

SUMMARY OF RESPONSES TO THE S157 CONSULTATION

121 responses were received, but not all questions were answered by each respondent. Whilst the responses were anonymous it is clear they included replies from individuals, town and parish councils, ward members, estate agents and solicitors. The responses to each question are summarised below. The percentages do not take into account those forms where there was no response to that question.

**Question 1.** Should the Council increase the marketing period from 28 days? The options were no change, increase to 3 months, increase to 6 months, increase to 9 months or increase to 12 months.

No change	3 calendar months	6 calendar months	9 calendar months	12 calendar months	Total responses	No comment
98 (85%)	11 (10%)	4 (3%)	0 (0%)	2 (2%)	115 (100%)	6

Breakdown by respondent.

Respondent	No change	Change (calendar months)				No comment	Total responses
		3	6	9	12		
Anonymous	43	5	0	0	0	0	48
Householder	51	3	3	0	1	6	64
Parish Council	1	1	1	0	1	0	4
Professional	2	2	1	0	0	0	5
Total	97	11	5	0	2	6	121

**Question 2.** Should the Council give automatic consent if the prospective purchaser does not automatically qualify for it but that purchaser is buying the property from a mortgage provider who has repossessed it?

Yes	No	Don't know	Total responses	No comment
29 (35%)	44 (52%)	11 (13%)	84 (100%)	37

**Question 3.** Should the Council give automatic consent if the prospective purchaser does not automatically qualify for it but that purchaser is a member or former member of the Armed Forces or Reserve Forces as defined in the *Allocation of Housing (Qualification Criteria for Armed Forces)(England) Regulations 2012*?

Yes	No	Don't know	Total responses	No comment
47 (53%)	27 (30%)	15 (17%)	89 (100%)	32

**Question 4.** If the purchaser is a registered provider (previously known as a housing association) purchasing a property under the Government's Mortgage Rescue Scheme it is proposed that the application should be delegated to the Head of Legal and

Property Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing, to determine whether to grant the Council's consent as the registered provider will not automatically qualify for it

Yes	No	Don't know	Total responses	No comment
31 (35%)	35 (40%)	22 (25%)	88 (100%)	33

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