

## Housing and community

Score: 4.791

Number of comments: 293

Issue raised	No.	Suggestions	No.	Quotes
The housing issue is a national issue	9			"It is a national problem but house price inflation makes it almost impossible for young people to stay in the area and we are increasingly becoming an aging population because of lack of affordable housing"
Refugees have no where to go	1			"refugees coming in to the village find it hard to stay in the village"
<b>Unaffordable Housing (240 comments and suggestions)</b>				
Too many unaffordable housing	72	Limited Airbnb in Marsden	3	"To many housing unaffordable housing!"  "Marsden and 'affordable housing' are not compatible concepts. I would imagine that in the absence of good quality jobs young families need to move away from their extended families. AS the estate agents marketing pitch phrases it - 'the ever popular village of Marsden' comes at a price!"
		More flats needed	2	
		Cut down on second homes	2	
		Mill rentals too high	1	
		Unable to buy houses due to cash buyers	1	
		Increase social housing	1	
		Very high council tax rate for second homes	1	

Young people unable to stay in the village due to house prices	49			<p>“While it is wonderful to live in a popular, supportive community, this creates problems for young people wishing to remain in their home village as adults. Also for those who move to the area in a supported capacity, as they begin to rebuild their lives but then have further disruption as they are unable to remain here.”</p> <p>“Housing becoming very expensive which prevents local young people from becoming independent in their living in the village”</p>
Need more houses to keep prices affordable	15			“Yes but we need more homes to keep prices affordable.”
Not enough houses for first time buyers	22			“There is not enough affordable housing in Marsden for first time buyers. The houses that are rentable are expensive and prices locals out of the market. Also the majority of the rented houses are not good quality”
Houses to rent unaffordable/too high in demand	20	<p>Increase affordable rented properties</p> <p>End right to buy</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p>	<p>“There are very few rental properties on the market, as people tend to buy their own homes when moving to Marsden.”</p>
No affordable houses for local people	28			“Not enough affordable housing for local people”
Houses prices increase since COVID	1			“However, local house prices and rents have leapt since covid (the value of our

				mid-terrace has increased 60% in less than 7 years)"
<b>Range of housing types (317 comments and suggestions)</b>				
Good range of housing types available	48			"Generally a good mix of housing"
Limited range of housing types available	33	<p>A lot of big Detached and small terraced homes not may in between builds with parking and gardens</p> <p>Not many houses with gardens</p> <p>More housing stock required in the gap between small terraced properties and detached 4 bed homes.</p> <p>More 3 bed houses with garden needed for young families</p>	<p>1</p> <p>6</p> <p>4</p> <p>7</p>	"Limited range of housing."
Not a lot of bigger houses available for families	35			"However, I know of families that have been looking for bigger houses in the village so they don't have to uproot children"
New builds do not fit in with the village	5			"Some of the newer building just don't seem to "fit in" with older building, e.g. red brick instead of stone."
Too many houses in Marsden	2			"Far too many houses in Marsden. We don't need any more."
More houses needed/ there is a housing shortage in Marsden	36	<p>Regenerate the mills into apartments</p> <p>More 4 bed houses needed</p>	<p>19</p> <p>2</p>	"More houses are needed."

		Regenerate mills to retirement apartments	2	
		Utilise old farm land	1	
		Not enough 3 bedroom houses	2	
More innovation for space needed	1			"Why not seek re-envision, three storey, courtyard and back to back traditions, to get smaller footprint, to save space, cost and travel. At the same time if we meet modern energy saving design and make more south facing rooves we could speed our steps towards solving the climate crisis!"
Housing shortage in Marsden	20	Utilise brownfield sites	2	"There is a housing shortage in Marsden, and a lack of good mid range family homes. The village centre would be able to support more housing and brownfield sites can support this"
		Utilise goods yard	1	
Very little houses available to rent	19			"not many houses available for renting"
There is a housing divide in Marsden	1			"housing divide in marsden"
Good social houses available	1			"We have a range of houses for rent both from private and social housing"
There is a shortage of housing available for older people	7			"the nature of the topography means there is a shortage of housing for older people who require housing on one level. Even most of the bungalows are accessed by steps."

