

Toppesfield Housing Needs Survey

July 2020

In early 2020, Toppesfield & Gainsford End Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group worked with the RCCE's Rural Housing Enabler to carry out an independent Housing Needs Survey.

The aim of this survey was to determine the existing and future levels of housing need for local people in the parish. All households in the parish received a survey to complete and return, alongside the option to complete the survey online.

KEY FINDINGS

The survey had a 35% response rate (Essex average is 25%).

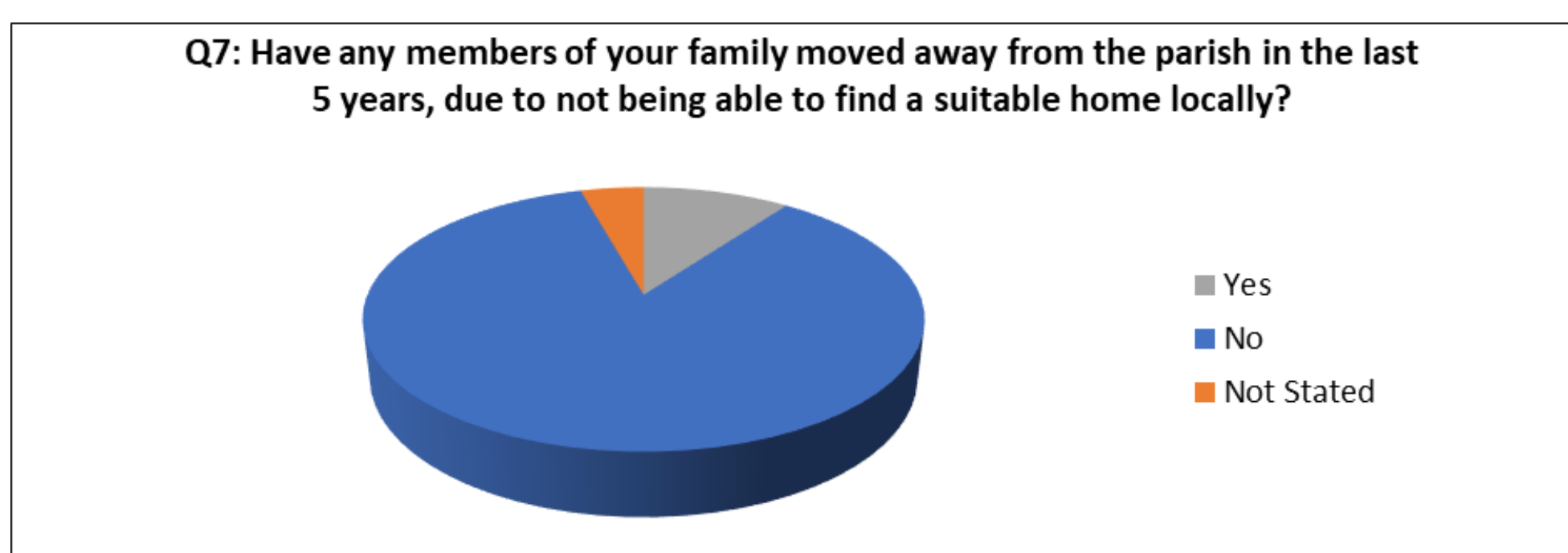
