

Empty Properties Survey

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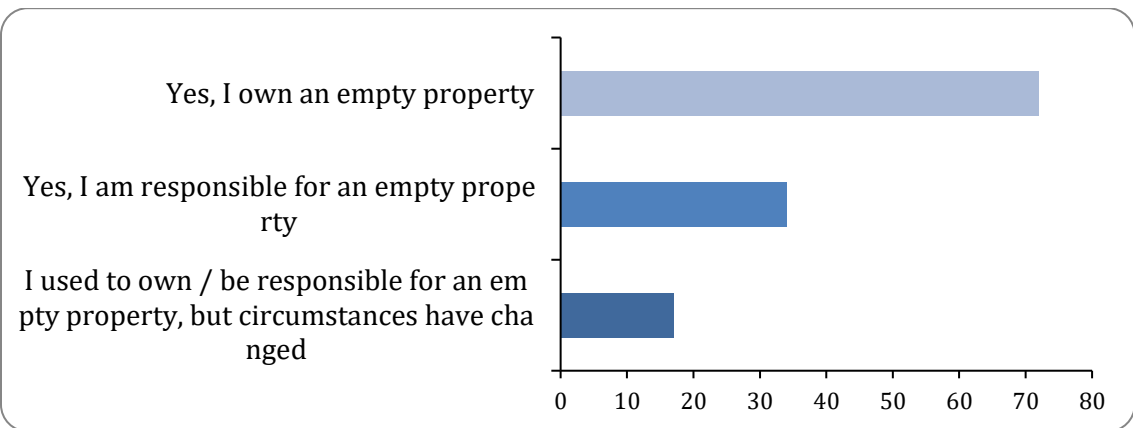
The activity ran from 06/03/2025 to 17/04/2025

Responses to this survey: **123**

1: Do you own or are you responsible for an empty property?

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There were 123 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Yes, I own an empty property	72	58.54%
Yes, I am responsible for an empty property	34	27.64%
I used to own / be responsible for an empty property, but circumstances have changed	17	13.82%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

2: Your contact details and the empty property's address.

Name

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There were 102 responses to this part of the question.

Telephone number

There were 95 responses to this part of the question.

Email address

There were 101 responses to this part of the question.

Your address, including postcode

There were 96 responses to this part of the question.

Address of empty property

There were 101 responses to this part of the question.

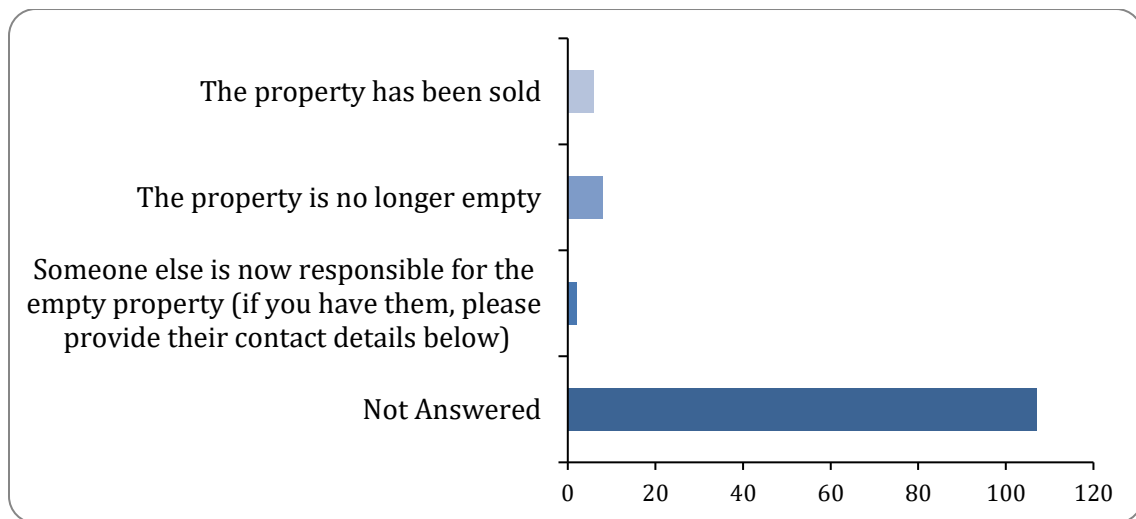
Postcode of empty property

There were 103 responses to this part of the question.

3: Please let us know which of the following options applies to you.

Reasons why R no longer owns/responsible for empty property

There were 16 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
The property has been sold	6	4.88%
The property is no longer empty	8	6.50%
The property has been demolished	0	0.00%
Someone else is now responsible for the empty property (if you have them, please provide their contact details below)	2	1.63%
Not Answered	107	86.99%

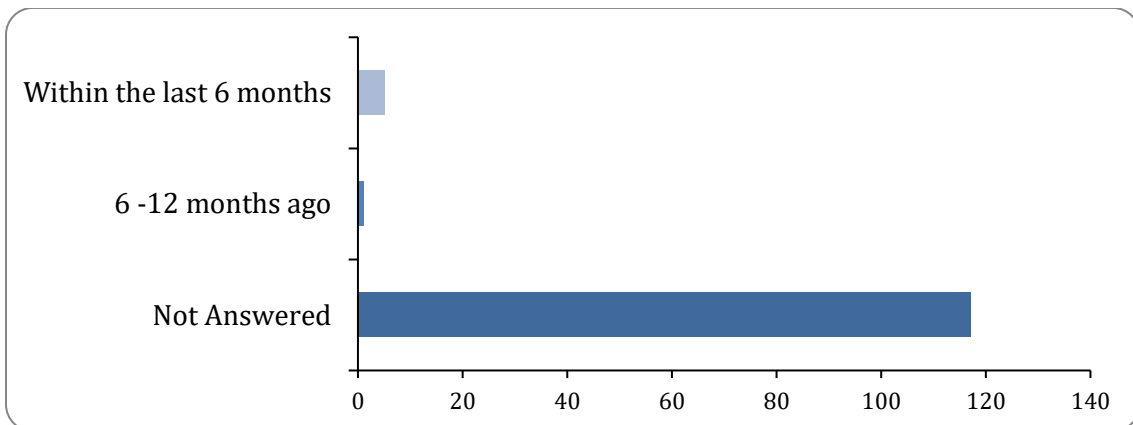
Contact details of new person responsible for property

There were 7 responses to this part of the question.

4: When was the sale completed?

When was the sale completed?

There were 6 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Within the last 6 months	5	4.07%
6 -12 months ago	1	0.81%
More than 12 months ago	0	0.00%
Not Answered	117	95.12%

5: If you know the exact date when the sale was completed, please provide it below.

Date sale completed

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There were 5 responses to this part of the question.

6: Please confirm the full address of the empty property that has now been sold and your contact details.

Address of the empty property you have sold

There were 5 responses to this part of the question.

Postcode of property sold

There were 5 responses to this part of the question.

Name of person who sold property

There were 5 responses to this part of the question.

Telephone number

There were 3 responses to this part of the question.

Email address of person who sold property

There were 4 responses to this part of the question.

Your full address, including postcode

There were 4 responses to this part of the question.

