



## Update on new scheme of affordable housing for local people in Little Waltham

**The Parish Council would like to thank everyone who responded to the Housing Needs Survey towards the end of 2019.**

This information has allowed RCCE's Rural Housing Enabler to provide a recommendation of the need for a small affordable housing scheme in the parish. This small Rural Exception Site scheme is different to larger more strategic developments as these homes will be prioritised in perpetuity for those with a local connection to the parish. Rural Exception Sites (RES) are only available to parishes of less than 3,000 population and are brought forward on the evidence of need. These schemes really do assist local households to be able to stay where their support networks are, as house prices and rents in rural areas continue to rise.

As a result of this survey and the identified need, the Parish Council have been working closely with Chelmer Housing Partnership (CHP) housing association to design the scheme which will provide up to four homes of mixed size primarily for Affordable Rent (80% of market value) but including the potential for one Shared Ownership home. The properties built on a rural scheme cannot be sold into private ownership and would remain in perpetuity for people with a strong local connection to the parish, either through family or work.

If you, or your family member, are interested, and have a need for alternative accommodation please can you complete this short additional survey so that we can further refine the scheme to ensure the properties meet the local need;

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/littlewaltham>

If you are unable to access the online survey, please contact the Parish Council for a hard copy. 01376 331251      littlewaltham@gmail.com

To be eligible for these properties, you will also need to be on the Chelmsford City Council (CCC) Housing Register. We would like to encourage all those interested to join this Housing Register as a first step. We are aware that CCC have recently instigated a re-registration process for the register, so do check that you are still on it.

**Thank you very much for your support!**

**If you have any questions regarding this scheme or would like to submit your interest, please complete the survey or contact the Parish Council Clerk in the first instance.**