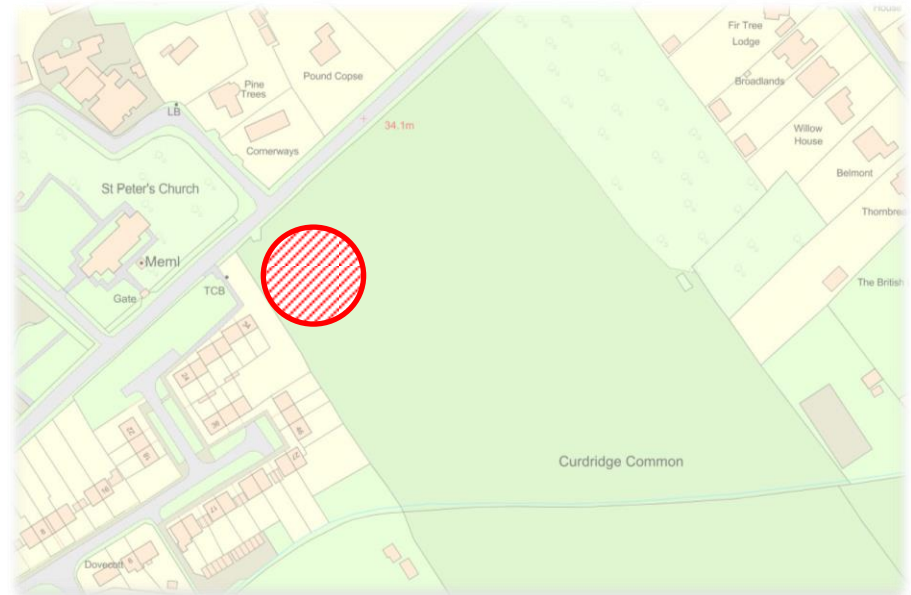


Curdridge Affordable Housing Consultation Event 28th March 2018



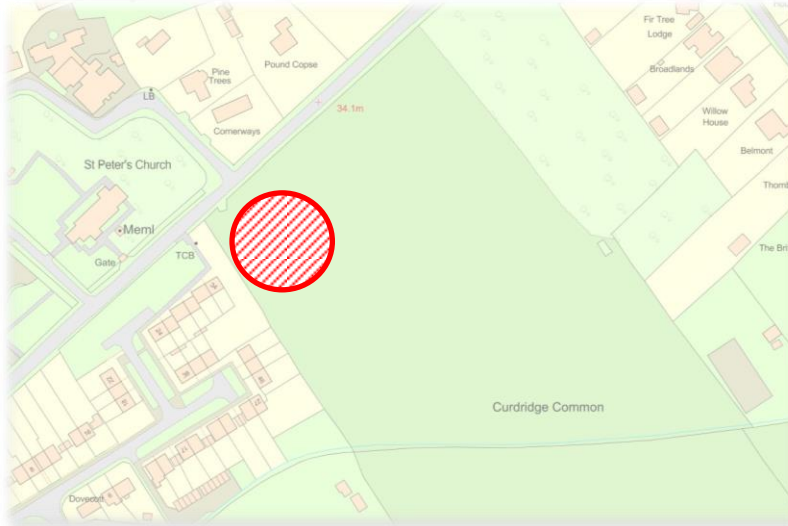
Summary of report findings

Event purpose

The purpose of the event was:

- To promote an affordable housing scheme for local people in Curdridge on a site at Botley Road, Curdridge
- To provide an opportunity for local people to obtain information about registering for affordable rented and shared ownership properties
- To provide the community with an opportunity to view and comment on the proposals

The development site



The proposed site is located at Curdridge Common on Botley Road, adjacent to St Peter's Close and opposite Church Lane.

Two indicative layouts were presented at the event, to show how the site could possibly be developed and to provide a useful starting point for discussions.

