Housing Needs Survey for Aldingbourne Barnham & Eastergate Parishes May 2019

Dear Resident

Your local Community Land Trust with support from Aldingbourne, Barnham & Eastergate Parish Council's are undertaking a Housing Needs Survey to determine the extent and nature of affordable housing need in the parishes. Copies of the survey are being distributed to each household.

The availability of housing affordable to local people is an important ingredient in maintaining a well-balanced rural community. Affordable homes are properties for rent or part-purchase (shared ownership) made available for those who are unable to meet their housing needs on the open market.

The questionnaire consists of 2 parts. **Part 1** is seeking views from every household about housing. **Part 2** is for completion by or for households or individuals who consider themselves to be 'in need' of affordable housing. A summary report of the overall findings of the survey will be presented to the Community Land Trust and the Parish Councils.

The survey is being administered by Action in rural Sussex, an independent organisation that works to support rural communities across East and West Sussex. The survey forms will be gathered and analysed independently with all information kept completely confidential. No personal information will be shared with the Parish Council, Community Land Trust, Local Authority or any other third party.

Please return the questionnaire using the pre-paid envelope provided before the **deadline date of xx June 2019.**

If you require any assistance in completing the enclosed survey form then please contact: Graham Maunders – Community Led Housing Advisor, Action in rural Sussex on (01273) 407329 or via email: graham.maunders@ruralsussex.org.uk Many thanks for your time and co-operation.

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