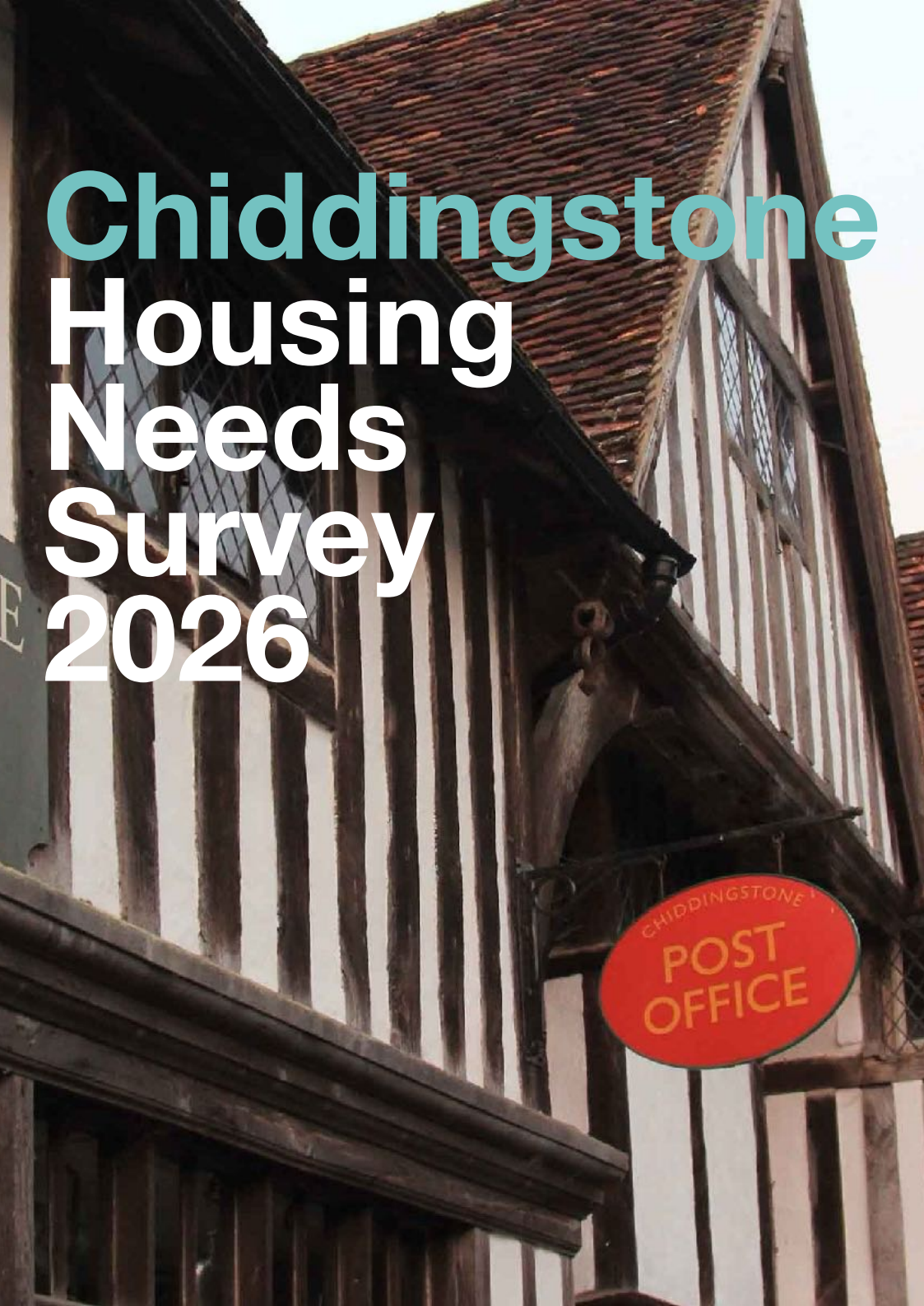




Chiddingstone Housing Needs Survey 2026

Introduction

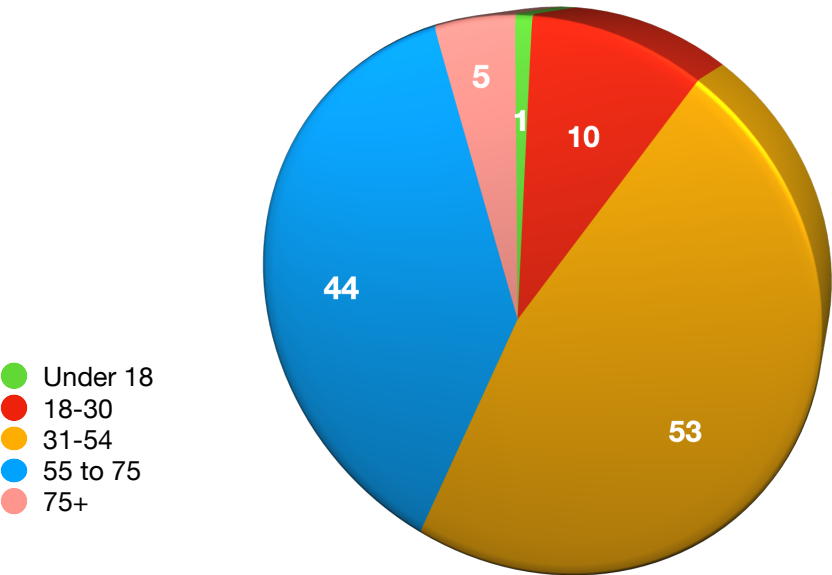
This survey was conducted by Chiddingstone Parish Council to assess the housing needs of the Parish to ensure that its findings are reflected in development considerations.

- The survey was available for completion online and in paper copies available in various outlets throughout Chiddingstone
- The survey was launched on 20th February 2026 and closed on 18 May 2026