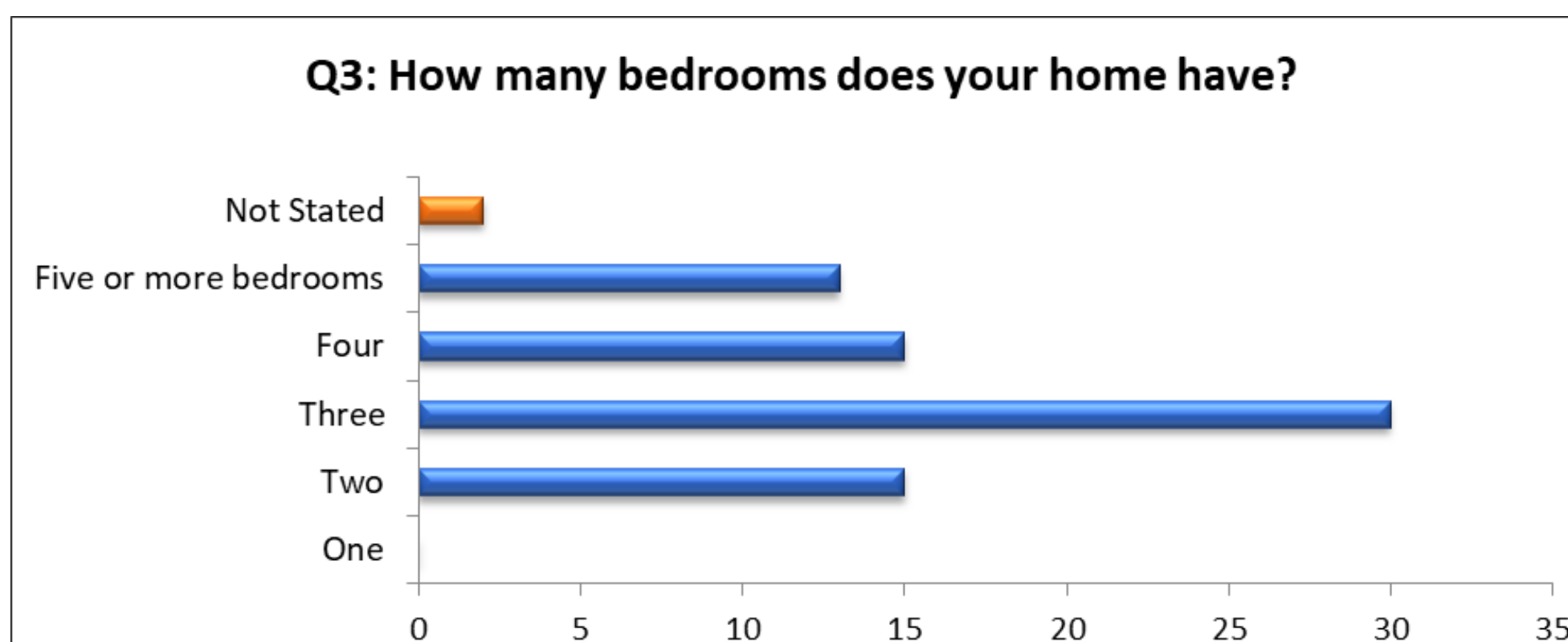
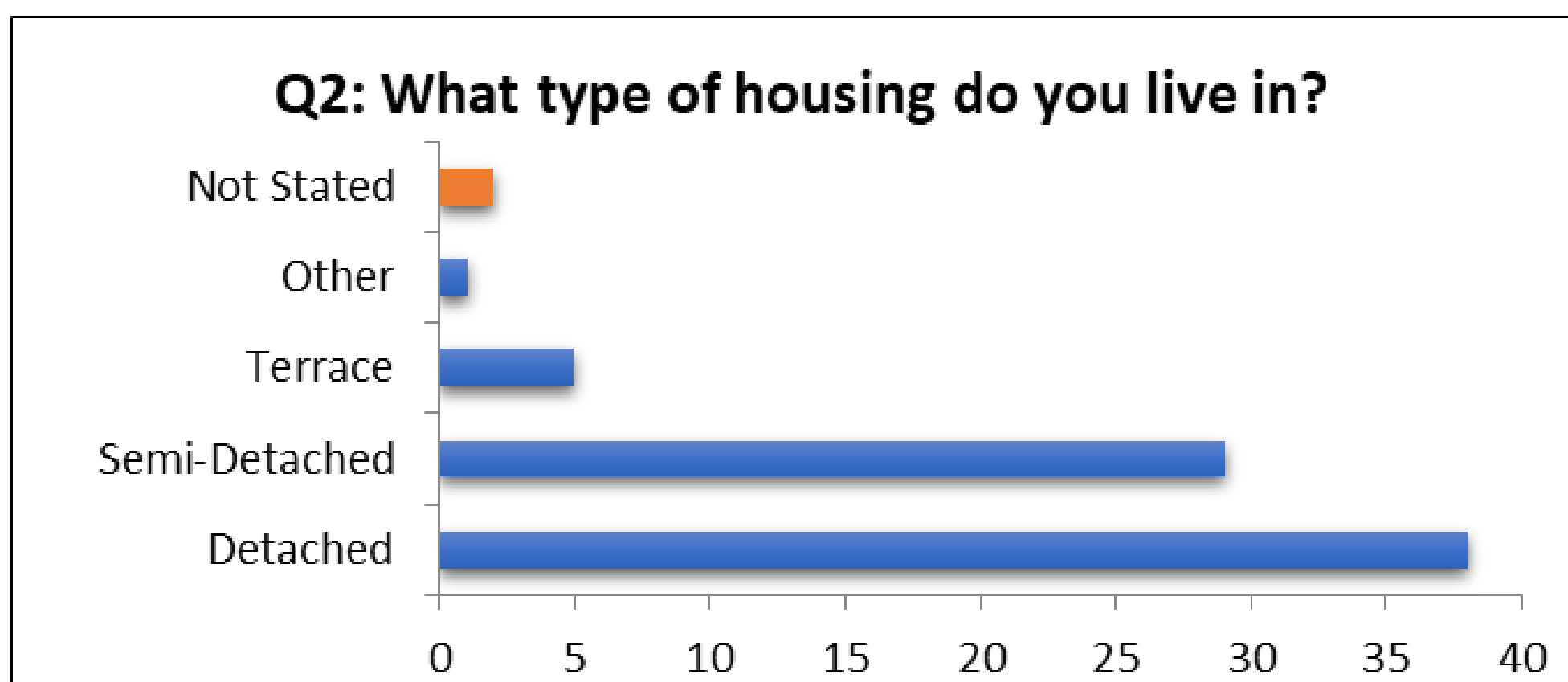
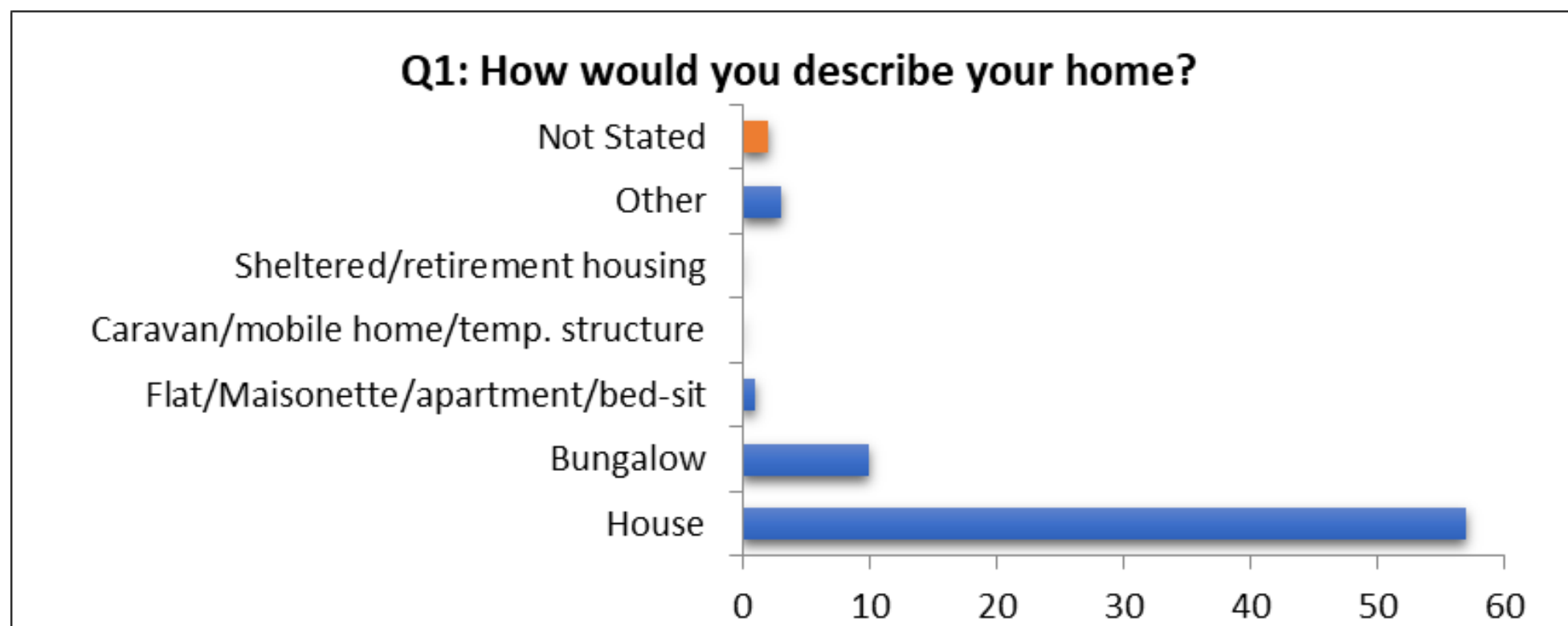
There was good support for a small development, with 76% stating they would be supportive of a small development (4 - 8 homes) which is primarily affordable housing for local people.

