

CROWHURST NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Housing Needs Survey Results July 2017

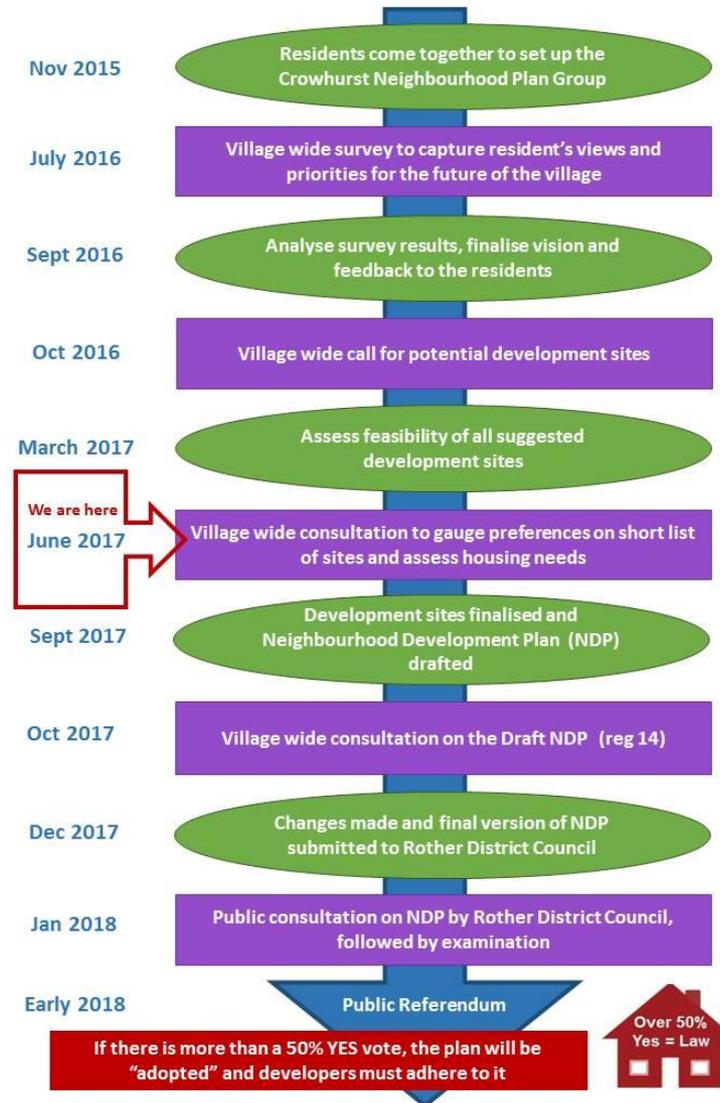


The Housing Needs Survey

Rother District Council have said that Crowhurst must have at least 20 new homes to meet future housing demand.

Residents of Crowhurst have formed a Neighbourhood Planning Group so that we can decide where these new homes should go and what type and style of home they should be. The plan also gives us an opportunity to set out what sorts of facilities we need and the ways we can help to protect the countryside and build community spirit.

To help develop the plan the Neighbourhood Planning Group have carried out a Housing Needs Survey. The results of this survey are contained in this report.



Methodology and Results

A group of volunteers from Crowhurst compiled the Housing Needs Survey to help the Neighbourhood Planning group understand the level of housing need within the village.

Street Champions were appointed for each street in the village to deliver paper copies of the survey to every household. The survey was also available to complete on line via the Crowhurst Neighbourhood Plan website.

Residents were asked to complete one survey per household.

Completed paper surveys were either collected in person by the Street Champions or returned directly by respondents to the post box at the Village Hall.

The survey opened on 27th May 2017 and closed on the 18th June 2017. We received a total of 169 completed surveys (139 paper and 30 directly online). This is a high response rate of 52%*.

Not everyone answered every question and so the results are based on the number of responses to each question, shown in brackets on the charts after the question i.e. (34 households).

Where percentages do not add up to 100% this is due to rounding up/down to the nearest percentage.

Respondents comments have been themed and summarised for this report.

*based on 2011 census data of 327 homes in Crowhurst www.eastsussexinfigures.org.uk

