

Comments from Housing Needs Survey in Bawdsey

- Affordable housing is inappropriate due to no transport links-petrol costs to get out of village up to jobs in Woodbridge and beyond is NOT AFFORDABLE. Limited jobs and amenities in village.
- Affordable houses are needed for young families to live in the local area. Presently they are out-priced. Without younger people living in the village, there are concerns about sustainability
- Maybe there is a need for a small development of say 12 smaller retirement properties so that existing properties can be released on to the market for families (Not “buy to let” purchasers)
- Please consider traffic and congestion in the villages. Alderton is already terrible with local cars parked along the road and pavements. The state of the roads will deteriorate with additional traffic.
- There is a need to ensure that any new houses do not become second homes or buy to let- probably impossible to implement.
- Affordable houses schemes should be sited at the edges of towns such as Woodbridge and Ipswich. Our area is agricultural and in an AONB and should be preserved as such for people to enjoy and experience the wildlife. We will lose these places if we continue to build as this will increase transport system and shops.
- Isn't there a requirement from SCDC to have one affordable house for every 10? (This is now no longer the case if the developers can argue that doing this would make the whole development uneconomical!)
- Affordable houses are not needed in Bawdsey as 4 new ones are part of the School Meadow development
- Both my son and daughter and their families would welcome affordable provision in Bawdsey, their home village. Bawdsey has at present 67 second homes sold at high prices to people from London and Home Counties.
- One of my sons would have liked to move back to Bawdsey but couldn't afford a house here so I will be the last of my family to live in the village (Marks have lived in the area since 1722)
- Our home in Bawdsey is a bungalow. It would meet the needs of an older household in the long run. However it is subject to a 5.106 agreement which restricts it to a holiday let. If this restriction were removed, it would be ideal and affordable for an older household wishing to downsize. There are at least 10 other similar properties on the Manor Farm Estate.
- Building on brown field sites and NOT on green spaces or agricultural land would be better.
- It might be good to consider some sheltered accommodation to cater for people at the other end of the spectrum who would like to stay longer in the village and be part of the community if they become frail.

- How would it be guaranteed that homes would always be sold or rented to local people and that any development would consist entirely of affordable units and not just a third of affordable houses within a large development which is currently the case?
- Affordable houses are only affordable for the first sale. They should be rented out by the local authority. It is not just the young who can't afford to buy/rent. There should be legislation to ensure that any affordable house isn't sold on at market price or as buy to let.
- Is it legally possible to sell/rent to locals only? How do you define "local people?" How long will they have to live in the village before they qualify?
- There is a shortage of affordable houses for families moving to the area to take up employment. There is an opportunity for Enabling Development to meet housing needs and fund coastal protection work.
- I don't agree with the concept of accommodation being provided or subsidised in some way for a restricted group. People on low income are already eligible for benefits. Throughout the South-east there are many who can't afford to buy or rent in the area where they were born and who have to begin living in an area they CAN afford. A crucial point is who should be subsidised- the child of a village resident or a key employee, such as a primary school teacher?
- Leave aside need, what about attention to aesthetics and decent architecture? Let's have more modern Scandinavian/Dutch style and less red brick, pantile roofs and small windows. Try something new!

Comments from Alderton

- A number of residents questioned "What is affordable housing" and Is there really any way of ensuring local people buy them? What happens when they choose to move on, would there be a clause stating only to be sold to people with a local connection?
- One bedroom houses are needed suitable for older people, maybe consider sheltered housing.
- This is the wrong area to have more housing as is a low employment area and a long way to commute with poor public transport.
- Consideration should be given to infrastructure and any new development should be eco- friendly with consideration to Area of outstanding natural beauty.