



Housing Needs Survey Report for Hampton Lucy Parish Council

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1. Introduction

Hampton Lucy Parish Council commissioned a local Housing Needs Survey which was distributed in October 2021, with a deadline return of 31st October. The aim of the survey was to collect local housing needs information within and relating to Hampton Lucy parish.

The survey form was a standard document used in parishes across Stratford district and a copy was delivered to every home in the parish. Additional forms were available upon request and respondents were given the option to complete the survey online if they preferred. A copy of the cover letter and survey form can be seen as Appendix A to this report.

Households with a need for alternative housing, and who wish to live in the parish, were requested to complete and return the survey form. The form asks for details of the household, the current housing situation, preferred housing situation, the identified need and local connection, together with sensitive information such as financial details. Respondents were assured that any information they disclosed would be treated in strict confidence.

The survey pack included a Freepost envelope so, if not completed online, forms could be securely returned direct to the WRCC Rural Housing Enabler.

2. Planning Context

At a national level, current guidelines (National Planning Policy Framework, March 2012) emphasise the role of local communities in the planning process. For example, it encourages communities to “plan positively for local development, shaping and directing development in their area ...”

At a local level, Stratford-on-Avon District Council has adopted a new local plan to guide development in the district up to 2031. Amongst other things this new plan aims to build upon the success of previous plans in providing opportunities for local communities to promote housing schemes, as well as other forms of development, that meet an identified local need.

There is also scope for a local community to prepare a neighbourhood plan to steer development within their area and, in particular, assist in meeting any local housing that may be identified in this report or as a result of subsequent housing surveys.

A community can choose to promote a ‘local needs scheme’ in its own right, relying on policies in the local plan or via a neighbourhood plan. In either case a local needs scheme can include both affordable housing and local market housing. Such schemes will be supported within or adjacent to existing settlements provided that:

- It has been demonstrated that there is a local need for affordable housing and the scheme reflects identified local need,
- The scheme has been initiated from within the local community and has the support of the relevant parish council,
- Satisfactory arrangements for the management and occupation of the properties have been made to ensure that the homes to be provided will meet identified local housing needs both initially and in perpetuity.

Unless a neighbourhood plan expressly provides otherwise a local needs scheme would be subject to a planning obligation, referred to as a ‘Section 106 Agreement’, which limits occupation of the homes, including any local market homes, to people with a defined local connection.

The term “affordable housing” has a specific meaning (as set out in the Glossary to the NPPF) and includes options both for affordable housing for rent and home ownership.

New affordable homes are generally required for two reasons:

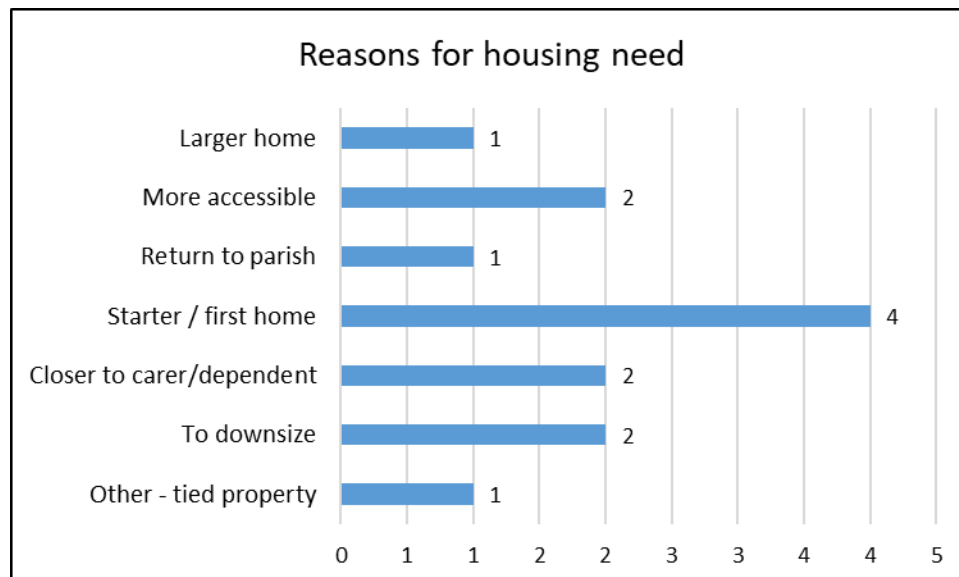
- Many residents on low and middle incomes cannot afford to rent privately or buy open market housing, and
- The market does not provide the right type of accommodation for residents, for example homes for people who are older and wish to downsize.

