

Report from Alderholt Parish Council (APC) to Simon Trueick at EDDC on the findings of the Village Expansion section of the Alderholt Local Plan Survey undertaken in March & April 2017

APC undertook this survey by issuing a paper copy to each household within the parish, asking for either the hard copy or the on line version to be completed. As it is impossible to determine whether the surveys had been completed by more than one individual from each household, the results are based household responses but there is a margin of error due to this point.

Each response required the post code and a total of 460 responses were received; overall there was a response from all over the village except for some of the furthest outreaches eg Cripplestyle and Hare Lane, as might be anticipated.

The Village Expansion section asked for views on the possibility of future development in the village, and the forms and types of development available. Is the village large enough as it is or do we need some more housing to maintain and sustain the existing facilities we have?

The questions and *results in italics* are below:-

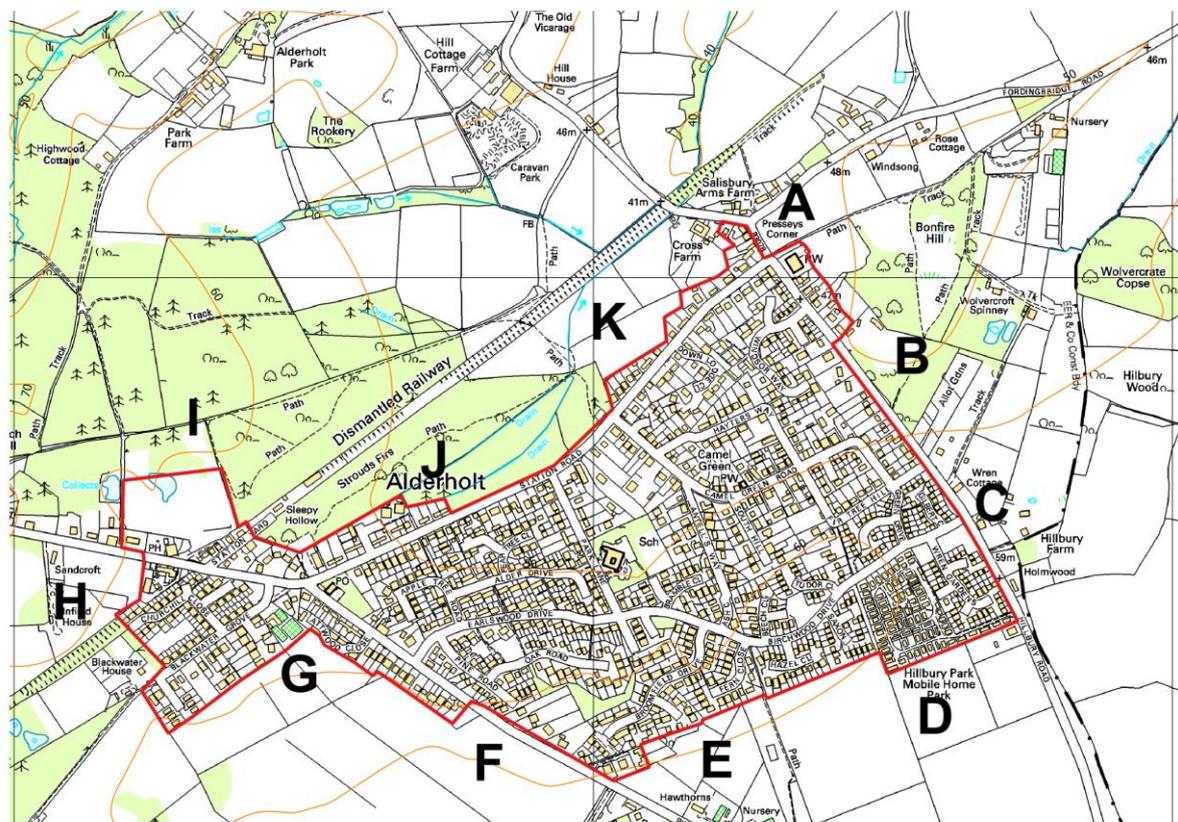
20. What do you think about the current size of the village? Which of these statements best reflects your opinion? Tick only one.

We need more housing () We don't need more housing ()

Total of 445 responses of which 202 were in favour of more housing and 243 didn't want more housing

21. The red line indicates the village envelope (limit of village building) defined in the current East Dorset District Council Local Plan. If you believe that the envelope should NOT be extended, please answer NO EXTENSION. If you believe it should be extended please indicate one or more areas on the map.

