

## Appendix 7

### Analysis of Chute Dwellings

There are 161 dwellings recorded for Council Tax in Chute Parish and 68 in Chute Forest. Based on Council Tax bands (where A is the lowest rated band and H is the highest) Chute Parish has a good mixture of types of housing. No band has less than 10% of the total dwellings and no band more than 20%. In Chute Forest the dwellings are on average larger. Two thirds are in the three highest rated bands with only 7% in the three lowest rated bands.

<u>Council Tax Bands</u>	<u>Chute</u>		<u>Chute Forest</u>	
	Number	%	Number	%
<b>A,B</b>	26	16%	4	6%
<b>C</b>	29	18%	1	1%
<b>D</b>	32	20%	11	16%
<b>E</b>	22	14%	8	12%
<b>F</b>	20	12%	16	24%
<b>G,H</b>	<u>32</u>	<u>20%</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>41%</u>
<b>Totals</b>	161	100%	68	100%

Source: Wiltshire Council

Several large houses that stand out unduly in the landscape have been constructed since the 2005 VDS, under the guise of replacement dwellings. Some of the replaced buildings were formerly relatively small and could have been regarded as part of the affordable housing stock. The loss of these smaller dwellings to significantly bigger ones means the stock of affordable dwellings is decreasing.

Compounding the problem is that the majority of dwellings are owner occupied (66% in Chute, 85% in Chute Forest) with the remainder rented. According to Rightmove only 53 properties have been sold in the Chutes in the last 10 years – an average of 5 per year.

The Chutes have “Small Village” status in Wiltshire Council’s proposed strategic housing plan 2016-36. There is no target to build additional housing in Small Villages during the period.