

A Project On Nuneaton Housing



HOW AND WHY HOUSING RESIDENTIAL ENVIRONMENTS DIFFER IN DIFFERENT AREAS OF NUNEATON

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INTRODUCTION

I have chosen, Oaston Road, Shanklin Drive and Bramdene Avenue, these three Places for this project. Oaston Road, most buildings are made in Victorian century which means between 18th and 19th. This place, Oaston Road, houses has one comment which is that every single house has decoration between bricks and roof. Oaston Road's most of houses are Terraced but very few of them are semi-detached. Next, Shanklin Drive, the date that this street/drive started build was about 80 years ago. I could see that the houses are Semi-detached but very small amount of the houses were Detached also this place, Shanklin Drive, has some of the small corner markets. Last place, Bramdene Avenue, this place was built in 1960 most houses are new and has modern design.

This Road/Avenue is placed in end of town so it seems to look like very quiet places but many cars were passing next this road, which is Weddington Road. These three place's houses are made in different date and that is why each place has different environment for long time.

Analysis of Task

The aim of this project is to produce an information booklet about the reason why the houses in Nuneaton have different environments in each of these three places, Oaston Road, Shanklin Drive and Bramdene Avenue. Using the points below to improve my projects

- The photo/sketch of three different place's houses
- The cost of houses
- Why it is, why people want live those places.
- How ICT helped, what information I could get using this.

Of course I will ask people some questions to improve my projects and will go to the website or estate agents to find more information about the house costing and more.



BACKGROUND

A residential environment is an area in a town, village or city where people live. This area is primarily made up of people's homes.

These homes can include any or all of the followings:

- Detached
- Semi-detached
- Flat, ungalow
- Terraced
- Bed-sit

Besides homes residential environment also have other important features. These can include road, corner shop, and post office, bus, car, bicycle, schools, parks, doctors / dentists surgeries and take away restaurants.

The can range from Victorian housing (or older) often build as terraced to brand new houses quite often built as semi-detached and detached. The older houses were often built without garages or gardens. More recently houses are built with garages, parking space (drives) and gardens (front and back). Although they seem to be more semi-detached and detached houses being built most recently these homes are not necessary any larger than the terrace house built 100 or so years ago.

Residential areas have developed over the years, as pleasant and inviting/safe places to live. These areas began as places just outside of busy town centres where people worked but were close enough to walk to with ease. It was cheaper for builders to buy land outside of the town to create homes for the workers.

Over the years there areas have expanded out into the surrounding countryside as more and more people require more and more homes.



HOUSE INFORMATION

I found out a little information about Housing cost from newspapers, internet and the estate agents. From all the information that I have, I found out that most houses in Shanklin Drive have three traditional bedrooms and it costs about 115,000 pounds. Bramdene Avenue, most houses are semi-detached, has gas fired central heating, double glazing and viewing highly favoured location. The houses are about 155,000 pounds. For the last place, Oaston Road, I tried to get information of houses in this place/road but what I could find was only one house information.

SHANKLIN DRIVE, WEDDINGTON, NUNEATON



- A TRADITIONAL THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED RESIDENCE
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- HALLWAY, TWO RECEPTION ROOMS, KITCHEN AND FIRST FLOOR BATHROOM
- FRONT AND REAR GARDENS AND OFF ROAD PARKING
- NO CHAIN



BRAMDENE AVENUE, WEDDINGTON, NUNEATON



- A VERY WELL PRESENTED MODERN DETACHED BUNGALOW SITUATED IN A MOST POPULAR RESIDENTIAL LOCATION
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND DOUBLE GLAZING THROUGHOUT
- HALLWAY, CLOAKROOM, WELL EQUIPPED BREAKFAST KITCHEN, UTILITY ROOM, LOUNGE AND DOUBLE GLAZED CONSERVATORY
- MASTER BEDROOM WITH EN SUITE BATHROOM AND TWO FURTHER BEDROOMS
- FAMILY BATHROOM
- GARDENS TO FRONT AND REAR. PARKING FOR SEVERAL VEHICLES WITH BRICK GARAGE. (THE DRIVEWAY IS BEING TARMACADAMED IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE).
- VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Environmental Quality Survey

1. Oaston Road

- Housing layout and design – it was quite interesting. The way that the bricks between roof and house were very pretty.
- Building materials – It was not interesting also it was not attractive.
- House maintenance – it was very poor. Some houses had paint on their house but it looks



like it's going to peeling off.