There was general support for housing for the local community, more particularly the younger generation and their families, whilst hoping any development will not be too large and unsympathetic to its surroundings.

In Part 1 of the survey, 17 respondents (23%) indicated that they had a need to move to alternative accommodation; however, we only had sufficient detailed information to assess 15 out of those 17. The main reason respondents had a desire to move to alternative accommodation was to set up their first / independent home (40%)

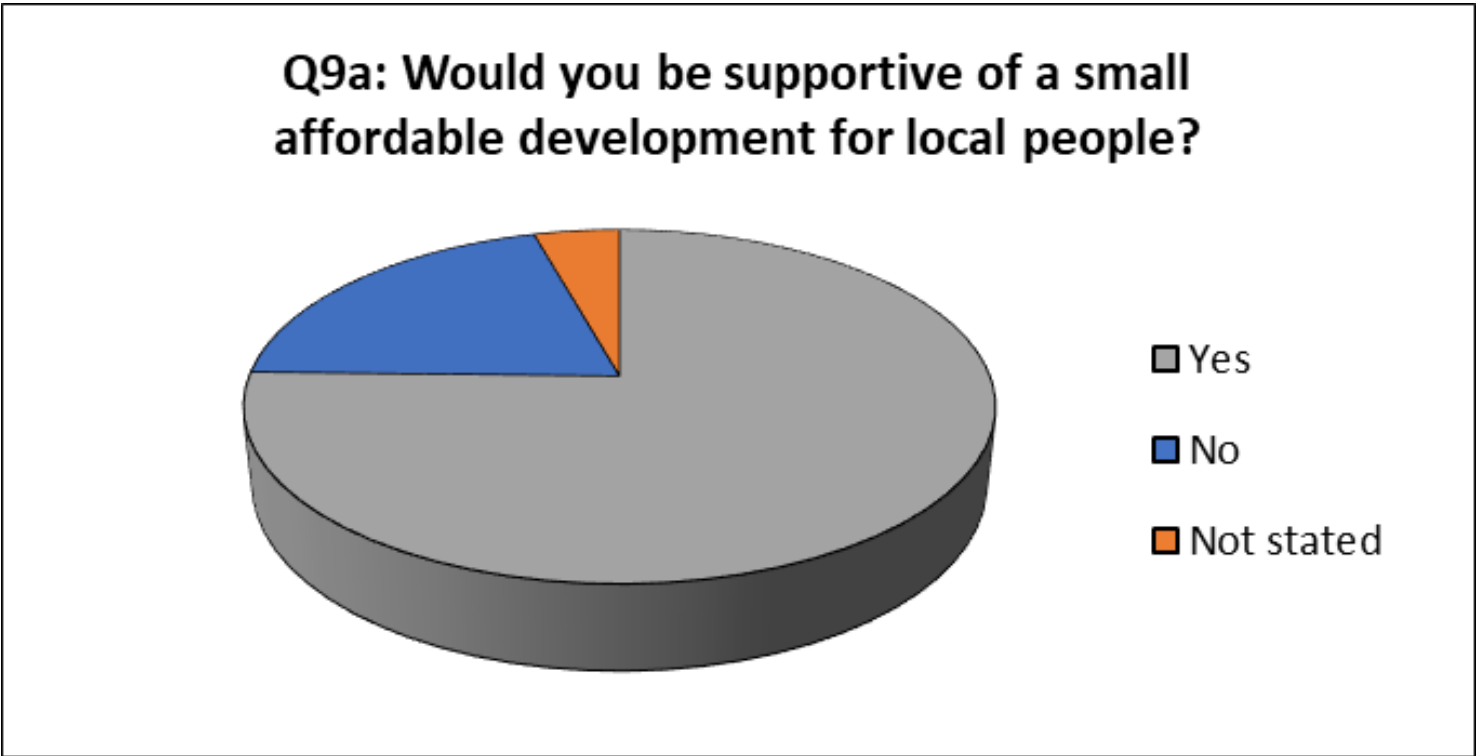
Two-bedroom households were the most preferred property size (47%)