- 114 responses were received

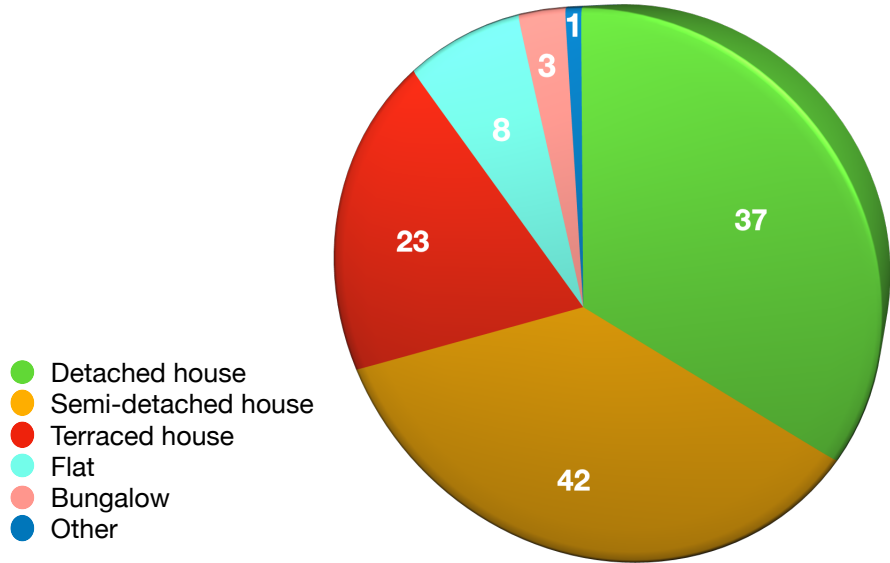
This document shares the responses received. It should be noted that some comments have been anonymised to protect the respondent.

Chiddingstone Parish Council will ensure that these findings are shared with Sevenoaks District Council and proposed developers. They will also be included in our considerations for our draft Neighbourhood Plan which is intended to reflect the requirements of our community for the next 20 years.