7: If you can, please provide the planning reference number for the demolition.

Planning reference number for demolition

There were 0 responses to this part of the question.

8: Please confirm the full address of the empty property that is now occupied and your contact details.

Address of the empty property which is now occupied or that you are no longer responsible for

There were 9 responses to this part of the question.

Postcode of the property that is now occupied

There were 8 responses to this part of the question.

Name of person who used to own or be responsible for empty property

There were 8 responses to this part of the question.

Telephone number of person their are responding on behalf of

There were 8 responses to this part of the question.

Email address

There were 8 responses to this part of the question.

Address of person who used to own/be responsible for empty property

There were 6 responses to this part of the question.

9: Please confirm the full address of the property you are no longer responsible for and your contact details.

Address of the empty property which is now occupied or that you are no longer responsible for

There were 2 responses to this part of the question.

Postcode of the property which has been sold, rented or that you are no longer responsible for.

There were 2 responses to this part of the question.

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Name of person who used to own or be responsible for empty property

There were 2 responses to this part of the question.

Telephone number of person their are responding on behalf of

There was 1 response to this part of the question.

Email address

There was 1 response to this part of the question.

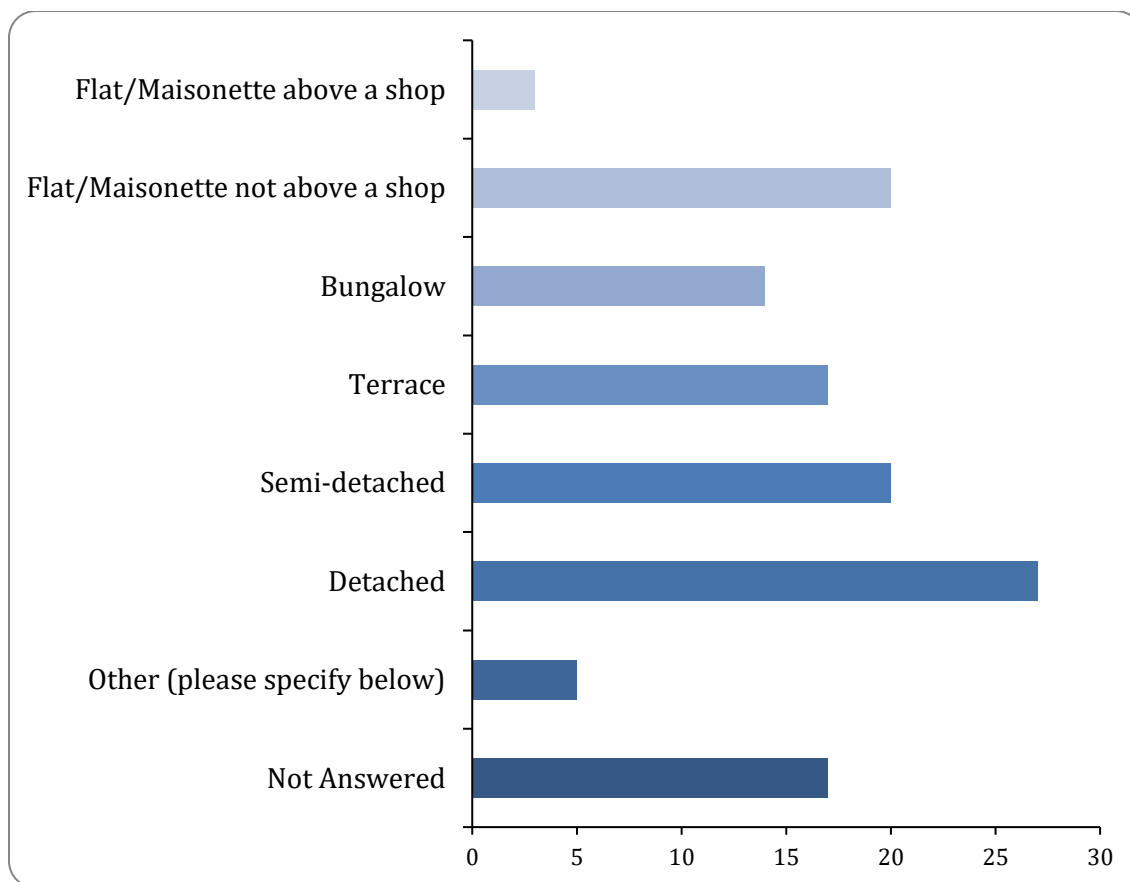
Address of person who used to own/be responsible for empty property

There were 2 responses to this part of the question.

10: Please indicate the type of property.

Type of property

There were 106 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Flat/Maisonette above a shop	3	2.44%
Flat/Maisonette not above a shop	20	16.26%
Bungalow	14	11.38%
Terrace	17	13.82%
Semi-detached	20	16.26%
Detached	27	21.95%
Other (please specify below)	5	4.07%
Not Answered	17	13.82%

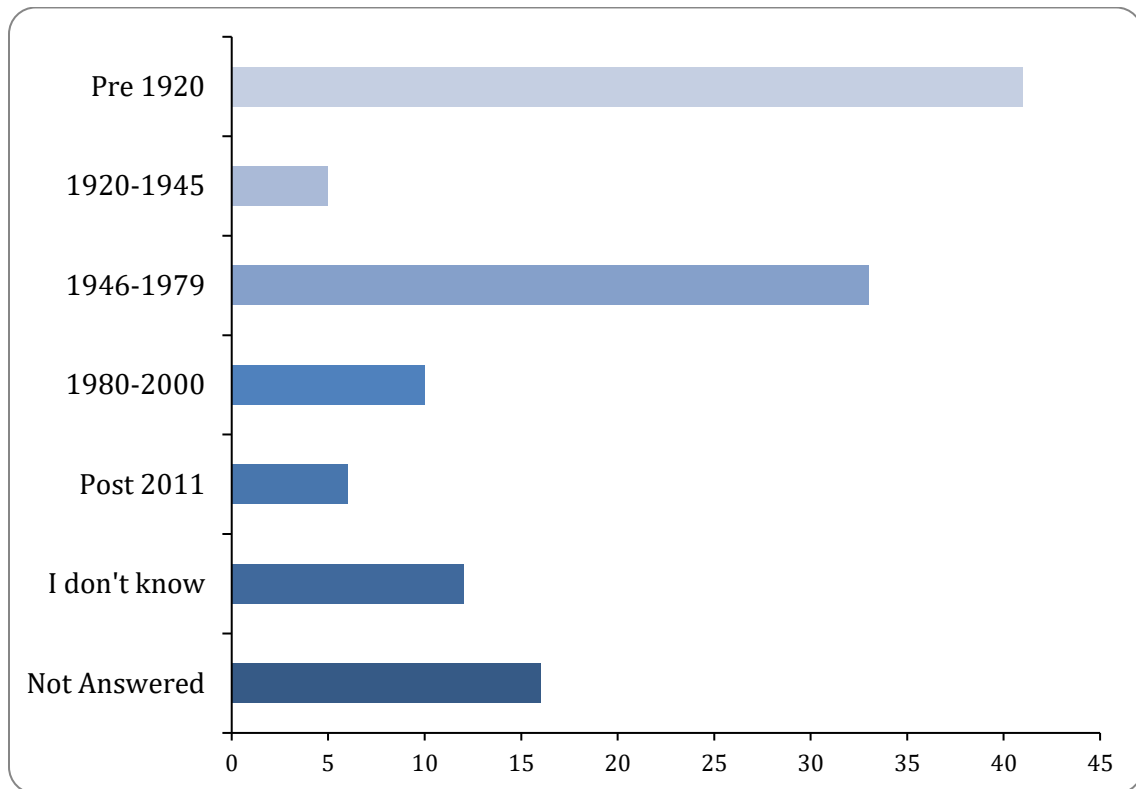
Please specify type of property

There were 11 responses to this part of the question.

