



# Ashwell Neighbourhood Plan Housing Survey 2015

This survey, delivered to all Ashwell households, is being conducted by the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group (part of Ashwell Parish Council) to understand current and future housing needs and to get views on how each of us prefer development to progress in Ashwell over the next 10-20 years. This will help the village create a Neighbourhood Plan that complies with the powers passed to local communities under the Localism Act 2011.

The survey has 4 sections and will take about 10 minutes to complete. There is one survey form per household and it is intended to be completed by the household. If you need to submit different views, please use comments or contact us to get additional survey forms.

## Local survey co-ordinator 9:

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**Completing the survey** - Please complete this within the next 2 weeks. You can return the completed form to 59 High St (next to Days) or your local survey co-ordinator above. We will call to collect forms and if you need help or additional forms please contact your local survey co-ordinator. You can also complete at [www.ashwellvillage.co.uk](http://www.ashwellvillage.co.uk) with your reference number.

## 1. Reference Number:

This number ensures unique responses  
and is not recorded against your address.

**IHHA4145**

## A. About your Household

### 2. How many people are in your household (by age band)

Age band	0-3	4-7	8-11	12-8	19-24	35-39	40-59	60-64	65-74	75+
Number in household										

### 3. Employment Status - how many members of the household are:

	Part-time	Full-time
Self-Employed, working within the village		
In paid employment, working within the village		
Working outside the village, but within 20 miles		
Working more than 20 miles from the village		
Family Carer		
Retired		
Unemployed		

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## 4. How long have you lived in the village? (for oldest resident in the household)

Under 5 yrs    5 to 10 yrs    10 to 20 yrs    20 to 40 yrs    40 to 60 yrs    Over 60 yrs

☐                      ☐                      ☐                      ☐                      ☐                      ☐

## 5. Do you have relatives living within the village?

☐ Yes                      ☐ No

## 6. Have you had children who left Ashwell due to the lack of suitable homes?

☐ Yes                      ☐ No

## 7. How many bedrooms do you have? (select one)

Number of bedrooms                      1                      2                      3                      4                      5                      6 or more

☐                      ☐                      ☐                      ☐                      ☐                      ☐                      ☐

## 8. What kind of property is your home (select one)

Detached house                      Semi-detached                      Terraced house                      Bungalow                      Flat / apartment                      Other

☐                      ☐                      ☐                      ☐                      ☐                      ☐

## 9. What parking spaces do you have and use? (write numbers in boxes)

	Number of spaces my property has	Number of cars usually parked
On the road		
On the drive		
Garage		
Other off road		

## 10. Who owns your home?

☐ I own my home                      ☐ Wolverley House (NHH)

☐ Private Landlord                      ☐ North Herts Homes (excl. Wolverley)

☐ Moss Cottages                      ☐ Ashwell Housing Association

☐ Origin Housing Association                      ☐ Other





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## B. Your Housing Needs

**11. If you have children at home - when they move out, what would they want?**

Not Applicable or Don't Know	To move away from Ashwell	To have a flat in Ashwell	1-2 bed house in Ashwell	3+ bed house in Ashwell
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**12. Do you think your children would find a suitable property in Ashwell?**

Not Applicable or Don't Know	Yes	No - not enough properties	No - monthly rent is too high	No - houses too costly to buy
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**13. Have any family members left Ashwell, but would move back if suitable and affordable housing was available? If so - what would they be looking for?**

N/A or Don't Know	Rental (private)	Rental (social)	Purchase (private)	Purchase (social housing)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**14. Within the next 10-20 years do you expect needing a larger or smaller home?**

No change needed	Will need smaller home	Will need larger home	Plan to extend home
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**15. If larger or smaller (above), how many bedrooms would you want?**

Number of bedrooms	1	2	3	4	5	6 or more
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**16. If moving, do you think you could find a suitable property in Ashwell?**

Not Applicable or Don't Know	Yes	No - not enough properties	No - monthly rent is too high	No - houses too costly to buy
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**17. Within the next 10-20 years, do you anticipate leaving the village, if so - why?**

Not applicable	To be closer to friends / relatives	To find suitable accommodation	Due to work	Other
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**18. If you intend moving within Ashwell over the next 10-20 years, what type of property would you want? Please number box in order of preference from 1 to 7**

flat / apartment	bungalow	2+ storey house	warden- assisted	with care provided	mobile home	Other

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## C. Future Development in Ashwell

**19. Ashwell has less than 900 homes.**

**The NHDC Local Plan suggests 69 new homes to be built over a 20 year period.**

**What increase in houses do you think appropriate for Ashwell?**

New homes each year:	None	1 or 2	3 or 4	Up to 8	Up to 12	Over 12
ie. in 20 years:	0	20 to 40	40 to 80	Up to 160	Up to 240	Over 240
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Make a comment on your choice here:

## 20. What type of additional housing do you feel is needed in Ashwell?

	Yes	Perhaps	No	No opinion
Flats / apartments (private)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Flats / apartments (social housing)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Flats / apartments (warden assisted)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bungalows (private)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bungalows (housing association)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bungalows (warden assisted)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1-2 bedroom homes (private)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1-2 bedroom homes (housing association)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3-4 bedroom homes (private)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3-4 bedroom homes (housing association)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4+ bedroom homes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## 21. Any comments about the types of housing you think are needed?



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### 22. What type and size of development do you see as acceptable for Ashwell?

	Yes	No	No Opinion
Single new properties	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Small groups of 2-5 homes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Groups of 5-10 homes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Larger groups of up to 20 homes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Developments of 20+ homes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Renovation of unoccupied properties	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### 23. Do you have any comments about your views on acceptable development types?

### 24. Where would you like to see new developments taking place over the next 10-20 years?

	Yes	No	No Opinion
Brownfield sites within the village boundary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Single infill sites within the village boundary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Open spaces within the village boundary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Open spaces just outside the village boundary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brownfield sites outside the village, within the Parish boundary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Open spaces outside the village, within the Parish boundary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### 25. Do you have any comments on your views on acceptable sites for development?



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## D. Direction for the Neighbourhood Plan

It is important for us to understand how much the village agrees or disagrees that the Neighbourhood plan should tackle the following (drawn from previous surveys):

<b>26. Housing needs:</b> To make adequate provision over the next 10-20 years for local housing for our residents (especially young families and elderly residents), so that the vitality of our local community and services can be maintained.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
<b>27. Appropriate Housing:</b> To make provision of affordable starter homes and "down-sizing" homes and, if required, do this through a Community Housing Trust like Ashwell Housing Association.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
<b>28. New Housing sites:</b> To limit any development to within the village development boundary and to brownfield sites, to meeting our environmental and development guidelines and to respect the character and form of our village	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
<b>29. Village boundary:</b> To prevent development on the existing green fields which surround the village unless they meet a specific village need.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
<b>30. Local Connection:</b> To give preferential access to some new homes for people with a strong local connection.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know

**What is Affordable Housing and why have a Community Housing Trust?** Affordable Housing addresses the needs of the local community. It provides homes for households who are either residents, or who have strong connections with the village. Such housing should be provided and managed by a locally based Community Housing Trust, entirely in the control of the community.

**What is "Down-sizing"?** We have many residents who are couples or living alone in larger houses with more bedrooms than they need. Some would like to move, or down-size, to more manageable properties. There are few properties in the village to meet this need and it is a less profitable route for developers and landowners. A Housing Trust may be the only way for the village to provide these.

## 31. Do you have any other comments?

Thank you for completing this survey. Please see the front page for collection details.