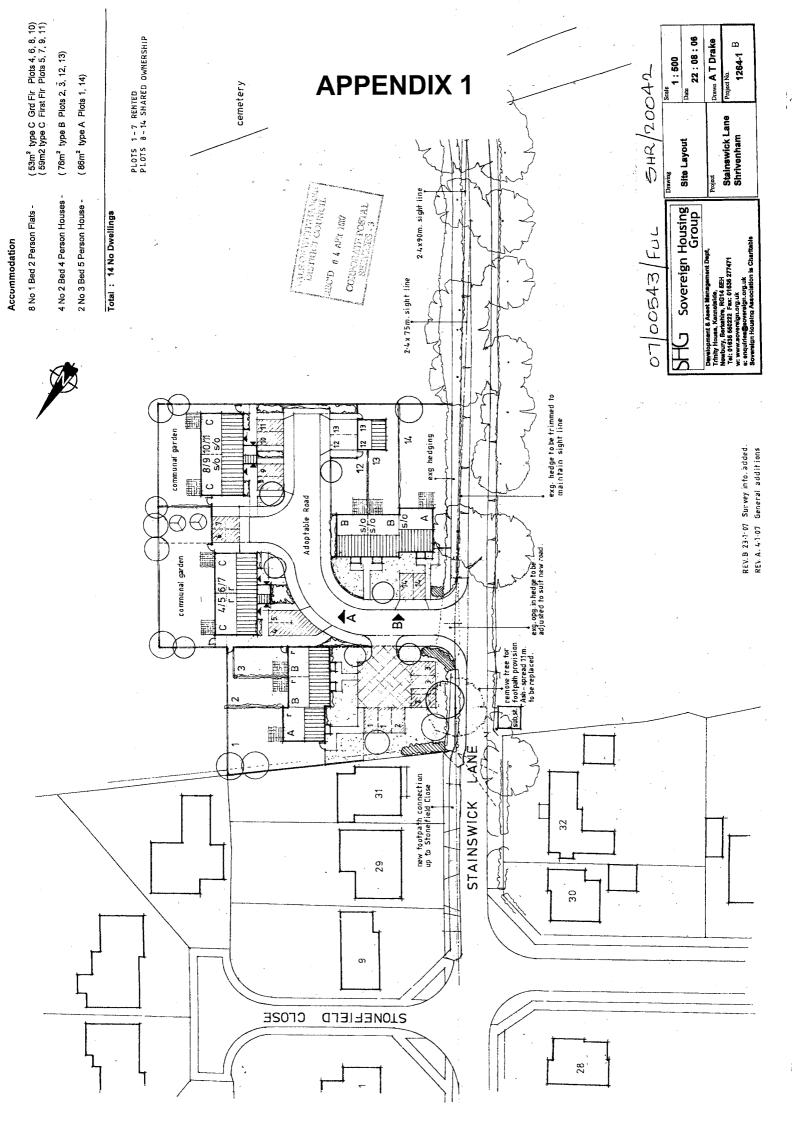
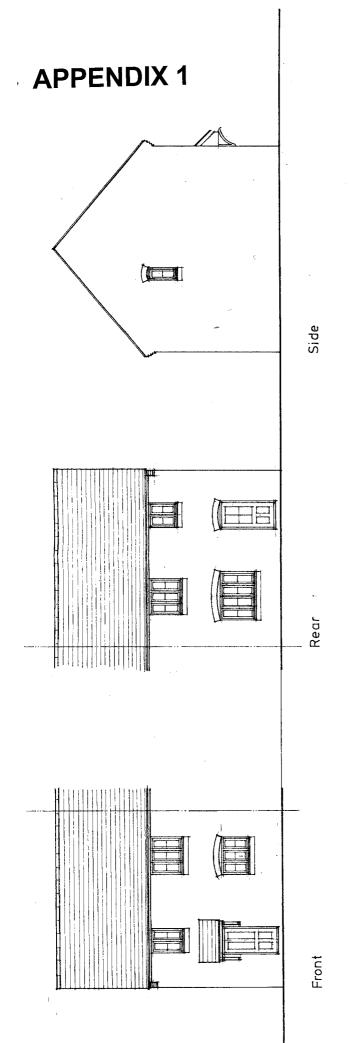


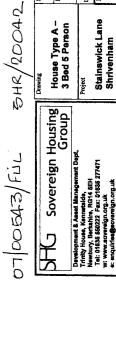
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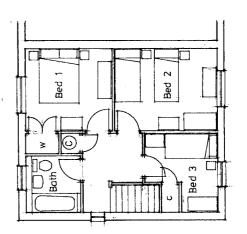




