



Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe HOUSING SURVEY EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

October 2019

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Executive Summary & Key Findings

Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Neighbourhood Plan Group (NPG) carried out a Housing Survey to determine the level of need for housing across all tenure types in the parish.

The aim of this survey was to understand the existing and future housing needs for Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe residents including family members (not necessarily living in Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe) and other members of the household. The study was also designed to understand Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe current housing stock and whether this is affordable to local people.

This study included-

- General information about the current housing in Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe including 2011 Census data
- A Housing Survey to determine the housing needs of current households
- Contextual information about Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe
- Information from the Home-Link register to cross check the findings

Data analysis and the writing of this report have been undertaken by Community Action Suffolk.

Key Findings

	Number	%
Surveys Returned Completed (full or partial)	314	34.35
Surveys Not Completed or Returned or Blank	600	65.65
Total Surveys Distributed	914	100

The Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Housing Survey 2019 achieved a 34.35% return rate, with respondents in favour of homes for older people, small family homes and homes for couples.

From the 314 surveys returned, 73 households responded that the current households have identified a current need totalling 116 people.

From the 314 surveys returned, 38 of those households responded identifying a need for 70 family members (people with a local connection) wishing to live in or return to Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe.

In total, the response from 111 households identified a housing need for 186 people in Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe. This report has been compiled based solely on the data from the responses received. These figures may change throughout the report depending on the number of questions completed.

1. Survey Method

The Housing Survey used was compiled by Community Action Suffolk in agreement with Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council. The survey was distributed to each of the 914 households within the parish boundary by a local team of volunteers from Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe. The survey contained 45 questions and can be found in Appendix A. The closing date for the survey was 17th June 2019.

One survey form was provided per household with a unique code to allow the household to complete on-line or send a completed hard copy back. The unique code was to ensure that residents were only able to respond once to prevent the results being skewed. Households that had more than one housing need i.e. two or more people requiring housing going forward in different households could request additional forms from Community Action Suffolk.

A return rate of 34.35% was achieved which indicated a need for additional housing by 105 households (177 people). The average return rate for HNS is generally between 30 - 40% which indicates that the number of responses received provide a robust sample snapshot of the parish.

314 completed surveys were returned fully or partially completed via post and on-line. 600 surveys were not returned. Data entry of the surveys was undertaken by Community Action Suffolk using bespoke in-house software. Each survey form input was allocated a unique code so that the data could be cross referenced to provide a comprehensive level of information. Individual people or households were not able to be identified. For quality purposes a 10% sample of the surveys input were checked for accuracy.

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