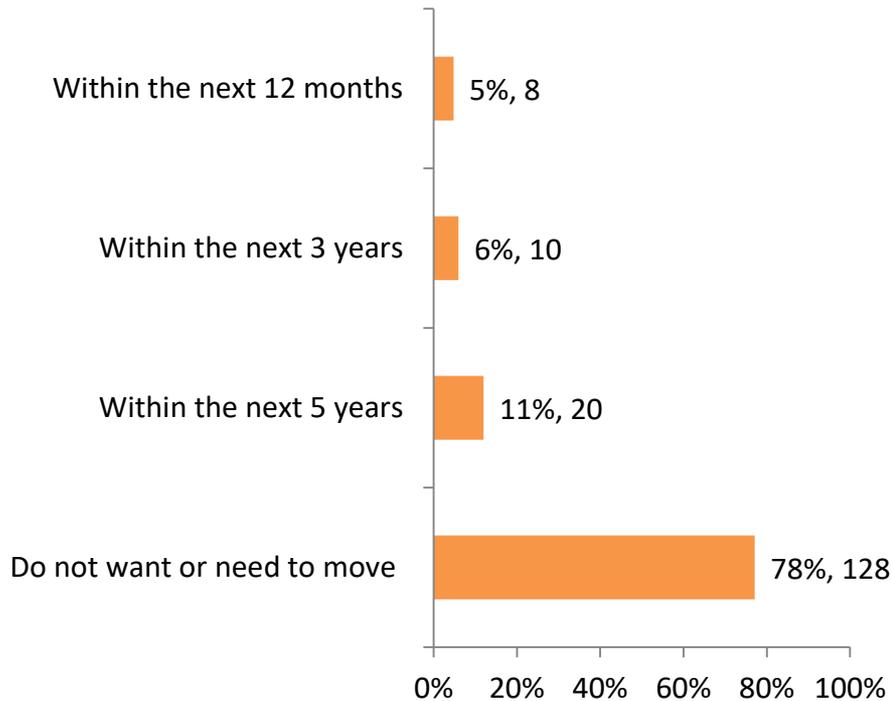
Key Findings

- The majority of households that responded (78%) do not want or need to move.
- The remaining 38 households (23%) said they themselves would like to move and of these 21 (55%) would like to stay in the village.
- 24 household respondents said they have someone (maybe more than one person) living with them who is likely to need to move to a separate home. 8 (35%) of these said they thought the people looking for separate homes would be likely to stay in the village, the same number would not stay and 7 (30%) didn't know.
- Results suggest 34 homes are needed for the people looking to move in to separate homes, 12 of these are likely to be in the village (35%) and another 10 may be in the village (30%).
- Two bedroom houses are most needed for those looking to move themselves and those that have someone looking for a separate home.
- This could reflect the fact that of the households looking to move themselves the main reason for this is to have a smaller home that is more manageable.
- Those looking to move themselves are mostly looking for a whole house and are likely to own it outright.
- Those people looking for separate homes are mostly single people and they expect to occupy their home by owning with a mortgage (8, 35%), through affordable home ownership (6, 26%) or renting from a private landlord (5, 22%).
- The majority (27, 71%) of households wanting or needing to move are not interested in self build or custom build homes.

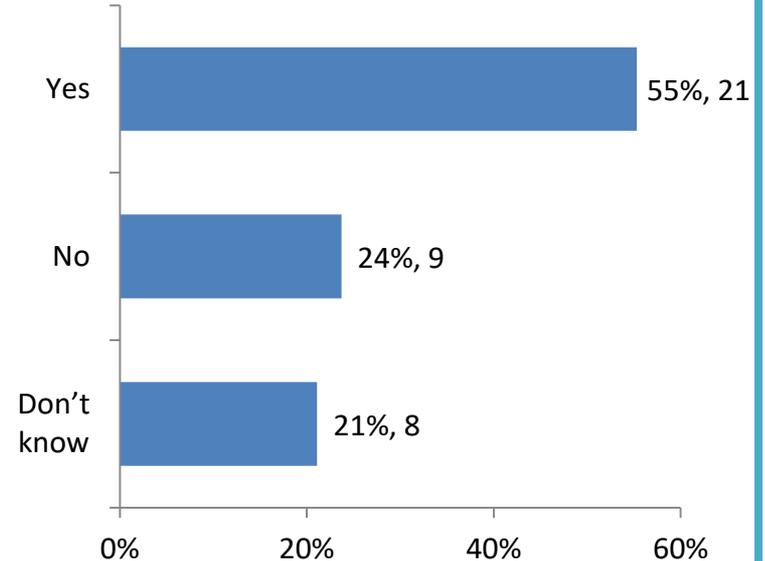
38 respondents said they themselves would like to move and of these over half (21) would like to stay in the village

- The majority of households that responded (78%) do not want or need to move.
- The remaining 23% (38 households) would like to move within the next 5 years.
- Of the 38 households that responded saying they wanted or needed to move, 21 (55%) said that if they could find a suitable home they could afford in the village they would stay.