- Other features – there was some trees in their front garden.
- Open space – It has not open space for children. The road were very small and front garden also small.
- Gardens – I could not see the back garden but the front garden were looks so messy.
- Car Parking – they parked their cars on the road.
- Road crossing – it looks busy road because some lorries/bus were passing the road.
- Litter – It did have many cigarettes but others was not that many.

2. Shanklin Drive

- Housing layout and design – it was not interesting. Because the way they built was just looks normal house.
- Building materials – Some of the houses were looks attractive but most houses were looks same.
- House maintenance – It was quite good. The door that enter to the front garden looks quite bad /looks going to break but the houses were looks great/strong.
- Other features – the trees and flowers everywhere. The street was look great.
- Open space – It has quite big open space to children to play. Most house had big front garden and seems have much bigger back garden.
- Gardens – Some house's garden were looks quite bad but most gardens were well presented.
- Car Parking – They has quite big spaces in the front of their house so it does not looks the parked on the roads.
- Road crossing – It is quite busy roads but it does not dangerous to cross. Most cars drive slowly and it was very fine.
- Litter – I could see some chewing gums on the ground but it was quite well cleand.

1. Bramdene Avenue

- Housing layout and design – It was varied and interesting.
Well spaced out.
- Building materials – Every single house's material and design were very attractive.
- House maintenance – It's well maintained. Every houses had new doors and clean windows also the houses with painting on were



looks great either.

- Other features – Trees, grass and flowers improve the appearance
- Open space – It is present and there are safe play areas for children.
- Gardens – Pleasant and well looked after
- Car Parking – Parking mainly off the roads.
- Road crossing – There is many cars passing the road but it was slow moving and easy and safe to cross.
- Litter – Very few litter visible



HOUSE SKETCHES AND COLLECTING HOUSE INFORMATION FROM THE NEWSPAPER

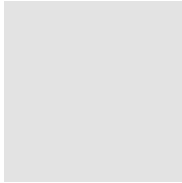
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SHANKLIN DRIVE

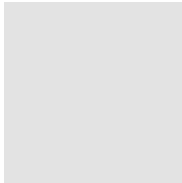
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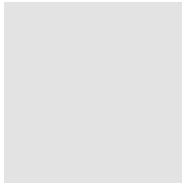
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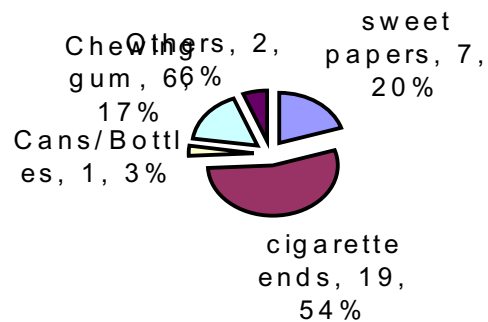
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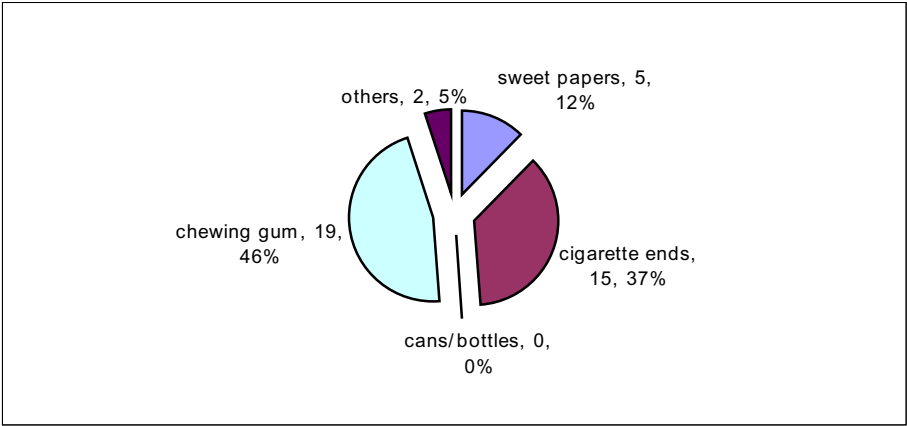
Litter Pollution

Oaston Road



It was quite spread out so it does not look very dirty but when I had results. It made me think that this area was very dirty and untidy. There were quite many cigarette ends and sweet papers. I saw someone who looks about 30-40 years old woman did not pick her litter. I could understand that why this area has a lots of litters.