Sketch 1



Sketch 2



Response to the event

- The event took place between 3:30pm and 7:00pm
- There was a steady flow of visitors with 45 people recorded on the attendance list (although not everyone signed in)
- 14 comment sheets were returned (the majority of these were sent by post after the event)



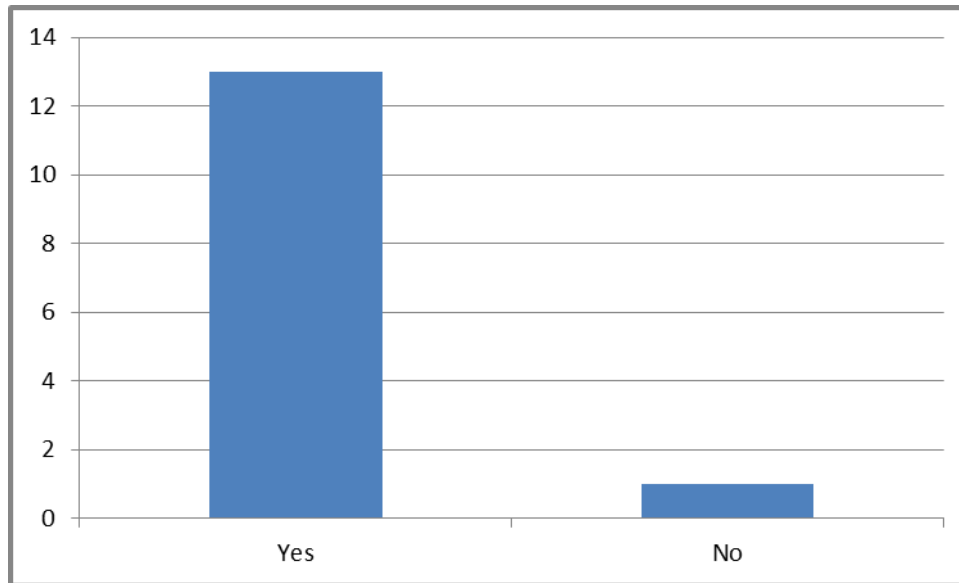
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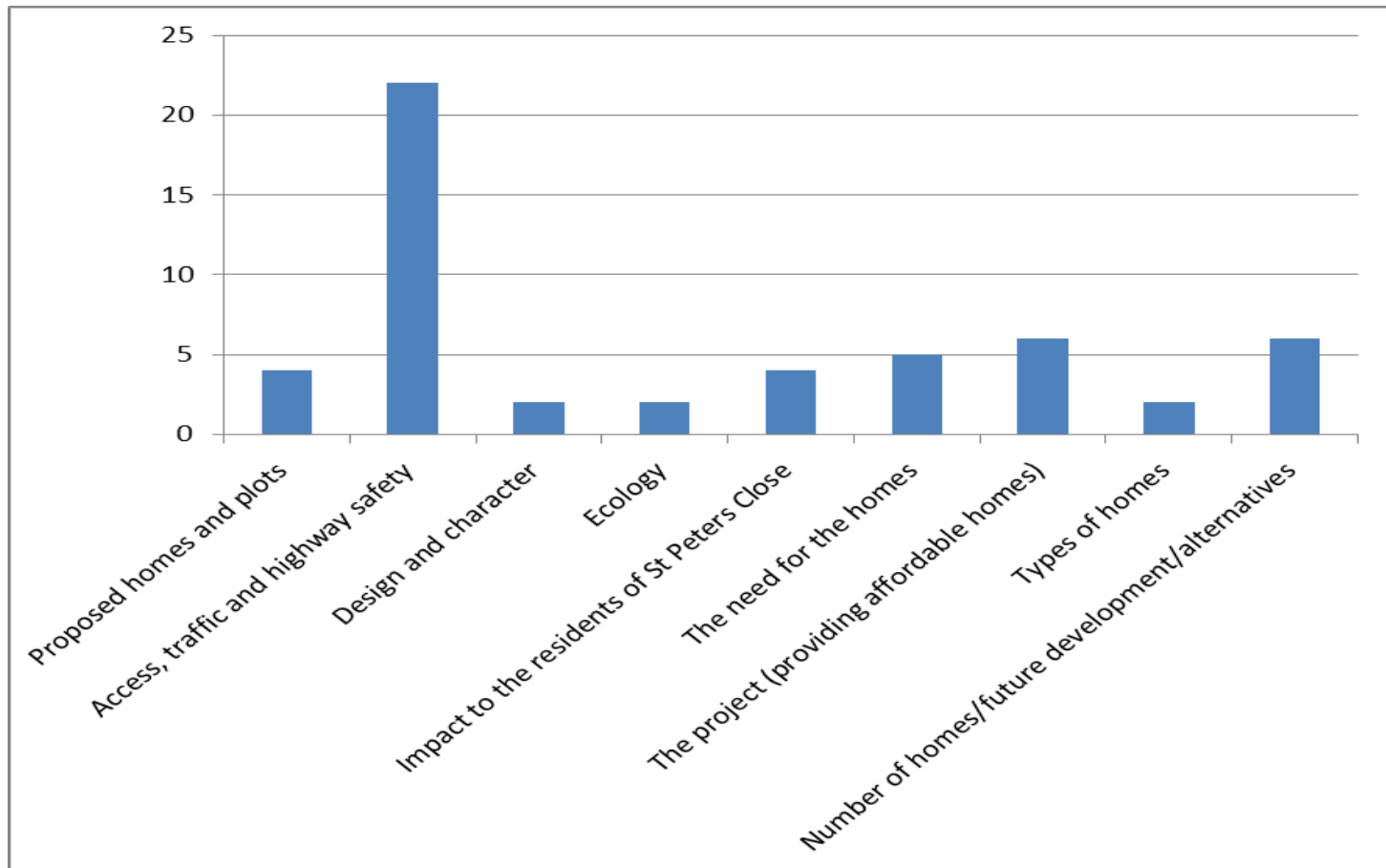
- Parishioners were interested in the proposals and keen to ask questions
- Attendees were generally supportive of the principle of providing affordable housing
- A number of people were interested in the homes for themselves
- Concerns were raised regarding the access through St Peters Close

