

## LOCAL HOMES FOR LOCAL PEOPLE HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY FOR HILTON

This survey is being carried out to assess housing need in Hilton. Your Parish Council is working with Cambridgeshire ACRE's Rural Housing Enabler to co-ordinate and subsequently act upon the results. The results will help decide the type of affordable housing to be provided in the parish so it is important that as many people as possible complete the questionnaire and return it in the envelope provided.

It is important to note that the survey is intended to highlight all those current and future households who cannot afford to rent or buy a home on the open market.

This survey should be completed by all households. We also need to cover the requirements of those who no longer live in the survey area but who would like to return for family or work reasons. If you know of anyone in this category then please encourage them to complete this questionnaire. Further copies can be obtained by calling Catherine Shilton on 01353 865037.

A copy of this form is being delivered to every household and business in the area and completed forms should be returned as soon as possible in the enclosed pre-paid envelope.

All information provided will be treated in the strictest confidence and you do not have to provide your personal details if you do not wish. However, if you do complete them, we will be able to contact you regarding any possible housing scheme that results from this survey.

### PERSONAL DETAILS

NAME: (MR/MRS/MS/OTHER) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

## DATA PROTECTION

The organisation processing your data is Cambridgeshire ACRE, who is registered with the Information Commissioner's Office, under the Data Protection Act 1998, for the purpose of processing personal data in the performance of its legitimate business. Any personal details collected will be held in accordance with Data Protection legislation. Further information relating to the Data Protection Act 1998 can be sent to you on request. If you have concerns about the processing of your personal data by Cambridgeshire ACRE you may contact the Information Commissioner's Office at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

The information you supply will be used to produce a statistical report identifying the level and type of housing need in your village. You do not have to identify yourself if you do not want to and we do not expect you to sign your form. Your answers will not be used for any other purpose.

## PART ONE – HOUSING NEED

Please indicate whether you or a member of your household (e.g. older children or other dependents) are in housing need by answering *either* Question 1a *or* Question 1b.

**Question 1a - My current home is unsuitable for my household.**

Yes

If yes, please tick all boxes that apply to you:

It is too small (overcrowded)

It is too expensive

It is too large

It is in the wrong place

It needs repairing

I have a medical problem

It needs a bathroom

I need my own home

It needs adapting to suit our needs

I share with other households

Other:

Family circumstances are changing

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**Question 1b - My current home is suitable for my household.**

Yes

We are interested in all community members' views on possible housing development. Please answer Question 2 to give your opinion.

**Question 2 - Would you be in favour of a small development of affordable homes for local people?**

Yes

No

*Please add any comments you would like to make here:*

**If you answered 'Yes' to Question 1a, please continue and complete Parts 2 and 3.**

**If you answered 'Yes' to Question 1b, please answer Question 2 and then stop at the end of Part 1. Please return the form to us in the pre-paid envelope which was included with this survey.**

## PART TWO – HOUSEHOLD CIRCUMSTANCES

**Question 3a - Do you live in Hilton?**

Yes

No

**Question 3b - If yes, how long have you lived in Hilton?**

yrs

mths

**Question 4 - Do you or another member of your household have family connections to Hilton?**

Yes

No

*Please specify connection:*

**Question 5 - Do you or another member of your household work in Hilton but live elsewhere because you cannot afford to live locally?**

Yes

No

**Question 6 - Please provide details of everyone living in your home at present, including yourself.**

Relationship to self, e.g. partner, son	Gender	Status Employed / Unemployed / Student / Child / Retired	Age				
	Male Female		Under 16	16-25	25-40	41-59	60+
Self							

**Question 7 - What type of property do you currently live in?**

Type	1 bed	2 bed	3 bed	4 bed	5+ bed
House					
Flat/maisonette/apartment/bedsit					
Sheltered/retirement housing					
Bungalow					
Caravan/mobile home/temp. structure					
Other (please specify)					

**Question 8 – What are your current living arrangements?**

Live with parents

Rented from Local Authority

Rented from a private landlord

Owned with or without a mortgage

Rented from a Housing Association

Live in tied accommodation

Shared ownership (part owned/rented)

Other (please specify below)

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**Question 9 – If you would like to tell us more about your reasons for needing to move, please give brief details here.**

## PART THREE – HOUSEHOLD REQUIREMENTS

**Question 10 - What type of property are you looking for?**

(Please tick the kind of property that would best suit your needs)

Type	1 bed	2 bed	3 bed	4 bed	5+ bed
House					
Flat/maisonette/apartment/bedsit					
Sheltered/retirement housing					
Bungalow					
Property suitable for wheelchair user					
Caravan/mobile home/temp. structure					
Other (please specify)					

**Question 11 - Do you or another member of your household require special adaptations to be made to your property in order to meet special needs?**

Yes  No

*If Yes, please specify:*

**Question 12 - Are you looking to:**

Rent from a private landlord   
Buy on the open market

Rent from a Housing Association   
Buy in shared ownership <sup>Note 1</sup>

Note 1: Shared ownership is where the household can buy a percentage of the value of the property, e.g. from as little as 25%, and pay for this through a mortgage. The remaining percentage is owned by a Housing Association and a weekly rent is paid on the share you do not own. The maximum percentage that can be owned is 80% so that the property always remains available as affordable housing and can never be sold on the open market.

**Question 13 - Who would be in the new household?**

Relationship to self, e.g. partner, son	Gender		Status Employed / Unemployed / Student / Child / Retired	Age			
	Male	Female		Under 16	16-25	25-40	41-59
Self							

When planning Affordable Housing schemes it is helpful to understand what people can afford. You are reminded that all information will be reported anonymously.

**Question 14 - What is your planned household's combined annual salary (before tax and to the nearest thousand pounds)?**

£ \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 15 - What is the maximum monthly payment your planned household can afford for housing (to the nearest hundred pounds)?**

£ \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 16 - What is the maximum initial payment you can afford as a deposit on a property? (Please include any equity you have if you own your current home.)**

£ \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 17 - Which of the following actions, if any, have you already taken?**

Completed a housing register application form with a local authority? Yes  No

If no, please note that to be eligible for housing resulting from any local scheme, you must be registered with the local authority. The Local Authority for Hilton is Huntingdonshire District Council.

All social rented properties in the district are owned by housing associations (also known as Registered Social Landlords). The council works in partnership with these landlords and the majority of properties that are available to let are advertised through the Home-Link scheme. By registering on with the Home-Link scheme you are applying to the council's Housing Register and you will be able to participate in the Home-Link scheme.

**By internet**

If you have access to the internet you can apply online through the Huntingdonshire District Council website, through the Housing option.

Or go directly to this link

<http://www.huntsdc.gov.uk/Housing/Applying+for+Housing.htm>

Or go directly to the Homelink website

<http://www.home-link.org.uk/>

**By Email**

[mail@huntsdc.gov.uk](mailto:mail@huntsdc.gov.uk)

**By Mail**

Huntingdonshire District Council

Pathfinder House

St Mary's Street

Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire

PE29 3TN

**By Telephone**

01480 388388

Looked at privately rented accommodation in the area. Yes  No

Looked at open market housing in the area. Yes  No

Investigated whether you could obtain a mortgage. Yes  No

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.**

**Please return it in the pre-paid envelope provided ASAP.**

**If you do not have the envelope for any reason then you can use the following address for free:**

**Cambridgeshire ACRE**

**Freepost Ang 10698**

**Ely**

**CB6 1YA**