Shanklin Drive

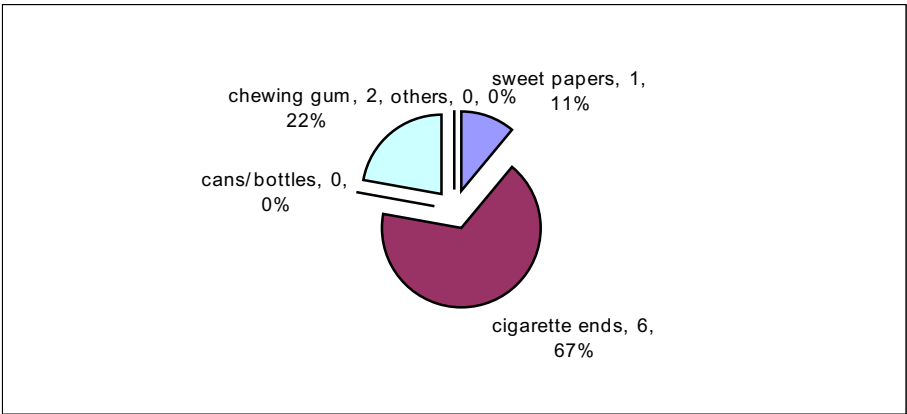


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This street/Drive is long so that is why I could find many litters but it does not look dirty or untidy. There were some cigarette ends and chewing gums on the ground but you can not see those litters very well.

Bramdene Avenue



As you can see the chart above, there was not many litters compare other two. This road/Avenue is quite long as Shanklin Drive but it hasn't got lots of litters.

Noise Pollution

Noise	Approximate decibel level	Description
Rustlin leaves	10	Very faint
The ticking of a watch at 1m from the ear	30	Faint
Normal conversation	60	Moderate
Emergency vehicle or a sports car traveling quickly	90	Loud
Pneumatic drill	95	Very Loud
Rock Band using amplifiers	110	Extremely loud
Jet aeroplane taking off at an airport	140	Deafening

- Oaston Road – 90 dB
 - i. The result shows that this place is not quite place, I think it is Because there's a factory near just around the corner so many Lorries passing this road, Oaston road.
- Shanklin Drive – 60 dB
 - i. There is a long and busy road just next to this area which is Weddington road, but this area is not noise compare Oaston Road.
- Bramdene Avenue – 45 dB
 - i. This area is placed edge of the Nuneaton it also has Weddington Road next in this area, but this area looks like very quite place to live.



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QUESTIONNAIRE

Question 1: ‘Male or Female?’ is a closed question, which will provide discrete data, as to whether the person answering the questionnaire is male or female. This allows the gathered data to be divided into two groups: male and female.

Question 2: ‘What age are you?’ has been inserted into the questionnaire to determine which age categories the completers of the questionnaire, fit into.

Question 3: ‘How many people live in your house?’ is intended through the use of a closed question to prompt the completers of the questionnaire, this question shows that what kind of people live in that area which means big family, normal family or live alone and more.

Question 4: ‘How many rooms your house has?’ is another closed question, which will produce discrete data. This question is designed to make us to know which area has many rooms in total. This will show us whether that area is glad to live.

Question5: ‘Have you got front/back garden?’ is seems quite silly question to ask but you never know they has back garden or not.

Question6: ‘Which road/street do you live?’ is very important question because when you collected all your information, you won’t notice that which one is the one that you collected from which area. But if you see this question you won’t struggling about that.

Question7: ‘How many transports do you have?’ was added to the questionnaire to determine if they are able to park/ride.

Question8: ‘If you want to move your house why?’ is also a closed question designed to find out the people who does not like something, they could tell us why so we could see what kind of things that area people does not like.



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Question9: ‘How long would you like to live here?’ is also added in this questionnaire to know who long they lived here and that will help to my project to show people did not moved that area because they like that area.

Question10: ‘Give reason from Question9’ is connected to question9 to collect reason about why they did not move that area or why they moved to this area.