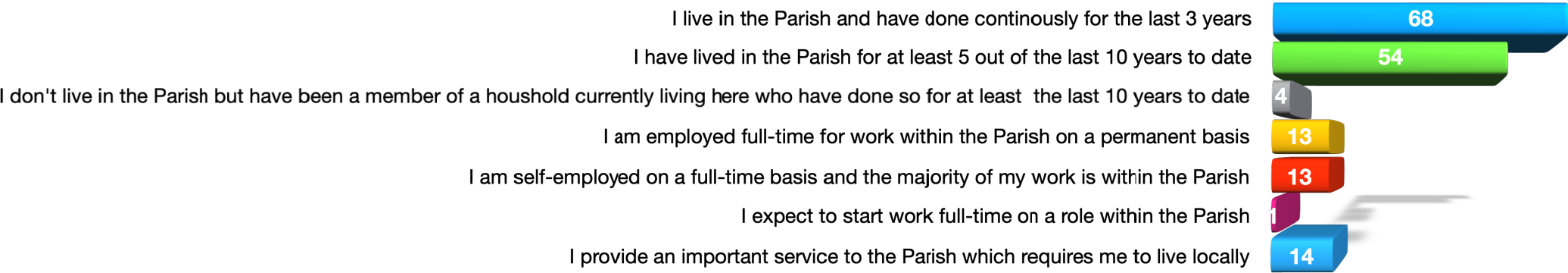
What age group are you?



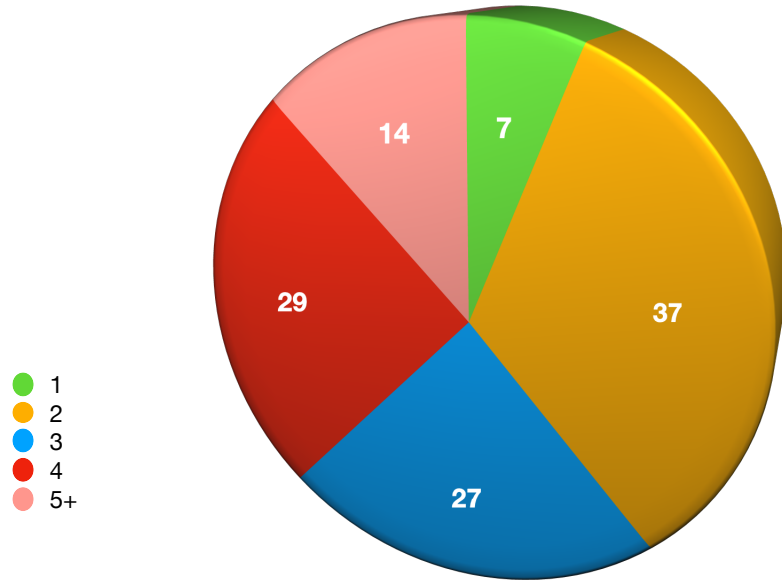
Which type of home do you currently live in?



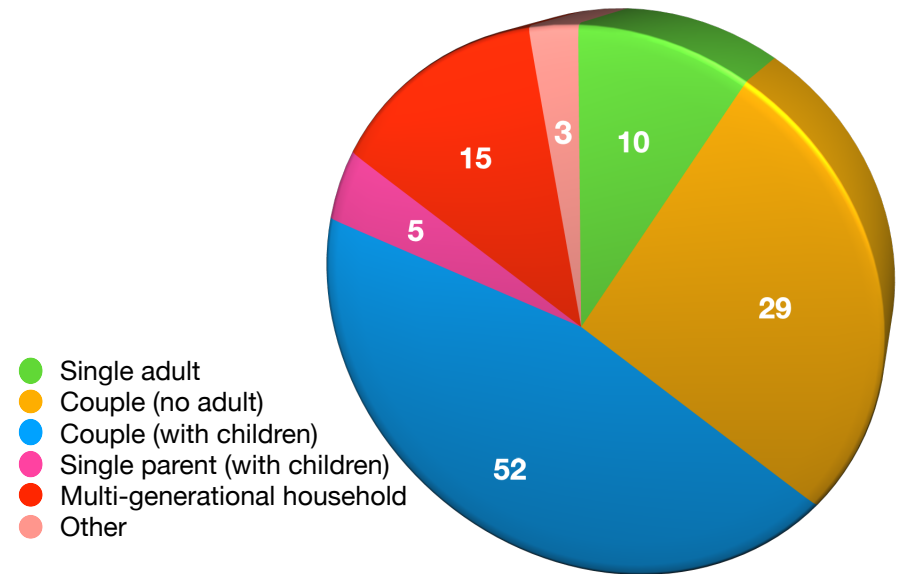
Which of the following apply to you?