3. Results

Approximately 270 Housing Needs Survey forms were distributed and 5 survey forms were returned. However, 1 of the survey forms provided information relating to 3 households so this report therefore provides information relating to 7 households.

Q1: Reasons for housing need

Respondents were asked to indicate “which of the following statements apply to your household” and were able to indicate more than one reason. All respondents completed this section.



As can be seen respondents seeking a starter/first home represent the largest group.

Q2: Current dwelling

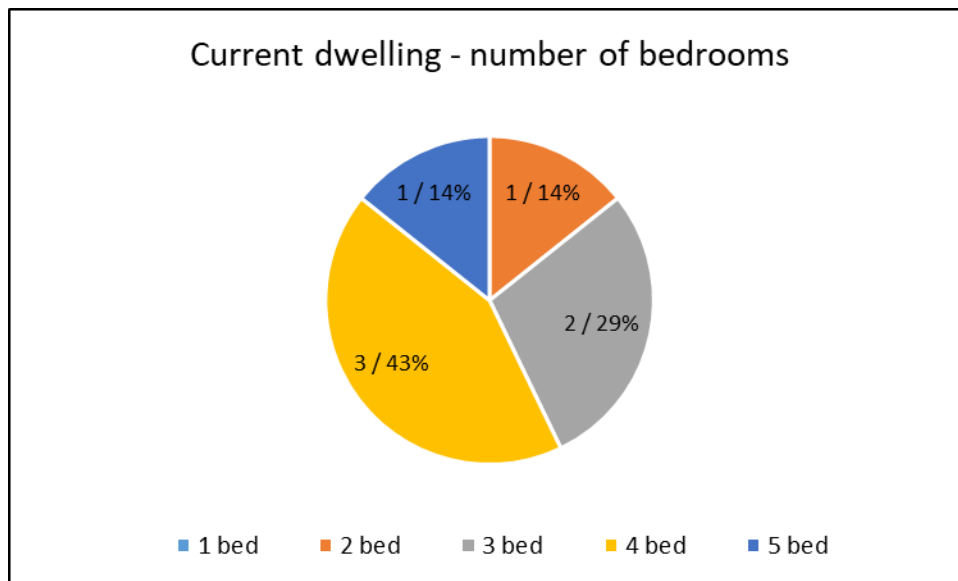
Respondents were asked to indicate the type, size and tenure of their current dwelling.

i) Dwelling type

All of the respondents indicated that they currently live in a house.

