

# Lyme Regis Housing Needs Survey



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## Overview

**Lyme Regis Community Land Trust, Dorset Council & Dorset Community Action are working together to conduct an online housing survey to help plan for the future.**

This survey can be completed by all residents and anyone with a local connection to the town, regardless of their housing situation. This will help us better understand the current housing provision in the area and identify if there is a need for affordable housing.

A local connection means you or your family live or have lived in Lyme Regis, or you currently work more than 16 hours a week in the town.

This survey is anonymous and will be handled in line with Dorset Council's confidentiality procedures and should take between 5 and 15 minutes to complete.

You can use the freepost envelope to return it to Housing Enabling, Dorset Council or put the survey in an envelope marked **Housing Needs Survey – Confidential** and drop it into The Waffle House, 37 Broad Street, Lyme Regis DT7 3QF

**If you need help completing the survey or have any questions, please email:**  
**[jacqui.cuff@dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk](mailto:jacqui.cuff@dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk) or call 07421 994590 between 08:00 – 20:00**  
**Monday to Saturday**

## Why your views matter

As part of creating a genuinely representative idea of housing need, Lyme Regis Community Land Trust is pressing for a more detailed housing survey to get a clearer idea of what may be needed in the town, to help sustain a thriving community for the future. We want to know what sort of new housing is required in Lyme Regis. We would like Lyme Regis residents and people with a local connection to Lyme Regis to be involved in this process, to help influence the right sort of new housing.

## Please give us your views

The online survey can be accessed using the following link or QR Code:

**<https://consultation.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/housing/3db9f19e>**



**This survey closes on Sunday, 12th October 2025**

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SECTION 1: Your Current Home

This part of the survey is about your current living situation. A **HOUSEHOLD** could be one person living alone or a group of people, even if they're not related, sharing the same address and some common living arrangements like a living room or having at least one meal together each day.

This survey is for households with a local connection to the town of Lyme Regis. A local connection means you or your family live or have lived in Lyme Regis, or you currently work in the town.

**Question 1 Where do you currently live?**  
(Required)

- ☐ Lyme Regis
- ☐ Other

If you have selected Other, please specify:

**Question 2 How long have you lived in the following places?**

Please select all that apply

	Less than 1 year	1 to 3 Years	More than 3 years, but less than 10	More than 10 years
This home (please select only one)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lyme Regis (please only select one item)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dorset Council Area (please only select one item)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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**Question 3** If you previously lived in the town of Lyme Regis, what was the main reason for moving away?

Please select only one item

- ☐ Housing is not affordable
- ☐ Moved away for work
- ☐ Moved away for family reasons
- ☐ Moved away for education
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Not applicable

If you have selected Other above, please specify:

**Question 4** What type of home does your household live in?

(Required) Please select only one item

- ☐ Semi-detached
- ☐ Detached
- ☐ Flat / apartment
- ☐ Bungalow
- ☐ Terraced housing (including end terrace)
- ☐ Mobile home (permanently sited)
- ☐ Other

If you have selected Other above, please specify:

**Question 5** How many bedrooms does your home have?

(Required) Please only select one item

- ☐ Studio / bedsit
- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5 or more

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### Question 6 How many people are in your household?

(Required) Please select all that apply

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7+
18 years and over	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
17 years and younger	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

### Question 7 Do you own or rent this home?

(Required) Please only select one item

- ☐ Own (with or without a mortgage)
- ☐ Shared ownership (part-buy, part-rent)
- ☐ Discount home ownership
- ☐ Rent privately
- ☐ Rent from Housing Association or Local Authority
- ☐ Rent from the employer of, or tied with job of, household member
- ☐ Live with family or friends

### Question 8 Approximately what percentage of your household income is spent on mortgage and/or rent?

(Required) Please only select one item

- ☐ 0 to 30%
- ☐ 31 to 50%
- ☐ 51 to 70%
- ☐ 71 to 100%
- ☐ Not applicable

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### Question 9 What is your connection to the town of Lyme Regis?

(Required) Please select all that apply

- ☐ Currently live in the town and have done so for the last 12 months
- ☐ Want to return to the town and previously lived in the town for a continuous period of 3 years within the last 5 years
- ☐ Have parents, siblings or children living in the town and who have done so for a continuous period of 3 years within the last 5
- ☐ Have worked in the town for the last 12 months, for at least 16 hours a week
- ☐ Born in the town and/or parents were residents in the town at the time of birth
- ☐ Have a second home in the town area
- ☐ Other

If you have selected Other above, please specify:

### Question 10 Are you, or anyone else in your household, considering moving into or within the town of Lyme Regis in the next 5 years? If your answer is 'maybe', please select Yes.