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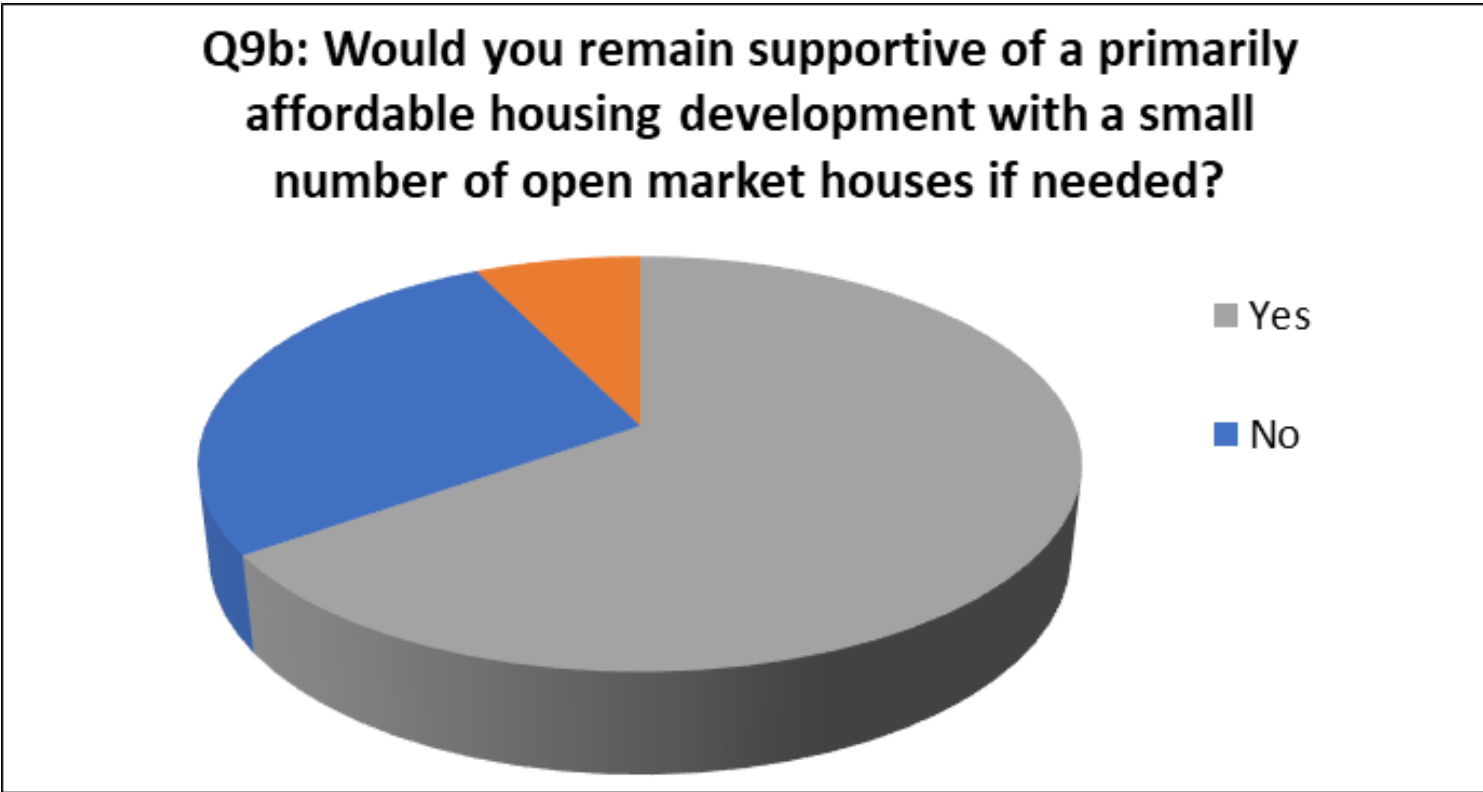