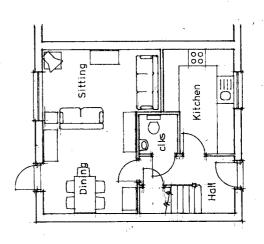
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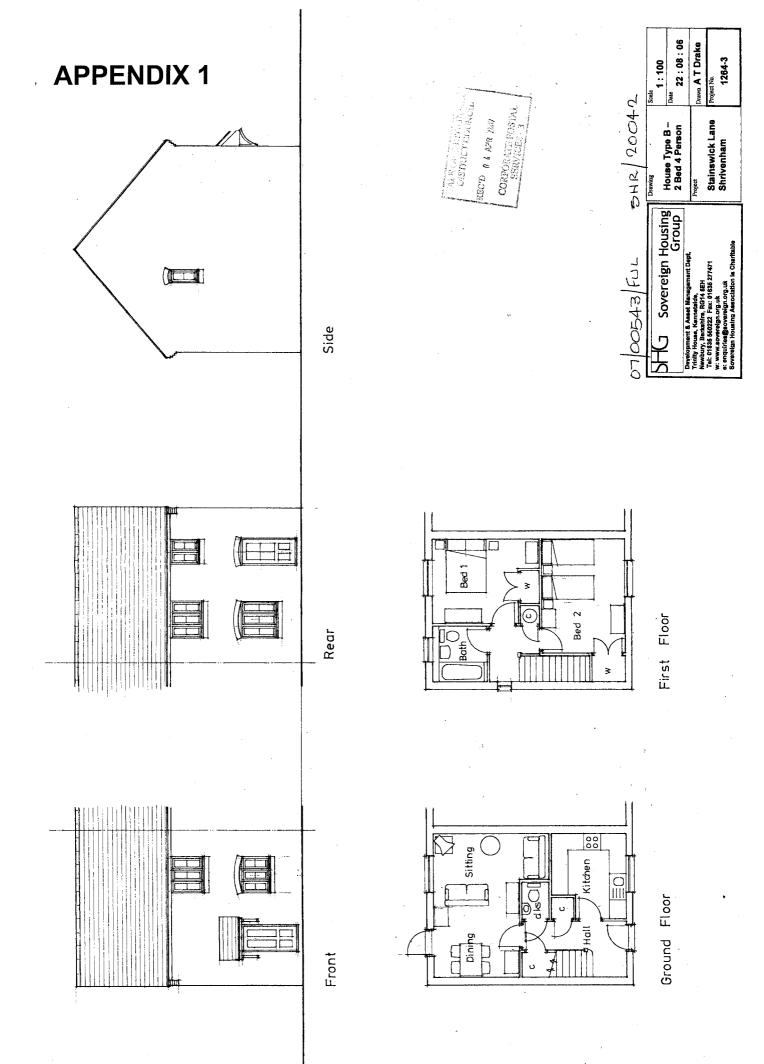
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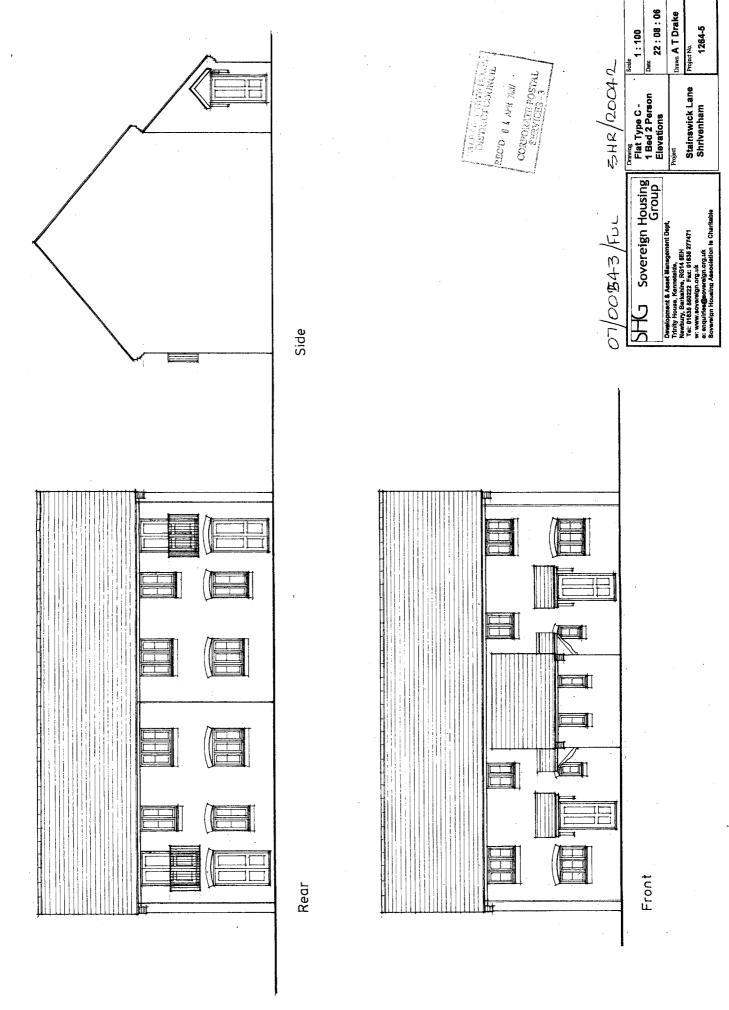