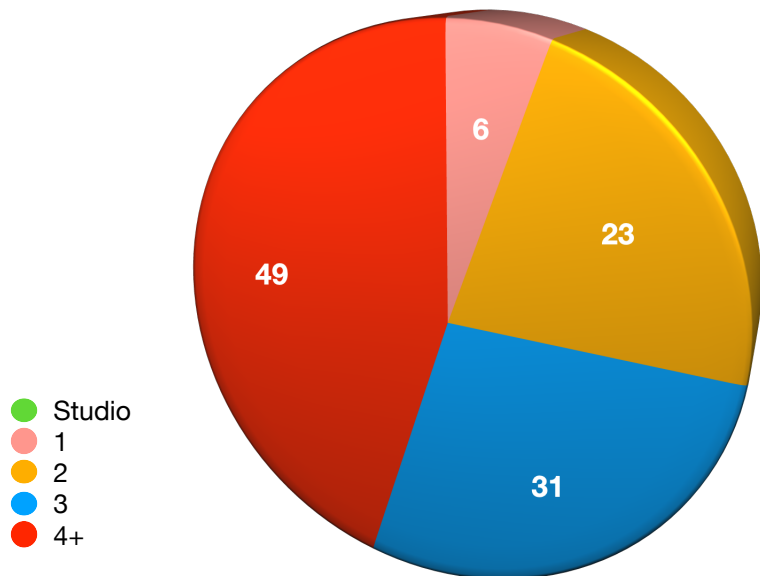
How many people live in your household currently?



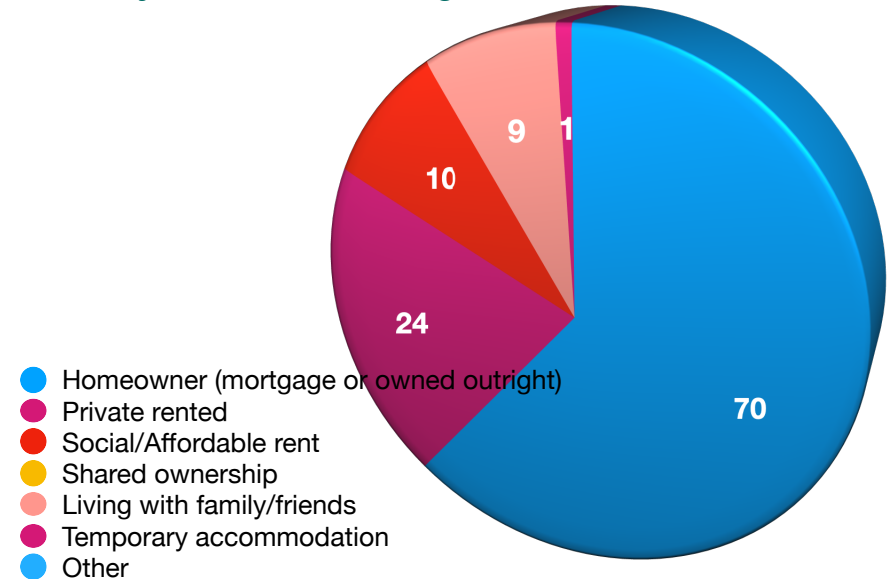
What best describes your household?