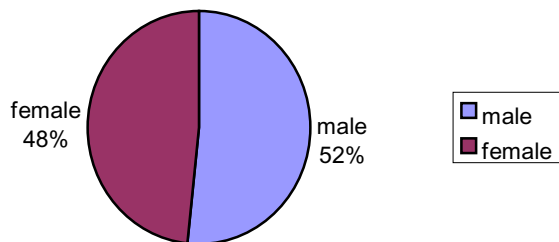


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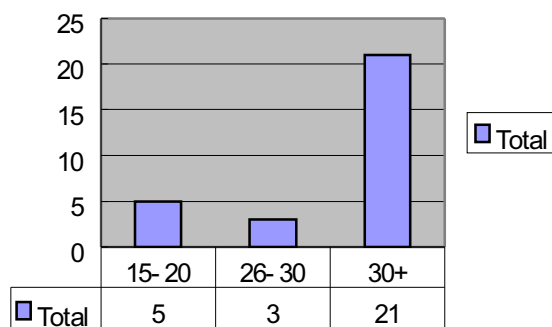
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QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

Question 1 result: shows us that 12/20 of the sample were male, meaning that the results will be biased towards male answers; as only 8/20 of total sample is female. This is probably because, it was Saturday and women were outside for shopping.



Question 2 results: tells us that about 70% of the sample are 30 years old or over. So the results are biased towards the opinions of those more highly represented age groups.



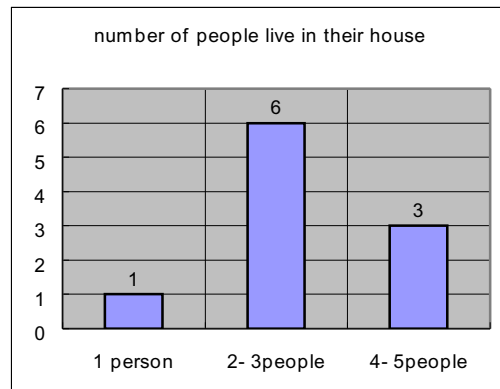
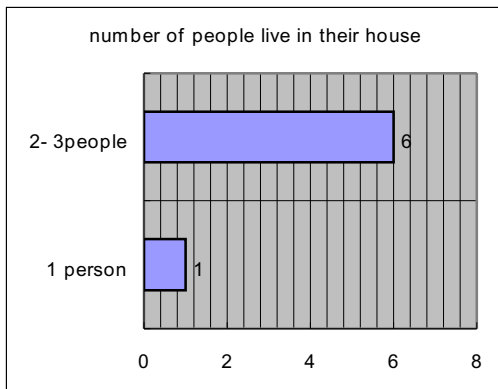
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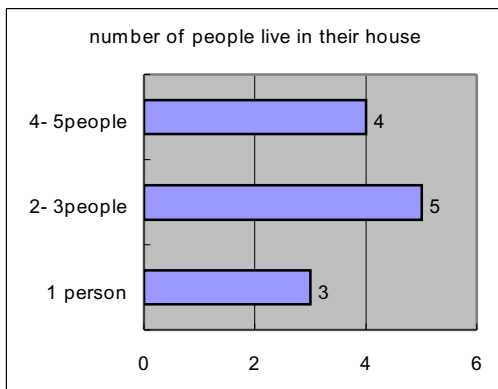
Question 3 results: show us that in Oaston Road, most houses live with 2-3 people it means many old people live in that area. In Shanklin Drive, there's also 3/5 of them are 2-3 people live in house, which means there's also many old people live in that area. For the last area, Bramdene Avenue's result is quite spread out. Few people live there with themselves and it seems there's a family and some other types of peoples either.

Oaston Road

Shanklin Drive



Bramdene Avenue



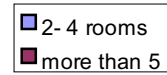
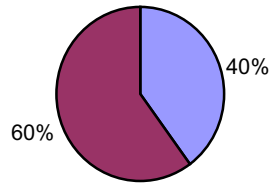
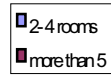
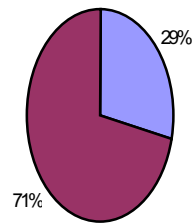
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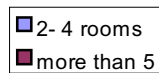
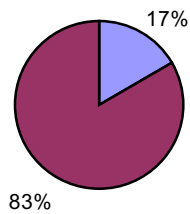
Question 4 results: What I meant was how many bedrooms they have but I think most people thought how many rooms they have for example, lounge, bathroom, dining room etc. So this question is not fair result.

Oaston Road

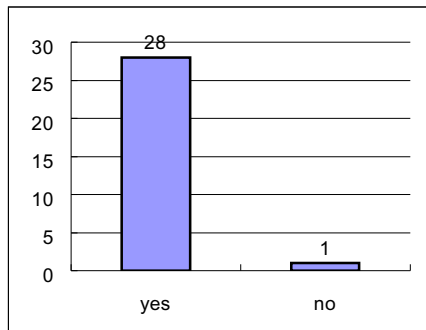
Shanklin Drive



Bramdene Avenue



Question 5 results: shows that only one house in Oaston Road hasn't got front or back garden.