Q1. Do you want to move or will you need to move from your current home...?
Please choose one option only
(164 households)



Q3. If you could find a suitable home that you could afford in Crowhurst would you like to stay in the village?
Please choose one option only
(38 households)

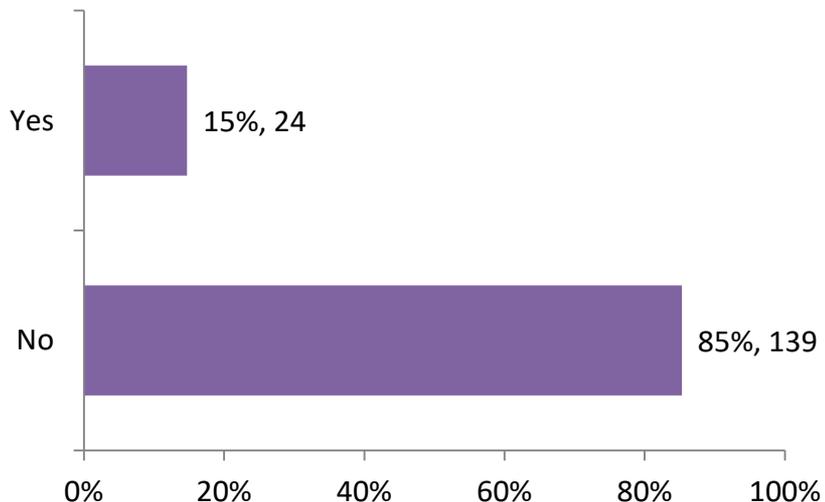


24 households said they have someone living with them who is likely to need to move and 8 of these would like to stay in the village.

- 85% of households that responded do not have anyone living with them likely to need to move in the next 3 years.
- 24 households (15%) have someone living with them likely to want to move in the next 3 years.
- Of the 24 households who have someone living with them likely to want to move in the next 3 years 8 of these households think they would be likely to stay in the village, the same number are not likely to stay and 7 didn't know.

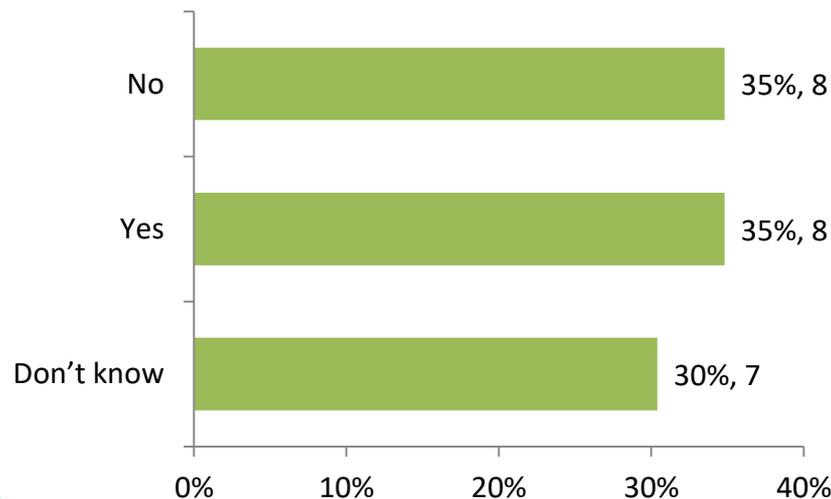
Q8. Is anyone that currently lives with you likely to need to move to a separate home in the next 3 years?

**Please choose one option only
(163 households)**



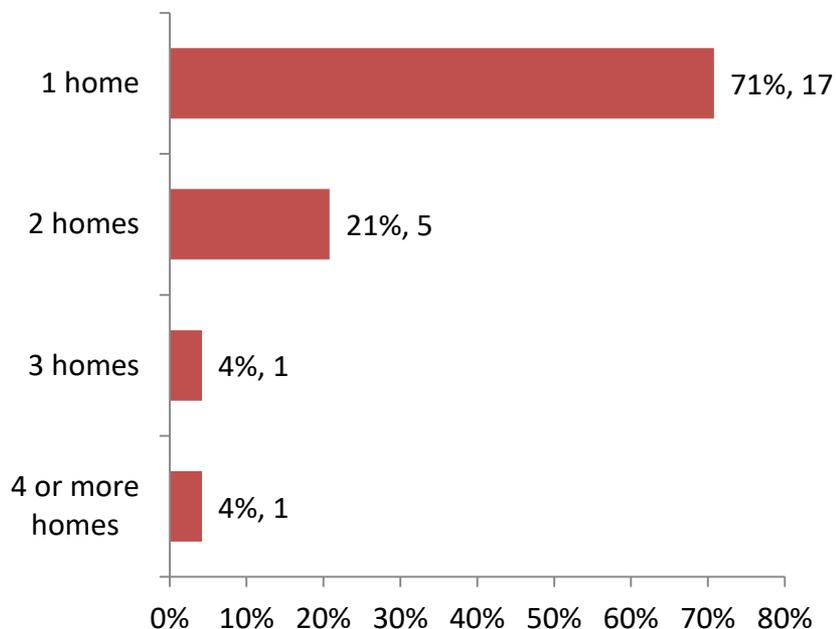
Q13. If they could find a suitable home that they could afford in Crowhurst would they be likely to stay in the village?