11: When was the property built?

Age of property

There were 107 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Pre 1920	41	33.33%
1920-1945	5	4.07%
1946-1979	33	26.83%
1980-2000	10	8.13%
Post 2011	6	4.88%
I don't know	12	9.76%
Not Answered	16	13.01%

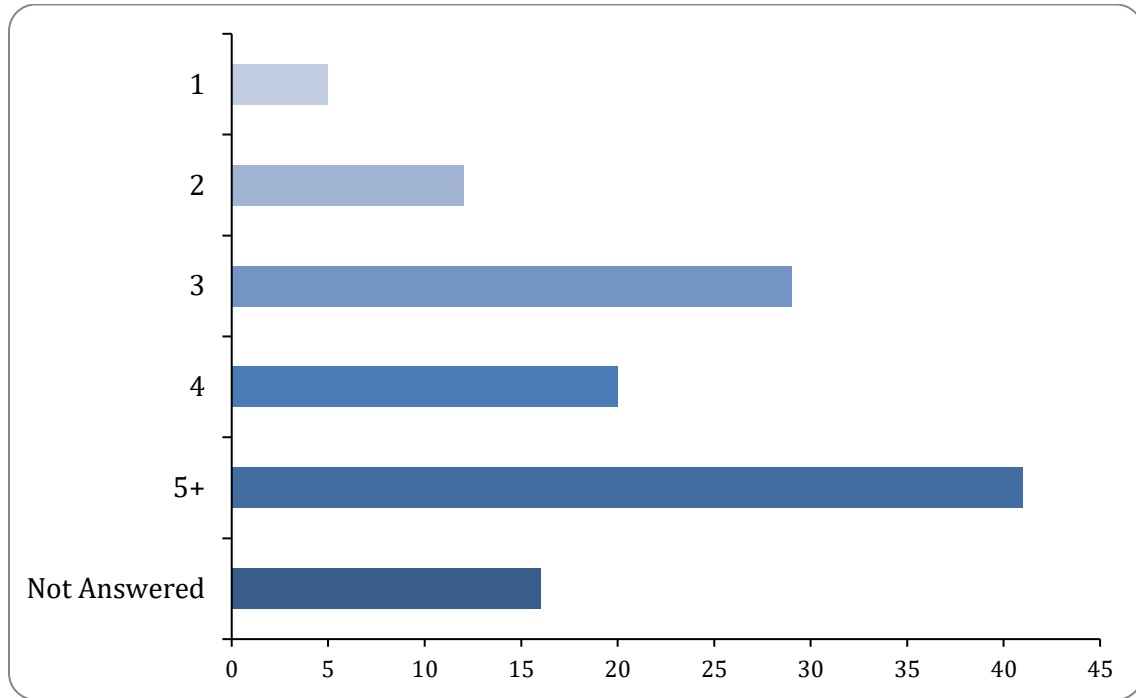
More detail about age of property

There were 18 responses to this part of the question.

12: Excluding kitchen(s) and bathroom(s), how many rooms does the property have?

How many rooms

There were 107 responses to this part of the question.

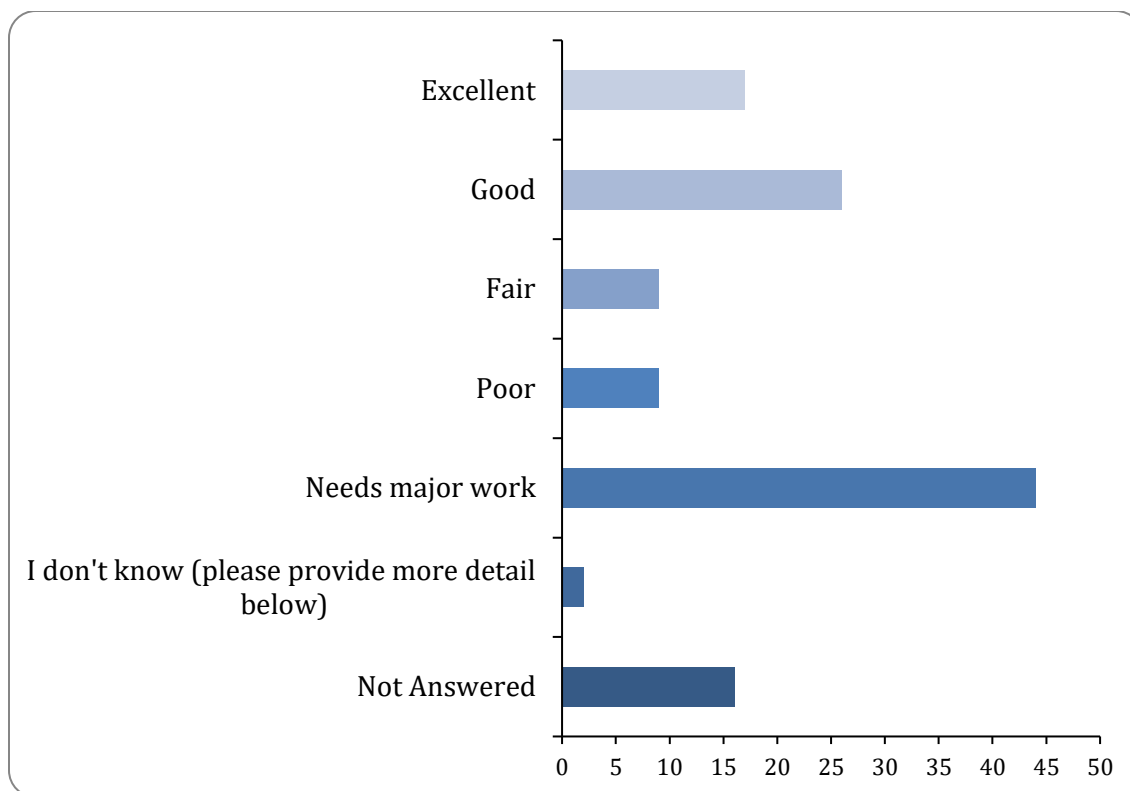


Option	Total	Percent
1	5	4.07%
2	12	9.76%
3	29	23.58%
4	20	16.26%
5+	41	33.33%
Not Answered	16	13.01%

13: What is the overall condition of the property?