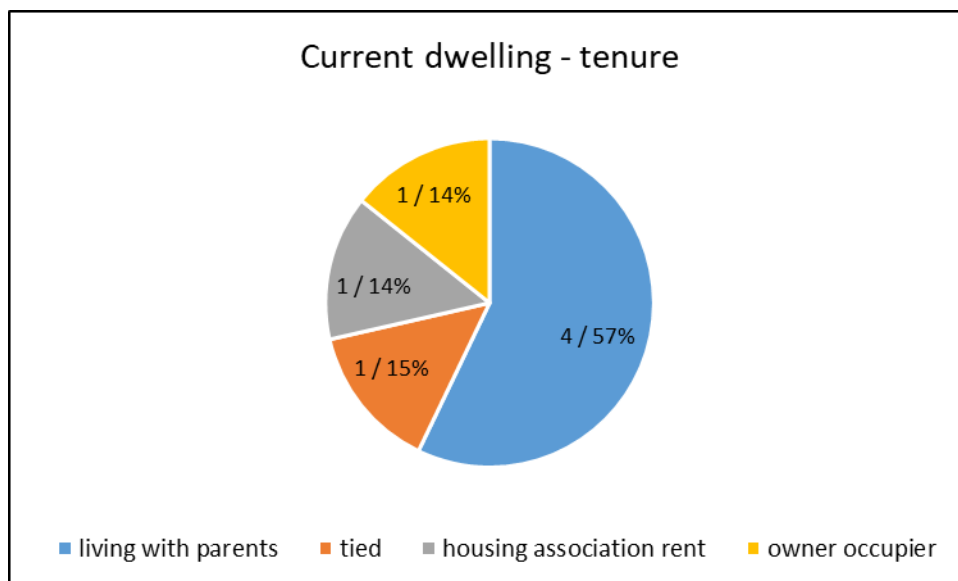
ii) Number of bedrooms

All respondents indicated the number of bedrooms within their current dwelling, and 4 bed homes represent the largest group.



iii) Dwelling tenure

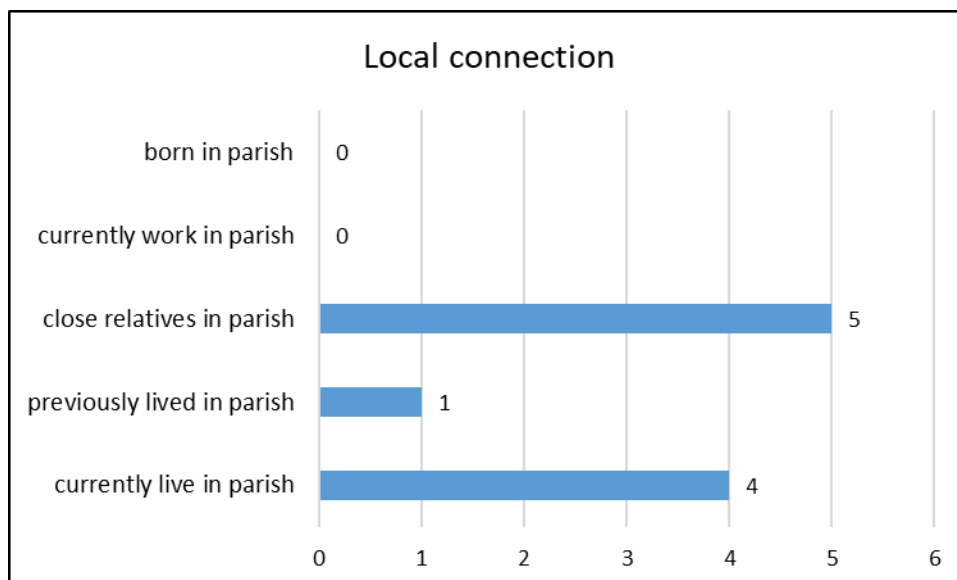
The following chart shows the current dwelling tenure of all the respondents, with 'living with parent/s' being the majority factor at 57%.



Respondents who rent were asked to indicate “approximately what percentage of your income, after tax, do you spend on rent?” The 1 respondent who currently rents indicated that 40% of their income, after tax, is spent on rent.

Q3: Local connection

Respondents were asked to indicate their local connection to the parish and were able to indicate more than one connection. All respondents answered this question.



