

Report from Gayle Collins – Future Dursley Steering Group Member visit to Estate Agents in October 2015. The purpose of the visit was to get some up-to-date information on demand for housing in Dursley.

As agreed I have had a chat with the managers of all the estate agents in Dursley and below is a brief summary of their feedback.

Richard Mace – Besley Hill

Client base 50/50 Inside/outside the Parish.

Enquires from outside the area e.g. people moving out of Bristol tends to be larger houses, 4 bed, circa £300,000 upward.

Definite shortage of bungalows close to town centre Cam or Dursley.

Local demand is primarily 1st time buyers looking for small 2-3 bed homes. Price circa £165000. Prices in this sector are being pushed up with increasing demand for buy to lets.

The land behind the music shop and Prospect Place was commented on. Could possibly be a good site for retirement homes or expanding the town centre. A new offering shops, restaurant,

short term office space (hot desk).

John Ashton – Bennett Jones

Client base 50/50 Inside/Outside area

The larger more individual properties £300,000+ tends to be people coming from outside the area.

Biggest demand for 2-3 bed homes £150,000 to £220,000.

Demand for flats is fairly flat.

Manager – RA Bennett

Internet 70% local 30%

Demand primarily 2-3 homes.

He stated properties from £120,000

Additional comments

Would be good to have more options on restaurants.

Plenty of coffee shops covering daytime demand but very little choice for evening trade. The only alternative to Indian or Italian restaurants is kebab house, fish and chip or takeaways.