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Sent: 11 November 2024 16:42
To: PCPebworth
Subject: Parish Housing Needs Survey

Dear Donna Bowles,

I am contacting you in relation to my role as the Rural Housing Enabler at Wychavon District Council. I am one of the officers within the Housing Strategy and Enabling Team which is part of the Housing service. My role includes working with Parish Councils and local communities to identify housing need and increase rural affordable housing.

Our team undertakes Parish Housing Needs Surveys to examine current and future housing needs including whether there is any need for affordable housing. There are no costs associated with the survey and it provide an unbiased report of the type, size and tenure of housing needed in the local community. Each completed survey provides data that can be used to inform the planning of new housing developments and the potential for a Rural Exception Site (a small development of affordable housing dwellings with priority given to those eligible households with a local connection to the parish).

As part of the process, a covering letter, paper survey and pre-paid envelope would be dispatched to every household within the parish, and respondents can either return the paper copy by post to us, complete it through the online link, or by phone. When the survey is closed, we complete a data cleanse to make sure that there are no duplicates or data errors. A full report is produced – this summarises the responses received and sets out the housing need identified by the local community across all tenures in the next 5 years. The Parish Council would receive a copy of the draft survey report and can provide comments before the final report is published.

We have recently completed a Parish Housing Needs Survey in Norton-Juxta-Kempsey and are looking to undertake surveys in other parishes across Wychavon. I understand that the last such survey conducted in Pebworth was in 2017 – surveys are valid for 5 years, so this one is out of date.

Please can I kindly ask the Parish Council to consider whether they would be supportive of a new Parish Housing Needs Survey for Pebworth being carried out at the earliest opportunity?

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Otherwise, I look forward to hearing back from you in due course.

Kind regards,
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