Property condition

There were 107 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Excellent	17	13.82%
Good	26	21.14%
Fair	9	7.32%
Poor	9	7.32%
Needs major work	44	35.77%
I don't know (please provide more detail below)	2	1.63%
Not Answered	16	13.01%

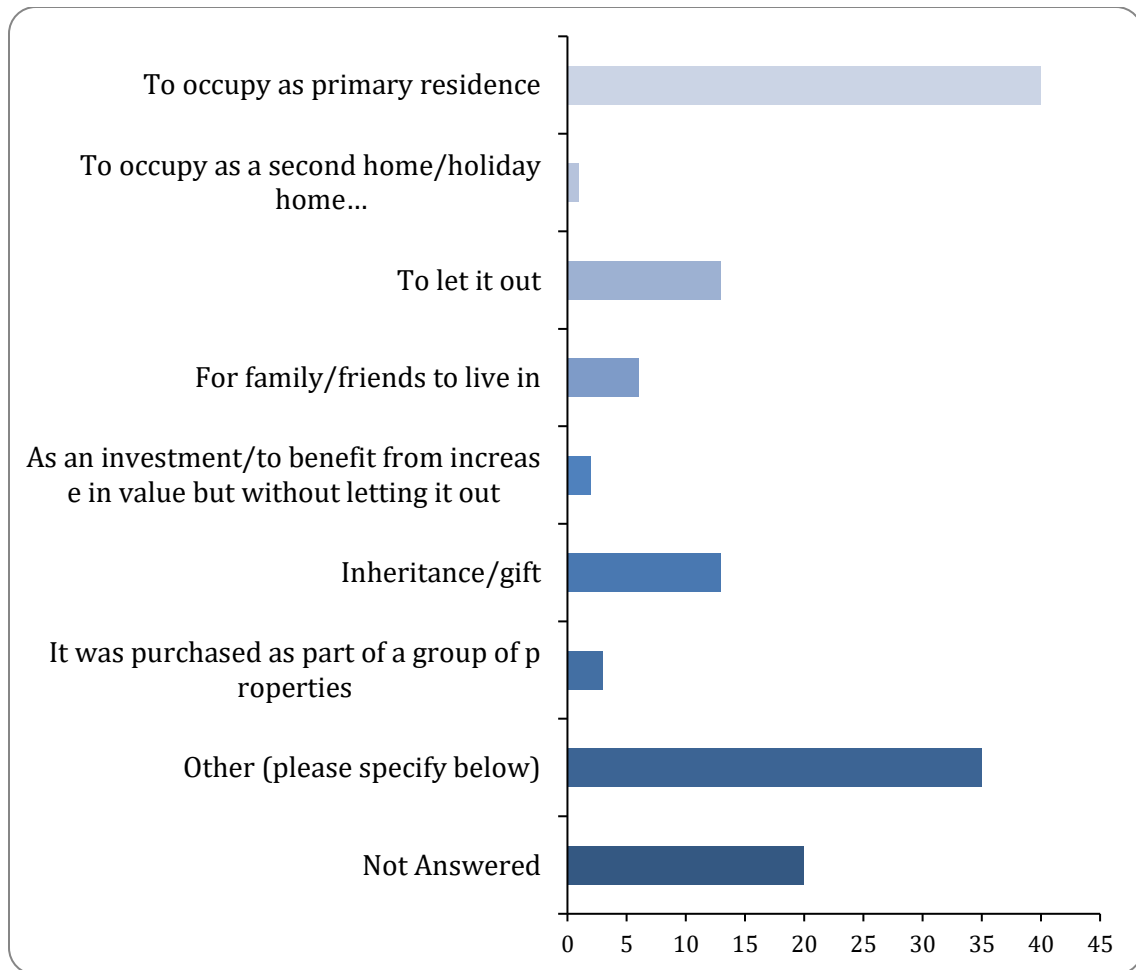
More detail on property condition

There were 21 responses to this part of the question.

14: What was the reason for buying the property? You can tick more than one answer.

Reasons for buying property

There were 103 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
To occupy as primary residence	40	32.52%
To occupy as a second home/holiday home on a regular basis	1	0.81%
To let it out	13	10.57%
For family/friends to live in	6	4.88%
As an investment/to benefit from increase in value but without letting it out	2	1.63%
Inheritance/gift	13	10.57%
To manage it for someone else	0	0.00%
It was purchased as part of a group of properties	3	2.44%
Other (please specify below)	35	28.46%
Not Answered	20	16.26%

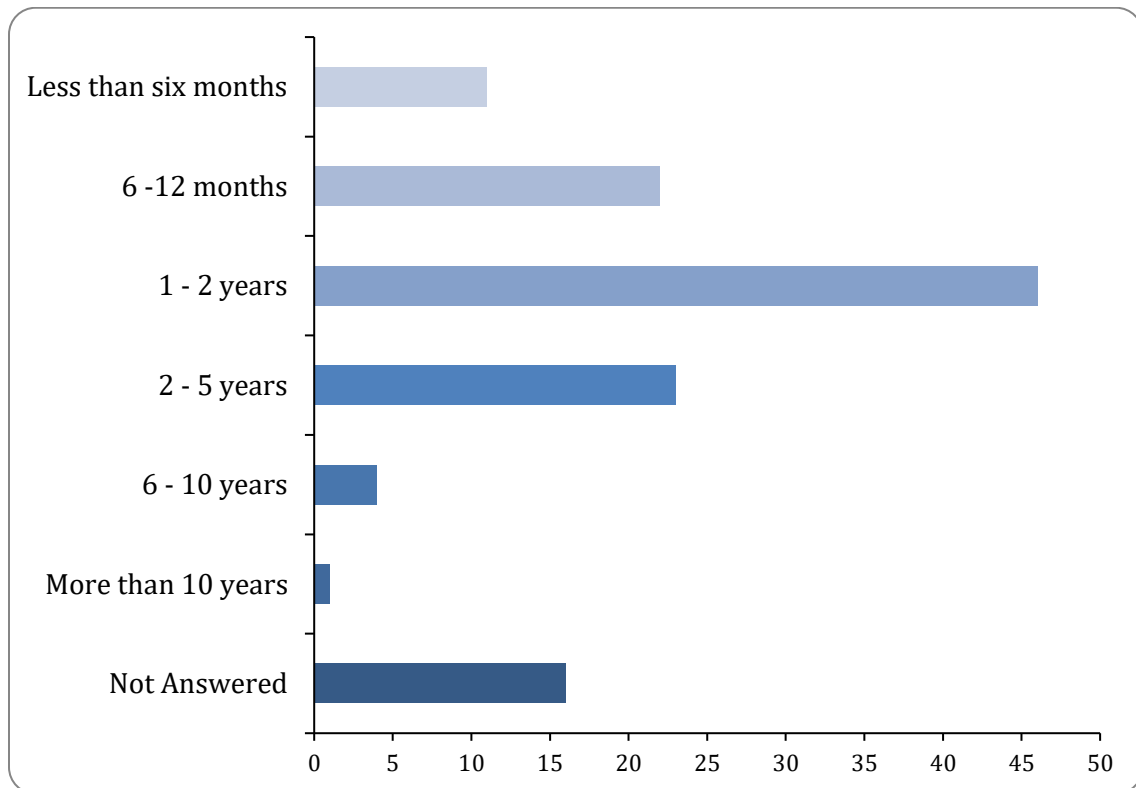
More details on reason for purchasing the property

There were 44 responses to this part of the question.