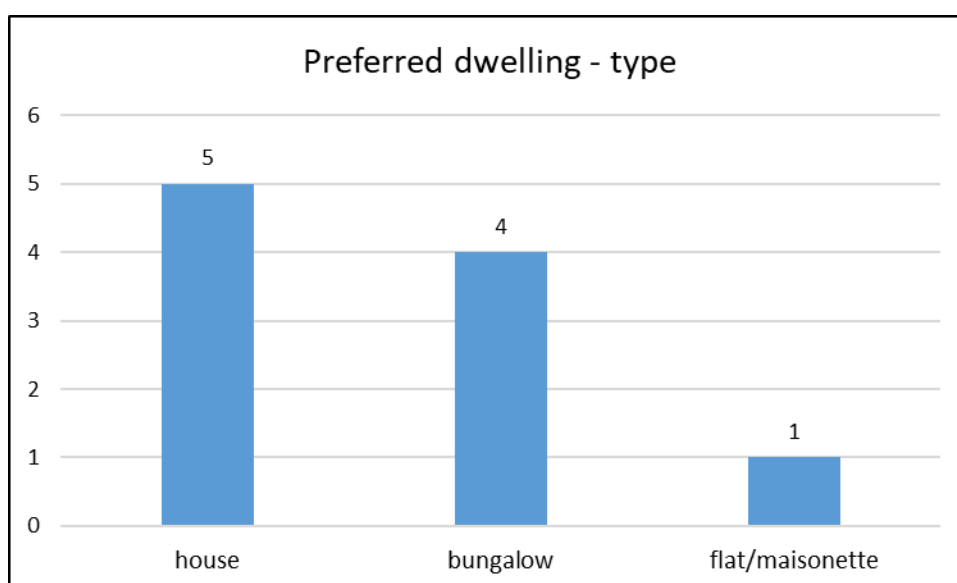
Five respondents indicated that they have close relatives (parents, siblings, children) within the parish, whilst 4 indicated that they currently live in the parish.

Q4: Preferred dwelling

Respondents were asked to indicate the type, size and tenure of their preferred dwelling. It should be noted that a housing preference doesn't necessarily align to analysed need. For example, a couple with a young child, a joint income of £30,000, no savings or equity, and seeking a 3-bed owner occupier home would be analysed as requiring a 2-bed house to rent from a housing association. Further information is provided at Q5 Financial Information.

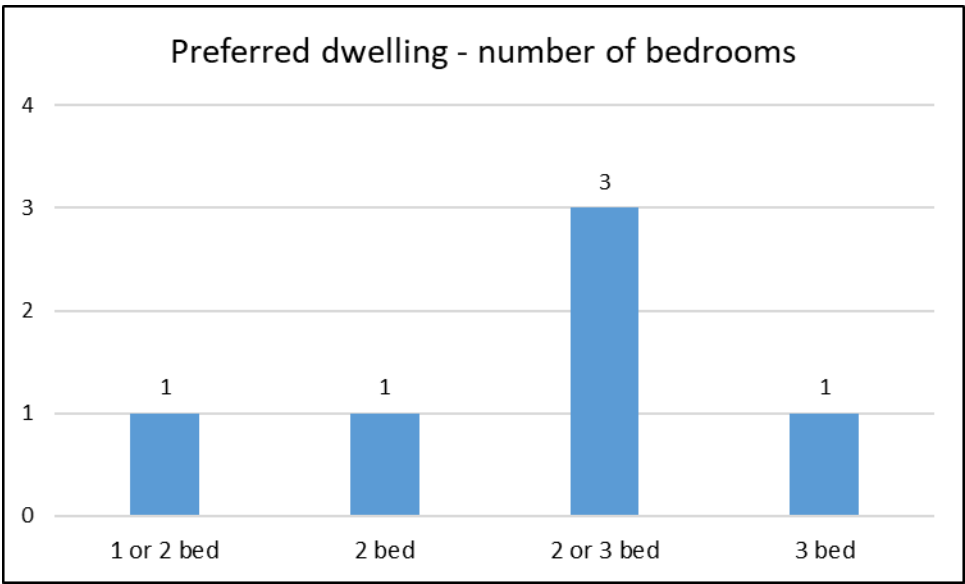
i) Dwelling type

All respondents provided information and were able to indicate more than one preference. As can be seen in the following chart, house is the most popular option followed closely by bungalow.