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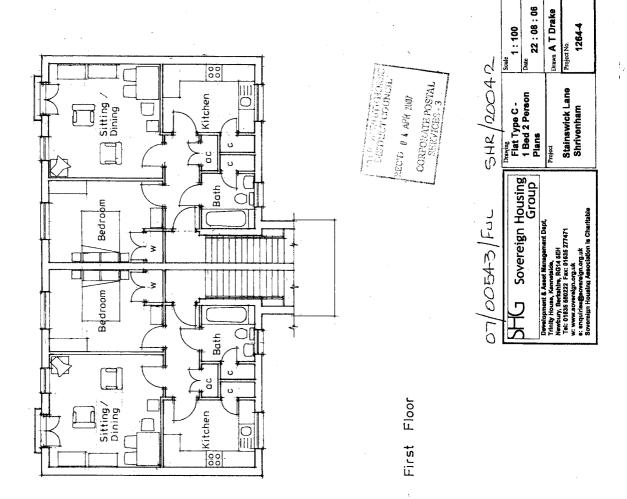


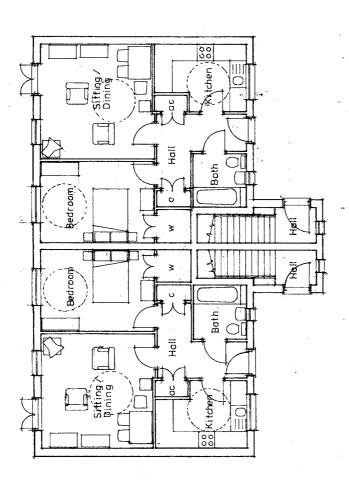
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**APPENDIX 1** 





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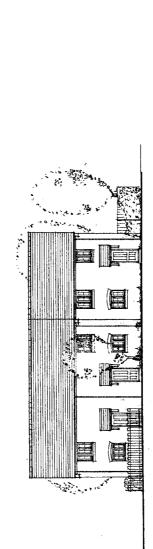
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Front Elevation Plots 1-11

View A

Front Elevation Plots 12-14 View B

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### COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL'S HOUSING DEPT.

-----Original Message----From: Paul Staines

**Sent:** 14 June 2007 09:06

To: Laura Hudson

Subject: RE: Proposed Exception Site - Stainswick Lane, Shrivenham

#### Laura

The development is based upon a housing needs survey carried out on behalf of the Council and parish council in 2004. The survey received a good response (circa 27%) and demonstrated that 74% of respondents supported the development of a small affordable housing scheme in the village.

The survey also showed 27 households in housing need living in the village.

Although the survey dates from 2004 I am confident that it still remains a reliable indicator of need in the parish. There is no evidence across the district that housing need is falling and the Council currently receives approximately 70 new applications to join its housing register every month. As at the 14<sup>th</sup> June there were 191 persons on the housing register citing Shrivenham as their preferred choice for housing in the district.

Officers from housing have worked with planning colleagues and the parish council to identify suitable sites and the parish council has selected the site at Stainswick lane. I am confident that the parish has taken this decision based upon all the relevant facts.

Committee will be aware that the development once complete will be governed by a S106 agreement that will restrict the allocation of properties to persons demonstrating a local connection with the parish or adjoining parishes and I am confident that this mechanism will mean that the properties will be allocated to local people as has been the case on all other rural exception sites

Paul

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11 May 2007 your ref SHR/20042

For the attention of Alison Blyth

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**APPENDIX 3** 

email and post

Dear Sir

Erection of 14 new dwellings with new access road. Land adjacent to 31 Stainswick Lane, Shrivenham

Thank you for the drawings of the above project received on 30 April which was discussed at the Architects Panel meeting on 2 May and on which you have requested design comments.

When I first looked at the plan I did wonder about the prudence of a short terrace at right angles to the road. However, having visited the site and properly understood the designer's reasoning I judge this to be an acceptable siting, and indeed one capable of attractively reinforcing the edge to the settlement. Moreover it is likely to be compatible with retaining the hedgerows and the rural quality of the Lane after it leaves the present boundary of the housing.

Though the uninterrupted ridge lines are regrettable it does seem to me that house type A and house type B are modest and acceptable designs appropriate for the location. You may wish to have more details of the eaves, window reveals, and suchlike to be sure that the potential displayed in the drawings is fully realised.