Support for development

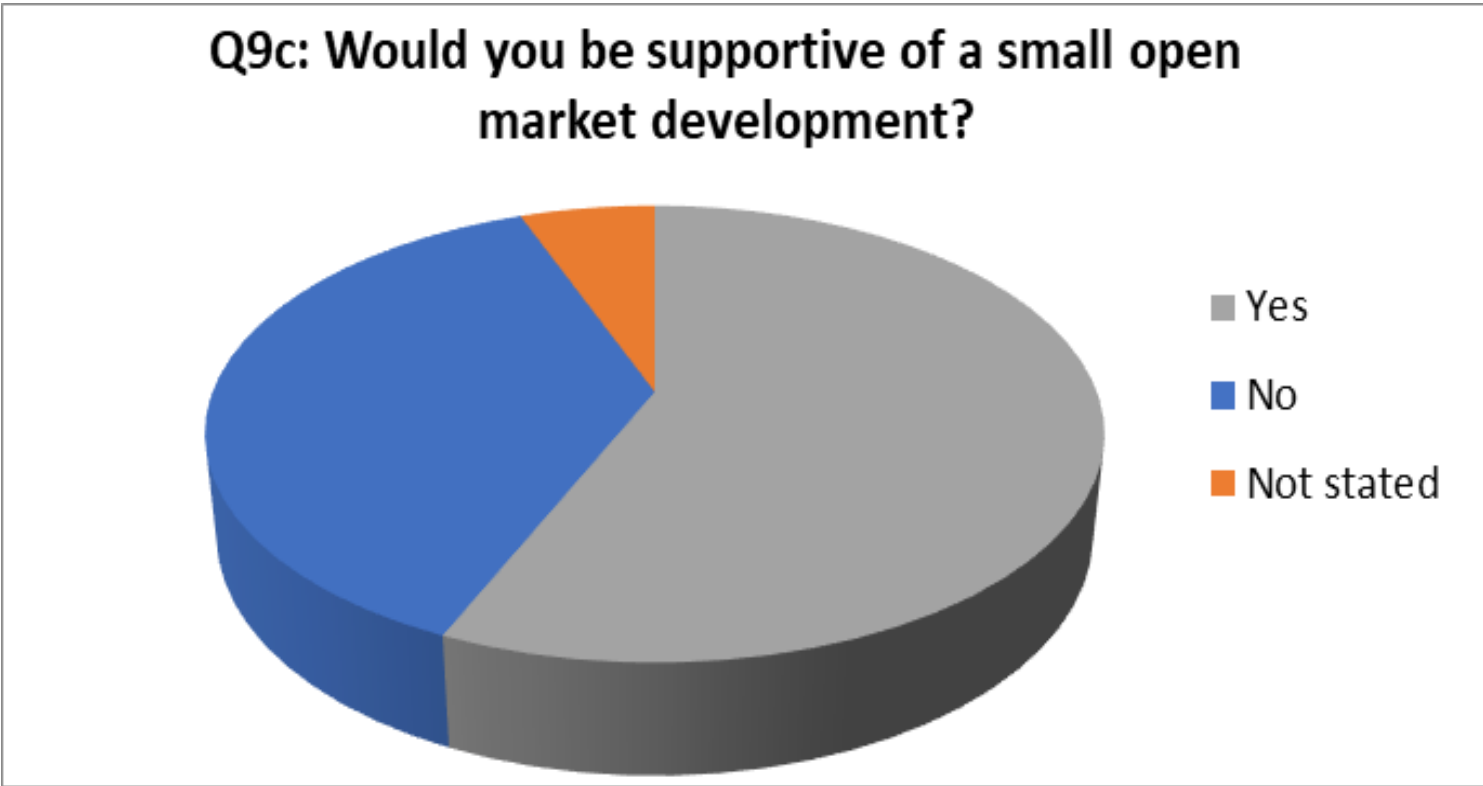
76% would support a small development (typically 4-8 homes) of affordable housing for local people.



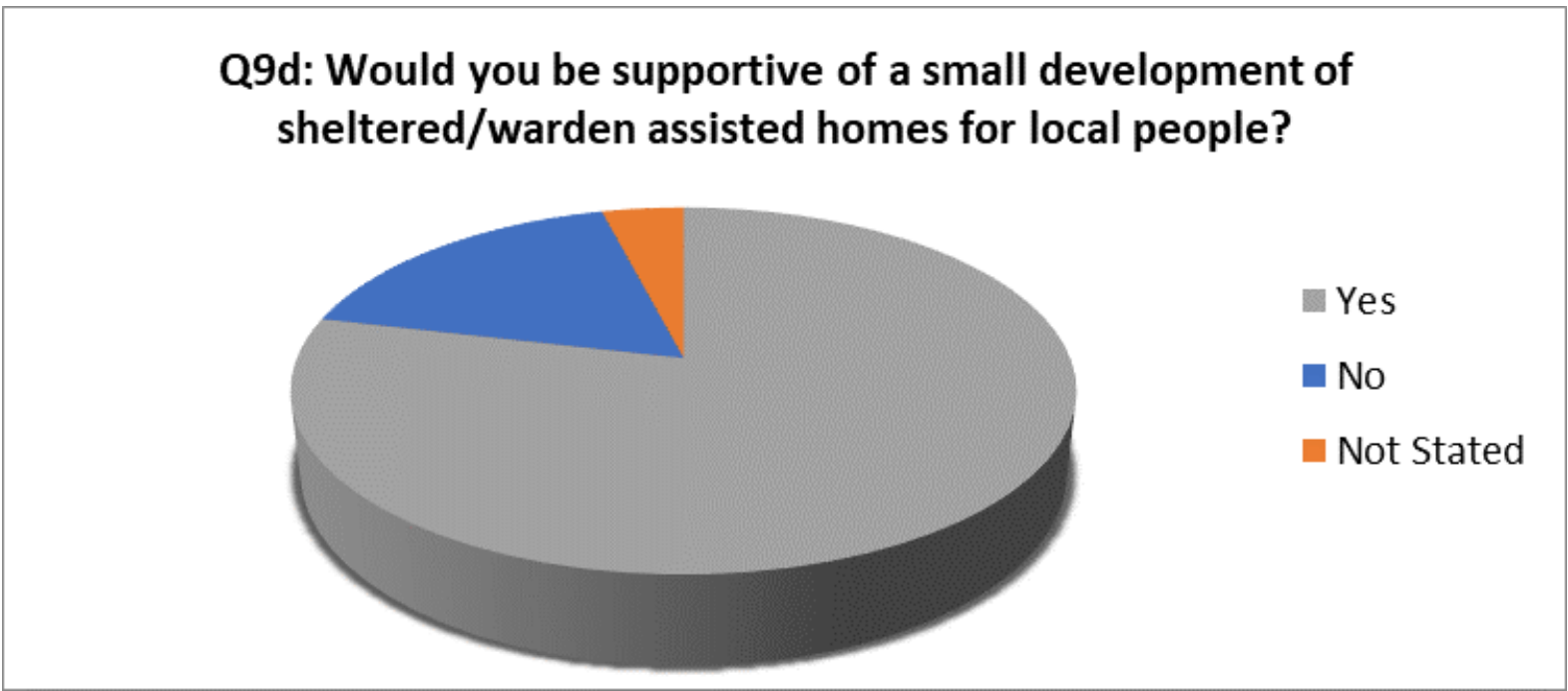
65% would remain supportive if one or two open market houses were to be included in the development