(Required) Please only select one item

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If **Yes** selected, please go to the next page, **Section 2**

If **No** selected, please go to page 16, **Section 4**

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### SECTION 2: Housing Need – First Household

This section asks about the household or household members considering moving to or within the town of Lyme Regis in the next 5 years, the size of home they will need, and how they plan to afford their accommodation.

This information is being collected to consider additional homes that might be needed in the town. This survey allows you to complete housing need for up to 2 new households being formed, such as children leaving the family home.

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jacqui.cuff@dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk or call 07421 994590 between 08:00 – 20:00

#### Question 11 How many people in your household are planning to move home?

(Required) Please select all that apply

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7+
18 years and over	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
17 years and younger	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

#### Question 12 How many bedrooms will the household require?

(Required) Please only select one item

- ☐ Studio / bedsit
- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5 or more

#### Question 13 How would you describe your household?

(Required) Please select only one item

- ☐ Single
- ☐ Couple
- ☐ Family (one or two adults with children)
- ☐ Other

If you have selected Other above, please specify:

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### Question 14 When is your household considering moving?

(Required) Please select only one item

- ☐ Within 1 year
- ☐ Between 1 and 3 years
- ☐ Between 3 and 5 years
- ☐ Don't know

### Question 15 What is the reason(s) your current home does not meet your household's needs?

(Required) Please select all that apply

- ☐ Too small / overcrowded
- ☐ Too large
- ☐ Can't afford to live independently
- ☐ Unsuitable for physical needs
- ☐ Temporary accommodation
- ☐ Need to live close to employment
- ☐ Need to live close to relative / family
- ☐ Need to live close to carer or to give care
- ☐ Struggling to afford current home
- ☐ Unsecure tenancy
- ☐ Accommodation is in poor condition
- ☐ Tied accommodation
- ☐ Other

If you have selected Other above, or wish to give reasons, please comment below:

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## Question 16 Does this household have a specialist housing need?

(Required) Please select only one item

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes, accessible accommodation on the ground floor
- ☐ Yes, sheltered housing with support services provided
- ☐ Yes, housing for older people
- ☐ Other

If you have selected Other above, please specify:

## Question 17 Which band is your household income in?

*This is an **OPTIONAL** question, to help understand the need for affordable housing. Please note if you are over 55, eligibility for affordable housing is not determined by household income.*

- ☐ Less than £60,000 per annum (may be eligible to join Dorset Council Housing Register)
- ☐ £60,001 to £80,000 per annum (may qualify for Discounted Market Homes, First Homes or Shared Ownership)
- ☐ £80,001 to £100,000 per annum
- ☐ More than £100,001 per annum

## Question 18 How much would the household be able to afford if renting?

*It is normal to consider one third of the household's net income for the period.*

(Required) Please only select one item

- ☐ I don't want to rent
- ☐ Less than £100 per week
- ☐ £101 to £150 per week
- ☐ £151 to £200 per week
- ☐ £201 to £250 per week
- ☐ More than £251 per week



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**Question 19** What is the maximum amount the household could afford if buying a property?

(Required) Please only select one item

- ☐ I don't want to buy
- ☐ £60,000 to £100,000
- ☐ £100,001 to £200,000
- ☐ £200,001 to £300,000
- ☐ £300,001 to £400,000
- ☐ £400,001 to £500,000
- ☐ Over £500,001

**Question 20** If you could move, which option would be most suitable?

(Required) Please only select one item

- ☐ Buy on the open market
- ☐ Discount to open market home
- ☐ First time buyer discounted home (First Homes)
- ☐ Shared ownership home (part-rent, part-buy)
- ☐ Rent from Housing Association or Local Authority
- ☐ Rent from a private landlord
- ☐ Build own house
- ☐ Mobile Home (permanently sited)
- ☐ Other

If you have selected Other above, please specify and add comments you feel are relevant:

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#### Question 21 Is the household currently on the Dorset Council Housing Register waiting list?

If you wish to join the Dorset Council Housing Register or obtain more information about accessing available housing, please visit: [www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/apply-to-join-the-housing-register](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/apply-to-join-the-housing-register) or call Dorset Council Customer Services on 01305 221000

Check the eligibility criteria and the documents you will need, before you apply to join the Dorset Council Housing Register. You will need to create an online customer account and have an email address.

(Required) Please only select one item

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No (this questionnaire does not register you on a housing waiting list)

If you have selected **Yes** above, please state the length of time on the waiting list in years and months

#### Question 22 Will there be anyone else who is normally a resident in this household that is considering setting up a new home, ideally moving to or within Lyme Regis, in the next five years?

For example, a family member wanting to move out of the family home.

