

Corfe Castle and Worth Matravers Housing Needs Survey



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This survey closes on Monday 13th July 2026

Once filled in, please pop in an envelope marked **'Housing Needs Survey - Confidential'** and drop it off at the Corfe Castle Village Store 25 East St, Wareham BH20 5EE (for the attention of Sharon Mayo, store manager). Or post it to Housing Enabling, Dorset Council, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1XJ

OVERVIEW

Corfe Castle CLT (CLT) has been working with the Corfe Castle Charity (land owner) and Aster Group (registered provider) to bring forward a piece of land off Tabbitt's Hill Lane, Harmans Cross, for affordable rented homes for those with a local connection. This land sits within the Corfe Castle Parish boundary. As this land is adjacent to Worth Matravers Parish and on the edge of Harmans Cross, we are keen to involve both Corfe Castle and Worth Matravers Parish Councils in the development of this project.

Aster, in collaboration with CLT, is preparing to submit a planning application for the site later this year. Engagement with residents of both Corfe Castle and Harmans Cross will take place once proposals have been developed. This survey will help gather evidence of local support for affordable housing within the community. Corfe Castle and Worth Matravers Parish Councils were advised of the survey in April, and support was given to carry it out.

This survey can be completed by all residents and anyone with a local connection with either parish, regardless of their housing situation. A local connection means that you or your family currently live or have previously lived in one of the parishes, or that you work more than 16 hours per week in one or both parishes.

This survey should take between 5-15 minutes to complete. If you would prefer to complete a paper copy of the housing needs survey, or if you need help completing the survey or have any questions, please email: housingenabling@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk or phone 01305 252442.

Why your views matter

The purpose of a housing needs survey is twofold. Firstly, to find out whether the community supports the idea of more affordable housing for residents of the parish. Secondly, to find out exactly who and how many people might need to return or be helped to stay in the community through access to affordable homes.

All responses will be kept confidential, but anonymised comments and reasons may be used in the survey report. <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/your-council/about-your-council/data-protection/data-protection>

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

URL: <https://consultation.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/housing/d9d422f4/>

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Section 1: for the whole community

This survey is for households with a local connection to the parish of Corfe Castle or Worth Matravers. A local connection means that you or your family currently live or have previously lived in one of the parishes, or that you work more than 16 hours per week in one or both parishes.

We need to get the views of as many people as possible. Please help by completing this section and returning the form whether or not your household requires affordable housing.

Q1. Which parish do you live in? **Required*

Please tick one option.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Corfe Castle
<input type="checkbox"/>	Worth Matravers

Q2. Is this your main home?

Please tick one option.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No

Q3. Has anyone from your household moved away from the parish in the last 5 years, specifically due to the cost of local accommodation?

Please tick one option.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No

If you answered "Yes" to this question and the family member(s) need to move back to the parish, please share the link or QR code or request a form from the contact on the front of the survey.

Q4. To what extent do you support or oppose a development of affordable rented housing at Tabbitt's Hill Lane, Harmans Cross, if a need is identified?

Please tick one option. There are further answer options on the next page.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly support
<input type="checkbox"/>	Somewhat support

	Neutral
	Somewhat oppose
	Strongly oppose
	Don't know

If you believe **you need** local affordable housing, please continue to the next section. If you **do not need** local affordable housing, please go to section 3 to leave any comments.

Section 2 – for people in housing need

Please complete a separate form for each household in need of housing. For instance, if a whole family will move together, complete one form. Or if mature children need independent accommodation, complete one form for each person needing accommodation.

Students in full time education: the survey cannot consider the future housing need of students in full education where it would be difficult to determine if they will return to or remain in the locality.

About your household part 1

Q5. How long have you lived in...?

Please tick all that apply.

	Less than 1 year	1 to 2 years	3 to 5 years	More than 5 years
Your current home				
Corfe Castle Parish				
Worth Matravers Parish				
Dorset Council area				

Q6. Please tick which applies to your household.

Please tick one option.

	Everyone in your household needs to move together within the next 5 years
	You are currently part of an existing household, but need to form a new independent household

	Your household had to leave the parish and need to return within the next 5 years.
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Q7. If you have previously lived in the parish of Corfe Castle or Worth Matravers, what was the reason for moving away?

Please tick one option

	Housing is not affordable
	Moved away for work
	Moved away for family reasons
	Moved away for education
	Other (please specify)
	Not applicable

If other, please specify: _____

About your household part 2

We will now ask you questions about each member of your household.

To help us understand your household clearly, please keep the same person in the same section across all questions. For example, if your partner is listed as the Second Person in the first question, their details should be used throughout.

If you have child/ren or stepchild/ren who live in your home part of the time, please include them.

Q8. Please tell us the following details for each person in your household.

Please first fill out details about **yourself**

Please tick one option per question. There are further answer options on the next page.