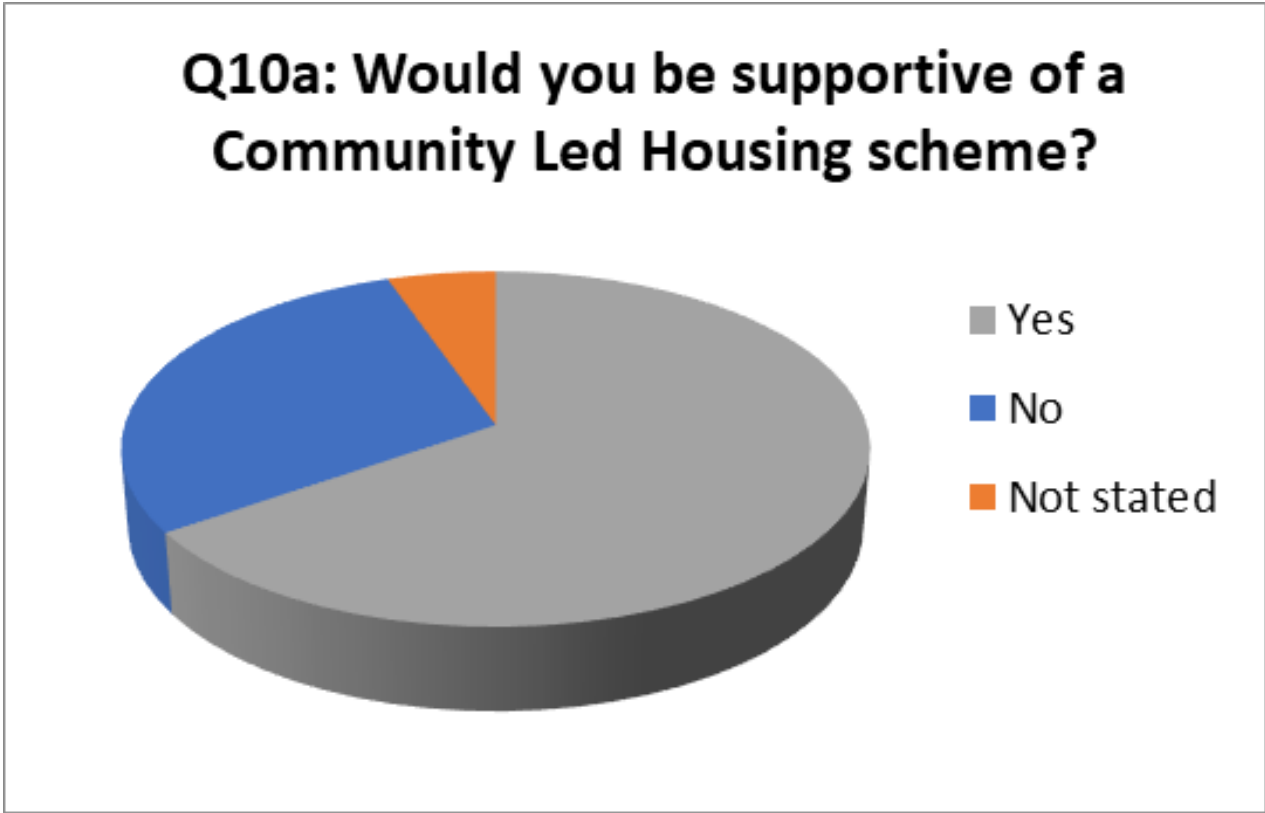
56% would be supportive of an open market development, 39% would not be supportive.



