

Parish Housing Needs Survey

For **Balcombe**

Please use the pre-paid envelope to return this survey to us by**10th May 2010**

Is this your main home? Yes, main Home ☐ 1 No, second Home ☐ 2

If this is your second home do not complete the rest of the form but please do return it

Part 1: You and your household (to be completed by all whether in housing need or not)

1. How would you describe your home:

- House ☐ 1 Bungalow ☐ 2
 Flat/maisonette/apartment/bed-sit ☐ 3 Caravan/mobile home/temp. structure ☐ 4
 Sheltered/retirement housing (social sector) ☐ 5 Sheltered/retirement housing (private sector) ☐ 6
 If 'Other', please specify

2. How many bedrooms does your home have?: (Please tick one box only ✓)

- One bedroom ☐ 1 Two bedrooms ☐ 2
 Three bedrooms ☐ 3 Four or more bedrooms ☐ 4

3. What is the tenure of your home? (Please tick one box only ✓)

- Owned outright by a household member(s) ☐ 1 Owned with mortgage by a household member(s) ☐ 2
 Shared ownership (part owned/part rented) ☐ 3 Rented from a Local Authority ☐ 4
 Rented from a Housing Association ☐ 5 Rented from a private landlord ☐ 6
 Tied to job ☐ 7 Other ☐ 8

If 'Other', please specify

4. How many years have you and your household lived in this parish?

5. Please complete the table to demonstrate the profile of all those living in this property at present.

	Age	Gender
Person 1		
Other person 2		
Other person 3		
Other person 4		
Other person 5		
Any others please specify		

6. Does your current home need to be adapted to increase its physical accessibility * because of the disability of someone in your household? Yes ☐ 1 No ☐ 2

And would you need financial assistance to undertake this Yes ☐ 1 No ☐

7. Would you be in favour of a small development of affordable housing for local people within your parish if there were a proven need? Yes ☐ 1 No ☐ 2

8. Can you suggest any sites where a small development could be built?

9. Do you or does anyone living with you need to move to affordable accommodation within the parish now or in the next five years?

Yes within 5 years ☐ 1 Yes, in 5 or more years ☐ 2 No ☐ 3

10. Has anyone from your family * moved away from the parish in the last 5 years, due to difficulties in finding an affordable home locally? Yes ☐ 1 No ☐ 2

** Family means your children, parents, brothers and sisters*

If you answered 'Yes' to this question and the family members wish to move back to parish, please complete part 2 of this form on their behalf.

If you answered 'Yes' to Question 9 and you are looking to remain within the parish then please also complete Part 2 of this questionnaire.

Please be assured that this questionnaire is completely confidential and anonymous.

Older Peoples Housing

Please complete this section if you consider yourself an older person

To help us identify future needs for older peoples accommodation and services in the Parish please tick the appropriate box for each question.

11. What is your age? 50 – 59 ☐ 60 – 69 ☐ 70 – 79 ☐ 80 – 89 ☐ 90 + ☐
12. Do you feel you need to move in order to meet your housing needs? Yes ☐ No ☐
13. Would you prefer to remain in your own home? Yes ☐ No ☐
14. Is your current home suitable for your circumstances? Yes ☐ No ☐

- 15. If not, why not?**

Home too large ☐

Cannot manage garden ☐

Cannot manage stairs/access ☐

Cannot afford repairs ☐

Other ☐

If 'Other', please specify

- 16.** If you answered yes to question 13, would any of the following assist?

