

Hook Norton low Carbon – Homes For Hooky



Community Housing Survey Results

In March we delivered and collected our Community Housing survey to over 1000 homes in Hooky and would like to thank everyone who took the time to think over and tell us what they thought. We had a fantastic response with 533 completed returns and the results of the consultation can be seen on the HNLC web site under affordable housing at www.hn-lc.org.uk.

The aim of the survey was to gather the views of the community on the opportunity for a small housing project that would deliver affordable, sustainable homes to those in need with a strong local connection. The great response to the survey provided a strong indication of community feeling and included many thoughtful and informative comments. It clearly showed wide support for the project with 74% of respondents feeling that the current housing situation in the village needed addressing whilst 26% felt that the present housing mix was just right. Some respondents from this group expressed concerns that the village had already reached capacity and that the existing infrastructure would be stretched.

37 people indicated that they would like to live in one of the proposed homes and we will be following up this group with a more detailed questionnaire that will provide all the information that will be needed to take things forward for the feasibility study.

Features that emerged with strong support include:

- Mixed age groups living side by side
- Sustainable homes with low running costs
- Homes that relate well to the existing architecture of Hooky
- Landscaping that is wildlife friendly
- Provision of smaller affordable homes

We are presently in discussion with Cherwell District Council to provide the detail of the terms for the Community Land Trust. We have also invited 5 architects and designers to tender an expression of interest for the design commission and will be making the selection in early June. Then at last the fun part can commence with the interested potential occupants participating in

a workshop with the architects to begin developing the concept plan.

Thanks for your continuing interest in the project, it's at a very exciting stage and we will keep everyone informed through the newsletter and the hnlc web site.

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