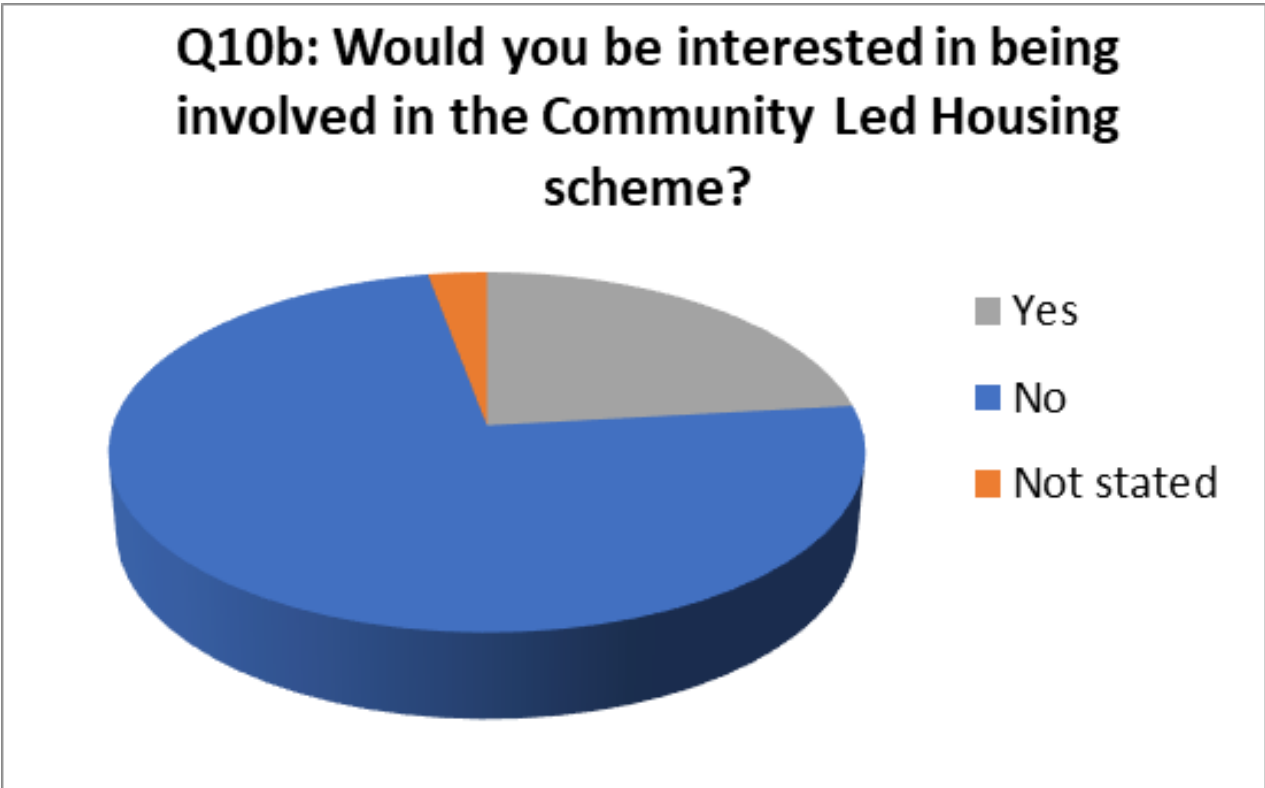
Fifty-nine (79%) of respondents were supportive of a small development for sheltered/warden assisted homes for local people.



Forty-nine respondents (65%) would be supportive of a Community Led Housing scheme in the parish.



Eighteen people (24%) would be interested in being involved in a Community Led Housing scheme



Houses for younger people had the most support (17%), next was family housing which had 16% support