15: How long has the property been empty for?

How long was the property empty

There were 107 responses to this part of the question.

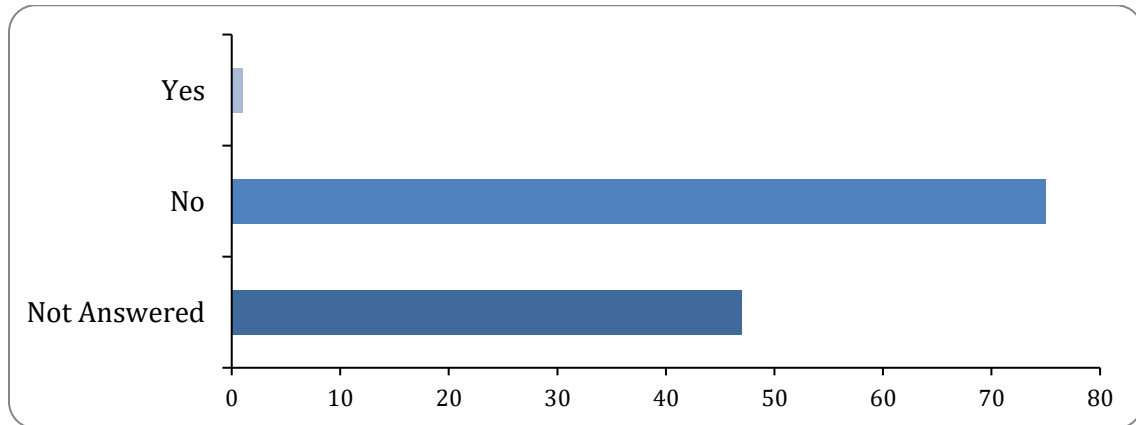


Option	Total	Percent
Less than six months	11	8.94%
6 -12 months	22	17.89%
1 - 2 years	46	37.40%
2 - 5 years	23	18.70%
6 - 10 years	4	3.25%
More than 10 years	1	0.81%
Not Answered	16	13.01%

16: Is the property still used as a holiday home/second home on a regular basis (including as overnight accommodation)?

Still used as holiday home/second home

There were 76 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Yes	1	0.81%
No	75	60.98%
Not Answered	47	38.21%

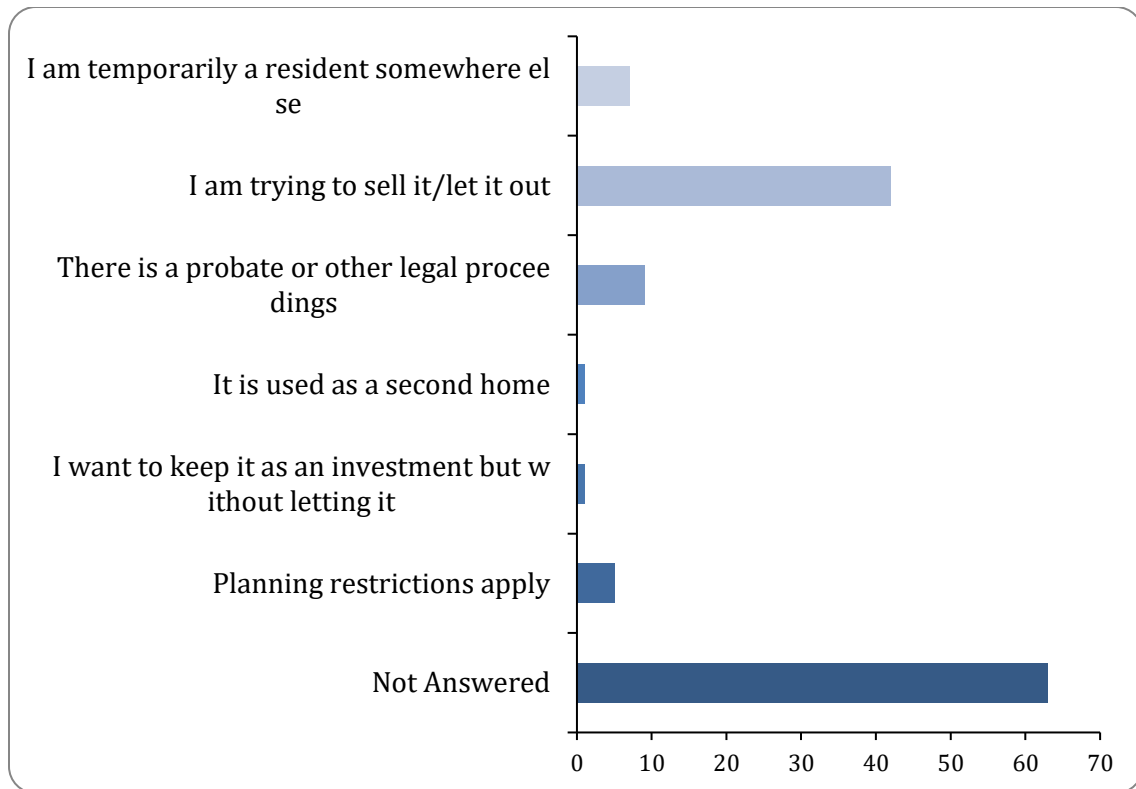
More information on holiday home/second home

There were 16 responses to this part of the question.

17: Please let us know why the property is currently empty. Select all that apply.

Why is the property empty?

There were 60 responses to this part of the question.



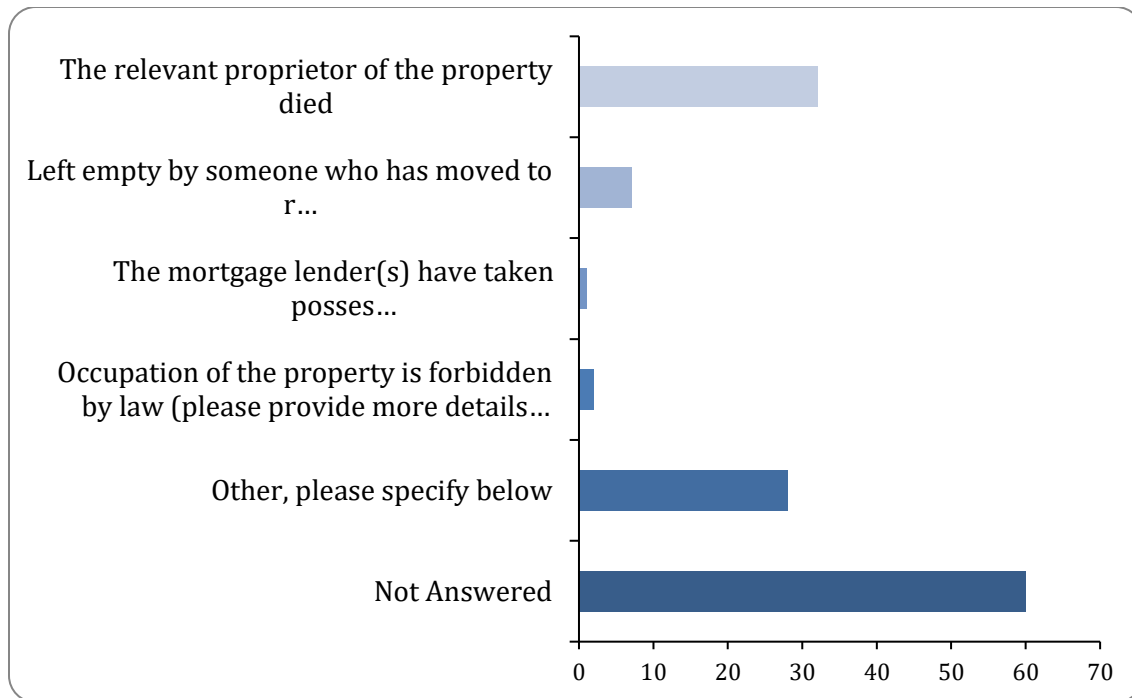
Option	Total	Percent
I am temporarily a resident somewhere else	7	5.69%
I am trying to sell it/let it out	42	34.15%
There is a probate or other legal proceedings	9	7.32%
It is used as a second home	1	0.81%
I want to keep it as an investment but without letting it	1	0.81%
Planning restrictions apply	5	4.07%
Not Answered	63	51.22%

