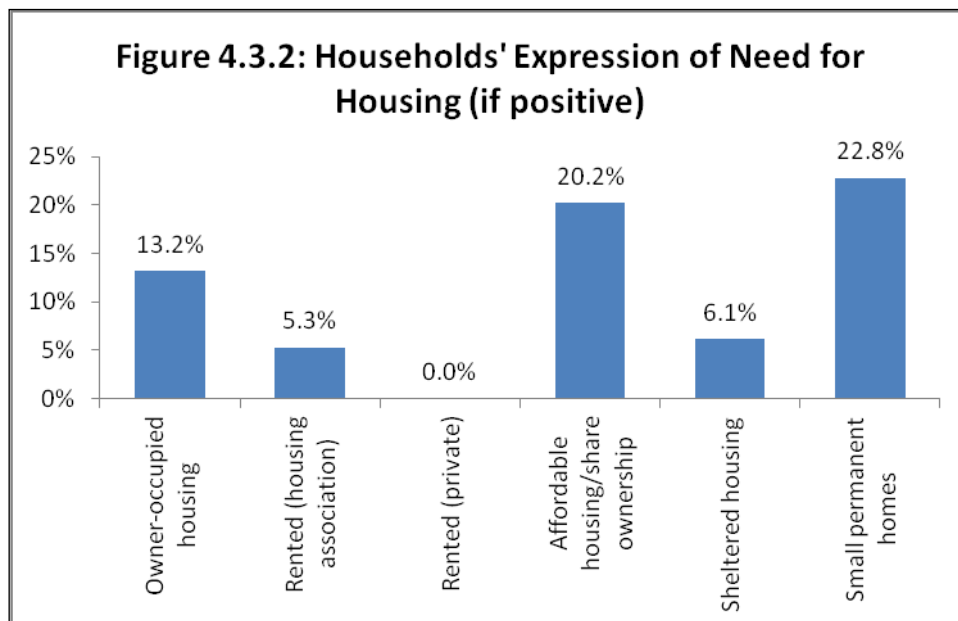
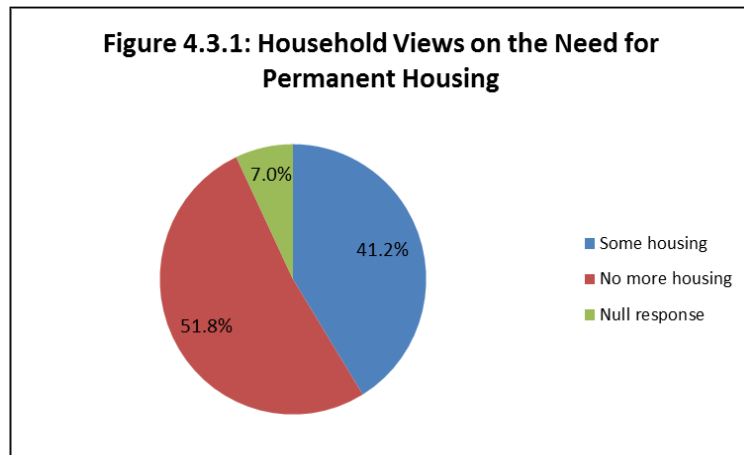


4.3 Housing and Development

Just over half (52%) of the households that responded stated that they did not think that there was a need for any more permanent housing within the Parish. The remaining 48% expressed that there was a need for the following types of permanent housing (a household could select more than one type of housing):



Statements given during the Parish Plan process show that where there is a wish for further housing and these houses should be small and be suitable as starter homes for young families or downsizing homes for older residents.

