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**NEWBURGH HOUSING OPINION SURVEY**

Firstly, thanks to all residents who returned a completed Housing Opinion Survey. We received 366 responses, equivalent to approximately 40% of the adult population of the village – an excellent response for this kind of survey.

Residents were asked to give their opinions on housing development in the village if more houses were required under the Local Plan. A summary of the results is as follows. (Please note that in most instances the total percentage is in excess of 100% as some respondents ticked more than one box in each section).

**1. If houses have to be built in Newburgh they should be:**

Houses or bungalows with 1 to 3 bedrooms - 60% of respondents
Larger houses with 4 or more bedrooms - 9%
Both - 37%

**2. If houses have to be built in Newburgh they should be in:**

Small developments infilling gaps between existing properties - 75%
Small developments of up to 20 houses - 25%
Medium size developments with up to 50 dwellings - 9%
Large-scale developments with 50+ dwellings - 1%

**3 If houses have to be built in Newburgh the total additional number of houses in the village should be:**

Up to 20 - 68%
20-50 - 21%
50-100 - 7%
More than 100 - 2%

Residents were invited to add their comments on the survey, a brief summary of which follows.

1. 74 residents expressed concerns about the impact of any larger scale development in the village. There were lots of comments about the already congested nature of the road through the village and the ability of the school, for example, to cope with increased numbers.
2. 18 people responded that there should be no development whatsoever in the village.
3. There was a concern from 49 respondents that it was important to retain the village "feel".
4. There were comments regarding the need for more affordable housing in the village. 33 families expressed the wish that their offspring could settle in the village but were unlikely to be able to do so due to the lack of affordable housing. 11 respondents living in larger properties in the village said they would like to downsize but a lack of appropriate housing made this impossible.
5. 36 respondents commented that there should be no development on green belt land and brownfield sites should be used.

The Housing Survey also analysed the results by age group. If you would like the complete survey please contact Cllr Phil Atty by email - [atty.pj@gmail.com](mailto:atty.pj@gmail.com).