But I cannot say that the design for the proposed flats is equally acceptable, because I cannot persuade myself that the projecting feature housing the entrances to the upstairs dwellings is successful. The relationship between the proposed canopies over the doors and the (almost) catslide roof strikes me as fussy and unlikely to be harmonious with the other front doors. I consider this feature requires more consideration to see whether it might be improved. If it does not result in a Building Regulations problem at the foot of the stairs might treating the roof as an actual catslide allow the end of it to become a simple canopy over a pair of doors facing the front?

Finally I do wonder whether footpaths throughout both sides of the proposed roadway, apparently 1.8m or 2m wide, is necessary in this modest development. I am sure we have seen other schemes of this scale where highway engineering with a more subdued character has been accepted. The road and footpaths proposed on drawing 1264-1B are unlikely in my judgement to result in an attractive space.

Denis F McCoy DiplArch(Oxford) ARIBA FRTPI FRIAI
Christopher R Baker Company Secretary
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While I consider the project could prove acceptable I believe it does need some adjustment to the points mentioned above before it could be recommended for approval.

The various drawings and papers will be posted to on Monday.

Yours faithfully

McCOY ASSOCIATES

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This letter refers to drawings nos 1264-1B to -7, design statement.

## Shrivenham

### Housing Needs Survey Report

Suzanne Willers
Rural Housing Enabler
Oxfordshire Rural Community Council
12<sup>th</sup> July 2004

### Shrivenham Housing Needs Survey Report

#### Context

Shrivenham Parish Council agreed to undertake a housing needs survey with the help of Suzanne Willers, Oxfordshire Rural Community Council's Rural Housing Enabler in April/May 2004 because of concerns that housing in the parish was no longer affordable to many local people. A recent search of local estate agents revealed the level house prices have reached in the area:

For Sale			
1 bed	flat	Shrivenham	£140,000
2 bed	terrace	Shrivenham	£249,950
3 bed	cottage	Shrivenham	£275,000
4 bed	semi	Shrivenham	£259,950
5 bed	detached	Shrivenham	£410,000
For Rent			
1 bed	flat	Faringdon	£400 pcm
2 bed	cottage	Ashbury	£950 pcm
3 bed	cottage	Ashbury	£950 pcm
4 bed	semi	Shrivenham	£1000 pcm

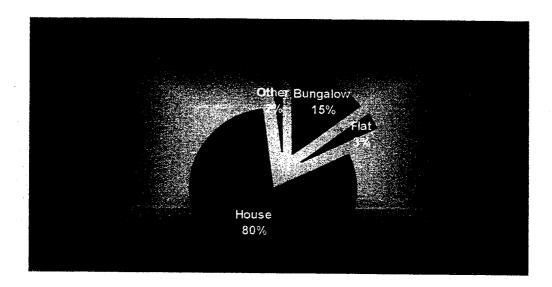
The survey was used to uncover the views of the local community of affordable housing and the possibility of a scheme being built in the village, and also to find out how many people with a local connection to the parish are currently in housing need and who could benefit from a new development.

#### **Survey Response**

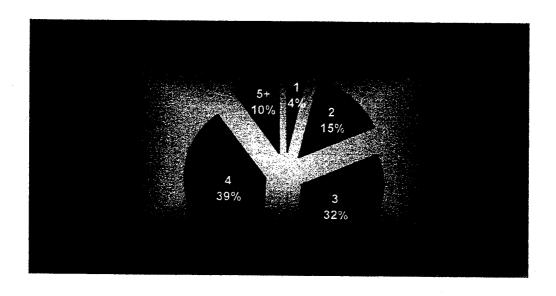
Of the 902 forms given out to all households within the parish, 246 forms (27%) were returned. This is considered to be a good response and therefore representative of the views of people in the parish.

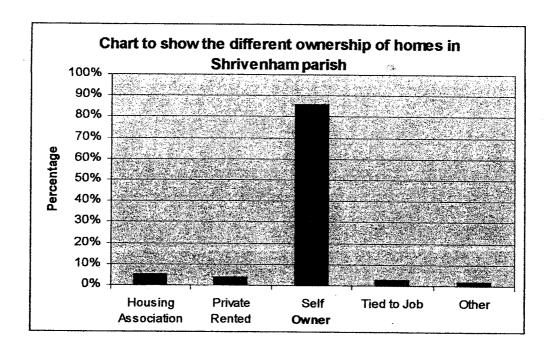
#### **Parish Profile**

The pie chart below show the mixture of different types of homes in the Parish.

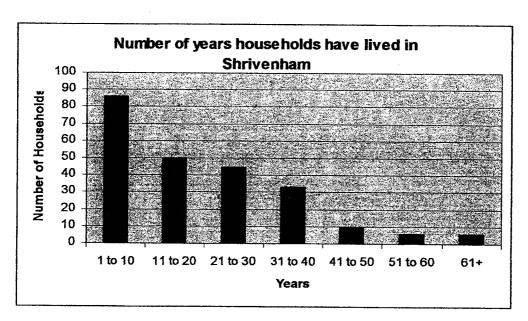


The homes in the parish are mostly 3 or 4 bedrooms and 86% are owner occupied (with or without a mortgage).