'Threat of development which changes the feel of the villages or the water park'

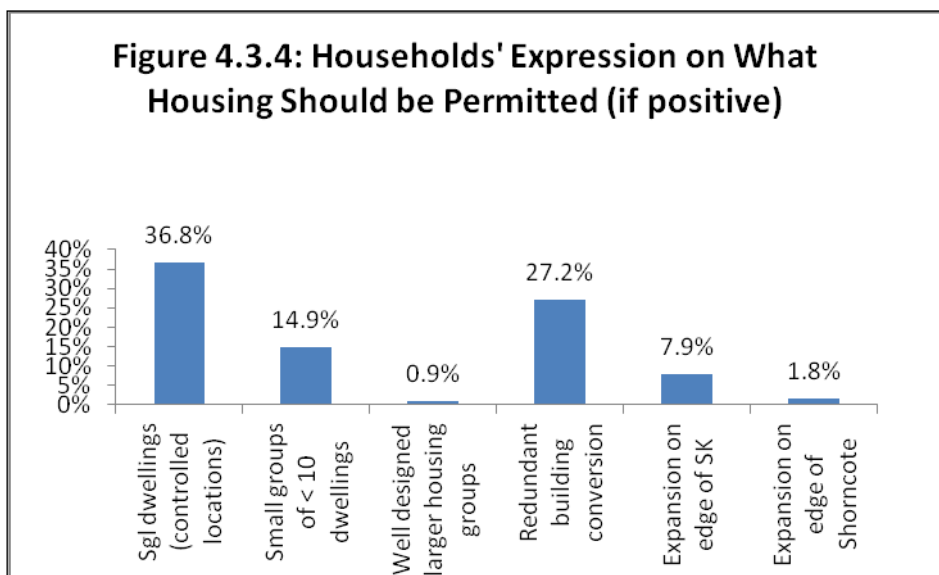
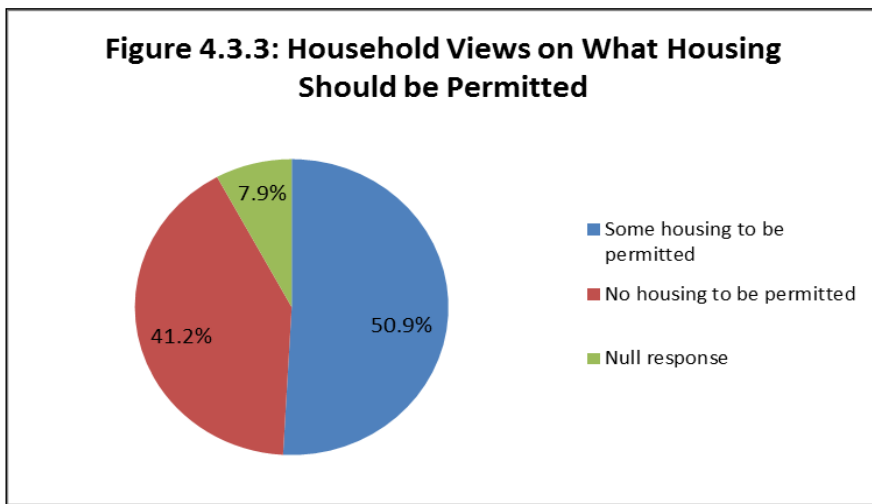
'Do not want to see any further development'

'Older people have no ability to downsize into more manageable housing'

‘Affordable housing for first time buyers’

When asked what type of housing development should be permitted in the Parish, rather than what type of housing is needed, the results were moderately varied. 41% households stated that no housing development should be permitted and 51% of households gave at least one preference for the type of housing development that they thought should be permitted. Of the 17 households who said that there was no need for further housing and then stated that housing development should be permitted, 16 said that this permission should be given for the conversion of redundant buildings, 7 said it should be single dwellings in controlled locations and 2 said it should be for small groups of fewer than 10 dwellings. (Some households expressed a preference for more than one option).

The following charts show households’ views on whether any housing development should be permitted and if so, what type of housing development should be permitted:



It was stated in the questionnaire that the settlements of Somerford Keynes and Shorncote have village protection zones around them and that they are to prevent any further developments and gravel extraction within the zones. Whilst, just under half of the

responding households were aware of this, 86% were in support after reading the details of the protection zones. These details are included in appendix D.

When asked whether the household is supportive of any more holiday homes being given planning permission in the Parish (over and above those that already have permission on the Lower Mill Estate), the majority of households were against (77%) with 7% in support. This evidence is supported by the many concerns raised during the interview stage:

'Swamped by holiday homes'

'More and more holiday homes - not permanent family homes'

'Further holiday home development and gravel extraction'