Home repairs assistance / handyman 

Assertive technology

Adaptations to your home

Equity release

- 17. What is the tenure of your home? (Please tick one box only ✓)**

Owned outright by a household member(s) ☐ 1 Owned with mortgage by a household member(s) ☐ 2

Shared ownership (part owned/part rented) ☐ 3 Rented from a Local Authority ☐ 4

Rented from a Housing Association ☐ 5 Rented from a private landlord ☐ 6

Tied to job ☐ 7 Other ☐ 8

If 'Other', please specify

- 18.** If you expect to move, what tenure would you prefer? (Please tick one box only ✓)

Owned outright by a household member(s) ☐ 1 Owned with mortgage by a household member(s) ☐ 2

Shared ownership (part owned/part rented) ☐ 3 Rented from a Local Authority ☐ 4

Rented from a Housing Association ☐ 5 Rented from a private landlord ☐ 6

Tied to job ☐ 7 Other ☐ 8

If 'Other', please specify

19. If you expect to move, what type of accommodation do you think you will need? (please tick only one box and circle the type of property preferred)

A home which better meets your needs but is not specially built for older people	House Apartment Bungalow
A home which has been specially designed for older people but does not come with any support services.	House Apartment Bungalow
A home in a development for older people with some limited support services, (for example a community alarm service) also known as sheltered housing.	House Bungalow Apartment
A home in a development for older people with a more extensive range of support services (for example assistance with bathing, meals, access to care staff).	House Bungalow Apartment
A Residential or Nursing home.	

20. Which 3 reasons listed below will be the most important when you choose your next home?

Close to health services		Easy access to public transport	
A home on one level		Close to relatives	
A home which is easy to maintain		Easy access to the countryside	
Close to friends and clubs		Close to support services	
Cost of Property		Close to shops and leisure facilities	
Running costs of property			

**IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS IN NEED OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLEASE
GO ON TO COMPLETE PART 2 OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE**

There is a glossary of key terms at the end of the survey form

PART 2- HOUSING NEEDS –

Please answer all questions even though you answered some of them in Part 1

Please indicate who you are completing Part 2 on behalf of:

	Relationship to you Eg: Yourself, Son, Daughter etc.	age	gender	Is this a member of your own household?	Is this person a *concealed household?	Is this person from another household?
Household 1						
Household 2						
Household 3						

*A concealed household is a newly forming household, for example mature children or other family members in need of independent accommodation.

If you are in housing need please complete your details in the boxes labelled household 1 (H1). If you are referring to other households in need or a concealed household; please refer to them as household 2 (H2) or household 3 (H3) throughout this survey. If there are more than 3 households in need then please contact us for another form (contact details on page 6).

Please ensure that when you complete part 2 you are referring to all households outlined above.

1. Where do those requiring accommodation live?

Together as a household within this Parish

☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3

Within another household in this Parish

☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3

Outside the Parish

☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3

Living with parents

☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3

2. When do those requiring accommodation need to move from this home?

Within the next 2 years

☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3

Between 2 to 5 years from now

☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3

In 5 or more years

☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3

3. What is the current tenure of the household / households in need?

Owned

☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3

Part bought/part rented under shared ownership arrangement

☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3

Rented from a private landlord

☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3

Provided with job (Tied)

☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3

Renting from a Housing Association

☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3

Living with parents

☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3

4. Which tenure would you / they prefer? (Please tick one box for each household only ✓)

Renting from Housing Association

☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3

Shared Ownership*

☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3

Buying on the open market

☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3

Renting from a private landlord

☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3

** Government scheme which enables people to buy a share in a newly built property*

5. Are you / they on the Mid Sussex Common Housing Register?

Yes ☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3
No ☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3

6. What type of accommodation would meet your / their needs? (Tick one box only ✓)

House ☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3
Bungalow ☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3
Flat/maisonette/apartment ☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3
Sheltered ☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3
Retirement ☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3
Other ☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3

If 'Other', please specify

7. Do any of the households require any of the following?

Accommodation on the ground floor ☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3
Sheltered housing with support services provided ☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3
Other housing with support services ☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3
Residential care provided ☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3
Other ☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3

If 'Other', please specify

8. Has your current home been adapted to increase physical accessibility * because of the disability of someone in your household?