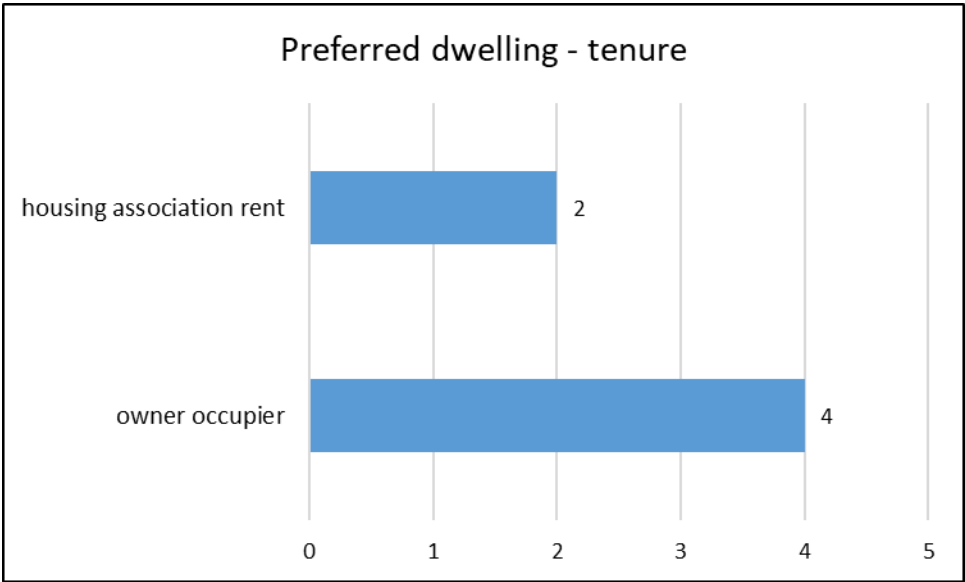
ii) Number of bedrooms

Six of the 7 respondents indicated a preference regarding the number of bedrooms with two and three beds proving most popular, which is not dissimilar to other rural parishes across the district.



iii) Dwelling tenure

Respondents were asked to indicate their preferred tenure and were able to indicate more than one preference. Six of the 7 respondents answered this question and home ownership is, unsurprisingly, the most popular.



iv) Self build

Three respondents indicated that they would be interested in self build.

v) Designed to cater for a disability

One respondent indicated that they would prefer a property specifically designed to cater for a disability with reference made to limited mobility and a preference for aids to assist, such as grab rails and easy access bathing.

The information provided aids the analysis of need but is not reproduced verbatim within the report.

Q5: Financial information

The specific information provided in response to this section aids the analysis of need but is confidential and not reproduced herein.

However, of the 4 respondents who indicated that they would prefer an owner occupier property only 1 has indicated that they have savings, equity or would receive a monetary gift to use towards a new home.

Where a respondent indicates a preference for shared ownership their ability to enter into such an arrangement is assessed using the information provided. The mortgage and deposit that the respondent could raise is compared against a comparable owner occupied property in the local area, as demonstrated through the research shown in Appendix B to this report. If it appears that the respondent could not enter into a shared ownership arrangement (perhaps where they have no deposit) they are re-classified as being in need of rented accommodation.

Similarly, where a respondent indicates a preference for a market home their ability to enter into a mortgage is assessed including the ability to raise a deposit. Having assessed whether the respondent could reasonably acquire a suitable mortgage if they could not do so they are re-classified as being in need of either a shared ownership (with a suitable deposit) or rented property (without a suitable deposit).

Q6: Housing waiting list

Two of the respondents indicated that they are currently registered on the District Council's housing waiting list, known as Home Choice Plus.

However, it should be noted that at November 2021 there were 15 households with an address within the parish registered on the local authority housing waiting list.

Whilst some registered households may not wish to continue residing locally, experience from across the district shows that typically most people living in a rural parish will wish to continue residing there due to established social networks etc. This particularly applies to families with children and older people. A summary of these registered households can be seen at Appendix C.

Q7: Detail of households seeking alternative housing

The information provided in response to this question aids the analysis of need, for example in relation to overcrowding, but is confidential and not reproduced herein.

4. Conclusion

This survey identifies a need for 7 alternative homes for households with a defined local connection to Hampton Lucy parish, as shown below.

Housing association rent

- 4 x 1 bed maisonette
- 1 x 1 bed bungalow
- 1 x 2 bed house

Owner occupier

- 1 x 2 bed bungalow

Consideration should also be given to the households registered on Home Choice Plus.

