Housing Supply

If there is a strong local preference for a larger number of new homes in order to provide an additional route for traffic around the town, or for other reasons, there are development sites which are available and we will look at a different mix of sites to facilitate this.

There are two sites available for development which cannot be included in the Watlington Neighbourhood Plan because they are in the parish of Pyrton. Pyrton is preparing its own Neighbourhood Plan and it's residents are very strongly opposed to a large development in the Parish. In the event that a planning application is successful on either, or both, of these sites, the number of new homes would relate to Watlington and would have an impact on our own Neighbourhood Plan. This is not an easy situation to manage but we are working with Pyrton to try to get the best outcome for both communities.

We want to make sure that, however many new homes are built, the character of Watlington and the surrounding countryside is protected and we take advantage of a larger population to support local services and community facilities and the economic vitality of the town.

We do not want to support a level of development which may harm the features of Watlington which people care about.

That is why we are asking you to tell us how many new homes are too many for Watlington.