**Housing strategy survey**

**Introduction**

Housing plays a fundamental part in people’s wellbeing, employment, health and relationships. Housing conditions, accessibility and mix of housing are key determinants of a thriving and sustainable workforce and economy. Housing also links strongly to poverty, including fuel poverty, the cost of living as well as climate change and net zero ambitions.

Businesses and key public sector bodies (e.g. hospitals, Councils) have highlighted that housing affordability, availability and costs are a key limiting factor in recruiting employees in Surrey. This can constrain business and economic growth and affect the quality and availability of some public services.

Working with partners, Surrey County Council commissioned Inner Circle Consulting to support the development of a county-wide Housing, Accommodation and Homes Strategy.

The Council wishes to engage more widely on the delivery of the strategy and is seeking responses to the following questions.

**Returning your survey**

Please email your completed survey to: **research@surreycc.gov.uk**

**Data protection and accessibility**

By completing the following questionnaire, you are consenting for Surrey County Council to process and store your information for the purpose of informing the Housing, Homes & Accommodation Strategy for Surrey, in line with the UK General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

If we have consent to use your personal data, you have the right to remove it at any time. If you would like to remove consent, please contact us at the following email address: **research@surreycc.gov.uk**

For more information on how we process your data please see our privacy notice on the Surrey County Council website: **INSERT LINK HERE**

If you have any queries about the survey and/or require this survey in hard copy or a different alternative format, please email us and we will do our best to assist you:  **research@surreycc.gov.uk**

**Priority themes and issues for action**

We would like to understand how important each of the following nine topics are for you when considering the housing strategy for Surrey. Please consider each topic in terms of how important it is as an area for the for the county of Surrey to focus on when implementing and delivering the strategy.

Q1. How important to you are each of the following topics when considering the Surrey housing strategy? *Please select one level of importance for each topic*

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | **Not important** | **Slightly important** | **Fairly important** | **Very important** | **Don’t know or No opinion** |
| **1** | [**Partnership Working**](#_Toc128409781)  *This refers to the need for greater partnership working in Surrey in relation to the provision of housing and accommodation.* |  |  |  |  |  |
| **2** | [**Understanding Public Opinion**](#_Toc128409782)  *This refers to concerns about public opinion regarding growth and development as a barrier to partners confidently committing to long-term joint working on housing growth.* |  |  |  |  |  |
| **3** | [**An Ageing Population & Under Occupation**](#_Toc128409783)  *This refers to the issue of under-occupation (e.g. a house having more bedrooms than there are occupants) worsening housing supply problems and reducing availability for families. Partly attributable to a gap in care/supported housing that would enable older residents to move into more suitable accommodation.* |  |  |  |  |  |
| **4** | [**Housing [Un]affordability**](#_Toc128409784)  *This refers to higher house prices making it a less feasible option for growing families, graduates, essential workers or young professionals to afford to live in the county. Or for workers with the skills and qualifications the economy needs and/or businesses to locate here.* |  |  |  |  |  |
| **5** | [**Supporting Vulnerable Residents**](#_Toc128409785)  *This refers to multiple agencies and organisations working together to maximise what they have for the benefit of residents who need that support (e.g. high-needs families, migrants or individuals).* |  |  |  |  |  |
| **6** | [**Public Sector Land**](#_Toc128409786) **(Collective action and taking greater control over quality, quantity & price of homes)**  *This refers to identifying available public sector owned land for housing development and the need to pool resources and share the benefits to allow partners greater control over the type, scale, size and affordability of housing in their local area.* |  |  |  |  |  |
| **7** | **More Councils, enabling more housing delivery**  *This refers to the opportunity for councils to prioritise housing delivery, addressing the challenges of funding, planning constraints, capacity, and working in partnership.* |  |  |  |  |  |
| **8** | [**The Climate Crisis**](#_Toc128409788)  *This refers to changing investment priorities away from new housing development and into retrofit and refurbishment of existing homes due to concerns over climate-based resistance to new housing.* |  |  |  |  |  |
| **9** | [**20-Minute Neighbourhoods**](#_Toc128409789)  *This refers to a 20-minute neighbourhood concept that aims for residents to have access to services within close proximity of their homes and providing an attractive downsizing option for those living in large family homes some distance from shops, transport and services.* |  |  |  |  |  |

Q2. Overall, which three of the nine areas do you feel are the **most important** for the Surrey Housing Strategy to focus on? *Please rank them in order of priority (e.g. 1, 2, and 3)*

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| **1** | [**Partnership Working**](#_Toc128409781) |  |
| **2** | [**Understanding Public Opinion**](#_Toc128409782) |  |
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**About you**

Knowing a bit more about you will help us ensure we are speaking to a broad range of residents form across Surrey. Providing this information is optional.

