

Have you filled out your Housing Needs Survey Yet?

If not, the deadline has been extended to 7th September 2010

The Parish Council feels that it is important to make clear the purpose of this survey which is to find out how much, if any, affordable housing is needed by our residents in the parish. Following this, the type of scheme that could be considered would be between 6 -14 units which are typically built on a small amount of land reasonably close to the village centre. These kinds of local needs affordable housing schemes are for people who need affordable housing and who can prove a local connection to Plumpton. Most homes would be for rent and possibly some shared ownership units (depending on the need identified) although neither of these tenures would ever be able to be sold under 'Right to Buy' and would therefore remain affordable and for local people in perpetuity. If such a scheme were progressed it would be built using funding from central government and the scheme would be managed very closely by the Parish Council in consultation with the village. This differs to the type of affordable housing that Lewes District Council is proposing within its Local Development Framework. These are much larger housing schemes where 25% of a development is given to affordable housing (not necessarily for those with a local connection), and 75% to open market housing. The amount and where is decided by LDC as part of its requirement to meet its housing targets and are funded mostly by developers.

If you haven't received the survey or would like further copies (e.g: for those who have previously lived in the parish and would like to return) then please contact Liz Cullen on 01825 722785
For further information on the survey or local needs affordable housing in general please contact Tom Warder from Action in Rural Sussex on 01273 479 008.