

Covers come off Dornoch new homes uptake survey

A SURVEY of new homes in Dornoch, undertaken by a former Highland councillor, has been made public.

Duncan Allan, former Highland councillor for the town, targeted the 100 new homes in six developments built in Dornoch since the millennium.

Mr Allan explained that his aim was to find out who lived in the new homes, where they had come from and why.

Sixty-six of the 100 questionnaires distributed were returned.

The responses showed that the majority of householders had moved to the new homes from Dornoch itself or elsewhere in the Highlands. Only seven had moved from England, two from Europe and one from Asia.

The reason given by most of the occupants for their move was employment, although other factors were the attractive environment, golf, schools and retirement and suitable housing.

Twenty-one of those who responded worked in a professional capacity while 16 were retired.

Asked what Dornoch lacked, the majority stated a games hall was needed followed by high speed broadband and a function hall. Only 12 felt the town needed a supermarket with a filling station.

Planning consent is in place for another 300 houses in Dornoch, 14 of which were under construction when the survey took place.

Mr Allan said: "It seems likely the population of Dornoch will increase to 2000 in the foreseeable future."