	Under 9	10-16	17-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	60-64	65+	Prefer not to say
Age									

	Male	Female	Prefer not to say
Sex			

	Inside the parish	Outside the parish	Not applicable
Work location			

If outside the parish, please specify where:

Tell us details about the **second person** in your household

Please tick one option per question.

	Under 9	10-16	17-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	60-64	65+	Prefer not to say
Age									

	Male	Female	Prefer not to say
Sex			

	Husband	Wife	Partner	Child	Other
Relationship to you					

If other, please specify: *(For example, in-laws, lodgers, extended family etc)*

	Inside the parish	Outside the parish	Not applicable
Work location			

If outside the parish, please specify where:

Tell us details about the **third person** in your household

Please tick one option per question. There are further answer options on the next page.

	Under 9	10-16	17-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	60-64	65+	Prefer not to say
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Age									
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	Male	Female	Prefer not to say
Sex			

	Husband	Wife	Partner	Child	Other
Relationship to you					

If other, please specify: *(For example, in-laws, lodgers, extended family etc)*

	Inside the parish	Outside the parish	Not applicable
Work location			

If outside the parish, please specify where: _____

Tell us details about the **fourth person in your household**

Please tick one option per question. There are further answer options on the next page.

	Under 9	10-16	17-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	60-64	65+	Prefer not to say
Age									

	Male	Female	Prefer not to say
Sex			

	Husband	Wife	Partner	Child	Other
Relationship to you					

Options continue on the next page

If other, please specify: *(For example, in-laws, lodgers, extended family etc)*

	Inside the parish	Outside the parish	Not applicable
Work location			

If outside the parish, please specify where: _____

Tell us details about the fifth person in your household

Please tick one option per question.

	Under 9	10-16	17-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	60-64	65+	Prefer not to say
Age									

	Male	Female	Prefer not to say
Sex			

	Husband	Wife	Partner	Child	Other
Relationship to you					

If other, please specify: *(For example, in-laws, lodgers, extended family etc)*

	Inside the parish	Outside the parish	Not applicable
Work location			

If outside the parish, please specify where: _____

Tell us details about the **sixth person** in your household

Please tick one option per question.

	Under 9	10-16	17-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	60-64	65+	Prefer not to say
Age									

	Male	Female	Prefer not to say
Sex			

	Husband	Wife	Partner	Child	Other
Relationship to you					

If other, please specify: *(For example, in-laws, lodgers, extended family etc)*

	Inside the parish	Outside the parish	Not applicable
Work location			

If outside the parish, please specify where: _____

* If you have more than six people in your household, please go to page 17 to add details for additional members

Q9. What is your main connection to the parishes of Corfe Castle or Worth Matravers?

Please tick one option. *There are further answer options on the next page.*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Currently live in the parish and have done so for the last 12 months
<input type="checkbox"/>	Previously lived in the parish for a continuous period of at least 2 years within the last 5 years and wish to return
<input type="checkbox"/>	Have parents, siblings or children living in the parish for at least 2 years

	Currently work in the parish and have done so for the at least the past 12 months, working an average of 16 hours or more per week
	Were born in the parish and/or parents living in the parish at the time of birth
	Have a second home in the parish area
	Other (please specify)

If other, please specify: _____

Q10. What is your current accommodation status?

Please tick one option.

	Own your own home with a mortgage
	Own your own home without a mortgage
	Shared ownership (part-buy, part-rent)
	Discount home ownership (Buying a home below market price)
	Rent privately
	Rent from Housing Association or Local Authority
	Rent from employer, or tied with job
	Rent a room, shared housing or a lodger
	Live with family or friends
	Other (please specify)

If other, please specify: _____

Q11. What is the reason(s) your current home does not meet your housing needs?

Please tick all that apply. There are further answer options on the next page.

	Too small / overcrowded
	Too large
	Cannot afford to live independently
	Unsuitable for physical needs

	Living in temporary accommodation
	Need to live close to employment
	Need to live close to relative / family
	Need to live close to carer or to provide care
	Struggling to afford current home
	Have an insecure tenancy
	Accommodation is in poor condition
	Tied accommodation
	Other (please specify)

If other, please specify: _____

Q12. Does this household have a specialist housing need?

Please tick one option.

	No
	Yes, accessible accommodation on the ground floor
	Yes, housing for older people
	Other (please specify)

If other, please specify: _____

If you answered yes to Q12 please go to Q13. If you answered no, then please go to Q14.

Q13. Could you stay in your home if adaptations were made?

Please tick one option. There are further answer options on the next page.

	Yes
	No
	Not Applicable

Q14. Approximately what percentage of your household income is spent on mortgage and/or rent?

Please tick one option.

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

Q15. 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.

Please tick one option.

	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

Q16. How much would your household be able to afford if renting?

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

Please tick one option.

	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 £250 per week

Q17. What is the maximum amount the household could afford if buying a property?

Please tick one option.