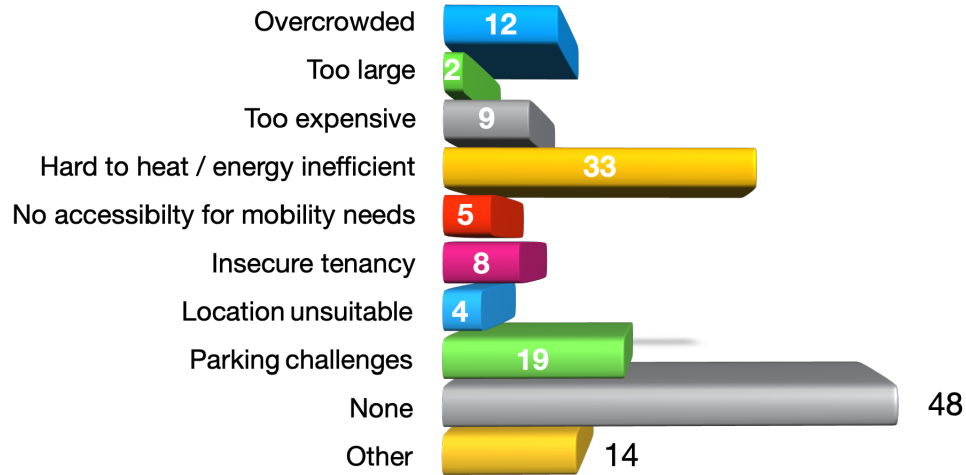
How many bedrooms does your current home have?



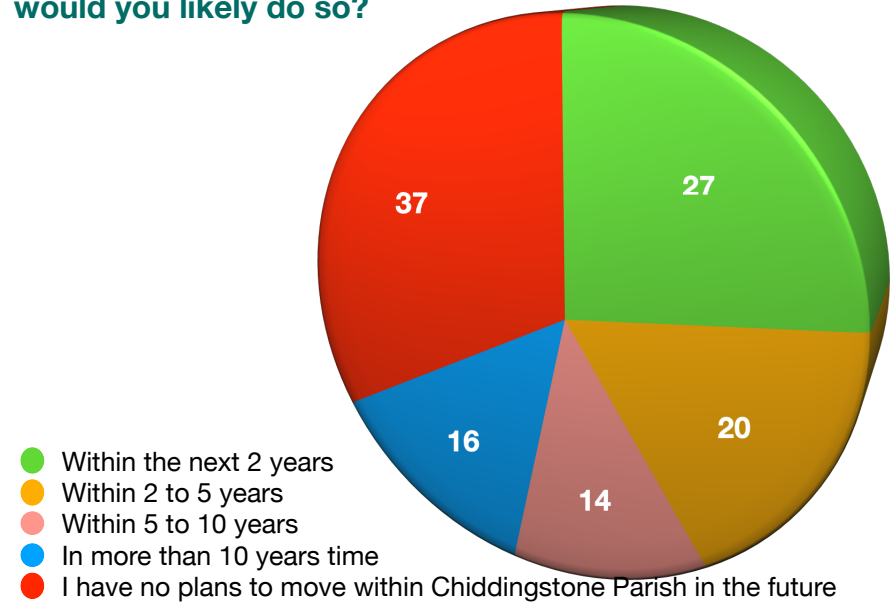
What is your current housing tenure?



Are there any issues with your current accommodation?

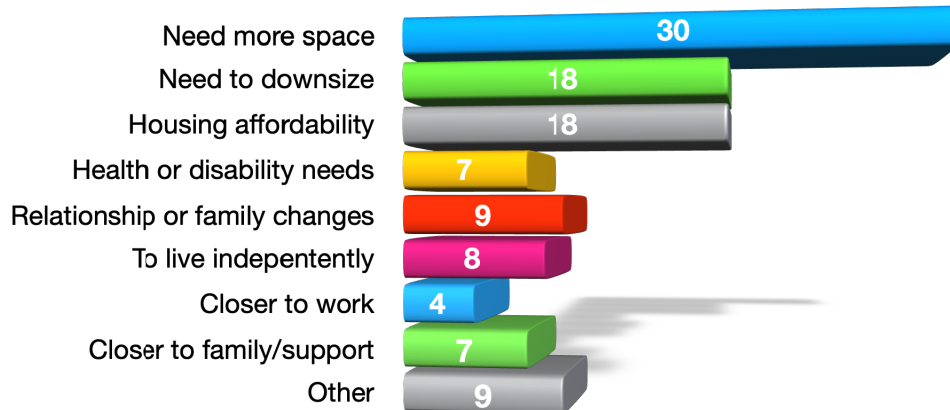


If you were to move home within Chiddingstone Parish, when would you likely do so?

