



## Important Message from Landford Parish Council

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Wiltshire Council recently issued a public announcement that Landford Parish Council would be asking all residents to complete a Rural Housing Needs Survey. The purpose of the survey is to identify the housing needs of local people, including affordable housing, and understand local housing circumstances and aspirations.

Wiltshire Council instructed Landford Parish Council to hand deliver this survey due to the nature of anonymity (the surveys do not contain residents' addresses and could not be delivered by post).

Some residents have raised a concern about the surveys being hand delivered during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Councillors apologise for any distress this may have caused and wish to reassure everyone that according to Public Health England (PHE), *"there is no perceived increase in risk of contracting the virus from handling post or freight. From experience with other coronaviruses, these types of viruses don't survive long on objects, such as letters, parcels or identity documents. However, it is sensible to wash your hands thoroughly after contact with anything outside of your home and to avoid touching your face."*

Notwithstanding PHE's advice, as a direct result of public feedback Wiltshire Council have issued an apology and will be reviewing their approach. The survey has now been made available online and a link can be found on the Wiltshire Council Website [here](#).

*Councillor Nik Bishop, Chair Landford Parish Council*