Yes ☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3
No ☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3

* *Layout and design is suitable for any member requiring adapted accommodation, e.g. wheelchair access*

9. What is your/their main reason for needing to move? (Please tick one box only ✓)

Need larger home ☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3
Need smaller home - present home is difficult to manage ☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3
Need to set-up independent home ☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3
Need physically-adapted home ☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3
Need cheaper home ☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3
Need to be closer to employer ☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3
Need to be closer to a carer or dependent, to give or receive support ☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3
Need to avoid harassment ☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3
Need secure home ☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3
Need to change tenure ☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3
Other ☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3

If 'Other', please specify

If there are more than 3 people at this address, please add their details below or on a separate sheet

10. What type of household are you / they?

- One person household ☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3
- Couple ☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3
- Older person household ☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3
- Family with children – please specify number of children ☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3
- Single parent family ☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3
- Other ☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3

If 'Other', please specify

11. In order to make a proper assessment of affordable housing needs in the parish it is essential that we have income (and saving) levels. Please indicate the current GROSS annual household income of the household in need. Couples should indicate a joint income figure. Please note that this information is confidential and will not be shared with any third party (including the parish council) Please estimate or specify the amount for each household.

Annual Income:

- Less than £9,999 ☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3
- £10,000 - £17,999 ☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3
- £18,000 - £24,999 ☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3
- £25,000 - £29,999 ☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3
- £30,000 - £34,999 ☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3
- £35,000 - £39, 999 ☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3
- £40,000 + *please specify amount* 1.....

2.....

3.....

12. Do you / they have savings or other equity which could be used to contribute towards a mortgage? Please estimate or specify the amount for each household.

- Under £3,000 ☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3
- £3,001- £,5000 ☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3
- £5,001 - £10,000 ☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3
- £10,000 + *please specify amount* 1.....

2.....

3.....

13. What is your / their local connection to the parish?

- Used to live in the Parish ☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3
- Relative living in the parish ☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3
- Work in the parish full time ☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3
- Work in the parish part time ☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3
- Voluntary work in the parish ☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3
- Currently live in the parish ☐H1 ☐H2 ☐H3

14. Any other comments?

Please use the space below to provide any further information which might help to clarify the information you have provided in this form

THIS INFORMATION WILL BE TREATED IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE
Your personal details will not be given to any 3rd party

If this survey shows that there is a need for affordable housing for local people, we may need to get back in contact with you as we work with the Local Authority and Housing Association(s) to deliver the homes needed. Therefore, it would be helpful to us if you include your name and address below:

Name			
Address			
		Postcode	
Telephone (<i>incl. national dialling code</i>)			
Email			

Is your household currently on the Local Authority Register?

(It is vital that you register with the District Housing Register if you wish to be considered for an offer of affordable housing)

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. The results of this survey will be available in the coming months, and will help the parish to decide on its future plans.

Please be assured that this questionnaire is completely confidential and anonymous.

Details of Local Rural Housing Enabler:

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Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire

Glossary of Key Terms

Affordable Housing – low cost housing for sale or rent, often from a housing association, to meet the needs of local people who cannot afford accommodation through the open market.

Concealed Households – A concealed household is a newly forming household, for example mature children or other family members in need of independent accommodation

Housing Association - Independent not-for-profit bodies that provide affordable housing for rent and shared ownership for people in housing need

Shared Ownership - Government scheme which enables people to part rent/part buy a newly built property

Sheltered Housing – A term covering a wide range of rented housing for the elderly, disabled or other vulnerable people. These schemes are distinct from a nursing home or care home in that the tenants are usually able to look after themselves, are active and are afforded a degree of independence.

Social Housing – Housing that is let at low rents and on a secure basis to people in housing need. It is generally provided by councils and not-for-profit organisations such as housing associations.

Support Services – Mainly provided by local authorities, housing associations and voluntary sector organisations. They help a wide range of people to live independently in the community, by providing practical support and advice.