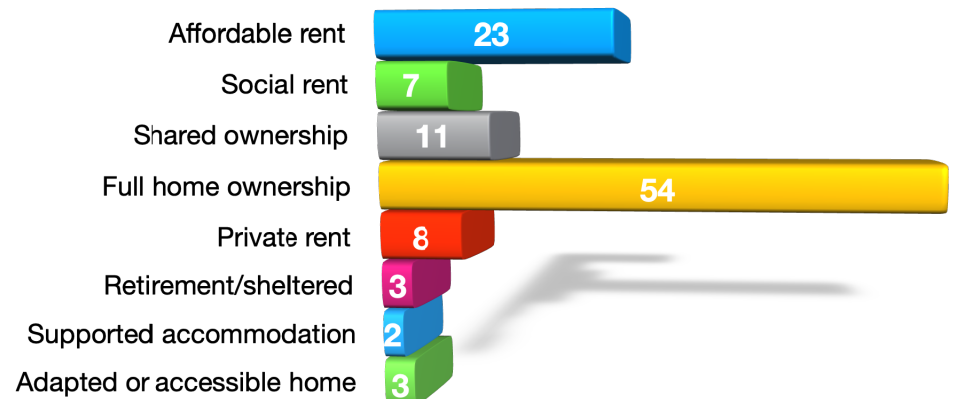


Local Housing Needs Questions based on those likely to move within the next 10 years within Chiddingstone Parish

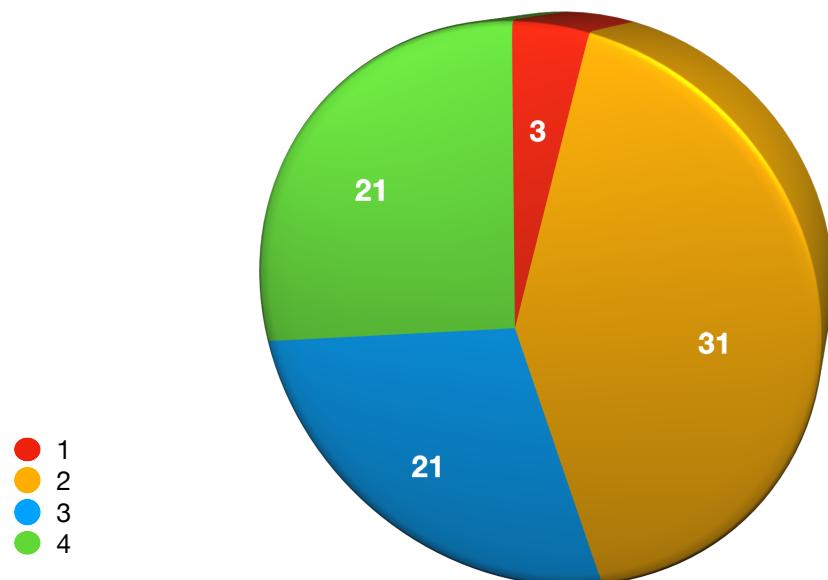
If you need or expect to move, what is the main reason?



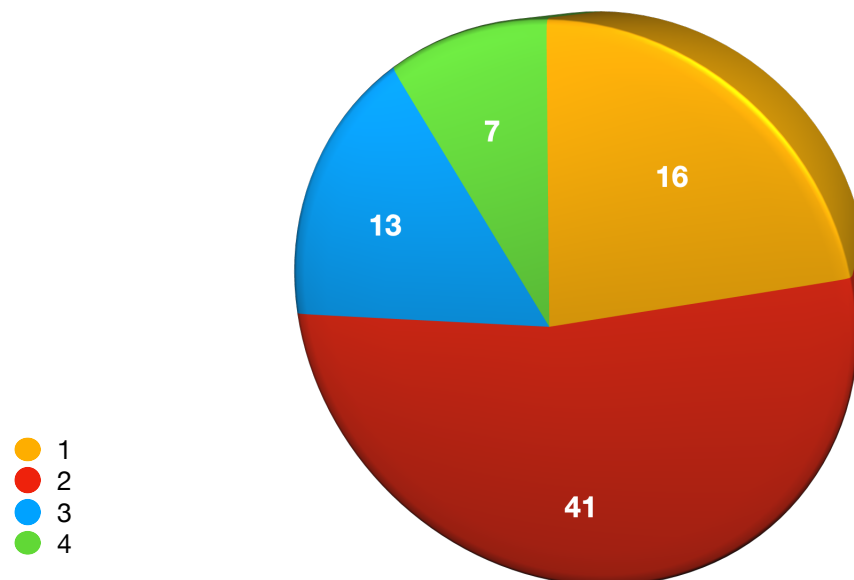
What sort of housing would you prefer?