**Please choose one option only
(23 households)**



Results suggest 34 homes are needed for the people looking to move in to separate homes, 12 of these are likely to be in the village (35%)

Q9. How many separate homes will be needed for these individuals? Please choose one option only (24 households)



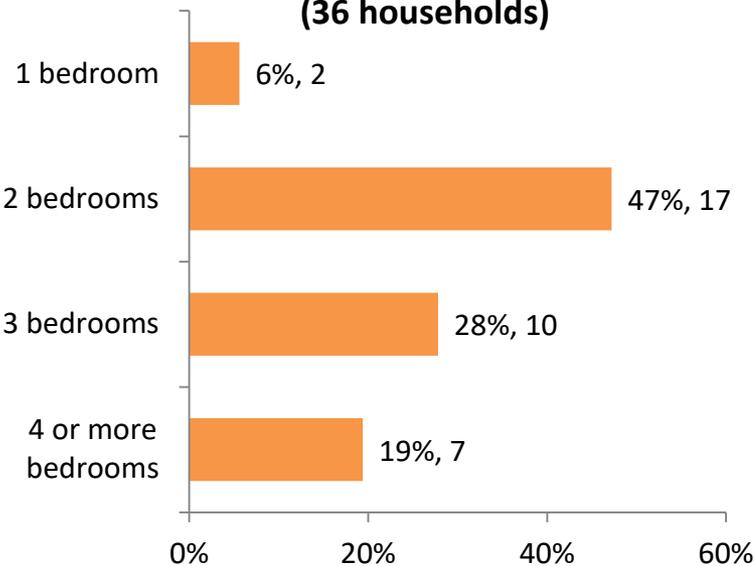
- Of the 24 households that said they had someone living with them likely to want to move in the next 3 years, the majority (17) said one separate home would be needed.
- 5 households said two separate homes would be needed.
- 1 household said three separate homes would be needed and another said four or more homes would be needed.
- This equates to 34 new homes, we can estimate that 12 (35%) of these are likely to want to be in the village and a further 10 (30%) may or may not want to be in the village.

Two bedroom homes are most in need

- Nearly half of the of the households looking to move would like to move to a two bedroom home, reflecting the reason for moving.
- 10 would like three bedrooms and 7 would like four or more bedrooms.
- Of those with people living with them who think they are likely to move just over half (12) would like two bedrooms and 8 would like one bedroom.
- These results will be combined with other data to help the Neighbourhood Planning Group decide on a policy around the proportion of one and two bed homes in the village.

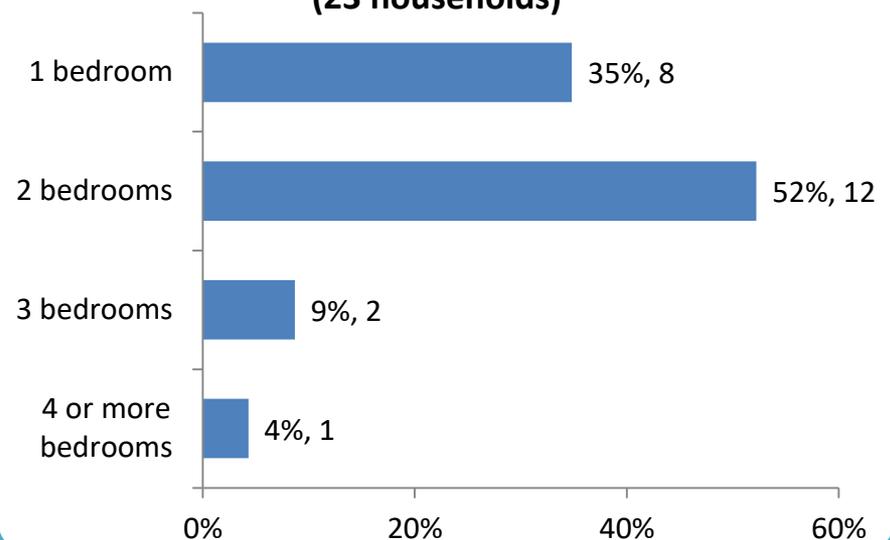
Q4. If you moved, how many bedrooms would you expect in your next home?

Please choose one option only
(36 households)



Q11. How many bedrooms is this new household likely to need when they move?