Q3. What gender do you identify as? *Please select one*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Male |  |
| Female |  |
| Non-binary or other |  |
| Prefer not to say |  |

Q4. What is your ethnic group? *Please select one*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| White - British, English, Northern Irish, Scottish or Welsh |  |
| White - Irish |  |
| White - Gypsy or Irish Traveller |  |
| Any other White background |  |
| White and Black Caribbean |  |
| White and Black African |  |
| White and Asian |  |
| Any other mixed or multiple ethnic background |  |
| Asian or Asian British - Indian |  |
| Asian or Asian British - Pakistani |  |
| Asian or Asian British - Bangladeshi |  |
| Asian or Asian British - Chinese |  |
| Any other Asian background |  |
| Black or Black British - Caribbean |  |
| Black or Black British - African |  |
| Any other Black British, Caribbean, or African background |  |
| Arab |  |
| Other ethnic group (please specify) |  |
| Prefer not to say |  |

Q5. What age group are you in? *Please select one*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Under 18 |  |
| 18-24 |  |
| 25-34 |  |
| 35-44 |  |
| 45-54 |  |
| 55-64 |  |
| 65-74 |  |
| 75-84 |  |
| 85+ |  |
| Prefer not to say |  |

Q6. Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months? *Please select all that apply*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Yes, I am deaf or hard of hearing |  |
| Yes, I have a vision impairment |  |
| Yes, I have one or more physical health conditions |  |
| Yes, I have one or more mental health conditions |  |
| Yes, my mobility is limited |  |
| Yes, I have a neurological condition |  |
| Yes, I have a learning disability or Autism |  |
| No |  |
| Prefer not to say |  |

Q7. What is the first half of your postcode? (e.g., GU1 or RH2)

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Q8. What is your connection to Surrey? *Please select all that apply*

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| --- | --- |
| I live in Surrey |  |
| I work in Surrey |  |
| I own a business in Surrey |  |
| I travel through Surrey |  |
| I visit Surrey |  |
| I study in Surrey |  |

Q9. What type of property do you live in?  *Please select one*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| A detached house |  |
| A semi-detached house |  |
| A terrace house (including end terrace)? |  |
| A bungalow |  |
| A purpose-built (including in block or tenement or over shops) flat, maisonette or apartment |  |
| A flat, maisonette or apartment which is part of a converted house |  |
| A flat, maisonette or apartment which is part of other converted building (e.g., former school, church, or warehouse) |  |
| A flat, maisonette or apartment which is in a commercial building (e.g., in an office building or hotel) |  |
| A room or rooms (e.g., residential home, bedsit, or flatlet) |  |
| A house of multiple occupancy (e.g., shared house, student house) |  |
| A caravan, mobile home, or houseboat |  |
| Other (please specify) |  |
| Prefer not to say |  |

Q10. Do you (or your household) own or rent this accommodation? *Please select one*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Own it outright |  |
| Buying it with the help of a mortgage or loan |  |
| Part own and part rent (shared ownership) |  |
| Rent through private renal sector |  |
| Rent through social rental sector |  |
| Live rent free (with a friend or family member) |  |
| Other (please specify) |  |
| Prefer not to say |  |

Q11. What is your employment status? *Please select one*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Employed full time |  |
| Employed part-time |  |
| Retired |  |
| Unemployed, actively seeking work |  |
| Unemployed, not seeking work |  |
| Self-employed |  |
| Unable to work due to disability or long-term illness |  |
| Unable to work due to caring |  |
| Homemaker |  |
| In full- or part- time education |  |
| Other (please specify) |  |
| Prefer not to say |  |

Q12. What is your total household income? (before tax and deductions, but including any benefits/allowances) *Please select one*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Below £10,000 |  |
| £10,001 to £20,000 |  |
| £20,001 to £30,000 |  |
| £30,001 to £40,000 |  |
| £40,001 to £50,000 |  |
| £50,001 to £100,000 |  |
| £100,001 to £150,000 |  |
| Above £150,001 |  |
| Prefer not to say |  |

**Thank you very much for participating in this survey.**