(Required) Please only select one item

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If **Yes** selected, please go to the next page, **Section 3: Second Household**

If **No** selected, please go to page 16, **Section 4: Views on Affordable Housing**

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### SECTION 3: Housing Need – Second Household

This section asks about the household members considering moving to or within the town of Lyme Regis in the next 5 years, the size of home they will need, and how they plan to afford their accommodation.

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#### Question 23 How many people in your household are planning to move home?

(Required) Please select all that apply

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7+
18 years and over	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
17 years and younger	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

#### Question 24 How many bedrooms will the household require? (Required) Please only select one item

- ☐ Studio / bedsit
- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5 or more

#### Question 25 How would you describe your household?

(Required) Please select only one item

- ☐ Single
- ☐ Couple
- ☒ Family (one or two adults with children)
- ☐ Other

If you have selected Other above, please specify:

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### Question 26 When is your household considering moving?

(Required) Please select only one item

- ☐ Within 1 year
- ☐ Between 1 and 3 years
- ☐ Between 3 and 5 years
- ☐ Don't know

### Question 27 What is the reason(s) your current home does not meet your household's needs?

(Required) Please select all that apply

- ☐ Too small / overcrowded
- ☐ Too large
- ☐ Can't afford to live independently
- ☐ Unsuitable for physical needs
- ☐ Temporary accommodation
- ☐ Need to live close to employment
- ☐ Need to live close to relative / family
- ☐ Need to live close to carer or to give care
- ☐ Struggling to afford current home
- ☐ Unsecure tenancy
- ☐ Accommodation is in poor condition
- ☐ Tied accommodation
- ☐ Other

If you have selected Other above, please specify:

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#### Question 28 Does this household have a specialist housing need?

(Required) Please select only one item

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes, accessible accommodation on the ground floor
- ☐ Yes, sheltered housing with support services provided
- ☐ Yes, housing for older people
- ☐ Other

If you have selected Other above, please specify:

#### Question 29 Which band is your household income in?

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- ☐ Less than £60,000 per annum (may be eligible to join Dorset Council Housing Register)
- ☐ £60,001 to £80,000 per annum (may qualify for Discounted Market Homes, First Homes or Shared Ownership)
- ☐ £80,001 to £100,000 per annum
- ☐ More than £100,001 per annum

#### Question 30 How much would the household be able to afford if renting?

*It is normal to consider one third of the household's net income for the period.*

(Required) Please only select one item

- ☐ I don't want to rent
- ☐ Less than £100 per week
- ☐ £101 to £150 per week
- ☐ £151 to £200 per week
- ☐ £201 to £250 per week
- ☐ More than £251 per week

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**Question 31** What is the maximum amount the household could afford if buying a property?

(Required) Please only select one item

- ☐ I don't want to buy
- ☐ £60,000 to £100,000
- ☐ £100,001 to £200,000
- ☐ £200,001 to £300,000
- ☐ £300,001 to £400,000
- ☐ £400,001 to £500,000
- ☐ Over £500,000

**Question 32** If you could move, which option would be most suitable?

(Required) Please only select one item

- ☐ Buy on the open market
- ☐ Discount to open market home
- ☐ First time buyer discounted home (First Homes)
- ☐ Shared ownership home (part-rent, part-buy)
- ☐ Rent from Housing Association or Local Authority
- ☐ Rent from a private landlord
- ☐ Build own house
- ☐ Mobile Home (Permanently sited)
- ☐ Other

If you have selected Other above, please specify and add comments you feel are relevant:

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#### Question 33 Is the household currently on the Dorset Council Housing Register waiting list?

If you wish to join the Dorset Council Housing Register or obtain more information about accessing available housing, please visit:

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Check the eligibility criteria and the documents you will need, before you apply to join the Dorset Council Housing Register. You will need to create an online customer account and have an email address.

(Required) Please only select one item

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No (this questionnaire does not register you on a housing waiting list)

If you have selected **Yes** above, please state the length of time on the waiting list in years and months

#### Question 34 Will there be anyone else who is normally a resident in this household that is considering setting up a new home, ideally moving to or within Lyme Regis, in the next five years?

For example, a family member wanting to move out of the family home.

(Required) Please only select one item

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If **Yes** selected, you will need another form, please contact [jacqui.cuff@dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk](mailto:jacqui.cuff@dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk) or call 07421 994590 between 08:00 – 20:00 Monday to Saturday

Please go to next page, **Section 4: Views on Affordable Housing**

If **No** selected, please go to the next page, **Section 4: Views on Affordable Housing**

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### SECTION 4: Views on Local Affordable Housing

This section aims to understand the opinions of local residents on new housing in the town of Lyme Regis.

All responses will be kept confidential, but anonymised comments and reasons may be used in reports.