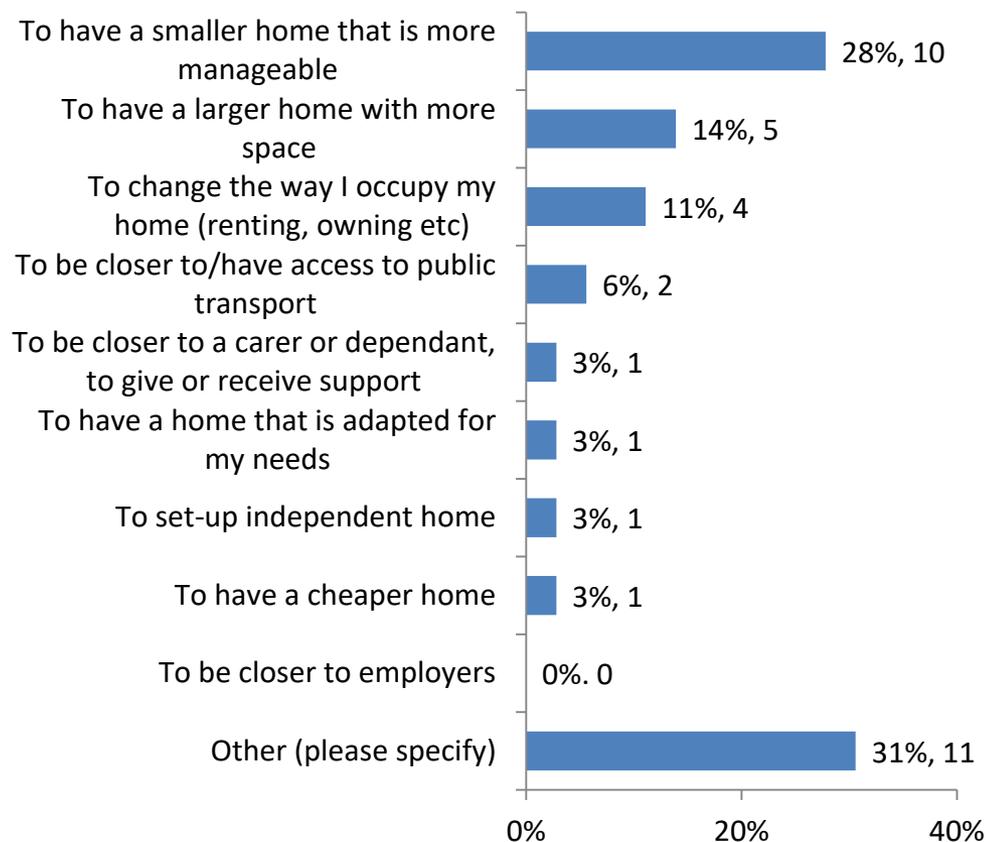
Please choose one option only
(23 households)



To have a smaller home that is more manageable is one of the main reasons people are looking to move

Q2. What is your main reason for wanting or needing to move?

Please choose one option only
(36 households)

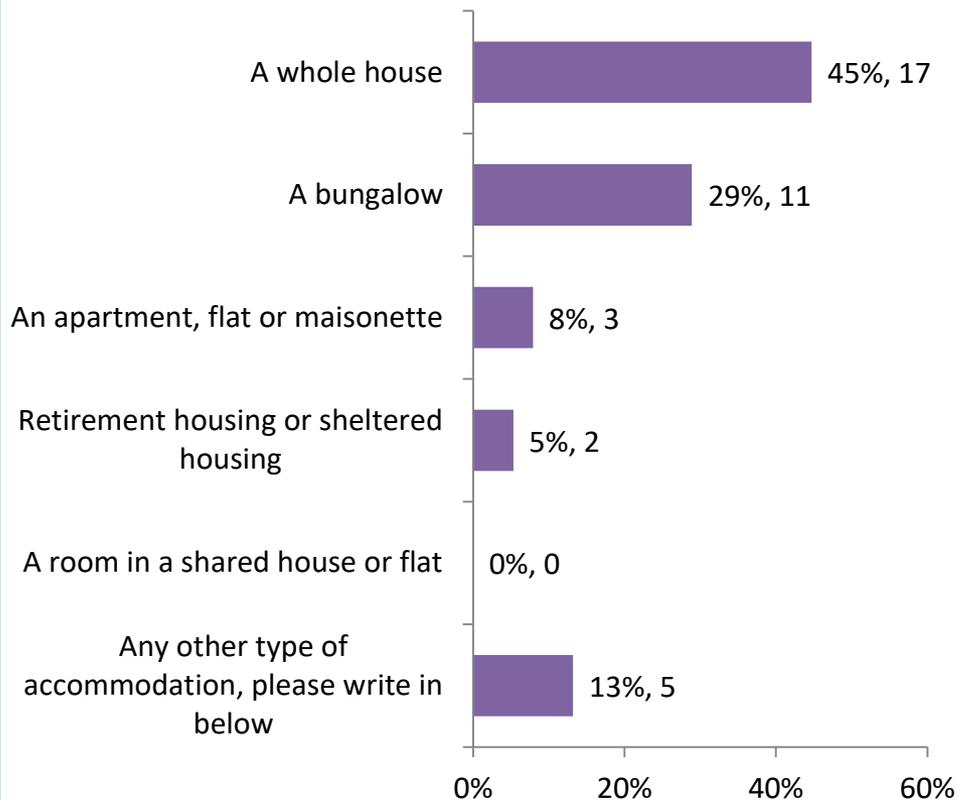


- Of the households that responded saying they themselves wanted or needed to move 10 of these said the main reason for moving was to have a smaller home that is more manageable.
- 5 households wanted a larger home with more space while 4 wanted to change they way they occupy their home.
- 11 people listed other reasons these included:
 - To live in an area that is not over developed/ get away from proposed development
 - Brexit and politics
 - To move to higher ground
 - To have a cheaper and larger house
 - To be closer to/have access to public transport and walk to shops

A whole house followed by a bungalow is what respondents are most likely to move to

Q5. Which of the following best describes the accommodation to which you would be most likely to move?