Written comments received

- Do you think that this site is suitable for an affordable housing development for local people?

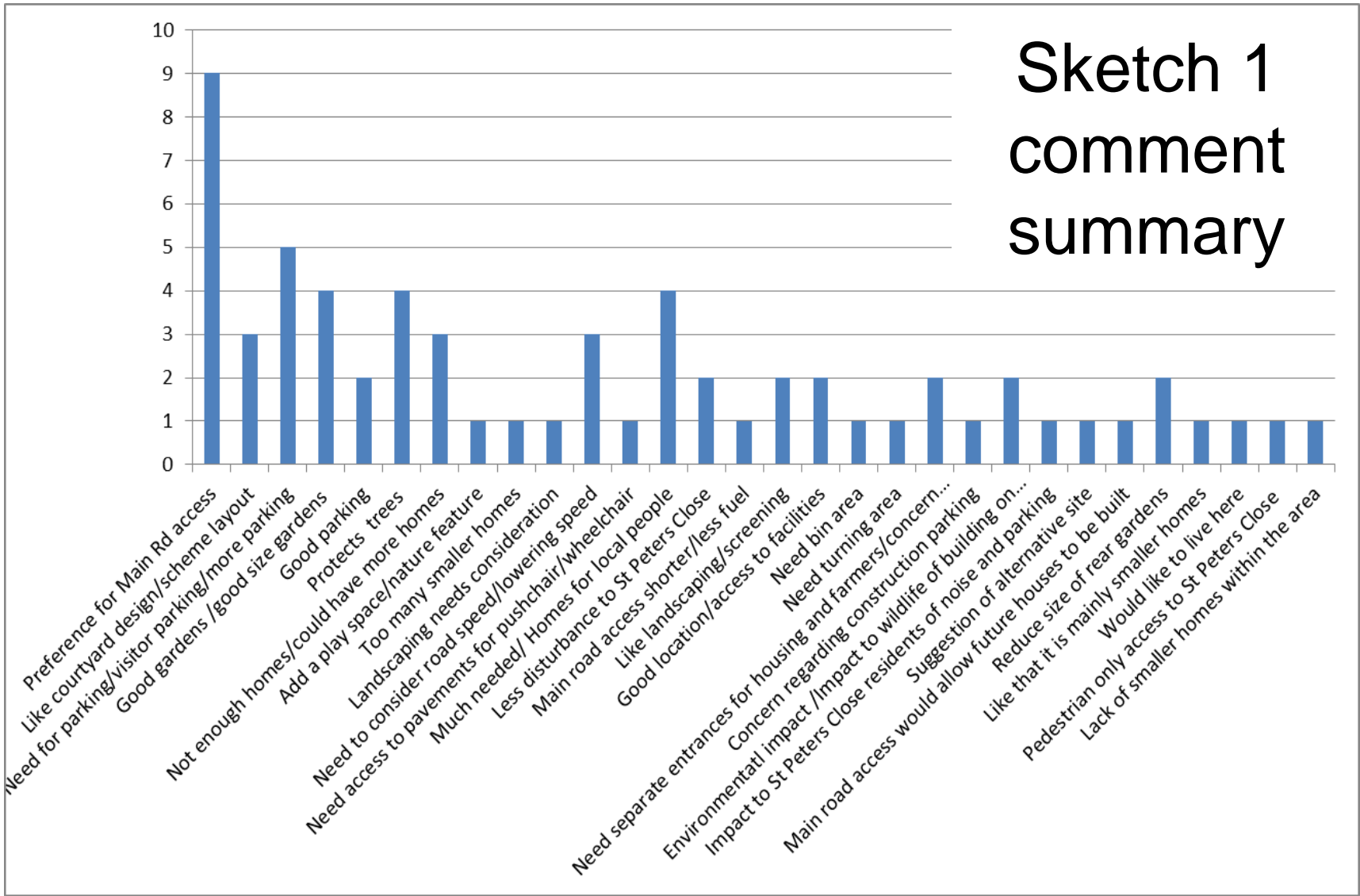


General comments on the site and proposals

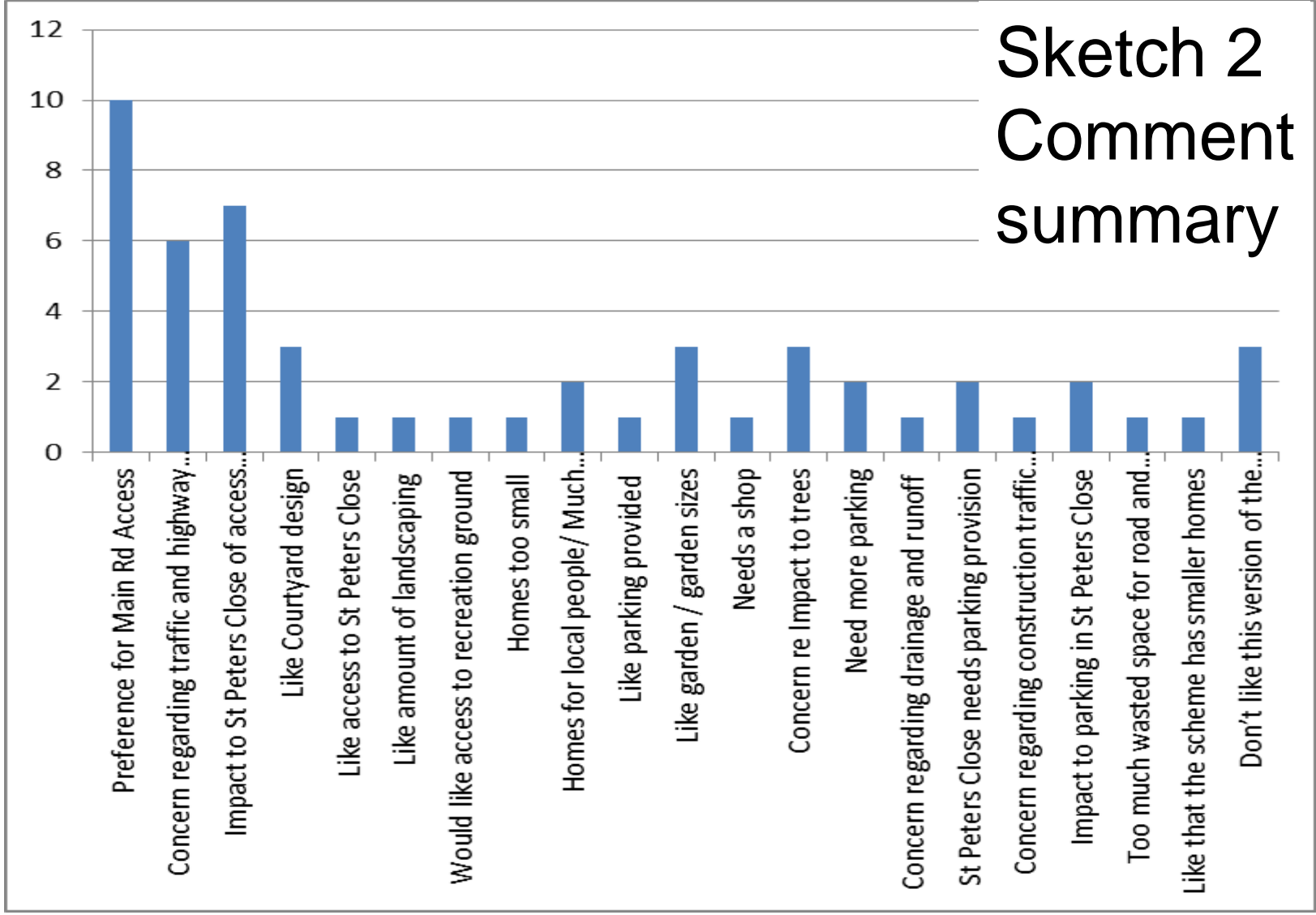


Comments on the sketches