Please provide further details where relevant

There were 73 responses to this part of the question.

18: Does any of the following apply to the property? Please select all that apply.
Reasons for property being empty

There were 63 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
The relevant proprietor of the property died	32	26.02%
Left empty by someone who has moved to receive personal care in hospital or nursing home	7	5.69%
Left empty by someone receiving personal care or administering care	0	0.00%
Left empty by student(s) resident elsewhere for the purpose of their studies	0	0.00%
You are a serving member of the armed forces and are absent from the dwelling due to service requirements	0	0.00%
The mortgage lender(s) have taken possession of the property	1	0.81%
The property is prevented from being occupied due to an ongoing criminal investigation or proceedings	0	0.00%
Occupation of the property is forbidden by law (please provide more details below)	2	1.63%
Left empty by someone who has gone to jail	0	0.00%
The property is usually occupied by someone employed by you in connection with their duties under the terms of their contract	0	0.00%

Other, please specify below	28	22.76%
Not Answered	60	48.78%

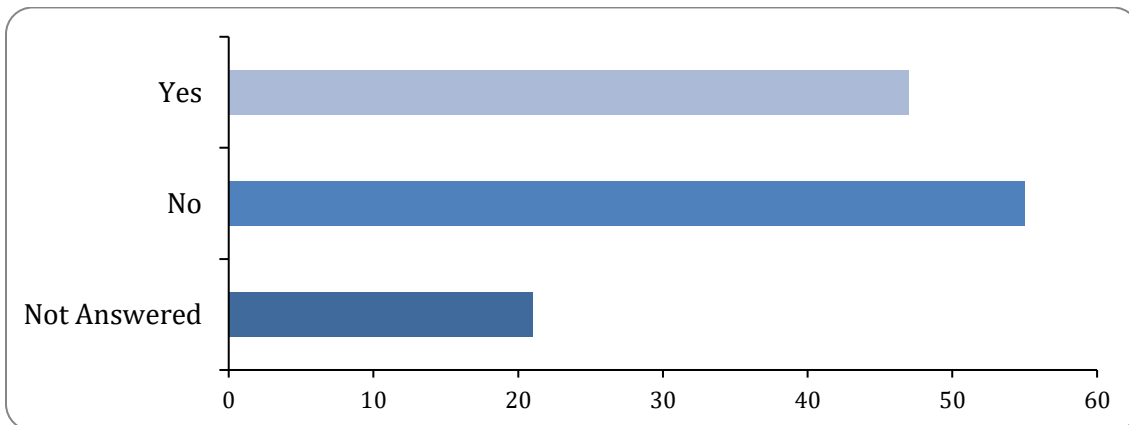
More details for property being empty

There were 43 responses to this part of the question.

19: Are you currently actively seeking to sell or let the property?

Are you actively seeking to sell or let the property?

There were 102 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Yes	47	38.21%
No	55	44.72%
Not Answered	21	17.07%

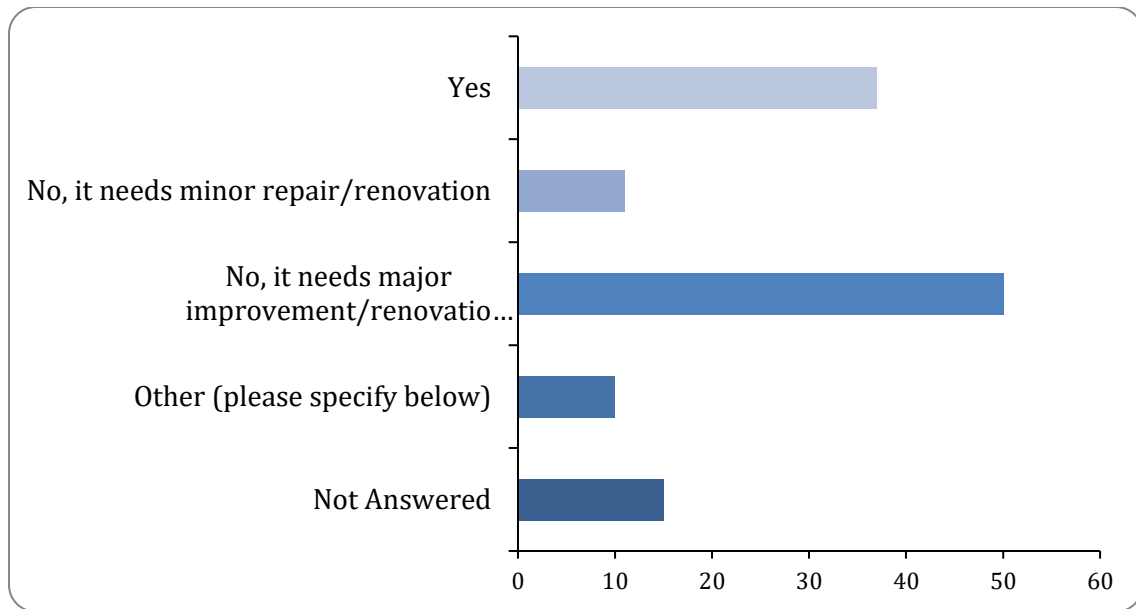
Seeking to sell or let the property

There were 45 responses to this part of the question.

20: Is the property ready for occupation?

Is the property ready to be occupied?

