

## Housing & Planning Survey

### Fieldwork : February 15th-16th 2006

Absolutes/col percents

Table 1

**Q.1 I am going to read two statements about the planning system - that is, the process for deciding how many houses should be built and where.**

**Please say which of the following statements comes closest to your view?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid-lands	North Eng-land	Wales & South West	Scot-land
Unweighted base	1010	447	563	92	154	197	175	176	216	248	211	187	364	262	268	251	140	89
Weighted base	1010	485	525	111	172	202	172	152	202	252	293	212	253	269	263	248	141	89
Planning decisions are best taken by local councillors who know their local area and are elected by local people	770 76%	355 73%	414 79%	82 74%	128 75%	163 81%	133 77%	118 78%	147 72%	203 80%	228 78%	160 76%	179 71%	212 79%	195 74%	184 74%	111 79%	68 76%
Local councils will nearly always object to building large numbers of new houses in their area even if they are urgently needed, so decisions about housing should be taken by central government	195 19%	106 22%	90 17%	21 19%	37 22%	32 16%	35 20%	29 19%	43 21%	44 18%	52 18%	40 19%	59 23%	44 16%	59 22%	50 20%	23 16%	19 21%
Neither	20 2%	13 3%	6 1%	4 4%	1 1%	4 2%	3 2%	2 1%	5 3%	5 2%	6 2%	6 3%	3 1%	4 1%	4 1%	6 2%	6 4%	1 1%
Don't know	25 2%	10 2%	15 3%	4 4%	5 3%	3 2%	1 1%	4 2%	8 4%	- -	7 2%	6 3%	12 5%	9 3%	5 2%	8 3%	1 1%	1 2%

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Table 2

**Q.2 Taking into account rising house prices and increases in incomes, do you think a family-sized home with a garden is more affordable, less affordable, or about the same for the average person compared with 20 years ago?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region				
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid-lands	North Eng-land	Wales & South West	Scot-land
Unweighted base	1010	447	563	92	154	197	175	176	216	248	211	187	364	262	268	251	140	89
Weighted base	1010	485	525	111	172	202	172	152	202	252	293	212	253	269	263	248	141	89
More affordable	119 12%	49 10%	70 13%	15 14%	22 13%	19 9%	22 13%	16 10%	25 12%	20 8%	33 11%	34 16%	31 12%	34 13%	25 9%	37 15%	7 5%	16 18%
About the same	102 10%	48 10%	54 10%	17 16%	8 5%	15 8%	19 11%	16 11%	26 13%	20 8%	27 9%	13 6%	41 16%	26 10%	38 14%	23 9%	9 6%	6 6%
Less affordable	759 75%	373 77%	387 74%	77 69%	133 78%	163 81%	126 73%	118 78%	142 70%	206 82%	224 77%	159 75%	171 67%	199 74%	193 73%	183 74%	120 85%	65 74%
Don't know	30 3%	15 3%	15 3%	2 1%	9 5%	5 2%	4 3%	1 1%	9 4%	6 2%	8 3%	6 3%	9 4%	10 4%	8 3%	5 2%	5 3%	1 1%

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Table 3

**Q.3 Do you think that using up some green spaces to build more houses is a price worth paying to make homes more affordable?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region				
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid-lands	North Eng-land	Wales & South West	Scot-land
Unweighted base	1010	447	563	92	154	197	175	176	216	248	211	187	364	262	268	251	140	89
Weighted base	1010	485	525	111	172	202	172	152	202	252	293	212	253	269	263	248	141	89
Yes	401 40%	185 38%	216 41%	52 47%	65 38%	82 41%	70 41%	57 37%	75 37%	83 33%	109 37%	98 46%	111 44%	90 34%	109 41%	102 41%	60 42%	40 45%
No	571 57%	279 58%	292 56%	54 49%	100 58%	113 56%	97 57%	91 60%	116 57%	157 62%	172 59%	110 52%	132 52%	166 62%	140 53%	142 57%	75 53%	48 55%
Don't know	38 4%	21 4%	17 3%	5 5%	6 4%	7 3%	5 3%	4 3%	11 6%	12 5%	12 4%	4 2%	10 4%	12 5%	14 5%	4 2%	7 5%	1 1%

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Table 4

**Q.4 In the long run, creating new homes with gardens will mean having to build on existing green spaces.**

**Which of these types of green space would you be MOST OPPOSED to being built on?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid-lands	North Eng-land	Wales & South West	Scot-land
Unweighted base	1010	447	563	92	154	197	175	176	216	248	211	187	364	262	268	251	140	89
Weighted base	1010	485	525	111	172	202	172	152	202	252	293	212	253	269	263	248	141	89
Green spaces in towns and cities such as parks, playing fields and allotments	384 38%	173 36%	211 40%	56 50%	59 34%	76 38%	70 41%	57 37%	66 33%	101 40%	115 39%	91 43%	77 30%	108 40%	90 34%	95 38%	58 41%	33 37%
Open countryside, away from towns and cities	301 30%	149 31%	152 29%	26 23%	66 38%	63 31%	48 28%	45 30%	54 27%	71 28%	97 33%	59 28%	75 30%	80 30%	74 28%	75 30%	43 30%	31 35%
Green spaces on the edges of towns and cities such as farmland	270 27%	141 29%	129 25%	29 27%	43 25%	50 25%	45 26%	38 25%	65 32%	67 26%	68 23%	54 25%	81 32%	66 24%	80 30%	69 28%	35 25%	21 23%
None of these	38 4%	18 4%	21 4%	- -	4 2%	10 5%	7 4%	6 4%	12 6%	7 3%	10 4%	9 4%	12 5%	9 3%	17 6%	6 2%	4 3%	3 3%
Don't know	16 2%	4 1%	12 2%	- -	* *	2 1%	1 1%	6 4%	6 3%	7 3%	3 1%	- -	7 3%	7 3%	2 1%	4 1%	2 1%	2 2%