In rural areas where analysis indicates a need for 1-bed rented accommodation this may be reclassified as 2-bed accommodation as 1-bed homes can sometimes be difficult to let and may sit vacant for a period of time. A 1-bed home can accommodate only a single person or couple, whereas a 2-bed home can also accommodate a small family and a single or couple household may grow and require additional space in the future. This increased flexibility, weighed against the relatively small extra cost and extra space associated with building a 2-bed home is a strong argument for providing the larger unit.

5. Contact Information

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Housing needs survey for Hampton Lucy parish

Do you want to downsize, are you currently living at home with parents and want your own home, do you need a bungalow in preference to a house?

The Parish Council last undertook a housing needs survey in 2016 so it is now time to again ask the community about local housing need. A lack of suitable housing is an issue for many households and can often lead to local people moving away. Our Parish is small, with the options for further housing limited but we will work to ensure that any options to provide further houses for those in housing need in the Parish will be prioritised.

The form is to be completed ONLY if you have a need for alternative housing and wish to live within the parish.

If you know anyone currently living elsewhere who would like to return to live in Hampton Lucy Parish please ask them to contact the Rural Housing Enabler (details on back page) to receive a copy of this form. They would need to have a strong local connection, eg they work in the parish, previously lived in the Parish or have a close relative currently living in the Parish.

This data is collected for the purpose of identifying Parish-wide housing need only and will not be used for any other purpose. All information will be treated in strict confidence and neither the Parish Council nor any third party will see individual replies. Individual returns will be anonymised and analysis will be carried out by WRCC (an independent charity that supports rural communities across Warwickshire), who will retain and shred all survey forms.

A separate form should be completed by each household in need of alternative housing and if they wish to be housed within the parish within the next five years. If necessary, please request extra forms; see contact details on the back page. Completed survey forms should be returned by 31st October 2021 using the attached Freepost envelope, or complete this survey online at www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/HamptonLucy.

Thank you for participating in this survey.
Hampton Lucy Parish Council

1. Why does your household need an alternative home (tick all that apply)?

- ☐ Need a larger home
- ☐ Wish to downsize
- ☐ Want a starter home / first home
- ☐ Wish to return to the parish
- ☐ Struggling to afford current home
- ☐ Need to be closer to a carer or dependent to give or receive support
- ☐ To be closer to employment within the parish
- ☐ Need a home that is more accessible (ie all rooms on one floor)
- ☐ Need a new home for another reason - please explain below

2. Current dwelling - what type of property do you currently live in?

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| ☐ Bungalow | ☐ Flat / maisonette |
| ☐ House | ☐ Other |

Number of bedrooms

- | | |
|--|--|
| ☐ Rent - housing association* | ☐ Owned (with/without mortgage) |
| ☐ Rent - private* | ☐ Live with parent/s |
| ☐ Shared ownership (part rent part buy) | ☐ Other |

*** If you currently rent your home approximately what percentage of your income, after tax, do you spend on rent?**

%

3. What is your connection to this parish (tick all that apply)?

- ☐ Currently live in the parish (how many years?)
- ☐ Previously lived in the parish (how many years?)
- ☐ Have close relatives living in the parish (relationship)
- ☐ Currently work at least 16 hours per week in the parish (how many years?)
- ☐ Born in the parish but moved away

4. What type of property would your household prefer (tick all that apply)?

☐ Bungalow ☐ House ☐ Flat / maisonette

Number of bedrooms

☐ Rent - housing association ☐ Shared ownership (part rent, part buy)

☐ Rent - private ☐ Owned (with / without mortgage)

☐ Interested in self-build

☐ Specifically designed to cater for a disability

Please provide details of any specific housing requirements (eg relating to a disability) for yourself or any member of your household who is seeking housing with you.

5. It is important to understand what people can afford.

This information will not be disclosed to any third party and remains confidential. Financial information helps to determine the tenure of property suitable for the household.

Please indicate the approximate total annual gross income (before tax) of the household in need of alternative housing. Do not include housing or other benefits.