There were 108 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Yes	37	30.08%
No, it needs minor repair/renovation	11	8.94%
No, it needs major improvement/renovation	50	40.65%
Other (please specify below)	10	8.13%
Not Answered	15	12.20%

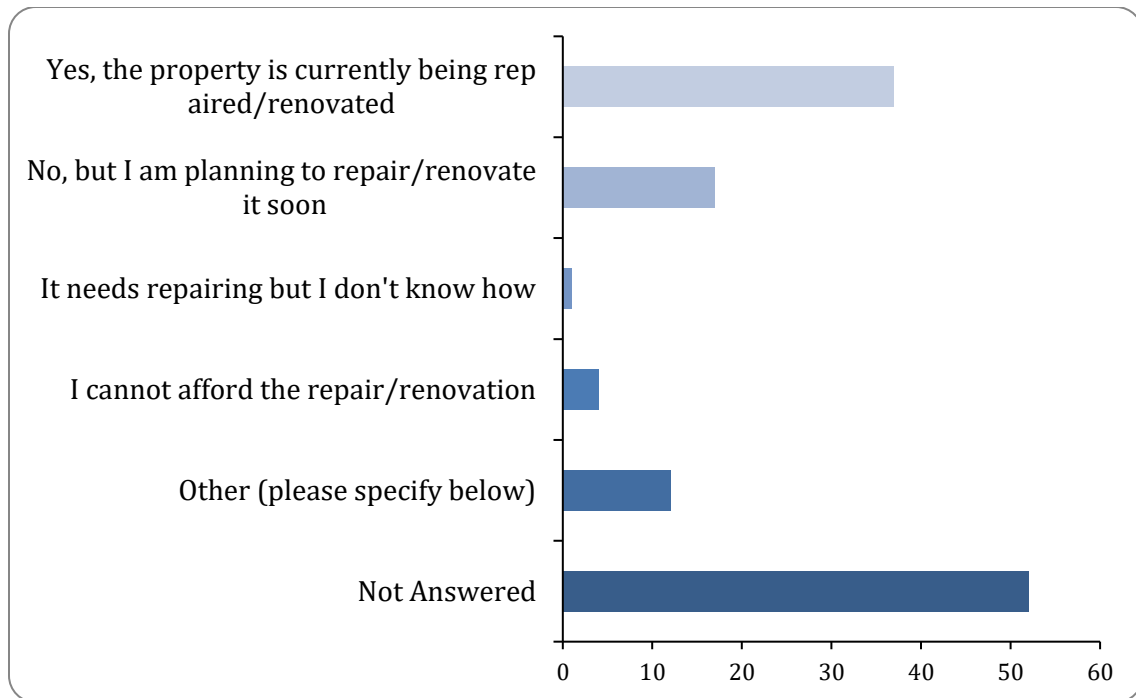
More information on current state of property

There were 17 responses to this part of the question.

21: If the property is not ready for occupation, is it currently being repaired or renovated?

Is the property being repaired or renovated?

There were 71 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Yes, the property is currently being repaired/renovated	37	30.08%
No, but I am planning to repair/renovate it soon	17	13.82%
It needs repairing but I don't know how	1	0.81%
I cannot afford the repair/renovation	4	3.25%
Other (please specify below)	12	9.76%
Not Answered	52	42.28%

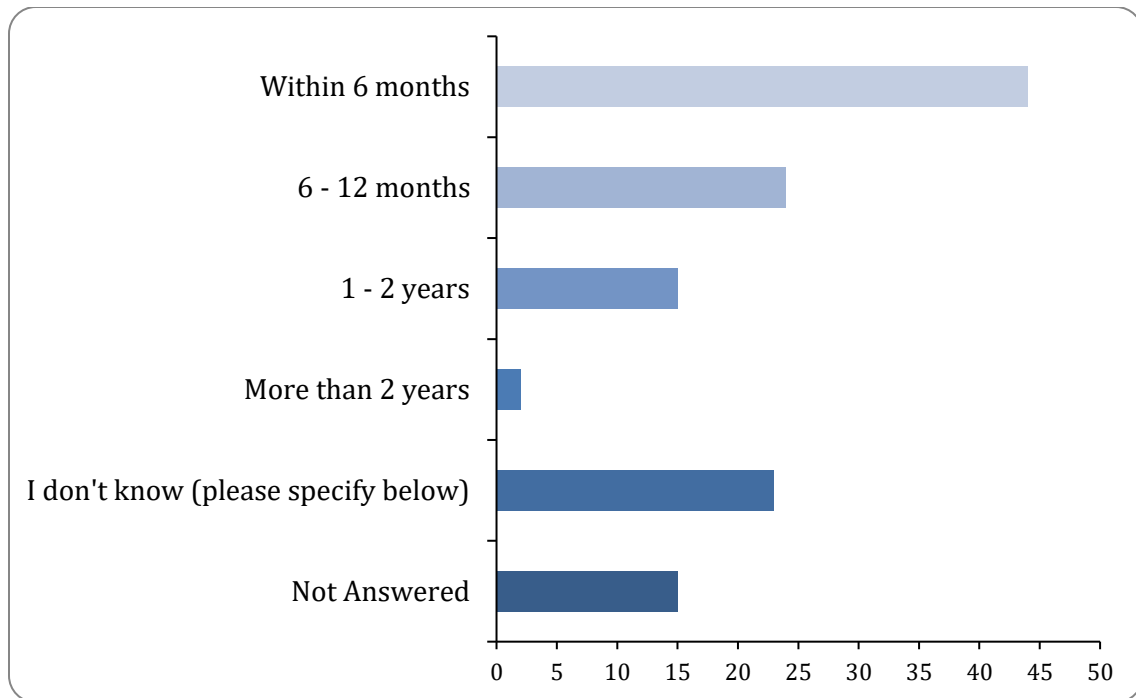
More information on whether property being renovated/repared

There were 20 responses to this part of the question.

22: When do you expect the property to be occupied again?

When do you expect property to be occupied again?

There were 108 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Within 6 months	44	35.77%
6 - 12 months	24	19.51%
1 - 2 years	15	12.20%
More than 2 years	2	1.63%
I don't know (please specify below)	23	18.70%
Not Answered	15	12.20%