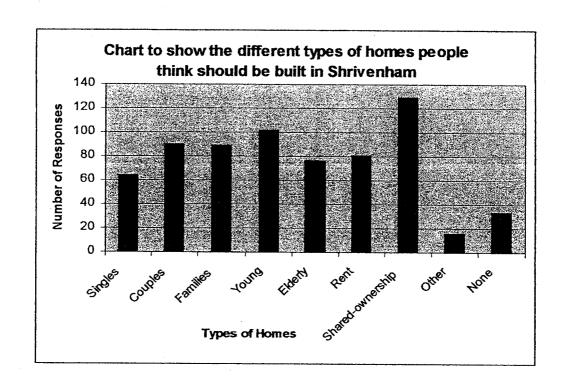




The chart below shows the length of time households have been living in the Parish. The majority of those who responded have lived in the Parish for less than twenty years.



74% of the people who responded would support a small affordable housing scheme built for local needs. 17% definitely would not, and 9% did not answer the question. The chart below shows the different types of affordable housing that people think should be built in the village.

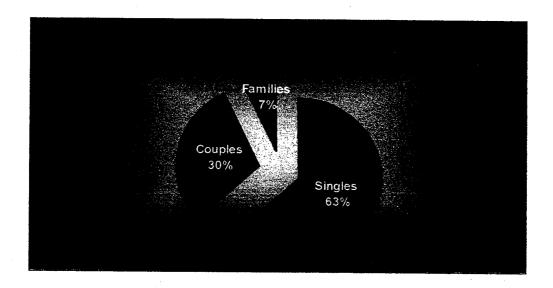


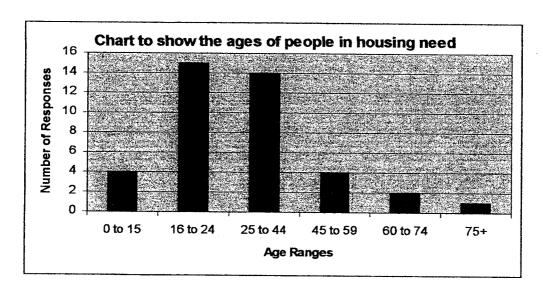
#### **Parish Leavers**

The forms returned showed that 107 people had left Shrivenham Parish in recent years, 37 of whom left because of a lack of affordable housing. It was also discovered that 43 of the total would return if there was more affordable housing in the village.

#### **Need Profile**

Twenty-seven households filled in the second part of the form indicating a housing need sometime in the next three years. The charts below show that although there is a mix of household types in housing need, it is mostly single people or couples. All those in the 0 to 15 age bracket are part of a family household and not teenagers wanting to leave home.





However, just 4 of the 27 households in housing need were on the District Council's Housing Register.

The homes that would need to be provided to for all these households are:

13 x 1 bed houses/flats for rent

10 x 1 bed houses/flats for shared-ownership 3 x 2 bed houses/bungalows for shared-ownership

1 x 3 bed house for rent

#### **Rural Housing Enabler Recommendations**

Considering the amount of support for a small scheme of affordable housing in Shrivenham Parish, I suggest that steps should be taken to build homes to provide for the need revealed in the survey. In order to ensure that there is always a level of need within a village to fill homes that become available on exception sites, the number of units provided is always less than that of the need. Therefore, as the need was 27 households, I suggest that 14 new homes need to be built in Shrivenham Parish:

6 x 1 bed flats for rent

2 x 1 bed flats for shared-ownership

2 x 2 bed house for rent

4 x 2 bed houses for shared-ownership

These homes could be provided in two ways:

- On an exception site. I suggest that the Parish Council looks for the best site with the help of the VWHDC Planning department.
- 2. As part of a private residential development. Policy H16of the Local Plan requires an element of private residential developments to be affordable.

#### **Site Suggestions**

Many sites were suggested where a possible small housing scheme could be built.

Highworth Road right hand side prior to A420 crossing

Mrs. Knapps fields - behind High Street

No - but ideally as close to the village centre as possible

Next to telephone exchange

off Highworth Road

Stainswick Lane above cemetery and below houses

Swindon, not on the outskirts of a small village

Outskirts of village

Longcot Road

Cowans Camp, Watchfield

Near to the School or Park

Between football pitch and by-pass.

Near by-pass

West side of Station Road

Between Shrivenham and Longcot (the road to Longcot from Shrivenham)

Edge of village on Longcot Road

Immediately north of the recreation ground

Longcot Road, Station Road

**Behind Recreation Ground** 

Area of land between Sandhills estate and bypass

Between Sandy Lane and the High Street

off of Station Road

Beyond Sandhill land

Behind Fairthorne Way (instead of proposed development)

Farm land behind Manor Close and football pitch

Station Road/Highworth Road

Infill site

Highworth Road, the allotments

Station Road

Field of Farleigh Road

Shrivenham is large enough, there is not enough amenities to support any more houses.