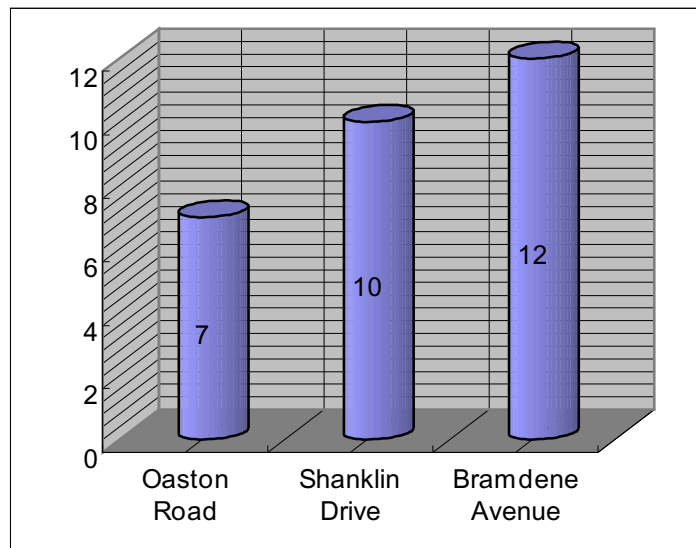
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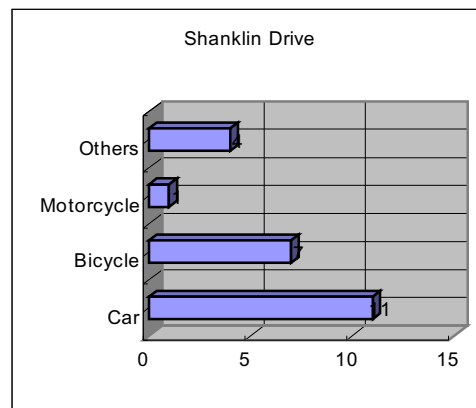
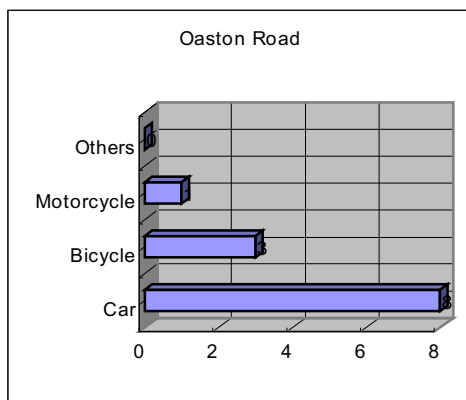
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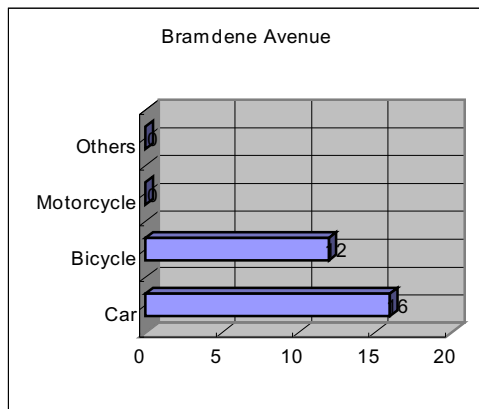
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Question 6 results: show us that 12 people who live in Bramdene Avenue were answered the questionnaire, 10 people from Shanklin Drive and Only 7 answer paper were from Oaston Road.