We need more accessible housing	16	More bungalows needed	3	"more accessible housing need in Marsden"
There is a waiting list for rentals	10			"There is a waiting list for rentals"
You need to travel to get to old people homes	3			"All homes for old folk in Slaithwaite"
More social housing needed	20	Mills to be converted into social housing	7	"more council homes needed ot make it affordable for people"
More sheltered housing needed	3			"there needs to be more sheltered accommodation at the bottom of hills"
<b><i>Reasons for not building more houses ( 33 comments and suggestions)</i></b>				
Marsden is pretty due to not having many houses	4			"Difficult one: it's a village that has limited space for expansion and is very pretty for that reason, however with it being attractive it has quite high property prices for the area and rents are high."
Houses are snapped up too quickly	16			"Houses are snapped up quickly in the village and go for more than advertised though given the limited space for new developments it's understandable. The council needs to look in to forcing the mill owners to give up or redevelop them to make room for new housing for the new era. We have enough mills crumbling across the county to maintain heritage and a lot of redevelopment could be sensitively done."
High demand for houses is a good thing	3			"Housing is limited in Marsden - but I don't think that is necessarily a bad thing. Houses sell quickly and are in demand"

Don't want Marsden to be as busy as neighbouring villages	1			"Don't want extra houses built. Don't want Marsden as busy as slaithwaite."
Constraints on development is a good thing	2			"There are constraints on Marsden's growth and I think that is a good thing"
New builds are not the way to go	2	The new homes that are built should be in keeping with the local area and same building materials	1	"I believe new builds popping up are not the way forward but to look at available spaces and buildings and use those to create what's needed (not what some daft paper pusher thinks is needed)"
Renovate old delict building before building new ones	4			"There are a number of derelict properties in the village which should be renovated first before any more new homes are built ie in take head and some old farm houses opposite olive branch on hill side and Crowthorne cottages up binn road. Plus there are some really shabby properties that need to be given a better curbside appeal."
<b>Public transport (5 comments and suggestions)</b>				
Issue with transport	2			"there is also an issue with transport"
Lots of train use due to commuters living in Marsden	1			"heavy train use for commuters"
Improved infrastructure required for increasing population	2			"An increase in population needs to be met with increased infrastructure eg. road and transport provision."  "Roads , street lighting and transport links important here too and could all be improved."
<b>Improving housing quality ( 12 comments and suggestions)</b>				

Insulation and solar power	2			"Could have better support for insulation and solar power."
Damp and mould in houses in an issue	1			"Damp and black mould are problems here in this village"
Better energy efficiency in homes are required	2			". but it all needs upgrading and becoming more energy efficient and cost affective."
More sustainable homes needed	2	Build more Passivhaus		"more sustainable houses needed"
Improve Wessen Court	4			"a lot of people are unhappy at Wessen Court, it is not as happy as it could be"
Rented homes are often in a bad state of repair	1			"Although seen as an asset in Marsden generally the properties owned and maintained for rent by Crowthers are in a bad state of repair."
<b>Green Space (4 comments and suggestions)</b>				
More allotments needed	1			"Need lots more allottments."
Plant more trees	1			"We need more trees."
No more development on green belt	1			"we don't need more housing in the green belt"
Develop on brownfield sites instead of green belt	1			"However, I would always support development on 'brownfield' sites over green, and also believe that empty accommodation above retail premises needs to be looked into. "
<b>Community (7 comments and suggestions)</b>				
Lots of community events in Marsden	1			"friendly people, clubs, scouts, coding club - festivals such as Jazz fest, Cuckoo Day, Imbolc and the xmas lights switch on"
Some people are rude	2			"So many rude people."

People carry dangerous weapons in the village	1			"People walk around with knives."
People are kind	2			"People are nice and kind."  "Everyone is really nice and would help you if you needed it. It is fun and everyone is nice."
Community is fantastic	1			"Community is fantastic/amazing - there is always something going on."
<b><i>Other (8 comments and suggestions)</i></b>				
Development of the mills will mean we have to have better infrastructure	1			"Redevelop the mills into housing but that will need investment in the infrastructure i.e. schools, GP's etc"
It is hard to move up the property ladder	7			"I cant move up the property ladder"