**Please choose one option only
(38 households)**

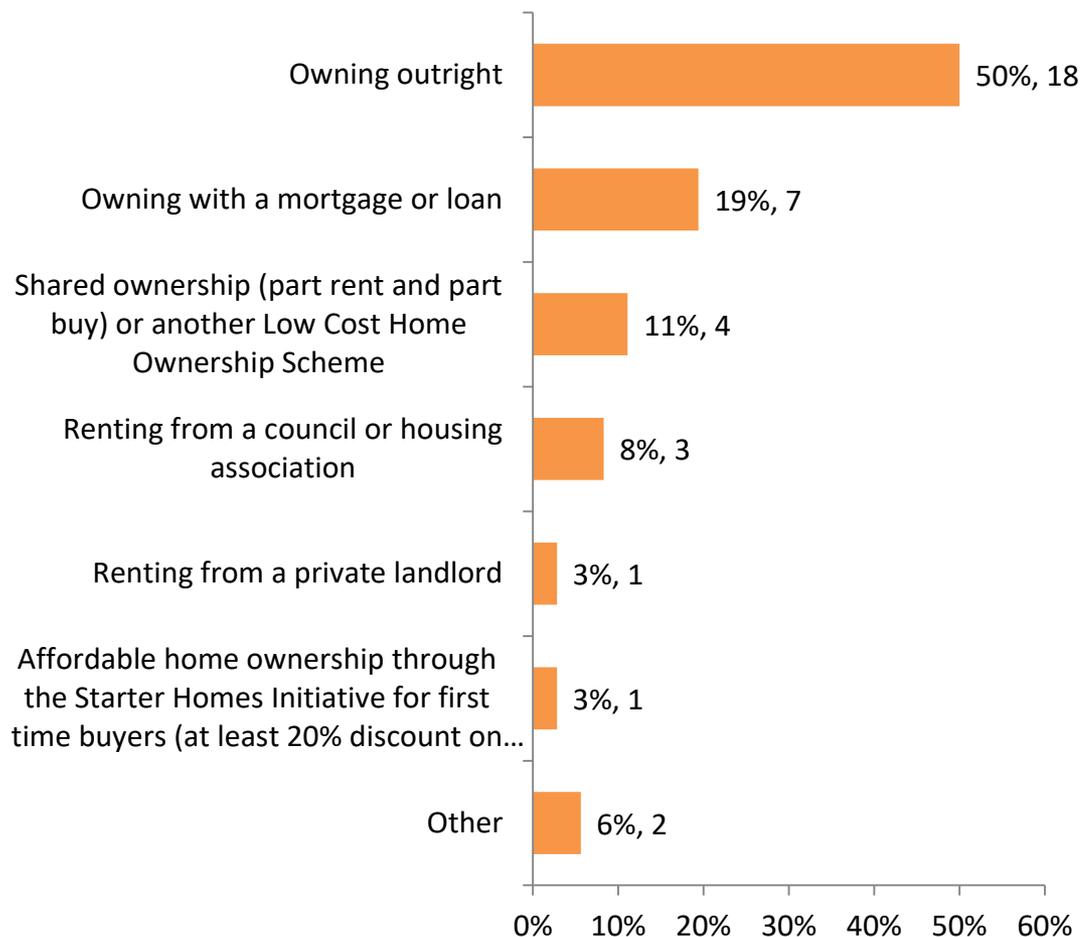


- Of the households that responded saying they wanted or needed to move almost half (17 households) said they would be most likely to move to a whole house.
- 11 households said they would be most likely to move to a bungalow, perhaps reflecting the downsizing
- 3 households said they were likely to move to an apartment, flat or maisonette and a further 2 households said they were likely to move to retirement housing or sheltered housing.
- 5 households mentioned other types of accommodation these included:
 - A property that is not surrounded by development
 - Flat or apartment near station
 - House with no mould
 - Depends on space and price

Half of those looking to move said they would expect to own their next home outright

Q6. In which of the following ways would you expect to occupy your next home?