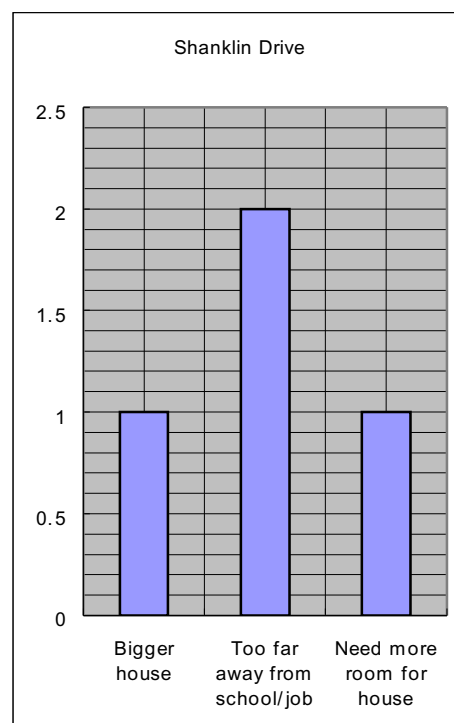
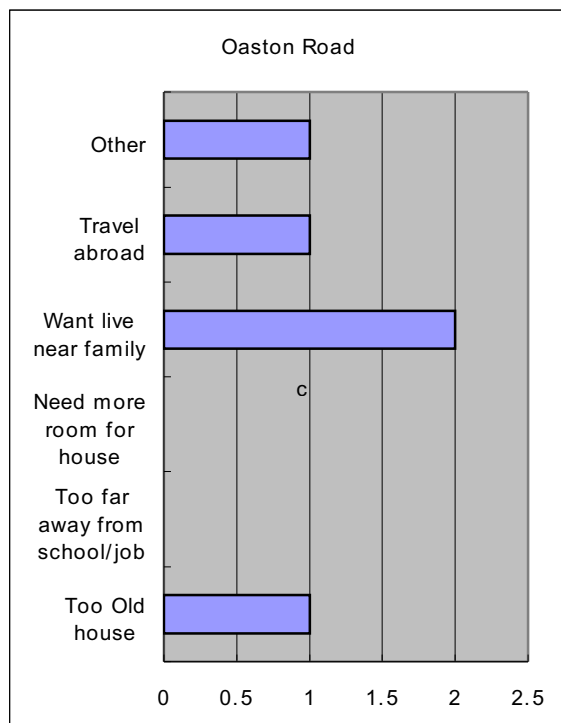


Question 7 results: For more information than the graph shown below, I found out that there are every house in Oaston Road has cars and one house has two cars. In Shanklin Drive, 3 houses have two cars and 1 house has 4 bicycles and one house has 3 Scooter which is goes in to others. Overall Bramdene Avenue, there are 3 houses has 2 cars and one house has 3 cars. Also one house has 4 bicycles and 1 house has 5 bicycles. This shows that Bramdene Avenue people/family has most transport in their house and it means there is more space/area for parking.



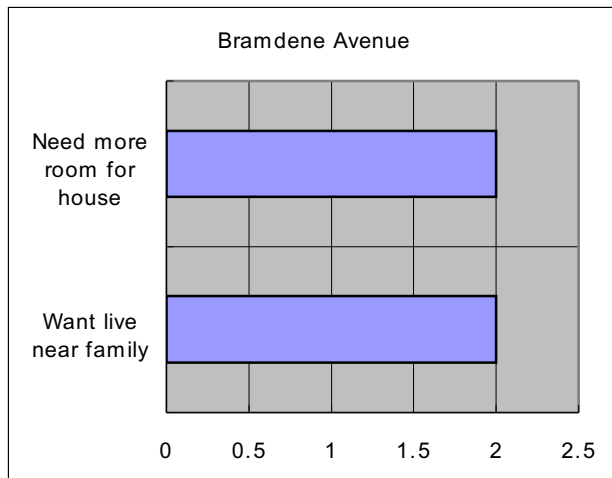


Question 8 results: this shows that people does have some reasons why they want to move. But half of people did not answer because they did not want to move.



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Question 9 and 10 results: nearly everyone did not answered these questions because, the questions did not made sense so many people were confused that the question 9 were asking about 'How long they lived' or 'How long they would like to live there'. Overall I could not had enough information to make graphs for these questions.



EVALUATION

This piece of course work has gone quite well I have included all the required information and performed all the required tasks. Although not all of the sections are up to the standard I would have preferred and except for time constraints, course works, and other pressures; these standards would have been met.

- I could have improved the questionnaire section by having done a more full analysis of questions and the results with more use of formulas, ratios, etc, to explain the results better mathematically also I could have had more questions on my questions to collect more information.
- The introduction and house information did not go very well because I was unsure what I had to write on introduction and house information.
- If I had the time, I would created a glossary of key terms and also write more details about housing information

I feel I tried the best I could because usually my elder sister helps me to do my coursework, for example, checking my spellings or make sentences in correct but she not here anymore so it did not go well at first, doing with myself. But now I feel much more comfortable and felt much better that my project is complete.



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APPENDICES

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