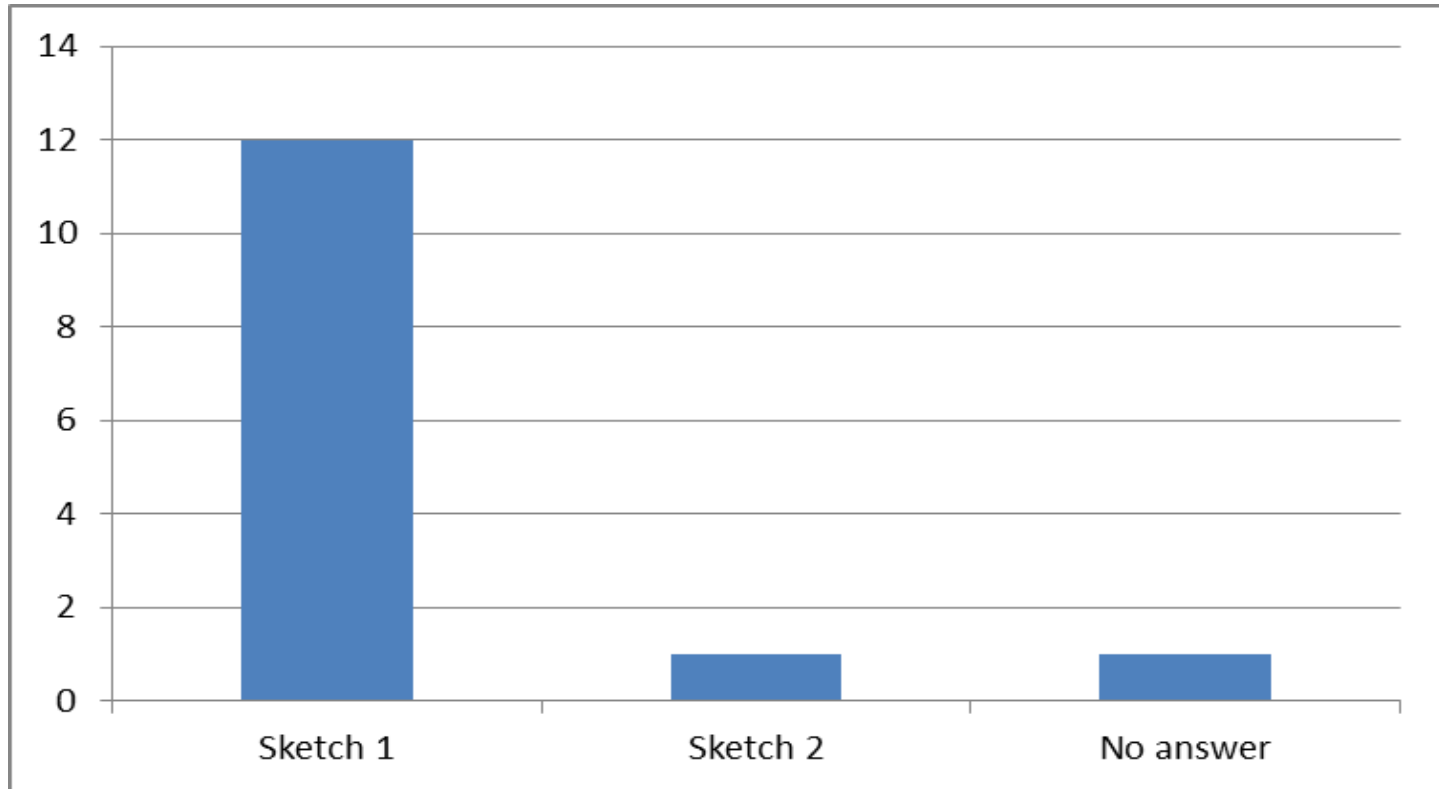
- As noted in the report, whilst the sketches showed slightly different site areas with the potential for access from either the Botley Road or through St Peters Close, in the main, respondents appear to have considered Sketch 1 to show the access as being from Botley Road and Sketch 2 as having the access from St Peters Close. The comments received largely reflect this.
- Respondents were asked about each sketch and to comment on what they liked, their concerns and any changes that they would like to suggest. There was also the opportunity to provide any other comments.