© Crown copyright and database rights (2017) OS (100058554)



Please tick all that apply:

A () B () C () D () E () F () G () H () I () J () K () Don't know () No Extension ()

A 24, B 29, C 25, D 47, E 128, F 51, G 51, H 23, I 30, J 40, K 28,

Don't know 21

No Extension 239

A total of 454 households responded and by far 239 wanted no extension to the village envelope. Although site E was the most popular site, the question allowed for multiple choices and all the other sites gained support within 5% and 11%.

22. Are there areas in the village that you believe are suitable for infill (back garden) development? Please describe these areas below.

93 text responses were received and of these 46 actually mentioned NO to infilling. 22 responses mentioned the Surplus Stores site and of these some were keen to see the development of the site completed.

23. A new East Dorset Local Plan is intended to run until 2033. During this time period, as a total number, how many new dwellings would you like to see in the village? Tick only one.

None () 1 to 30 () 31 to 50 () 51 to 100 () 101 to 200 () more than 200 ()

Total of 450 responses, of which 140 asked for no building and 86 wanted a limit of up to 30 houses being built during the plan period up until 2033.

There's a fairly even split for total building between 31 and 100 dwellings:

31 to 50 dwellings 54 responses

51 to 100 dwellings 66 responses

101 to 200 dwellings 61 responses

More than 200 dwellings 43 responses

24. How large should any one individual development site be? Tick only one.

1 to 4 homes () 5 to 10 homes () 11 to 30 homes () 31 to 50 homes () 51 to 100 homes () more than 100 homes ()

Total of 373 responses split as shown below:-

1 to 4 homes 90 responses, 5 to 10 homes 81 responses, 11 to 30 homes 68 responses,

31 to 50 homes 46 responses, 51 to 100 homes 45 responses, more than 100 homes 43 responses

171 wanted each site to be between 1 to 10 dwellings. But when adding the 68 responses for the site size 11 to 30 dwellings, the total responses percentage rises to 64%. There is an even split for the other three site sizes.

25. What types of dwelling would you prefer? Tick all that apply.

Flats () Terraced () Semi-detached () Detached () Bungalow () Park home ()

370 responses split as shown below:

Flats 52 responses, Terraced 136 responses, Semi-detached 281 responses

Detached 242 responses, Bungalow 183 responses, Park home 14 responses

Although a multiple answer question, there is a strong preference for houses and bungalows rather than flats or park homes.

26. If you consider there is a need for more housing in the village which of the following would be a priority?

Please select your top four only.

Responses

Social housing for rent (council/housing association)	78
Social housing (shared ownership to buy)	130
Low cost affordable housing to buy (Government subsidised, e.g. first time buyers)	286
Supported/Sheltered housing	62

Market value rented	54
Holiday homes	51
Family homes to buy	261
One bedroom accommodation to buy	56
Executive homes	85

A multiple answer question, but there is an obvious family ethos in the village statistically shown by the desire for family homes and affordable houses.

27. Who should affordable housing be offered to? Tick all that apply.

Those with strong links to the village () Those with links to the village and surrounding communities ()
 Those with links to East Dorset generally () Anybody who needs it ()

<i>Those with strong links to the village</i>	<i>213 responses</i>
<i>Those with links to the village and surrounding communities</i>	<i>173 responses</i>
<i>Those with links to East Dorset generally</i>	<i>38 responses</i>
<i>Anybody who needs it</i>	<i>142 responses</i>

Again a multiple answer question, but residents wish that social housing should be offered in the first place to those with a village or local connection.

28. Would you like to see more jobs and workplaces available in the village? Tick all that apply.

Yes, allow commercial development (retail/office) ()
 Yes, allow some light industrial development ()
 No ()

<i>Yes, allow commercial development (retail/office)</i>	<i>184 responses</i>
<i>Yes, allow some light industrial development</i>	<i>206 responses</i>
<i>No</i>	<i>146 responses</i>

Total of 440 responses. Of these, 146 selected No, so 294 were in favour of job creation within the village via commercial and or light industrial workplaces. This amounts to 67%.

29. If there is some planned development and growth of Alderholt, what would be your vision of Alderholt and what are your key issues/priorities? Please give your comments below.

There were 287 extensive text responses and the greatest issues/priorities were:-

These appear to major on the need to retain the village feel of Alderholt in its rural setting, a requirement for the infrastructure to be improved/provided before any development, especially the road network into and out of the village, and better public transport/bus service. Also, any development should “look nice” – be well designed and generally small scale. There was an emphasis also on the fact that children have to move away at present due to the level of unaffordability and unavailability of property in Alderholt.

Mention was made of the need for there to be adequate parking provision for any development, and that the provision of workplaces in the village would help reduce the level of commuting into and out of the village.