

## Appendix 1A

### Verbatim Responses to Q12

#### **Q12 Would you support a small development of affordable housing in the parish if there was a proven need for residents with a genuine local connection?**

#### **Households in support**

Although no one wants to lose countryside I recognise that the UK population is expanding & housing needs are pressing. I also think local people should not be priced out of the area!

It is important to keep families together.

Unfortunately, property prices in Twyford are way out of reach for many people and affordable housing give people a chance to live in a safe area such as Twyford.

We need to keep the village alive. We should not allow this lovely village become dormitory.

Houses in this area are expensive and we cant afford to buy here. Our children go to St Marys Twyford so we would like to stay in the village.

Nice to meet up with local people.

Providing there is a proven direct family connection or employed in the parish. To ensure the village caters for a complete section of society which will ensure that Twyford remains a vibrant village

The layout of the village affords its opportunity in several directions to infill.

Too many local families are driven away because of the ridiculous high house prices, incomers often working away buy up the housing.

We need to mix. There is the danger with present incomers -including parents of children attending the school - that Twyford will become an exclusive rich ghetto.

One of our two sons has moved into housing association rented property in Twyford (Northfields) in the last 3 years.

Because there definitely is a need -particularly to balance the residents of the village. But they must not be for sale cheap and then owners can sell on for a vast profit.

House prices far too high and young people/ families need help to stay in village

Young families from the village and young people generally can't afford market prices currently.

There is a need for affordable housing, so Twyford should be included.

Twyford should restrict any granted.

Support for community

We don't have enough local tradesmen any more, and there is inadequate rented accommodation at the C, D end of the market in the village.

It seems fair if there is a local connection.

No point being a nimby.

To maintain demographic structure of village.

Tied housing with job

Housing shortage, need for younger people to live in our village.

1-10 houses only. See note re infrastructure below.

I want Twyford to remain a community of mixed income & age rather than a wealthy housing estate.

To ensure the diversity of the village is not to push out the lower paid members of our community.

This country is in dire need of more housing. There are spaces in Twyford to build!

We do not think any area should be exclusive to any particular sector of society. This lovely rural village should be enjoyed by all, if possible.

Definitely!

As long as appropriate in size and style.

Twyford has always unattained it's sense of identity largely through inhabitants staying put through generations and with a full range of income & social family circumstances. This is under threat because of high house prices.

Shortage of houses putting up prices. Enable young families to remain/move to the village.

If villagers wish to retain their original local feel, it is important that those who were raised in such villages can stay rather than be forced out and replaced by individuals who wish to input their own marks on said village.

To keep families in Twyford together

Twyford is a big enough village as it is and we do not want further development. It needs to be a stand alone village and we do not want it sprawling anymore.

Population growing -need more housing somewhere.

I can believe my kids will be able to afford to live locally if they want to when they leave home.

This would be an investment in the future of the village.

To keep the young people in the village.

(Small, so 15 over the next 15 years) To retain balance of housing within Twyford. We need some big/some small: Some affordable & some market housing

To help preserve the current mix of generations in the village without the younger residents having to move elsewhere.

Twyford needs the diversity of it's population and that will disappear if lower earners are forced out.

I think that some sheltered housing could be built in order to free up the many family sized homes that are lived in by elderly people on their own. Not to push them out, but so that they can stay in Twyford. This would allow many young families to stay in the area when they find that their 2/3 bedroom home is not big enough for their growing family.

The question assumes a proven need, village amenities could stretch to supporting a small development.

I would fully support a development in the parish as I would love to move back to the parish, where I was born and lived for so many years.

Daughter has special needs, works and lives in village. She has been on housing list for 1 bed property for 2 years. (None available in 2 years.)

Provided there is a proven need. There is already a small development -recent.

We need a good mix of housing. It's so expensive here and young people need somewhere to live.

It makes sense to provide affordable housing for local people so they can stay in the area and also to prevent Twyford becoming only affordable to outsiders from more affluent areas i.e. London.

Prices for first time buyers & young families to get on the housing ladder/move to a larger family home are prohibitive in the village forcing them to move out of the area which is concerning & detrimental to the village in the long term & balance of the community.

It is clearly needed here where the cost of housing is so high. Locals need to live -and the high cost is skewing the demography of Twyford. We should be a mixed, diverse, community -not just a "rich" one.

In order to maintain the deep sense of history and identity in Twyford while (if it is small) staying within the capabilities of the current infrastructure (particularly school.

To enable those wanting to remain in the parish to find a home.

Having lived in the area all my life, 49 years you make friends and become related to the area.

We can't afford a house here either.