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**Question 35** If a need is identified, would you support a small development of new affordable housing in Lyme Regis? Write over the page, if needed.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Maybe

Please share your reasons:



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**Question 36** If there is an identified need for a small scale affordable housing development in Lyme Regis, for people with a local connection, can you suggest any potentially suitable locations and give your reasons, if you wish. Please write over the page, if needed.

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### Dorset Council Equal Opportunities Policy

This section is **OPTIONAL**. It is used to collect diversity information. This helps to ensure any changes do not unfairly impact specific sectors of the community. It also helps to make sure our responses for this survey come from a representative sample of residents.

**Please select your age group:** Please only select one item

- |                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> 14 – 24 | <input type="radio"/> 50 - 59 |
| <input type="radio"/> 25 – 39 | <input type="radio"/> 60 - 64 |
| <input type="radio"/> 40 - 49 | <input type="radio"/> 65 +    |

**What is your sex?** Please only select one item

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male
- ☐ Prefer not to say

**Which of the following best describes your ethnic origin?** Please select only one item

- ☐ White : British
- ☐ White: Irish
- ☐ White : Gypsy Traveller
- ☐ White : Irish Traveller
- ☐ White : Other
- ☐ Mixed : White and Black Caribbean
- ☐ Mixed : White and Black African
- ☐ Mixed : White and Asian
- ☐ Mixed : Other
- ☐ Asian or Asian British : Indian
- ☐ Asian or Asian British : Pakistani
- ☐ Asian or Asian British : Chinese
- ☐ Asian or Asian British : Other
- ☐ Black or Black British : Arab
- ☐ Other ethnic group
- ☐ Prefer not to say

If you have selected Other above, please specify:

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**Do you consider yourself to be disabled as set out in the Equality Act 2010?**

*The Equality Act 2010 describes a person as disabled if they have a longstanding physical or mental condition that has lasted or is likely to last 12 months; and this condition has a substantial adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities. People with some conditions (cancer, multiple sclerosis and HIV/AIDS for example) are considered to be disabled from the point that they are diagnosed.*

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

**If you have stated in the previous question that you consider yourself to have a disability, please select the type of disability which applies to you.**

- ☐ Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)  
☐ Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)  
☐ Autistic Spectrum Conditions  
☐ Blind  
☐ Dyscalculia  
☐ Dyslexia  
☐ Dyspraxia  
☐ Deaf  
☐ Hearing loss  
☐ Long term health condition  
☐ Mental health issues  
☐ Physical impairment  
☐ Sign Language User  
☐ Visually impaired  
☐ Medical conditions  
☐ Mobility issues  
☐ Learning disability  
☐ Specific learning differences  
☐ Wheelchair user

If you prefer to use another term, please write in:

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Are you currently pregnant or have you been pregnant in the last year?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Prefer not to say

Thank you for completing this segment of the survey. Only the age element, in percentages, of this part will be used in preparing the Housing Needs report given to the Lyme Regis Community Land Trust. All other information will be kept confidential and used to ensure the survey has met Dorset Council Equality standards.

### Spread the Word .....

Please share the link to this questionnaire with anyone you know who has a '**local connection**' to Lyme Regis, and who wants or needs to move back to the area.

**<https://consultation.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/housing/3db9f19e>**



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If you would like to be contacted with the results of this survey, please provide your details below:  
If you do not have access to email, please call **Jacqui Cuff, Rural Housing Enabler** on **07421 994590** 08:00 – 20:00 Monday to Saturday

Email address:

**Please Note - this questionnaire does not register you on a housing waiting list.**

**If you wish to apply to join the Dorset Council Housing Register and do not have access to the internet, please call Dorset Council Customer Services on 01305 221000**

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### Next Steps

Once the responses are collated and analysed, we will invite the community to attend a public meeting, where you will have an opportunity to hear the results, ask further questions and make additional comments.

Lyme Regis Community Land Trust felt it was important to gather first-hand information direct from residents and people with a local connection to the town to help guide future planning decisions and on how to address the housing needs in the area, so your contribution and feedback is very important.

A written report will be produced by Dorset Community Action and given to Lyme Regis Community Land Trust to check for errors and to finalise. A copy of the written report will then be sent to those who have given their contact details.

If you have any questions regarding this housing needs survey or housing in general, please call **Jacqui Cuff, Rural Housing Enabler** on **07421 994590** or if you wish to know more about the **Lyme Regis Community Land Trust**, look at their website [lrclt.chessck.co.uk](http://lrclt.chessck.co.uk) or contact them on [LymeregisCLT@aol.com](mailto:LymeregisCLT@aol.com).

Any email or telephone contact will be covered under current confidentiality policies.

Thank you for completing the survey, please put your completed survey in the freepost envelope provided and post it back to us before **12<sup>th</sup> October 2025**.



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