Survey of Surrounding Community

[Adapt questions as needed].

[Introduce yourself and your organisation]

We are currently planning a development that includes affordable rental housing. [Describe the proposed development and provide any preliminary drawings or sketches for the respondent to look at].

[Organisation] will be managing the affordable housing in the proposed development.

We have some information about us, and about affordable housing generally that you might like to look at later. [Hand them Factsheets on *‘About CHP/organisation’* and *‘What is Affordable Housing?’* [If time, or appropriate, point out information about how long you have been operating in the area, who will be living in the development, etc from Factsheets].

We’re keen to understand how you feel about living in your local community currently, and any first impressions you have about the proposed development. We’d like to address any community concerns in the planning and design of the development as far as possible.

Is it OK if I ask you a few questions. This will take around 10-15 minutes, and any comments you make today will be confidential.

First, I’d like to ask you a bit about your neighbourhood as it is now.

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| **PART A: Questions about your neighbourhood.** | |
| 1. How long have you lived in this home? | * Less than 12 months * 1 to 4 years * 5 to 9 years * 10 or more years |
| 1. Are you an owner or renter? | * Own my home (outright or paying mortgage) * Renting my home * Other |
| 1. What do you **like most** about living in this neighbourhood? | Please describe: |
| 1. What do you **like least** about living in this neighbourhood? | Please describe: |
| 1. What is the **main thing you would change** about living in this neighbourhood if you could? | Please describe: |
| 1. Overall, do you feel more positive of negative about living in this neighbourhood? | * Positive experiences only * Mostly positive, but some negative experiences * Neutral experience (neither positive nor negative) * Mostly negative, but some positive experiences * Negative experiences only * Not sure |

I’d now like to ask your opinions about the development we are planning.

| **PART B: Questions about neighbours’ opinion on proposed development** | |
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| 1. [If relevant] Before today, were you **aware** of the proposal to construct a development including affordable rental housing at [address]. | * Yes * No * Not sure |
| 1. What is your first impression of the proposed development? | * More Positive * More Negative * Both Positive and Negative * No particular opinion /Not Sure |
| 1. Initial comments: |  |
| 1. I’d be interested in your opinion about [insert feature of development, and record their comments]. |  |
| 1. I’d also be interested in what you think about [insert feature of development, and record their comments]. |  |
| 1. I’d also like to know your first impressions of [insert feature of development, and record their comments]. |  |
| 1. Do you have *any* **particular** **concerns** about the proposed development at this stage? | * Yes * No * Not sure |
| 1. If yes, what are your **main concerns** about the proposed development [especially if not covered already above]? | * Does not apply, I do not have any concerns.   Please describe **up to three main concerns**:  1.  2.  3. |
| 1. [If they have concerns], are there things that you would like to see in the development, or things we could do differently to address these concern? | Please describe: |
| 1. I’d like to make sure that you get regular information about the development as planning progresses. Would you like to receive more information and updates? [If yes] What is your best method of contact | Name:  Address:  Contact details: |

Additional Comments:

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Thank you for your time and help!

[Point out that your contact details are on the Factsheets provided at the beginning of the interview].