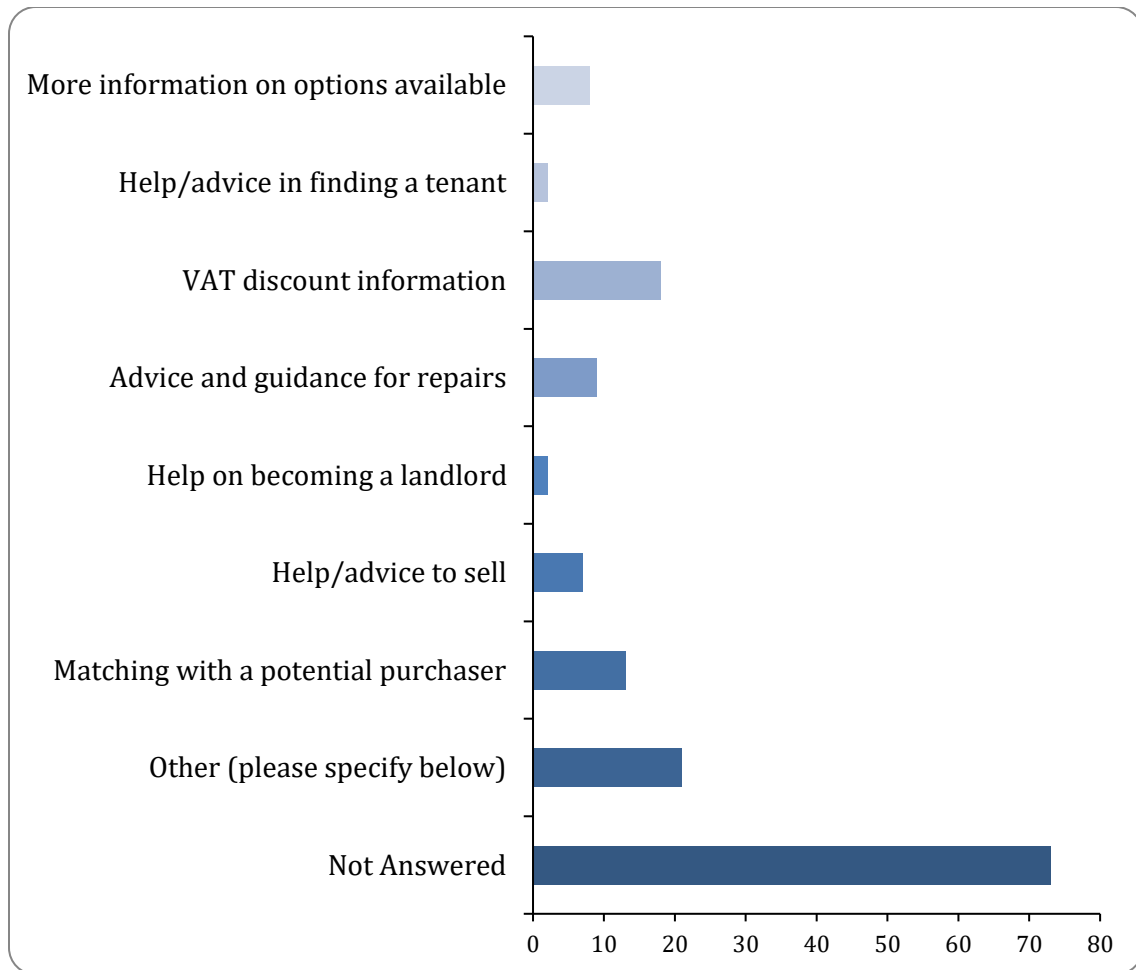
More detail on when you expect property to be occupied again

There were 29 responses to this part of the question.

23: What help would you find useful in bringing the property back into occupation? Please select all that apply.

What would help bring your property back into use?

There were 50 responses to this part of the question.



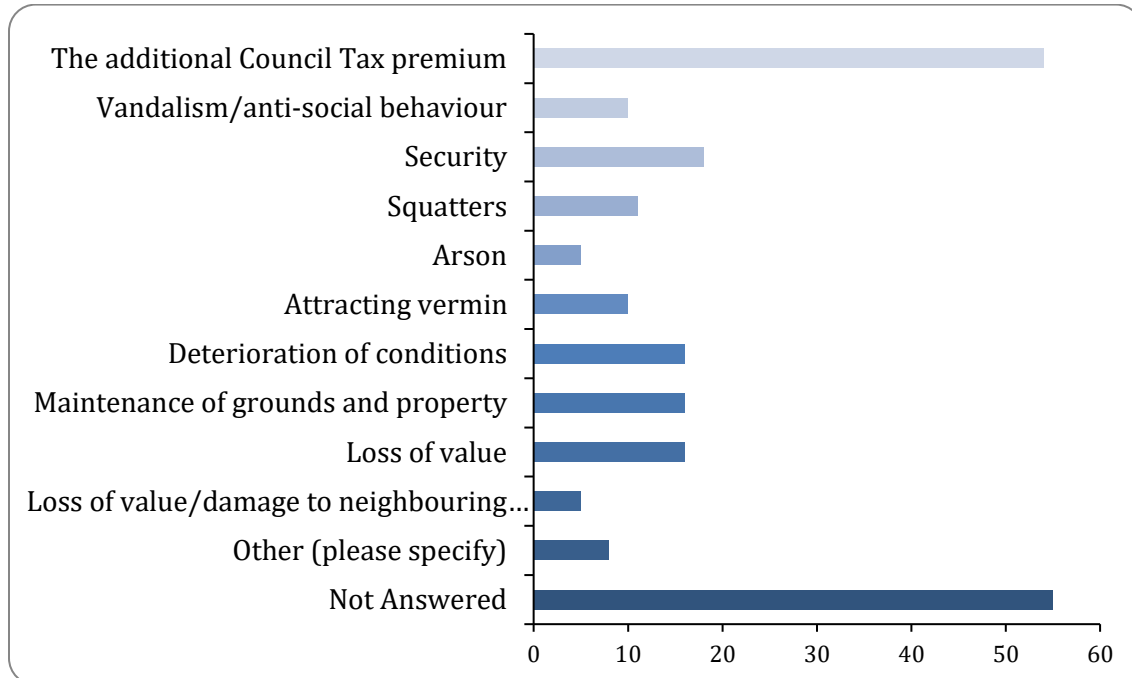
Option	Total	Percent
More information on options available	8	6.50%
Help/advice in finding a tenant	2	1.63%
VAT discount information	18	14.63%
Advice and guidance for repairs	9	7.32%
Help on becoming a landlord	2	1.63%
Help/advice to sell	7	5.69%
Matching with a potential purchaser	13	10.57%
Other (please specify below)	21	17.07%
Not Answered	73	59.35%

More information on what would help bring your property back into use

There were 34 responses to this part of the question.

24: Do you have any concerns about the property? Please select all that apply.
Concerns about the property

There were 68 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
The additional Council Tax premium	54	43.90%
Vandalism/anti-social behaviour	10	8.13%
Security	18	14.63%
Squatters	11	8.94%
Arson	5	4.07%
Attracting vermin	10	8.13%
Deterioration of conditions	16	13.01%
Maintenance of grounds and property	16	13.01%
Loss of value	16	13.01%
Loss of value/damage to neighbouring properties	5	4.07%
Other (please specify)	8	6.50%
Not Answered	55	44.72%

25: If there is anything else you would like to tell us, or any further issues you would like to discuss about your property, please let us know in the box below.

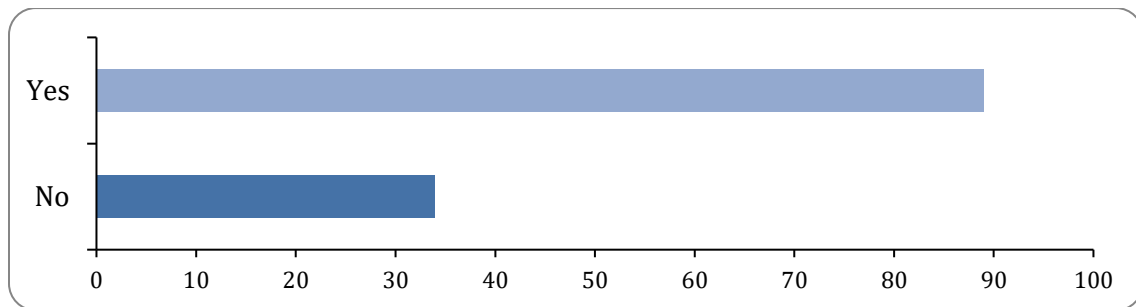
Anything else?

There were 40 responses to this part of the question.

26: Do you consent to us getting in touch with you to discuss your comments?

I give my consent to be contacted about this survey

There were 89 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Yes	89	72.36%
No	34	27.64%