Sketch 2 Comment summary



Layout preference



Comments overview

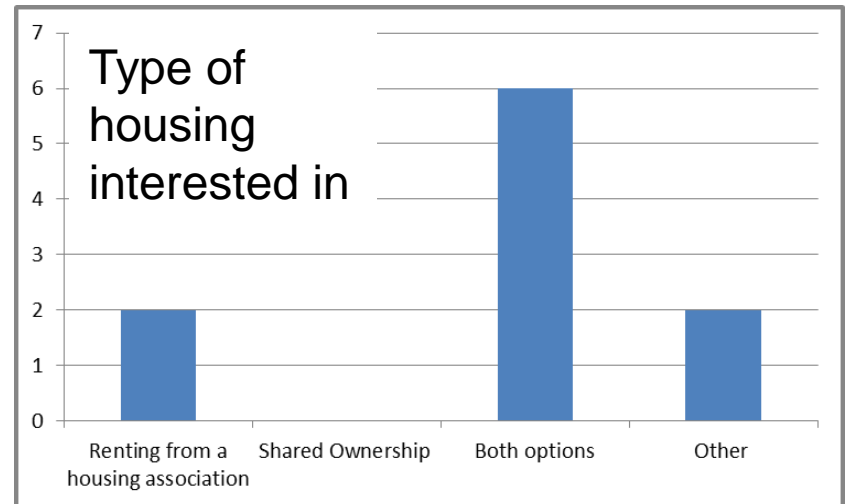
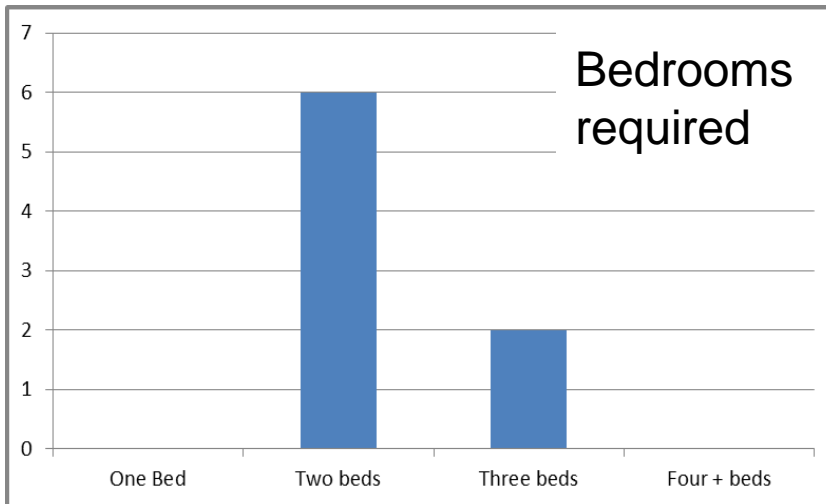
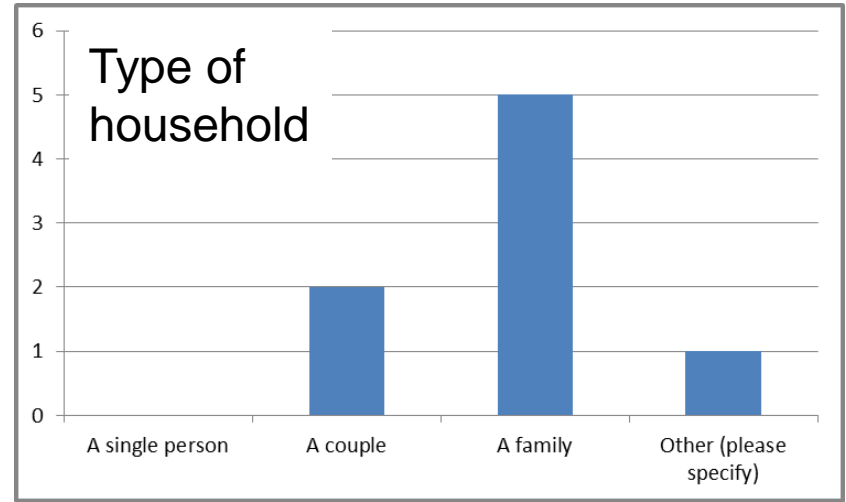
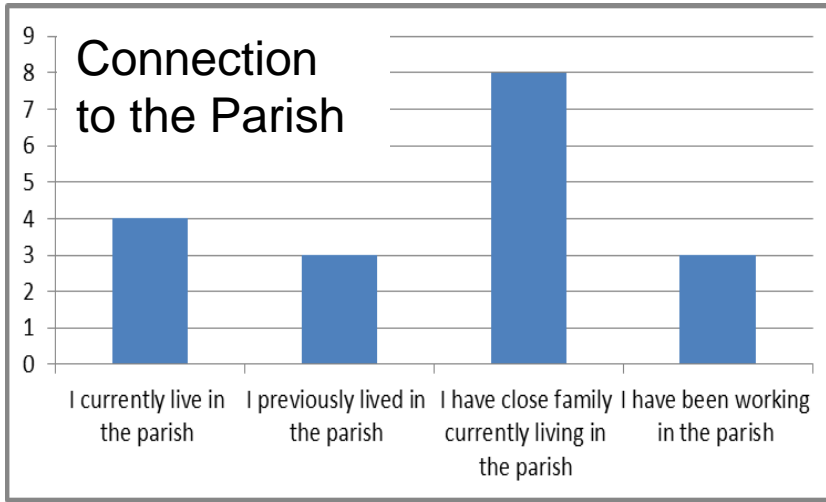
- There were a number of positive comments regarding the sketches, including the courtyard design, size of gardens provided and the landscaping, however the provision of adequate parking spaces was seen as an important issue. A number of respondents were also keen to see the trees protected/retained.
- The location of the access was a significant issue, in respect of the potential impact to traffic and highway safety, as well as the impact to the existing residents of St Peters Close.
- The vast majority of respondents were in favour of an access from Botley Road, however concerns were also raised regarding the need for a safe access here.