**Please choose one option only
(36 households)**

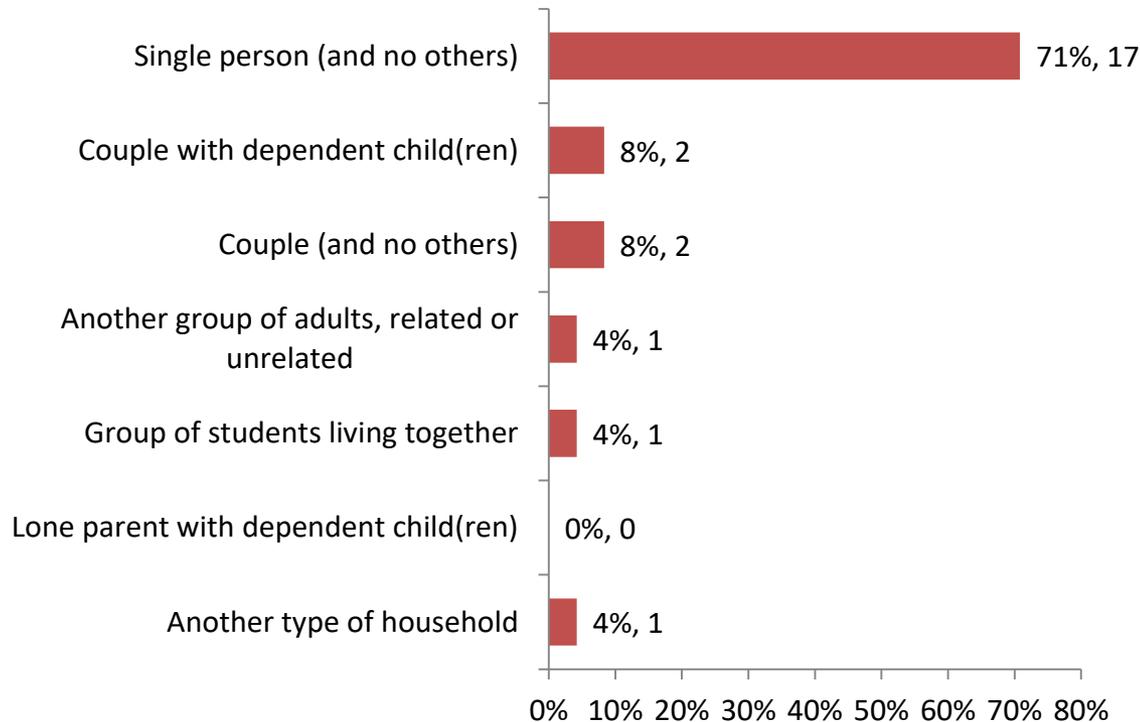


- Of the households that responded saying they wanted or needed to move half (18 households) said they would expect to own their next home outright. This could be as many are wanting to downsize.
- 7 households said they would expect to own their next home with a mortgage of loan.
- 4 households would expect to do shared ownership
- 3 households would expect to rent from the council or housing association and 1 household would expect to rent from a private Landlord.

The majority of family members looking to move out are single people

Q10. Thinking about the new household that will need a separate home first, which of the following is likely to best describe them?

