

Assington Housing Survey Results

187 forms were distributed and 63 (33.7%) returned, reflecting the views of 117 adults and 42 children, or 37% of the population (402 in 2011 Census). **Of the 22 households with dependants**, 7 needed future accommodation in Assington, and 15 elsewhere.

Nearly half the households thought that existing housing was about right, and while a quarter thought that more flats, apartments and medium or large houses were needed in the future, half favoured bungalows and 1 or 2 bed houses.

A large majority (89%) of households own their house, mainly detached or semi-detached, with 11% renting.

A large majority (80%) of households in the village live in 3, 4 or 5 bed houses. In future people see themselves in smaller houses with fewer bedrooms in a wider variety of houses, including warden assisted dwellings, flats and bungalows.

Only 12% of households thought that new development should incorporate 21st Century building designs, half favour traditional methods and a third somewhere in between.

Over half the respondents thought individual semi-detached 2 and 3 bed houses appropriate in new developments, while just under half favoured detached housing or terraced housing and bungalows. Just under one third approve of a small estate of mixed housing.

The Playing Field, Village Hall, Pub and Shop were all deemed very important or important by over 95% of households, with the Church, Allotments and Barn Café getting slightly less weighting. The Case Restaurant was approved of by just over half the respondents.

The large majority of respondents (78%) favoured small scale and dispersed developments in the future, with 11% opting for one or two larger developments.

The areas most favoured for development were: (in descending order of popularity) Land opposite Centuries, opposite the Old School, the old allotments, the new allotments, Land east of Pump Farm, south of Barracks Road, opposite The Hollies, south of Three Ways

The sites where development should not take place were: Land north of Barracks Road, opposite Centuries leading to the Thicks, east of Vicary Estate and Meadow Way

The areas to remain Green Spaces were: The Playing Field, Land behind Woodfields leading to the Thicks, The new allotments and Conservation Area, Land east of Vicary Estate and Meadow Way