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### **How many people in Emsworth need affordable homes?**

Emsworth Community Land Trust (ECLT) ran survey at the end of last year to identify the housing requirements of those that live here. People who also aimed to live in the town were asked their views. More than 950 people completed the survey documents and the results can be viewed in detail on our website in the Documents section.

The 60-page report has highlighted results expressed by local people through the 26-page survey booklet. (These documents are available in the Publications section of the Emsworth CLT website). A full report also was published in the EMS local paper in Spring 2020.

Vital results include the following:

- Despite the building of large numbers of homes in Emsworth in recent years the survey shows that there needs to be an increased number of **affordable** homes – at least 46 new ones - each and every year.
- There is relatively little affordable rented housing in Emsworth and the survey showed a noticeable requirement for homes for public service workers and first time buyers as well as a demand for small homes for singles and small families.
- There is a gap in the town of the supply of smaller one- and two-bedroom bedroom homes
- On general questions responders also supported the following: better car parking, reduction in traffic and better pedestrian access.
- There was strong support for the wide range of local activities in the town, but families pointed out the demand for more meeting places for youngsters/teenagers
- Many people commented on the closure of banks in the town in recent years and the difficulties that is causing for some residents.

The report on the survey noted that Emsworth is a premium location with house prices significantly higher than in the general areas of Havant. There is an above average number of older people who live here and it is expected that the town will continue to grow significantly with older residents as the largest group.

Those who live in Emsworth will have noted the substantial growth of new housing such as Saxons Corner which is due to have more than 150 new Barrett homes. But there will be those whose desire to live in Emsworth is not helped by the larger supplies of expensive homes and inadequate amounts of affordable housing.

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[www.emsworthclt.org.uk](http://www.emsworthclt.org.uk) carries more information for readers including the full results document of this survey.

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