If there has to be a site it should be in the locality of the old station

Infill only

Behind the BT Telephone Exchange

Spare land between High Street and Sandy Lane

Right hand side of Highworth Road going towards Highworth

On outskirts of Shrivenham towards Faringdon (do not want to join Swindon)

Fields off Station Road, fields heading out of Shrivenham towards Swindon

Stainswick Lane between houses and cemetery

Near the Oxford bypass, not spreading across the Vale, down Stainswick Lane etc.

Faringdon

Allotment area

In Station Road, in the Paddock off Sandy Lane, in a small part of the extensive grounds of Shrivenham House.

Try Swindon

Near the canal

Stainswick Lane alongside the canal, Station Road

Longcot

Swindon

Station Road

Brown Field sites only

Between Friars Close and A420

Infil off of Sandy Lane behind the High Street which has already been ear marked for building houses

Field opposite sandhill

Behind Vicarage Lane

Top of Highworth Road

Land south of the village

Recreation Ground

Ex Gardens in Recreation Grounds

Top end by the bypass of Stallpits Road

Top end of Stallpitts Road by the Bypass

Station Road

West End Paddock, Station Road, Shrivenham

Station Road

Between the village and A420 - end of Stainswick Lane

Highworth Road to the east Sandhill by by-pass

Off Highworth Road - Between Football field and bypass

On the field behind Stainswick Lane, or the field next to the Park behind the football ptich.

Shrivenham land east side of B4000 - strip of allotment land Townsend Road, land between Stallpits Road and

Highworth Road, land at rear of Manor Close and Recreation Ground, Station Road

Right hand side Highworth Road

Next to Recreation Ground off Highworth Road

Longcot

East side of Highworth Road extending to football club

Acorn Way, Townsend Road, Shrivenham

For 95 young people!!

Between Station Road and Townsend Road

Vacant land accessed via gate in Sandy Lane

At the entrance of the recreation ground near to Manor Close/football pitch, perhaps one small row of houses/flats.

Field north of football field

Old Market Garden site south of High Street, field below West End cottage Station Road, MOD land surrounding BT exchange, land between above and Highworth Road NOT THE ALLOTMENTS!!

There are a number of disused agricultural buildings south of the village, either side of Stainswick Lane. These could be developed into affordable housing.

Land north of the rec, east of Highworth Road, up to A420, build houses nearer to A420 and extend recreation ground north to meet it.

Shrivenham house and grounds for elderly sheltered accommodation



#### Comments

'All the general comments made on the forms are listed below.

Affordable housing developments should be undertaken with great care and with due regard to - market conditions and avoidance of a 'free gift', sustainability in the long term, encouragement of wider factors such as good access to employment (perhaps via public transport) and local facilities.

Would not like to see houses crammed into small green spaces in centre of village causing overcrowding and affecting existing home owners plus create traffic problems for access etc, especially rubbish.

I think many houses could be converted to flats or houses and flats but for the attitude of this local authority.

I do not believe anymore houses should be built in Shrivenham as it would ruin the character of the village. Surely it would make sense to put up sheltered accommodation with warden support, this would potentially free up many single occupancy houses in the area.

Don't think more houses should be built as I think Shrivenham should stay a small village unlike the likes of Grove which is more of a town these days.

Shrivenham's infrastructure is being overloaded. The Defence Academy's expansion creates problems at schools/doctors/parking etc. It is not that I am against housing for local people - I do not believe the village can support it with other expansion plans, Shrivenham's pleasant rural atmosphere is showing signs of diminishing in to an urban complex - do please consider existing residents!

Nothing should be done to change the character of the Village

Build near other homes that have Young People living there.

Like many children who have been brought up in Shrivenham we wanted to stay in the village when we bought our home, due to high prices etc. we were unable to but we were lucky enough to return after 10 years, we strongly support affordable housing for village born people.

No more expensive houses (£150,000+) are needed here, and should not be approved. Council houses should NEVER have been sold off, and more should have been built to meet demand.

We have had to put our property up for Sale because our Band E has become very difficult to support financially. We have made several attempts to ask for reconsideration of this Band without success inspite of the fact that part of the space under our roof is taken up by our garage. Being the age we are we have no intension to turn this into living space. We therefore feel forced to leave but are trying hard to stay in Shrivenham/Watchfield area.

I strongly agree with affordable housing in the Village especially for families. We need children to keep the village organisations going i.e. pre-school, school, mums and tots etc. without new families coming into the village, the heart of the village will die and over the decades the 'community spirit' will disappear.

What does support mean? would we be required to contribute to costs of development (either by council tax or by other means?) shared ownership housing should be available to young couples and not just single parents. Local landowners should not be permitted to make large profits from such schemes.

The whole point of living in a village is that it is a village so expansion is not what most villagers want.