	I don't want to buy
	I cannot afford to buy
	£60,000 to £100,000
	£101,000 to £200,000
	£201,000 to £300,000
	£301,000 to £400,000
	£401,000 to £500,000
	Over £500,001

Q18. If you could move, which option would be most suitable?

Please tick one option. There are further answer options on the next page.

	Buy on open market
	Buy a discount to open market (Buying a home below market price)
	Buy a first time buyer discounted home
	Buy shared ownership home (part-rent, part-buy)
	Rent from Housing Association/Community Land Trust
	Rent from a private landlord
	Build your own house
	Buy a mobile home (permanently sited)
	Other (please specify)

If other, please specify: _____

Q19. Is the household currently on the Dorset Council Housing Register waiting list?

Please tick one option. There are further answer options on the next page.

	Yes
	No (this survey 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

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

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.

Section 3: Views on local affordable housing

This section aims to understand the opinions of local residents on new housing in the parish of Corfe Castle.

All responses will be kept confidential, but anonymised comments and reasons may be used in reports. <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/dorset-council-privacy-notice>

Q20. If you have any further comments on local affordable housing in Corfe Castle and Worth Matravers, let us know here

About you

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.

Q21. 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.

Please tick one option.

	Yes
	No
	Prefer not to say

Q22. 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.

Please tick all that apply. There are further answer options on the next page.

	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
	Prefer to use another term

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

Q23. Which of the following best describes your ethnic origin?

Please tick only one option. There are further answer options on the next page.

	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 selected other, please specify here: _____

Q24. Are you currently pregnant or have you been pregnant in the last year?

Please tick only one option.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prefer not to say

Spread the word

Please share the link to this questionnaire with anyone you know who has a **'local connection'** to the parishes of Corfe Castle and Worth Matravers, and who wants or needs to move back to the area.

URL: <https://consultation.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/housing/d9d422f4/>



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

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/your-council/about-your-council/data-protection/data-protection>

If you would like survey feedback

If you would like to be contacted with the results of this survey, please provide your details below:

Email address:

Please Note - this questionnaire does not register you on the 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 Housing Help on 01305 221000 or email

housinghelp@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

If you have access to the internet you can apply to join the Dorset Council Housing Register or obtain more information about social housing, please visit

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/apply-to-join-the-housing-register>

A written report will be produced by Dorset Council and given to Corfe Castle CLT, Corfe Castle Parish Council and Worth Matravers Parish Council 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 email housingenabling@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

Please complete survey by the Monday 13th of July 2026.

Thank you for all your help.

ABOUT YOUR HOUSEHOLD PART 2 - EXTRA PEOPLE

This section should be used only to list additional household members where there are more than six people in the household.

We will now ask you questions about each member of your household.

To help us understand your household clearly, please keep the same person in the same section across all questions. For example, if your partner is listed as the Seventh Person in the first question, their details should be used throughout.

If you have child/ren or stepchild/ren who live in your home part of the time, please include them.

Please tell us details about the **seventh person** in your household

Please tick one option per question.

	Under 9	10-16	17-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	60-64	65+	Prefer not to say
Age									

	Male	Female	Prefer not to say
Sex			

	Husband	Wife	Partner	Child	Other
Relationship to you					

If other, please specify: *(For example, in-laws, lodgers, extended family etc)*

	Inside the parish	Outside the parish	Not applicable
Work location			

If outside the parish, please specify where: _____

Please tell us details about the **eighth person** in your household

Please tick one option per question. There are further answer options on the next page.

	Under 9	10-16	17-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	60-64	65+	Prefer not to say
Age									

	Male	Female	Prefer not to say
Sex			

	Husband	Wife	Partner	Child	Other
Relationship to you					

If other, please specify: *(For example, in-laws, lodgers, extended family etc)*

	Inside the parish	Outside the parish	Not applicable
Work location			

If outside the parish, please specify where: _____

Please tell us details about the **ninth person** in your household

Please tick one option per question. There are further answer options on the next page.

	Under 9	10-16	17-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	60-64	65+	Prefer not to say
Age									

	Male	Female	Prefer not to say
Sex			

	Husband	Wife	Partner	Child	Other
Relationship to you					

If other, please specify: *(For example, in-laws, lodgers, extended family etc)*

	Inside the parish	Outside the parish	Not applicable
Work location			

If outside the parish, please specify where: _____

Please tell us details about the **tenth person** in your household

Please tick one option per question. There are further answer options on the next page.

	Under 9	10-16	17-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	60-64	65+	Prefer not to say
Age									

	Male	Female	Prefer not to say
Sex			

	Husband	Wife	Partner	Child	Other
Relationship to you					

If other, please specify: *(For example, in-laws, lodgers, extended family etc)*

	Inside the parish	Outside the parish	Not applicable
Work location			

If outside the parish, please specify where:

****End of survey. Thank you for your time***