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Markyate Housing Needs Survey 2026

CDA Hertfordshire has been commissioned to undertake an **independent** Housing Needs Survey for Markyate. The purpose is to establish whether people with a connection to Markyate have unmet housing needs and, if so, what types, sizes and tenures of homes may be required. This includes people who cannot afford suitable housing on the open market, as well as those whose current home no longer meets their needs.

CDA Hertfordshire is an independent rural community charity and has no interest in promoting any particular development or predetermined number of homes.

The findings will be based on the information provided by local people and presented in an independent report.

This survey must be completed by someone aged 18 or over.

**Please tell us
your home postcode
and Surname**

We ask for your postcode to understand where responses come from and confirm whether you live within the survey area. It will not be used to identify your household.

Please complete and return by 4th September 2026

Guidance Note

Every household is asked to complete Section 1 to help us understand community views. If you or someone in your household needs new or alternative housing in the parish now or within the next five years, please also complete Section 2.

All responses are confidential.

Section 1: YOUR VIEWS ON HOUSING IN MARKYATE

Q1. What is your connection to Markyate Parish?

Please select all that apply.

- ☐ I currently live in the parish
- ☐ I currently work in the parish
- ☐ I previously lived in the parish and would like to return
- ☐ I have close family living in the parish

- ☐ Other connection (please specify): _____

Q2. If a need is identified, do you think new affordable homes should be provided in Markyate Parish for local people whose housing needs cannot be met on the open market?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure / I would need more information

Q3. If a need is identified, approximately how many new affordable homes would you consider appropriate in Markyate Parish?

- ☐ Fewer than 5
- ☐ 5–10
- ☐ 11–20
- ☐ 21–30
- ☐ More than 30
- ☐ As many as the evidence shows are needed
- ☐ Unsure

Q4. Which groups of local people do you think new affordable homes should primarily help?

Please select all that apply.

- ☐ Young people wishing to remain in or return to Markyate
- ☐ Families needing a suitable home
- ☐ Older people wishing to downsize
- ☐ People with disabilities or accessibility needs
- ☐ People who work locally
- ☐ Other local people in housing need
- ☐ No particular group, housing should reflect the evidence of local need

Q5. Do you, or does anyone in your household, need a separate or more suitable home in Markyate Parish now or within the next five years?

- ☐ Yes – please continue to Q6
- ☐ No – please go to Q24
- ☐ Unsure – please continue to Q6

Guidance Note

Only complete this section if you answered **Yes** or **Unsure** to **Q5**.

Please answer for the person or family with the most immediate housing need.

If more than one person or family in your household needs a separate home,
please complete the survey online.

Section 2: YOUR HOUSING NEEDS

Q6. How long have you lived in, or had a connection to, Markyate Parish?

- ☐ Less than 1 year ☐ 1–5 years ☐ 6–10 years ☐ 11–20 years ☐ 21+ years

Q7. Who needs the new or more suitable home?

- ☐ Myself ☐ My partner and me ☐ My whole household
☐ My child/children ☐ Another household member

Q8. How many people would live in the new or more suitable home?

Number of adults: _____ Age of adults _____ (19, 45, 67)

Number aged under 18: _____ Age of under 18s _____ (3, 14)

Q9. Why is a new or more suitable home needed?

Please select all that apply.

- ☐ Living with family or friends
☐ Current home is too small
☐ Current home is too large
☐ Cannot afford current home
☐ Current home is unsuitable due to age, disability or health needs
☐ Relationship breakdown
☐ Need to be nearer family, work or support

☐ Other: _____

Q10. When is the new or more suitable home needed?

- ☐ Now ☐ Within 1 year ☐ In 2–3 years ☐ In 4–5 years

Q11. What is your current housing situation?

- ☐ Renting privately
☐ Renting from the council or a housing association
☐ Own with a mortgage
☐ Own outright
☐ Living with family or friends

☐ Other: _____

Section 2: YOUR HOUSING NEEDS - CONTINUED

Q12. What is the household makeup of those needing the new or more suitable home?

