

SUMMARY OF QUESTIONNAIRE DATA

In October 2004 over 2000 questionnaires were sent to 1018 households within the Parish. By December, 407 envelopes had been returned containing over 600 replies. This is a very good response, being in excess of 40%. These returns represent the views and wishes of the Parish as a whole.

The returned questionnaires were professionally analysed by specialists in this field, 'Community First Partnership'. They have produced an excellent detailed statistical report.

Using only the information contained in this report, and after detailed discussion, the Steering Committee, came to the following conclusions about what Clent residents want now and in the future:

HOUSING AND LAND

The vast majority of residents (87%) feel strongly that there should be no relaxation of the Green Belt rules to allow for general housing development.

When specifically asked, 36% of respondents feel that some provision should be made for "affordable housing" for first time buyers, However 47% disagree with land provision for this purpose.

Over 90% of respondents are in favour of any developments being in keeping with the present Parish character. "Modern" styles are favoured only by 8% of residents.

Across the parish, between 86% and 90% of respondents agree that existing buildings should be preserved.