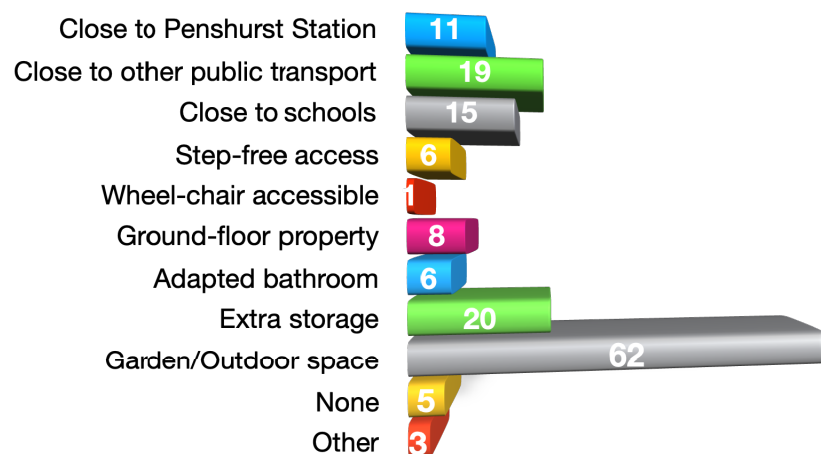
How many bedrooms would you require?



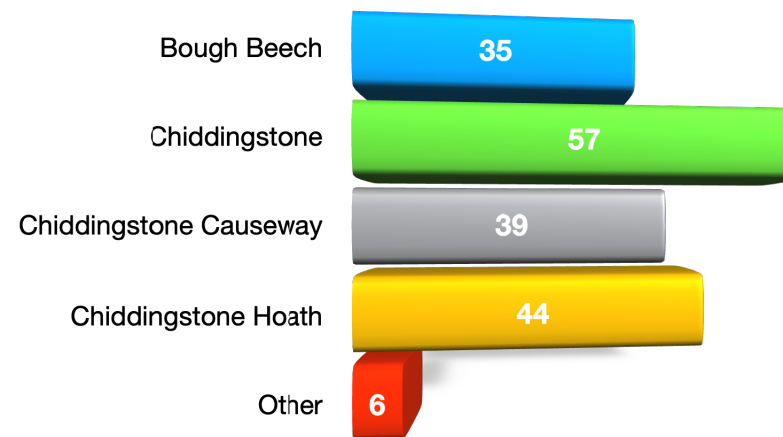
How many permanent parking spaces would you require?



Would you require any specific features?



