

Abington Housing Survey findings

Introduction

Approximately 600 forms were issued to households in Great and Little Abington. 141 forms were returned which is about 23%.

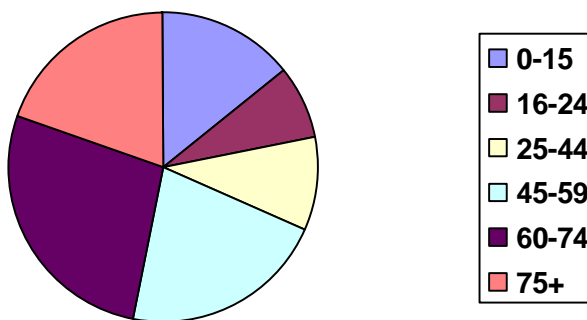
17 forms had their Part 2 filled in, demonstrating a need for affordable housing for 17 households, as a minimum. However, only one household is on the DC housing waiting list.

Part 1 – information on existing households

If we consider three generations (0-24 yrs, 25-59 yrs and 60 + yrs), households fell into these categories.

Number of Households	0-24 yrs	25-59 yrs	60+ yrs	Nominal Household type
83 (59%)			✓	Elderly couple
30 (21%)	✓	✓		Family with young people
14 (10%)		✓	✓	Adults with Elderly
11 (7.8%)		✓		Adults
2 (1.4%)	✓	✓	✓	Three Generations
1 (0.71%)	✓		✓	Elderly and young people

Resident Count By Age Group



Resident percentage by Age Group

Age Group	Percentage
0-15	14.15
16-24	7.23
25-44	9.75
45-59	21.4
60-74	27.36
75+	20.12

Nearly 70% of the population is aged over 45

Housing Type and Ownership

House Type	Live with Parents	Other	Own with Mortgage	Own with No Mortgage	Rent a Council Home	Rent a Housing Ass. Home	Rent a Private Home	House Type Total
Bungalow			10	20	8	1		39
House	1	2	40	53	4	1	1	102
Total	1 (0.75%)	2 (1.5%)	50 (35.5%)	73 (51.8%)	12 (8.5%)	2 (1.5%)	1 (0.75%)	141

The Abingtons have a housing mix of 72% houses and 28% bungalows with 87% owned by householders, where 60% of those are owned outright and 40% with a mortgage. Just 2 of the 132 homes are not the owners' main residence.

Housing Type and Number of Bedrooms

House Type	1 bedroom	2 bedrooms	3 bedrooms	4 bedrooms	5 bedrooms
Bungalow	2	17	14	6	
House	1	13	44	30	14
Total	3 (2%)	30 (21%)	58 (41%)	36 (26%)	14 (10%)

Of 141 respondents:

Live in the Village	Work in the Village	Have Relatives in the Village	Have Previous Residency	Know someone that may wish to return	In Favour of Affordable Homes
138 (98%)	9 (7%)	11 (7.5%)	9 (7%)	11 (7.8%)	121 (86%)

Householders' Years in the village:

Total Households	Up to 5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-30	30-40	40-50	50-60	60+
141	31	7	19	10	33	15	9	13	4

Part 2 – information on housing needs

Households that need housing, when and by type

Household Type To House	now	1-3 yrs	3-5 yrs	Number of Households
Adult couple	2			2
Elderly couple		1	1	2
Family	3	1		4
Single adult	2	2	1	5
Single elderly	1	2	1	4
Total	8	6	3	17

So there are at least 17 households to house: 4 couples, 4 families and 9 singles, of which 6 households are elderly.

Unsuitability of Current home:

Home Too Small	Home Too Big	Home Too Expensive	Need Independence	Need Family	Health/Mobility Problems
3	5	4	9	3	2

Housing Needs Type and Bedrooms:

Housing Type Required	1 bedroom	2 bedrooms	3 bedrooms	4 bedrooms
Any	1	1		
Bungalow		5	1	
House	1	4	3	1

Preferred Tenure*:

Private Ownership	Shared Ownership	Rented
9	3	7

* some respondents opted for more than one option

Maximum Mortgage	50K	55K	65K	75K	90K
Number of Householders	1	1	1	1	5

Maximum Weekly Rental	£60pw	£70pw	£80pw	£100pw
Number of Householders	1	2	2	3

Special Needs Comments

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Mobility Converted bathroom.
Currently property adapted for disability resident.
May need in the next few years due to age.
Arthritis
Mobility difficulties.
Arthritis. House needs a back door step. Hard to get out. Also a light at the back. I have fallen over at night.
We may be seeking a small-ish retirement house in the village of some kind.
We are on the lookout for an affordable property to buy so that we can get out of a town we do not wish to live in but because of today's prices we can only afford to stay out of my home village.

** these can be related to the relevant housing needs, but there is no need to show that here.

Additional Comments

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Local housing needs local jobs to stop the ridiculous waste of energy commuting. I have walked to work for the last 45 years and will continue to do so.
Regarding the question about additional housing. I think you must avoid building houses in any spot you can acquire. Linton is a real mess because houses are crammed into any nook and cranny. Similar to the ones in Great Abington High Street is fine.
I would be in favour of a small housing development for local people but only small! I value this village which is in my opinion able to offer such a variety of needs and pursuits within its present size.
May require smaller accommodation in this village.
We think that the village needs sheltered housing to enable local residents to remain here and free up larger houses for new residents
Housing required for older children who wish to live in the village. One single 28 year old and one 30 year old plus partner and three children currently living in rented accommodation in Royston.
Although we live in Linton, we do not live in the village. Although we would like to live in the village and to be able to afford it. My parents and grandparent live in the village. I would like to be able to go for more walks with my son but I have to cross the A 1307 to get into the village which I feel is too dangerous.
Need garage for car.
Possibility of requiring warden accommodation in future private run.
The above relates to our three children and one potential who lives at home and wishes to move out. Two others are away from Cambridge but also wish to return. If allowed we would build for them all on our land which is big enough.
Affordable housing is better spread out to avoid Ghettos.
Local housing for elderly village people would release the larger houses for families which would be good for the village -for the school and shop etc etc
I need a door chain as I live on my own.
This proposal has been presented in previous years houses were built- but not affordable as agreed. Therefore we are slightly hesitant to say yes.
At present our daughter son in law plus five grand children are living with us.
Urgently required in the Abingtons: Attractive styled three bedroom bungalows with a medium sized garden i.e. like the bungalows in Westfield -there are only six of them-NOT small old peoples bungalows i.e. Church Close. Decent sized bungalows would free up some of the houses on Bourn Bridge Rd - I know these are not affordable housing but would allow families to move into the village. We don't wish to move out of the village and a bungalow (no stairs) and a smaller garden would suit us fine-anything about?
More houses or bungalows should be built to stop Abington being so expensive. It would also encourage younger people to come to Abington to live.

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