My daughter would like to return to Twyford to live

To support those who want or need to live in the village but cannot afford a house on the open market

When we moved into the village I worked as a teacher and my wife cared for our children. Even if two teachers were both working they would still not afford to buy in the village. The increasing price of housing means that the character of the village is changing -and not necessarily for the better

Providing it did not destroy the character of the village and that the construction was not offensive

It would ideally need to utilise brownfield site, ideally on village edge and not change the current make up of the village i.e. to be large

Too many "real" residents are being forced out by cash-rich outsiders, who are coming in and running the place

If there is local need it makes sense to provide for those with a local connection

Because my family all live elsewhere and have all lived in Twyford for 20+ years and I would like my family closer as I am now a pensioner.

It's important for locals so that they are not president by the affluent, London commuters

Because our young people need to be encouraged to stay in local villages to support schools, doctors surgeries, small shops and able to enjoy family connection.

Any development should be in proportion to the size of the village Affordable is usually used as a pseudonym for low cost: village is missing mid-range cost housing (currently £250-500k), affordable on open market.

A village is a community, and people should not be forced out for lack of affordable housing.

Renting privately is ridiculously expensive. Most (all?) council housing is now privately owned. Twyford is becoming a village only for those with plenty of money.

I would like to maintain the mix in the village.

As long as housing stayed small and used for residents of parish only.

I would like my daughter to be able to afford a house in Twyford as my family have lived here for over 100 years.

Because they would appreciate Twyford and would treat the village with respect one would hope

If there is a need for affordable housing, it should be maintained by RP or the Council

Good for the community

So friends can continue to live near me.

But only if of appropriate design and to people with a connection to the village itself and not the parish in general

But location and size of development would need careful consideration

There is an endless demand and the reason is not quite good enough

There is a definite need for homes and not many people can afford to buy a new home. Council housing is a very good option for them.

We must have more homes that can be afforded by everyone. Even households with 2 good incomes cant afford to live here.

It will enable families to live with in the community they grew up in and want to live. Enable families to look out for each other

Local homes should go to people in the parish.

I work hard for the community but my wages are only enough to afford affordable housing. There are many people in my situation. There are quite a few young single working people who would love to have such housing.

Because its so difficult to get on the housing ladder, not to mention expensive.

Private rental in Hampshire has reached unrealistic prices with the price of property and land as an example, a good friend has recently had her two bedroom house valued at £297k!

Youngsters should not be forced to leave their village because of finances. Elderly relatives should be able to find accommodation near offspring etc. when needing support as all councils cannot offer enough to support the vulnerable elderly.

My children were born and grew up in Twyford. Both work locally but cannot afford to live locally

## **Households against supporting a development of affordable housing for local people.**

I would like the village to stay as it is - a village -build one site and you open the doors for many more.

Too much heavy traffic already through Twyford -more housing would not help - especially with developments in Northfields.

Effects on wildlife/Greenland may trigger more development. Local schooling - pressure for places.

Twyford cannot handle any more traffic caused by increase in homes

We have already got some affordable housing. I do not think it is an absolute right to be able to live somewhere that you cannot afford & neither do my children. A good mix is always good but if you cannot afford "Mayfair" you cannot live there. Twyford is too expensive and it would be good to attract some of the younger generation.

No because otherwise there will be too many houses in Twyford and you won't be able to walk a dog or go for a walk because it will be in someone's garden.

There is affordable housing with no local applicants for the vacancy.

Not necessarily. It would depend on the location & not because we wouldn't want it in our back "back yard" but because Twyford is a small village with traffic issues that a new housing development would exacerbate. The main road running through the village carries heavy and sometimes fast traffic, let alone school spaces!

Utilities like schools and roads parking etc are full so no new development until this is sorted.

There has already been too much building in the village.

No but please no more building old people's bungalows in sites like Dolphin Hill, the steepest hill in the parish!!

No -but position needs to be chosen carefully. The converted police station now means that Dolphin hill has noisy groups at times + people standing in the road smoking + littering it with used cigarette butts. It is not as nice as it used to be + is changing the character of the road, late hours doesn't feel as safe.

No but I feel its absolutely essential to protect the natural environment and maintain the countryside open spaces that we have around us, to build on open countryside would be disastrous to the environment and feel of the village.

## **Households undecided**

Not sure if it's really needed though. Recent house available only had one applicant. Because this makes sense: probably keeping family members of various generations nearby.

Unsure what constitutes a small development?

Depends where it was.

Yes but would not support a development if it was in North Fields, Twyford, as this has got so built up in the last 10 years and now we have a nursing home being built and also it has caused heavy traffic in Northfields

Depending on size, location and site

I don't know

But only if not at Northfields as over populated + road access dangerous + poor!