- ☐ Single adult
- ☐ Adult couple
- ☐ Family with one child
- ☐ Family with two or more children
- ☐ Single older person
- ☐ Older couple
- ☐ Single-parent family

- ☐ Other (please specify): _____

Q13. What type of home would best meet your housing needs?

Please select all that apply.

- ☐ House
- ☐ Bungalow
- ☐ Flat or maisonette
- ☐ Accessible or adapted home
- ☐ Supported or sheltered housing
- ☐ No preference
- ☐ Other (please specify): _____

Q14. How many bedrooms would the new or more suitable home need?

- ☐ 1 bedroom ☐ 2 bedrooms ☐ 3 bedrooms ☐ 4 or more bedrooms

Q15. What type of housing would best meet your needs?

Please select all that apply.

- ☐ Affordable rented housing
- ☐ Shared ownership
- ☐ Discounted home ownership
- ☐ Open-market purchase
- ☐ Private rented housing
- ☐ Self-build housing
- ☐ Unsure / need advice
- ☐ Other (please specify): _____

Q16. What is the total gross annual income of the household needing the new or more suitable affordable home, including benefits and before tax and deductions?

- ☐ Under £15,000 ☐ £15,000–£24,999 ☐ £25,000–£34,999 ☐ £35,000–£49,999
☐ £50,000–£74,999 ☐ £75,000–£99,999 ☐ £100,000+ ☐ Prefer not to say

Section 2: YOUR HOUSING NEEDS - CONTINUED

Q17. How much savings or capital does the household have available towards securing a new home?

- ☐ None ☐ Under £5,000 ☐ £5,000–£14,999 ☐ £15,000–£29,999
☐ £30,000–£49,999 ☐ £50,000+ ☐ Prefer not to say

Q18. Is the household registered on the Local Authority's Housing Register (waiting list)?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Application in progress ☐ Unsure

Q19. Does anyone who would live in the new home have any accessibility or support needs?

Please select all that apply.

- ☐ Level-access home
☐ Wheelchair-accessible home
☐ Adapted bathroom
☐ Other adaptations
☐ Supported or sheltered housing
☐ No specific needs
☐ Other: _____

Q20. How much could the household afford to pay each month in rent or mortgage?

- ☐ Under £500 ☐ £500–£749 ☐ £750–£999 ☐ £1,000–£1,249
☐ £1,250–£1,499 ☐ £1,500 or more ☐ Prefer not to say

Q21. Does anyone needing the new or more suitable home:

- ☐ Work in or regularly provide services within Markyate Parish
☐ Work in a key or essential service ☐ Neither

If a key or essential worker, job or sector: _____

Q22. If you, or someone in your household, may need a separate or more suitable home, are you happy for CDA Herts to contact you about your response? (please complete Q25)

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Q23. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your housing needs?

Section 3: KEEPING IN TOUCH

Q24. Would you like to be kept informed about the results of this survey?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Q25. If you answered Yes to Q22 or Q24, please provide your contact details:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Email: _____

Consent statement

☐ **I consent** to CDA Herts using the information to assess local housing need and contact me about my response. I confirm I am aged 18 or over. I understand that published findings will be anonymised and that I may withdraw my consent at any time by contacting CDA Herts.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Your information

We will store your information securely and use it only to assess local housing need or contact you with your consent. It will not appear in the published report, be shared with the developer or used for marketing.

Full details: www.cdaherts.org.uk/privacy-policy/

Returning your questionnaire

*Please place your completed questionnaire in the enclosed prepaid envelope and return it by **4th September 2026**. No stamp is needed.*

Prefer to complete it online?

Scan the QR code on the front cover to complete the survey online. Please complete either the paper questionnaire or the online survey, not both.

Thank you for helping us understand housing needs in Markyate.

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