My husband and I had No. 7 Colton Road built by J. Knapp and and one of the 1st couples to live in this road.

I feel that young people both single and couples need help in getting accommodation locally.

Need to consider requirements for sheltered housing located within easy access of the village centre and bus stops. There should be restrictive covenants on extending affordable houses. Too many have already been developed beyond the means of first-time buyers, (for example, the Bradley estate).

Visiting US forces will leave parish July 2005

Small units (council owned) should be built for the elderly which would then release present homes for use for young families, stop the sell of council houses and cater for single working people.

My daughter works at the local nursery is 22 and needs to move out!

Don't sell anymore council houses and let them become for future local young couples.

The village should not extend beyond its existing boundaries. Beware Earls gate!! - or we will be a suburb of Swindon before we know it.

I would not be in favour of expansion of the main boundaries of the village. This would create an unacceptable precedent for all developments.

We saved long and hard to move to a village location and wish it to remain that way. We appreciate the problems that young people have in affording local housing, however we would have strong reservations regarding the future image and security of the village. Affordable housing unfortunately sometimes attracts individuals who do not value our heritage and have little interest in keeping their property in an appropriate manner.

Any development should be within the existing village boundary - the village should not be allowed to sprawl. There is a need for affordable starter housing - one bedroom and flats so that the young can get a foot on the housing ladder. There is no need for the ownership to be shared.

All for more housing but there should not be any positive discrimination as to who they are for.

Replace McDonalds at Watchfield and use this plus adjacent land for building in next village much more agreeable on the eye and would not cause so much litter in the area.

The drain of young people from the area is creating a stale community.

This village has reached a state when any further developments would risk it loosing its identity as a village and not a small town.

There has already been enough building

We would like to have bought in this area but prices are way over our budget.

Young couples and single persons should have the opportunity to rent or share ownership. There are many rented council houses with only one person in it which could house a family.

The housing must be for locals if subsidised/part owned and built in local style, not flats. My daughter might wish to buy in the village in 10 years time - lets plan for that now!

It is important to retain our greenbelt, with Swindon spreading out across farmland. If people have to move a little way to find homes, this is not so bad as a village losing its identity. They would not want this either.

Please see attached letter

This type of social engineering does not work. The houses may stay within the reach of less well-off people for a few years, but eventually they go back into the private sector and out of financial reach of those they were originally intended to house. With the improvment of communications it is now quite easy to live in one place and visit another relatively close by.

There is already a crisis with parking in the village. More houses more cars (not just one per household). How many of us all live in the village of our birth? The ration of inhabitants and amenities is already finely balanced in Shrivenham at present.

Private build lower-cost apartments suitable for couples and single people (both young and the elderly) could be encouraged through the district planning for Shrivenham.

If you want the quality of life that village living brings, you should be prepared to work hard and earn it. Myself and many others had to. Giving a leg-up by building 'affordable housing' removes any incentive to graft for lifes rewards. This form is not really applicable to me. I'm all for making it possible for those brought up or born in Shrivenham but how do you prevent non-qualifiers from applying?

This is a nice village of the correct size. Any additional houses of any type would change the village for the worse. There is already a problem with parking and over crowding in the High Street.

There a few small properties/starter homes in the village as smaller property have grown via extensions made by owners. I feel that "low cost housing" does not help people who cannot afford to buy a home - they need homes to rent. Rented housing is permanently available for the future rental market. "Low cost housing" always reaches the market rate when the convenant is removed - and they always do get removed at some stage! Shrivenham is not an off shore island. There is plenty of more affordable housing within easy reach of Shrivenham and Watchfield for people to buy if they wish. There is no point in building affordable housing in Swindon if it encourages them to commute somewhere else to work.

Whilst we appreciate the concern that a village needs young people residing in it for its continuation, Shrivenham has a range of housing already, has major housing developments on its doorstop in the Swindon B.C. Its facilities are overstretched e.g. parking in the village. Additional building will gradually encroach upon its present character which attracts people to live here and makes it a desirable place to live.

I am concerned with the statement "would not normally gain planning permission" included in paragraph 3 of Mr. Pratts letter. I would need to be asssured that due consultation processes were being followed and any development was not to the detriment of exising homeowners and parishoners. I have major concerns at the number of potential homes (95?) this number is far too many for Shrivenham to cope with.

Mother is elderly (79) and may need to sell house and have money for residential care in which case I should be homeless. Now on income support

We live in married MOD quarters at Cranfield Univ.

The cost involved in home ownership are prohibitive for most young people. To stand any chance of promoting the welfare of rural communities, young need to be encouraged to remain (to live or work).

We are a Canadian military family living in the park area of the camp. As such, we feel a little inadequate at filling in this form. However, having lived here, we can understand why local people would want to stay here. We think affordable housing should be made available to couples and young families who want to remain in Shrivenham. Although we live in a rented cottage our Landlady is 90 years old and is in a home. We understand that on her death all her properties and land would be sold to pay death duties.