**Please choose one option only
(24 households)**

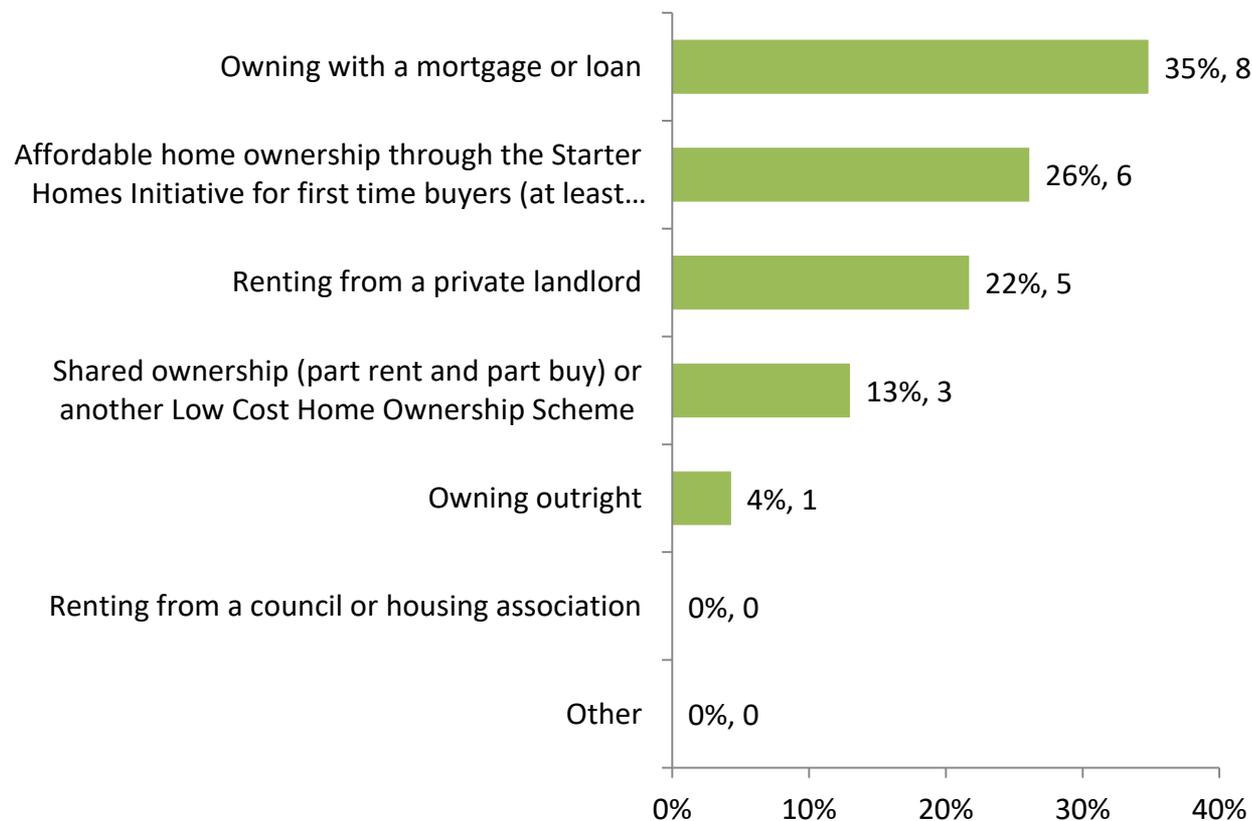


- Of the 24 households that said they had someone living with them likely to want to move in the next 3 years, the majority (17) said the new homes would be for a single person.
- Two households said the new homes would be needed for couples with children and two households said the houses would be needed for couples without children.
- Two households said the homes would be needed for groups of people.

There are a range of ways family members looking to move out are likely to occupy their homes

Q12...and in which of the following ways are they likely to occupy their new home?

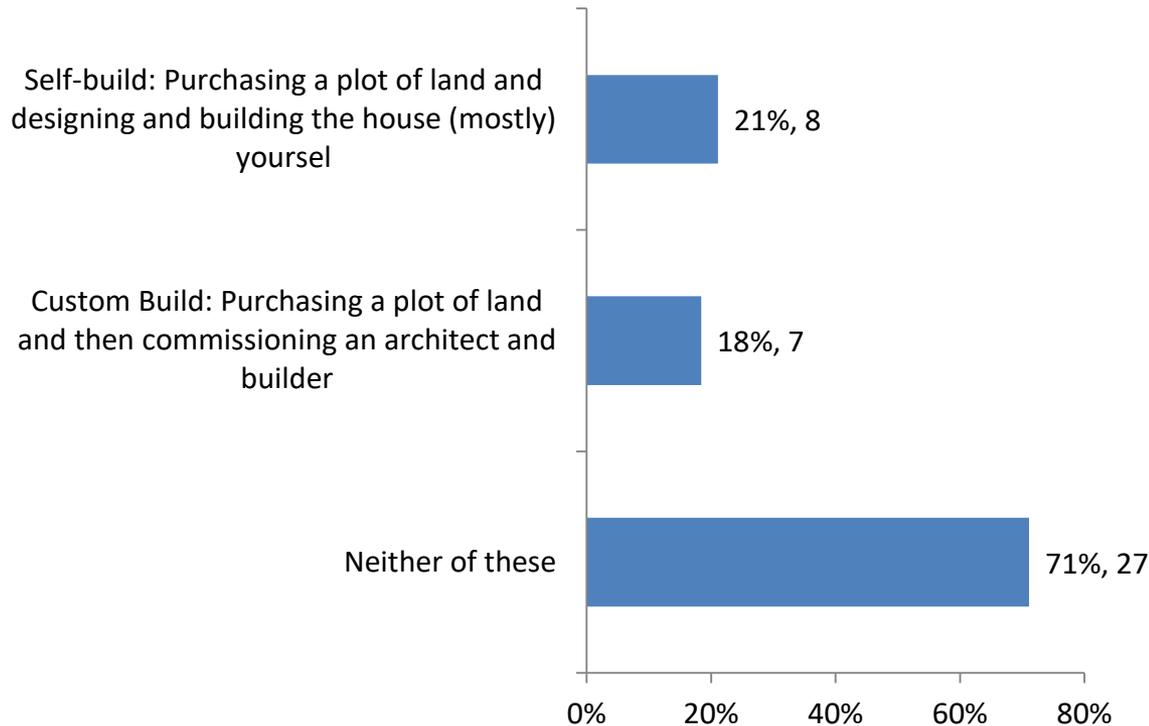
**Please choose one option only
(23 households)**



- Of the family members looking to move out to separate homes 8 are likely to own with a mortgage.
- 6 are likely to need affordable home ownership.
- 5 are likely to rent from a private landlord.
- 3 are likely to look at shared ownership.

Around 8 respondents would be interested in self build or custom build

**Q7. Would either of the following options be of interest to you when you next move?
Please choose all that apply
(38 Responses)**



- The majority (27) of households wanting or needing to move are not interested in self build or custom build homes.
- 8 households said they would be interested in self build.
- 7 households said they would be interested in custom build.

A big thank you to everyone who took part in the survey

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