.1%	77,435	32.3%	22.6%
Semi-detached	83	28.3%	72,850	30.4%	30.7%
Terraced (including end terrace)	29	9.9%	56,775	23.7%	24.7%
Flat, maisonette or apartment:					
Purpose-built block of flats	1	0.3%	22,146	9.2%	16.3%
Part of a converted or shared house (including bed-sits)	1	0.3%	6,383	2.7%	4.2%
In commercial building	0	0.0%	2,543	1.1%	1.1%
Caravan or other mobile or temporary structure	0	0.0%	1,833	0.8%	0.4%

Tenure	Charlton Horethorne	Charlton Horethorne %	Somerset	Somerset %	England & Wales %
All households	265	100.0%	226,989	100.0%	100.0%
Owned: Owned outright	140	52.8%	85,778	37.8%	30.8%
Owned: Owned with a mortgage or loan	65	24.5%	72,131	31.8%	32.7%
Owned: Shared ownership (part owned and part rented)	0	0.0%	1,487	0.7%	0.8%
Social rented: All	25	9.4%	30,730	13.5%	17.6%
Private rented: Private landlord or letting agency	21	7.9%	29,405	13.0%	15.3%
Private rented: Other	6	2.3%	3,853	1.7%	1.4%
Living rent free	8	3.0%	3,605	1.6%	1.4%
Household size	Charlton Horethorne	Charlton Horethorne %	Somerset	Somerset %	England & Wales %
Average household size (persons per household)	2.2			2.3	
Average number of rooms per household	6.0			5.8	
Average number of bedrooms per household	3.3			2.9	
Occupancy rating (rooms) of -1 or less	4	1.5%	10,615	4.7%	8.5%
Occupancy rating (bedrooms) of -1 or less	5	1.9%	5,377	2.4%	4.7%
Central heating	Charlton Horethorne	Charlton Horethorne %	Somerset	Somerset %	England & Wales %
Households with no central heating	9	3.4%	7,986	3.5%	2.7%
Car availability	Charlton Horethorne	Charlton Horethorne %	Somerset	Somerset %	England & Wales %
No cars or vans in household	7	2.6%	36,092	15.9%	25.6%
One car or van in household	95	35.8%	98,217	43.3%	42.2%
Two or more cars or vans in household	163	61.5%	92,680	40.8%	32.1%
Total number of cars or vans in area	492		318,697		
Number of cars per household	1.9		1.4		

Household Composition					
Household Composition	Charlton Horethorne	Charlton Horethorne %	Somerset	Somerset %	England & Wales %
Residents aged 16+ in households	531	100.0%	424,511	100.0%	100.0%
Living in a couple: Married/Registered same-sex civil partnership	338	63.7%	218,377	51.4%	45.9%
Living in a couple: Cohabiting	48	9.0%	52,004	12.3%	11.9%
Living in a couple: In a registered same-sex civil partnership or cohabiting (same-sex)	0	0.0%	2,673	0.6%	0.9%
Single (never married nor registered a same-sex civil partnership)	80	15.1%	82,437	19.4%	25.8%
Living Alone: Married or in a registered same-sex civil partnership	8	1.5%	4,256	1.0%	1.4%
Separated (but still legally married or in a same-sex civil partnership)	7	1.3%	7,823	1.8%	2.1%
Divorced or formerly in dissolved same-sex civil partnership	19	3.6%	29,271	6.9%	6.6%
Widowed or surviving partner from a same-sex civil partnership	31	5.8%	30,343	7.1%	6.3%
In a registered same-sex civil partnership	No data		699	0.2%	0.2%
	Charlton Horethorne	Charlton Horethorne %	Somerset	Somerset %	England & Wales %
One person household	59	22.3%	67,537	29.8%	30.2%
One person household: Aged 65 and over	37	14.0%	33,500	14.8%	12.4%
Any type of household: All aged 65 and over	95	35.8%	58,723	26.3%	20.9%
Married/Civil p'ship couple household: No children	61	23.0%	34,577	15.2%	12.3%
Married/Civil p'ship couple household: With dependent children	29	10.9%	33,693	14.8%	15.2%
Married/Civil p'ship couple household: All children non-dependent	20	7.5%	12,078	5.3%	5.6%
Cohabiting couple household: No children	11	4.2%	11,939	5.3%	5.3%
Cohabiting couple household: With dependent children	4	1.5%	9,424	4.2%	4.1%
Cohabiting couple household: All children non-dependent	3	1.1%	1,027	0.5%	0.5%
Lone parent household: With dependent children	4	1.5%	12,709	5.6%	7.2%
Lone parent household: All children non-dependent	7	2.6%	6,341	2.8%	3.5%
Multi-person household: All full-time students	0	0.0%	67	0.0%	0.6%
Multi-person household: Other	10	3.8%	12,374	5.5%	7.3%

Households with dependent children	Charlton Horethorne	Charlton Horethorne %	Somerset	Somerset %	England & Wales %
Households with dependent children	39	14.7%	59,753	26.3%	29.1%
Households with dependent children: aged 0-4	9	3.4%	22,289	9.8%	11.8%
H/holds with no adults in employment: with dependent children	1	0.4%	6,071	2.7%	4.2%
H/holds with no adults in employment: without dependent children	100	37.7%	73,232	32.3%	29.4%
One person in household with a long-term health problem or disability: with dependent children	6	2.3%	8,868	3.9%	4.7%