I feel that if this was to go ahead the development should not just be stuck on the edge of the village to stick out like a sore thumb, or be built in any old materials to keep the cost down.

There definitely is a need for smaller type houses and bungalows for young couples also senior citizens who are now living in large houses with gardens they find it difficult to manage.

As a village Shrivenhams outer boundaries do not need expanding the concept of village settlement would be lost. There should be no housing developments allowed on existing agricultural land. If farming is no longer an occupation acceptable to occupants, they should sell up and find a smaller property and allow farming to continue and produce goods for local businesses.

I strongly believe that strenuous efforts be made to preserve the character of this village. Any talk of in-filling areas within the village will 'bit by bit' and more and more noticeably remove vital areas of open space. A village exists to 'allow' a certain type of lifestyle, which all residents acknowledge and support. Tranquility and a gentler pace of life are attributes that must not be put into jeopardy. Once buildings are erected it is of course very difficult to reverse and change. There are a dearth of starter homes in Swindon.

Why build homes for rent or shared ownership. The couples of today want to be able to buy a place of there own, you have the operate for them to achieve this and let them be able to stay in this parish. The houses only need to be 2 bedroom, with a price range of under £100,000

We intend to move back to Scotland next year and thus we feel that our opinions are perhaps irrelevant.

Assuming an exception site would not otherwise be granted planning permission for residential development, such a site should be on the edge of the village just outside the built up boundary. As such the north side is difficult in order

to keep sufficient separation between houses and the A420. South side provides the better opportunity, perhaps towards bottom of Fairthorne or Stainswick Lane, or Station Road (west side). Longcot Road also perhaps? Any new housing should be built for children or parents of the people living in the village now, and not allowed to be used for outsiders wishing to buy or move into the village.

We are unable to get planning permission for the Paddock which is adjacent to the house and is within the Shrivenham 30 mph zone. The field can be accessed from Townsend Road

We believe that young people need town housing for easy and cheap ways to work and leisure - i.e. walking or buses and save the expense of car/petrol/parking - especially if buying a house.

If affordable housing is to be built it must be affordable for those who live in the village and for those in the village. Also what about those not eligible for the housing list but still on low income. I was forced to live outside the village until I could afford to move back for that very reason. Houses were built but way out of price range.

We would be concerned if development was considered on the West side of Shrivenham as this would bring us closer to Swindon and a green belt would be lost.

The present system is too rigid, my daughter has been left partially disabled with three children, she has lived with us for nearly nine months, we would be happy to look after her and the children full-time until a place becomes vacant in the village and for her to give up her house in Faringdon (Housing Association) but to do this we are told by people that she would have made herself intentially homesless and lose her rights to another house. Therefore she lives between two houses, a most unsatisfactory arrangement and denying another family a house in Faringdon. Is this logical?? The cost of houses is largely based on the cost of land - the cost of land for building is high because of restrictive planning, solution, release more land for housing.

There are a variety of houses and flats to buy and rent in the village, school, doctors and shops are ideal for the number of people living in the village more houses would create more problem than they would solve.

No, further building will spoil our village, we are already a large village, when does the building stop .... when we are a town??

Please do not build any more houses in or around Shrivenham it will ruin the whole of the village

Already lots of development might support limited development on small derelict sites if there are any. Would have to be in keeping and with parking.

This village is adjacent to the Defence Academy, any affordable housing built in the area is likely to be bought for rent by military people. I support the need for affordable housing for young people but as Swindon is only 7 miles away feel this is a better venue.

Elderly couples when house and garden becomes too big and they don't need another house, but good two bedroom flats or cottages so to stay within the village. Starter homes for young people and affordable houses for couples with families.

Could be built on a small scale with architecture that mirrors the scale of the memorial hall. Being next to the Rec there would be no need for big gardens and would be lovely for elderly people, lots to look at.

The Rural Housing Trust who promote village homes for village people was attracted to this site in December 2000. Please see enclosed copies of correspondence.

Is life ever easy? our children left, worked hard and eventually made their way back to Shrivenham in their early 30's. It was a struggles but it is possible. Your narrow viewpoint is unfairly expensive even more so when PLANNING is thrown out of the window!!

I cannot think of any land available

Any plan to build on new (greenfield) land here will meet with strong opposition notably more vocal from recent arrivals than locals, i.e. the very people who have helped cause the problem. There is little if any infill that can be done in Shrivenham and no attempt should be made to fill in between Shrivenham and Watchfield. I do not wish to see any more greenfield sites built on than is absolutely necessary however I think most could live with a small development detailed in Q10.

Ref. Question 8 As appropriate to all returns received from this survey. Both rented and shared-ownership might well be indicated

Re - Q9 I refer here to sheltered accommodation such as provided at Highworth for widows/widowers who do wish to leave the parish.

