

Struan Community Development Group

Housing Survey 2018

Dear Member/s of our Community

The Struan Community Development Group are carrying out a further survey. We have been looking into suitable development sites for a community/visitor centre and the site now being proposed is the area between the broch and the school, with the advantages being: size, safety, access and the scope of potential.

However, we believe that there may be a shortfall of affordable housing or houses to rent in the Struan area. As, having adopted the large site there may be scope to include housing units as part of the development, the Development Group have decided to investigate whether to include such facilities in our plans. Therefore, we would appreciate it if your household would fill in the attached questionnaire and return it by the **17th August 2018**.

Following the survey, if the results demonstrate a need for affordable housing has been established, then the Struan Community Development Group will assist by adding affordable housing to their wider plan for the site. These facilities have been achieved in other similar communities (Ardgeal, Balmacara, Strontian) with funding from the Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust.

Confidentiality

The survey is for everyone in the Struan area and this questionnaire is being sent to every household in this area. The information will be used for analysis to shape the project and produce a report on the key findings. You can be reassured that any personal information you give will be kept secure and will not be shared outwith our group according to the terms of the General Data Protection Regulation. ¹

Further Information

If you want further information please email struancommunityproject@gmail.com or call Peggy Semler 01470 572779 or check out the website www.struancommunity.co.uk

Please return it in the envelope provided, by **17th August 2018** to either Mrs Marion MacAskill Sealladh nan Eilean, Eabost, Struan, Isle of Skye IV56 8FE.

or

The collection box at **Bog Myrtle**, The Green, Struan, Isle of Skye.

¹ In order for you to complete this survey with confidence it is important that you know how we will protect your confidentiality.

In line with the General Data Protection Regulations:

- Struan Community Development Group will collect, analyse and retain the information provided within this survey to analyse the nature of housing need within the community. Your survey data will not be shared with any other body without your express permission.
- From this data we will develop statistical information to inform decision making and provide evidence for bids for funding.
- The lawful basis of this data collection and processing is for the legitimate interest of Struan Community Development Group.
- Your data will be held securely for up to 5 years after which time it will be securely destroyed.

You may write to any member of the committee to exercise your rights (to know what data we hold and how it is processed, to withdraw consent, to correct inaccuracies, to have it deleted, your right to object).

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Section 1: Your home and your household

This section asks questions about your current household and the home in which you live. Please tick the relevant box or boxes.

1. Is this your main home?
 Yes, main home No, second home

2. How many years have you lived in the area?
 Less than 2 years Between 2 – 5 years
 Between 6 – 10 years Over 10 years

3. What type of home does your household live in?
 Semi-detached house Detached house Flat
 Terraced house Bungalow Other _____

4. How many bedrooms are in your home?
 1 2 3 4 5 or more

5. How many people live in this house as their main home?

6. Does your home currently meet the needs of all your household members?
 Yes No

7. Do you anticipate that your home will meet the needs of all your household members in 5 years?
 Yes No

8. Are you or anyone in your household on the waiting list for Council or Housing Association rented housing?
 Yes No

9. Are you considering moving?

- Yes No

10. What are the main reasons for considering moving home?

- Overcrowded Health or Disability To be near work
 Being made homeless End of tenancy Not applicable
 Current home too large and wish to downsize Other _____

11. If you are considering moving, would you like to stay in the area?

- Yes No

12. If you cannot find suitable housing to move to that meets the needs of your household, what will you do?

- Look outside the area Don't know Other _____
 Wait until something suitable becomes available.

Section 2: Future Independent Households or Returners to the Area.

This section relates to other current permanent residents of your household that require independent accommodation in the next 5 years. For example, children leaving home. Please tick the relevant box or boxes.

13. Are any of the current members of your household planning to move out of your home within the next 5 years?

- Yes No Not applicable

14. How many people in total, require independent accommodation and plan to stay in the area?

15. Do you have any family members or friends who have moved away from the area because they could not find suitable accommodation?

- Yes No

16. For family members or friends that have moved away from the area, what were their main reasons for moving?

- Employment Further Education Housing
 Transport Other _____

17. Are they planning to return to the area to live within the next 5 years?

- Yes, Contact details _____

 No

18. Are you aware of anyone who is planning or trying to move into the area who can't find suitable housing?

- Yes No

19. Which of the following would best suit their housing requirements?

- Buying Buying a low cost shared equity home
 Renting Other _____

20. How many bedrooms would they need?

- 1 2 3 4 5 or more

21. If you have a business, does the lack of affordable housing affect your employees?

- Yes No Not applicable

22. What do you think would encourage more families with young children to remain or move here?

23. For each of the following statements, please indicate if you agree or disagree.

	Agree	Disagree
Our community needs more affordable housing for rent		
Our community needs more affordable housing options to buy		
Local people have had to leave the area because they could not find suitable housing		
Most people who live in our area want to stay here permanently		
People who live and work in the immediate surrounding area should get priority for any new affordable homes		
Local people with children of school age or younger should get priority for any new affordable housing		
The people of our community welcome newcomers from other communities to live here permanently		
Our community needs more smaller accessible homes to meet changing needs		

Section 3: Contact Details (*this is optional*)

If you provide your details below, you may be contacted if a housing scheme progresses in the Struan area.

Name:

Address:

Contact
Number:

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