£

Do you have savings, equity in your current home or will someone gift you money towards a new home?

☐ Yes savings £..... / equity £..... / gift £.....

☐ No

6. Are you registered on Stratford-on-Avon District Council housing waiting list (Home Choice Plus)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If you wish to apply to rent a housing association property you should be on the housing waiting list. Application forms are available by download (www.homechoiceplus.org.uk), email (housingadviceteam@stratford-dc.gov.uk) or telephone (01789 260861).

7. Details of the household seeking alternative housing.

Please complete a separate form for each household in need of alternative housing.

	Age (yrs)	Sex (M / F)	Relationship to person completing survey form
Person 1			<i>Person completing form</i>
Person 2			
Person 3			
Person 4			
Person 5			
Person 6			

Please provide your name and contact details. We may need to contact you to obtain further information. Any information you give will remain confidential to WRCC and will not be shared with any third party.

Name	
Address	
Email / telephone	

Thank you for completing this survey.

If you require an additional survey form contact the Rural Housing Enabler:
01789 842182 or housing@wrccrural.org.uk.

**Please return this form in the Freepost envelope provided
no later than 31st October 2021.**

(or post to Freepost Plus RSRR-KAGE-GBUR, Warwickshire Rural Community Council,
Warwick Enterprise Park, Wellesbourne, Warwick CV35 9EF)

WRCC collects the minimum data required and for the specific purpose of providing an anonymised housing needs report. Data is processed lawfully and fairly, and it is kept in a secure manner. Returned survey forms are kept for a short period before being shredded.

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Appendix B – Property search

Results of property search across Hampton Lucy parish, November 2021 (excluding period & listed properties, property in need of refurbishment, with additional land, stables etc).

Properties currently for sale.

Selling agent	Location	No of beds	Type	Price £
Peter Clarke & Co	Snitterfield Street	5	detached house	630,000
ChangeHomes	Stratford Road	3	semi-detached house	280,000
Nikki Homes	Stratford Road	3	semi-detached house	250,000

Average house prices – for sale.

House size & type	Price £
3 bed semi-detached house	265,000
5 bed detached house	630,000

Properties sold in parish over the last 12 months.

Date sold	Location	No of beds	Type	Price £
Mar-21	Church Street	3	semi-detached house	455,000
Nov-20	Stratford Road	3	semi-detached house	235,000

Average house prices - sold within the last 12 months.

House size & type	Price £
3 bed semi-detached house	345,000

Properties sold in parish over the last 24 months.

Date sold	Location	No of beds	Type	Price £
Mar-21	Church Street	3	semi-detached house	455,000
Nov-20	Stratford Road	3	semi-detached house	235,000
Oct-20	The Close	3	terraced house	250,000
Feb-20	Hithersand Close	4	detached house	610,000
Jan-20	Bridge Street	3	semi-detached house	345,000
Nov-19	Snitterfield Street	3	detached house	462,500

Average house prices - sold within the last 24 months.

House size & type	Price £
3 bed semi-detached house	345,000
3 bed terraced house	250,000
3 bed detached house	462,500
4 bed detached house	610,000

Source: Rightmove, PurpleBricks, Zoopla, OnTheMarket

Appendix C – Home Choice Plus

Home Choice Plus is the scheme used to allocate housing association properties across the participating local authority areas, which includes Stratford-on-Avon District Council.

At November 2021 the following households with an address within Hampton Lucy parish were registered.

Household type	No. of children in household	No. of households	House type & size
Single / couple	0	7	1 bed maisonette or 2 bed house*
Family	1	2	2 bed house
Family	2	1	2 or 3 bed house
Other	0	1	2 or 3 bed house
Pensioner/DLA	0	4	1 or 2 bed bungalow*

*In rural areas where analysis indicates a need for 1-bed accommodation this may be reclassified as 2-bed accommodation as this offers greater flexibility.

If local needs properties are developed for a community as a result of information obtained through a housing survey and similar evidence it would be subject to a planning obligation limiting occupation of the homes, including any local market homes, to people with a defined local connection (as listed at Q3 on the survey form).