Preferred areas to live



Please add any additional comments you wish to make

- *I am 24 and actively seeking my first home to live independently. The cost of local accommodation is currently unaffordable*
- *Need better access to roads with pavements and lower speed limits*
- *Car parking is limited with people in the close using the bays available at the top when they have ample driveway space. We do need an alternate parking area or car park in front of chequers hill houses. Also the walkway from the close up the steps to the wooded area behind has been clogged up with rubbish from house owners and Sevenoaks council wont do a thing about it!!!*
- *Within the foreseeable future, age related issues may force either my wife or myself to need more suitable accommodation. Whilst changes to our house could make it possible for us to continue living here, a lack of suitable local accommodation does limit options. It would be helpful if our options could be expanded by the possibility of building within our garden but current planning law would preclude it. Please note that the responses in this survey can be counted for both of us.*
- *Quite keen to move out of the area now with all the housing plans*
- *The parish does not need any additional housing*
- *Farm worker, working within the parish and locally requiring affordable housing for couple with young family to be able to continue to work in the parish on local farms*
- *I take pride in being part of a strong community of friends and a great support network within the parish and I personally think that creating more homes for the local community could be a great idea.*
- *Yes been waiting years for something local*
- *I hope we have plenty of extra affordable housing. This area is ridiculously expensive despite the fact there is nothing here. The roads are bad there are no parks or services. I hope the area gets built up and is able to support more families*
- *We desperately need homes in the parish housing is completely unaffordable to most people and more people would support the businesses locally and social activities such as sports clubs restricting building so much is short sighted and frankly selfish*
- *I heavily oppose the planning proposal for Chiddingstone Causeway. It is entirely unreasonable and excessive. The roads are a disgrace and the village would not survive all the traffic and disruption*
- *If we move within the parish it will be to an existing house up for sale to accommodate our growing family.*
- *We need additional affordable housing.*
- *We need affordable housing but we DON'T need 300 houses built between Charcott and Chiddingstone Causeway. A totally insensitive idea that's smacks of a government who's trying to fix housing problem too quickly.*
- *Schools, medical centres, transport, roads, and other services including water and internet supply/speed are already lacking in this parish, as well as in neighbouring parishes, and it would be disproportionate to increase accommodation volumes. Improvements in all the things above would help residents whereas an increase in accommodation would be to their detriment.*
- *The area is a small rural community. There is significant space to build in Tonbridge Edenbridge and others. The proposals to build over 300 houses in Chiddingstone Causeway will destroy this special place. The roads are narrow and cannot take more. Kent does not need another metropolis or to ruin the countryside that is left.*
- *What is the infrastructure plan? How will roads be maintained / widened (they aren't now)? How will water infrastructure be upgraded, currently substandard? What are plans for doctor's surgery, schools, rail facilities?*
- *Having lived in the parish all my life affordable housing is out of our reach., to buy or rent. i work with in the parish There are many families and single people desperate to live and work in the village who can keep the villages infrastructure safe. A village needs these people to provide services*
- *At present houses for sale are going to wealthy people moving from towns and cities and some with children to find village schools. This is not sustainable!*
- *Expensive affordable housing has been provided but totally insufficient.*

Please add any additional comments you wish to make (continued)

- *Overspill social housing has been proposed with no infrastructure in place and will not provide suitable housing again for local people.*
- *A simple solution is timber framed log cabins, are inkeeping to rural areas, cheaper to build and keep profits away from developers.*
- *Shared ownership houses are vital to allow local people to have security in their housing in todays housing market.*
- *100% opposed to creation of affordable housing in Parish- there are plenty of affordable housing in Edenbridge and surrounding areas. Let's keep Chiddingstone unique, scenic, and untouched.*
- *There should be far greater provision for self-build projects and genuinely sustainable homes, rather than poorly built, pastiche replicas of traditional housing. The current approach—already progressing at an unacceptably slow pace in partnership with Homes England—does not reflect the needs or aspirations of the future. Not everyone wants to live in a version of the past*
- *For one of the wealthiest local authorities in the UK, it is frankly disappointing that a higher standard cannot be achieved. Having been directly involved in supporting Waverley Council to rebuild and expand its council housing stock, I would like to understand whether Sevenoaks is doing, or even considering, anything similar.*
- *Relying largely on developer-led schemes and Section 106 contributions is, in my view, fundamentally flawed. Developers are primarily motivated by profit, not long-term community benefit, design quality, or sustainability. A more proactive, locally led approach to delivering high-quality, future-focused housing is urgently needed.*
- *I have many friends and family who are keen to move to or closer to the area but there are no available houses.*
- *More affordable housing for young families*
- *I am keen to stay in this area but if 300 extra homes are added I would seriously consider moving away. I chose this village area for the very reason that it is a village.*
- *Preserve safety. Improve road conditions including potholes*