



Community First
Building better communities

Hanley Castle Parish Housing Needs Survey

The questionnaire consists of three parts – Part A, Part B and Part C.

Every house holder is asked to complete Part A and return it in the enclosed self addressed envelope, in order that a profile of the existing housing in the Parish can be established.

Part B should be completed and returned in the self addressed envelope where a current or future housing need for affordable housing is identified for local people.

The above information is important for establishing if a local housing need exists in the Parish and for influencing the type of housing development that might be considered in the Parish if a housing need exists.

Parts A and B of Housing Need Survey questionnaire do not ask for personal information such as names and addresses in order to preserve individual confidentiality.

Part C should be completed if you or a relative/friend/acquaintance would like to be registered with Malvern Hills District Council on their Common Housing Register.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. This form can also be downloaded at www.comfirst.org.uk under Rural Housing in the Advice and Information link. Once completed please return using the enclosed pre-paid addressed envelope to: Worcestershire Rural Housing Enabler – Hanley Castle Survey. Community First, Malvern View, Willow End Park, Blackmore Park Road, Malvern, Worcestershire, WR13 6NN by 31st July 2008.

Any members from your household living in Hanley Castle Parish who wish to live separately within the parish, or who live outside this area and wish to return to live here, should fill out a separate questionnaire.

What happens to the questionnaire when it has been returned to Community First?

The forms are collated by Community First and the information is analysed in order that a report can be submitted to the Parish Council.

The Parish Council will consider the results and in conjunction with Malvern Hills District Council decide if a need exists in the area for affordable housing for local people. If so, the Parish Council will ask West Mercia Housing Group to work with its members and the Rural Housing Enabler in developing a scheme.

If insufficient housing need is determined then no further action will take place.

The forms will be held on a Community First file for 6 months after the Parish Council has received the report, as set out above, and then they will be shredded and treated as confidential waste.

The report on the housing need survey will be made available to Malvern Hills district Council, who may use it for the purpose of assessing overall housing need across the County. The report will be published as a public document on the Malvern Hills District Council website.

Who is Community First?

Community First works to promote best practice in the voluntary sector and to support local initiatives that lead to building better communities across Herefordshire and Worcestershire.

The Rural Housing Enabler for Worcestershire is employed by Community First to assist Parish Councils in establishing whether a housing need exists and if so to help support a process for building new affordable houses for local people.

Further Questions?

If you have any questions regarding this survey please contact Nigel Potter, Rural Housing Enabler for Worcestershire on Tel. No.: 01684 862373/01386 565521 or email : nigel.potter@comfirst.org.uk

Further forms can be downloaded at www.comfirst.org.uk, which can be found in Rural Housing under the Advice and Information link. Please ensure that all forms are returned by the 31st July 2008 to the address below.

Worcestershire Rural Housing Enabler – Hanley Castle Survey. Community First, Malvern View, Willow End Park, Blackmore Park Road, Malvern, Worcestershire, WR13 6NN.

PART A

Your Current Household

Please tell us the number of people in your current household in each age range?

0-15yrs 16-24yrs 25-44yrs 45-59yrs 60-69yrs 70+

Your Current Home

Do you live in Hanley Castle Parish ? Yes No

How long have you lived in your present home?

0-4 years 5-9 years 10-19 years 20+ years

Are you (please tick appropriate box):

A home owner? * Lodging with another household?

Private Renting? * Living with parents/relatives?

Housing Association Renting? * In housing tied to your job?

Housing Association Shared Ownership? *

Other (Please specify)

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Do you live in a :

House Bungalow Flat/apartment Mobile Home

Other (Please specify)

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How many bedrooms does your current home have?

***Additional Information on Property Types and Tenures**

Home Owner – refers to property, which you would purchase on the open market with or without a mortgage.

Private Renting – properties openly advertised by private landlords at market rents.

Housing Association Renting – properties usually made available at an affordable rent by a Housing Association.

Housing Association Shared Ownership – an alternative to renting or full ownership of a home. It is particularly suitable for people who have regular income and want to buy their own home but cannot afford to do so, on the open market. Under a shared ownership scheme you can buy a share of your home and pay rent to a Housing Association who will own the remaining share. Further information on Shared Ownership is available from your local Housing Association.

Household members who have moved away.

Have any members of your household moved away from the parish in the **last three years**?

Yes No

If Yes:

Why did they leave (please tick only one for each member that has moved away)?

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of affordable housing | <input type="checkbox"/> To take up employment elsewhere |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of public transport | <input type="checkbox"/> To go to college or university |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of suitable housing (<i>Please specify</i>) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>Specify</i>) | |

Your views on Affordable Housing (homes that are for rent or shared ownership that are available to local people at prices they can afford)

Are you in favour of additional affordable housing being provided within the Hanley Castle Parish area for local people?

YES **NO** **Unsure**

Future Housing Need

Are you, or anyone else from your household (they may currently be residing temporarily elsewhere) likely to need affordable housing within Hanley Castle Parish area now or in the next five years.

- Yes** – If so please **complete Part B** and return this form.
- No** – Please complete and return this part of the form **only (Part A)**.

PART B

Housing Need

When will you need to change your accommodation?

- Now Within 12 months 1-3 yrs 3-5 yrs 5+ yrs

Why do you need to move (you can give more than one reason)?

- Need local affordable accommodation
- Need Independent accommodation
- Need larger accommodation
- Need smaller accommodation
- Present home in poor state of repair
- Need to be closer to employment
- Need permanent accommodation
- Need older persons accommodation
- Need to be closer to a carer or dependent
- Need specially adapted home
- Family break up
- Need to be closer to relatives who are in the parish
- Moved away and wish to return to parish
- Other (please specify).....

Local Connection

Have you lived in the Hanley Castle Parish in all of the past 5 years ?

Yes No

If **no**, do you have a **local connection and a need** to live in Hanley Castle Parish?

e.g. Do you or your partner have close family living in this parish?

Yes No

Please give details of local or family connection.....

If you **don't live** in the parish now, **have you ever lived** in Hanley Castle Parish?

Yes No

If **yes**, how long were you a resident of Hanley Castle Parish and when?

Years _____ Date residency finished _____

Has any adult member of your household been offered a job in the parish but been unable to take up the offer because of a lack of affordable housing?

Yes No

Local Involvement in the Parish

Child in local school

Child in local organisation e.g. Scouts, Guides

You or your partner are members of a local sports club

You or your partner are affiliated to local church

You or your partner are members of a local social club/group

You or your partner are a local voluntary helper

Employment

If you, or your partner, are employed in the parish, please describe the nature of the employment?

| | <i>Your employment</i> | <i>Your partner's employment</i> |
|---------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Permanent | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Self employed | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Casual | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Seasonal | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please indicate if the above employment is full time or part time.....

Other, (e.g. short term contract) please explain

Please state the company where you are currently employed and where it is
.....

PART C

Contact Details (Optional)

The Housing Need Survey questionnaire does not ask for personal information such as names and addresses in order to preserve individual confidentiality.

However if you require a Common Housing Register form, please complete the details below. With your approval these details will be forwarded to Festival Housing Group so that you can be sent an application form. Your details will also be retained on file at Community First in order that we may contact you again if a new housing scheme is to be built.

Festival Housing Group administers the Common Housing Register for Malvern Hills District Council. By registering your details you can be considered for rented and shared ownership homes becoming available in your area. Further information on the Common Housing Register form can be obtained from Festival Housing Group Tel no. 01684 579579.

Your details will not be used for any other purpose and will remain confidential.

Name(s):

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Address:.....

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Postcode :

Telephone Numbers:

Daytime.....Mobile:.....

Email:

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