

Statement read out by Martin Slater at the Stansfield Annual Parish Council Meeting on 24th May 2021 relating to the Housing Needs Survey. **This statement is neither made by nor endorsed by Stansfield Parish Council**

At the outset I wish to make it clear that I respect others persons opinions even if those opinions lead to different conclusions than my own and I also expect that there may be differing opinions within a diverse group of persons due to age, life experience or other factors that may be the genesis of alternative ideas. I also do not hold others opinions in contempt as seems to be the case with some who have published their opinions about the HNS.

However, I do not agree in any way, shape or form in secrecy on matters of public concern and I find it abhorrent that the Parish Council should continue to maintain secrecy about the numerical results of the HNS which in no way compromises any individuals' private answers to the HNS questionnaire, despite my attempts to convince them to act in manner for the common good of the village population that they were elected or requested to represent.

Both the CAS and the SPC have said that they are bound by certain legal agreements; I would say this to that comment that that argument is completely spurious and shows either contempt for the population they represent or incompetence in the formulation of the survey itself. Either way it is a complete deception and absolutely inequitable as I have previously pointed out. I would be very surprised if the County Council and or the Planning Inspectorate would agree with their opinions when the time comes to present a Master Plan for additional housing in Stansfield especially as at least one third of the population do not have the same view of the need