Housing need survey

A housing need survey was advertised through the event flyer, which was distributed to all households within the Parish.

- The survey identified 8 households in housing need representing 23 individuals, 83% of whom are under 45.
- The two most popular reasons for needing a new home were to start first home (3 respondents) and needing a larger home (3 respondents).
- The majority of respondents (75%) would need to move within two years.

Housing need survey table sample



Housing registers

- 2 respondents stated that they are on the local council housing register, Hampshire Home Choice and 1 respondent is registered on both the local council register and Help to Buy South.
- Winchester City Council's housing register, managed by Hampshire Home Choice has identified 7 local households in need of affordable rented housing in the Parish. In addition 9 applicants have registered with Help to Buy South.

Conclusions

- Overall, the general feedback was positive and the majority of attendees and those providing written comments were supportive of the scheme and the proposed site.
- There appeared to be a general consensus in both the anecdotal and written comments that the principle of providing an affordable housing scheme for local people was accepted and supported, and that affordable housing was required for local people in Curdridge.

Conclusions

- A number of comments were made regarding the specifics of the scheme and it is clear that the information captured by the event needs to be carefully considered. The scheme proposals that will be drawn up will take these in to account where possible and appropriate in conjunction with advice from Winchester City Council Planning Department.
- The event and accompanying housing need survey have uncovered households who are in need of affordable housing within Curdridge Parish, but are not represented in the register figures. Information regarding how to register was also provided at the event.

Next steps

- **It is recommended that:**
- The Parish Council consider this report, accept its findings and work with HARAH in developing an affordable housing scheme for local people in the Parish.
- The Parish Council accept the principle that more affordable housing is needed in the Parish, based on the housing need findings of this report and the existing registers.
- The Parish Council agree that the site on land at Botley Road, Curdridge is the preferred site to deliver these homes, with the exact location, numbers and mix to be discussed and agreed with the Parish Council before a full planning application is made.