

Ringstead Neighbourhood Plan: Questionnaire

Introduction

The 2011 Localism Act has given communities the right to draw up a Neighbourhood Development Plan. This right is aimed at giving local communities genuine opportunities to influence the future of the places where they live.

The Ringstead Neighbourhood Plan will allow people, who live, work and have a business in the Parish to have a say where they think new houses, businesses and shops should go and what they should look like. The Ringstead Neighbourhood Plan will be a statutory plan which means that once it has been finalised, it will be the starting point for deciding planning applications in the Parish.

Initial consultation was held on Saturday 10 March 2018 at the Village Hall. We have also consulted young people at the Primary School and Youth group. Feedback from this consultation has helped us to identify some of the key issues that our Neighbourhood Plan may need to address. This questionnaire seeks your views on these issues.

This pack contains a paper copy of the questionnaire, but we encourage you to complete the questionnaire online at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ringsteadNP>

The online survey is easy, fast, and quicker to analyse. We would prefer you to use the online survey if you can. All the members of your household can complete the survey and further paper copies can be obtained by contacting the Parish Clerk at the Parish Council Office (Ringstead Village Hall).

Your completed questionnaire should be submitted by **Friday 18 May 2018**. Paper copies of the questionnaire can be returned to:

Ringstead Village Hall
Ringstead Post Office
Peter's Fish & Chip Shop
Ringstead Social Club
Ringstead Country Store

Your response will remain confidential and will be combined with many others to inform the parish view.

Thank you

Key Issues

Feedback from earlier consultation has helped us to identify some of the key issues our neighbourhood Plan needs to address. We were also told about concerns about anti-social behaviour (litter, dog poo, inconsiderate parking etc.) and highway maintenance (roads, pavements, streetlights etc.). While these are outside the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan, these matters will be considered by the Parish Council.

*1. What are the THREE most important issues for the Neighbourhood Plan?

- Protecting green areas in the village
- Maintaining the character of the village
- Protecting the countryside
- Conserving local heritage
- Meeting local housing needs
- Improving or retaining local services and facilities
- More employment opportunities for local people
- Traffic management and on-street parking
- Maintaining tranquillity
- Improving footpath links

Nature Conservation

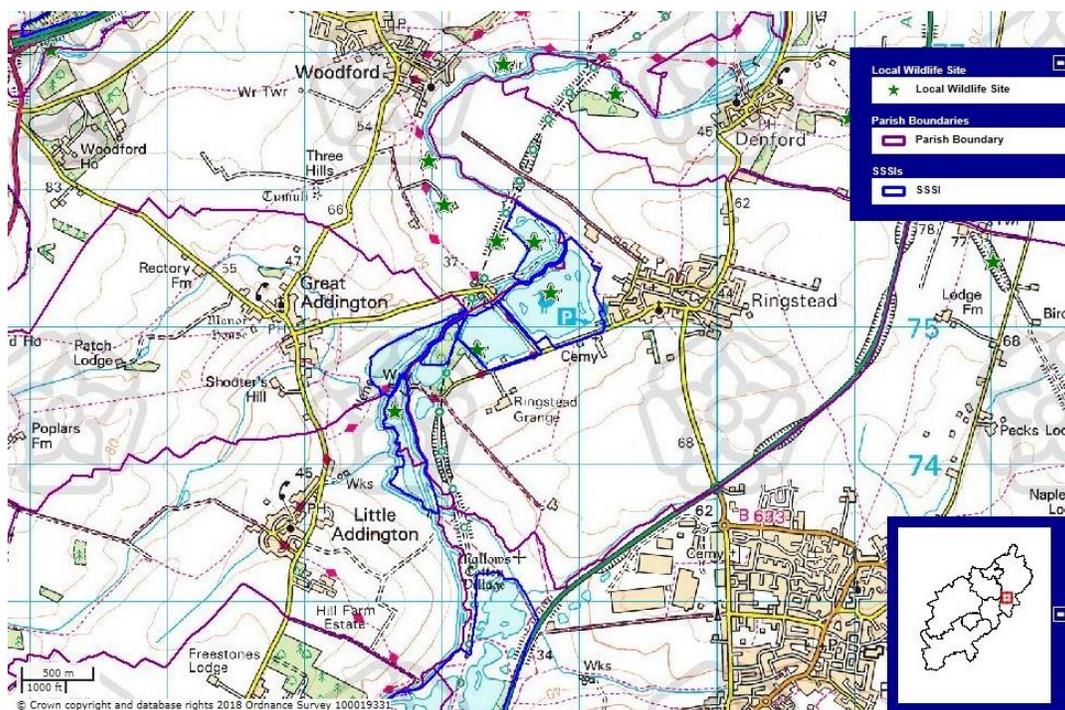
The Upper Nene Valley Gravel Pits Special Protection Area/Ramsar site was formally classified by the UK Government in 2011. It covers 1,358 hectares across four local authority areas namely; Northampton, South Northamptonshire, East Northamptonshire and Wellingborough. It is a composite site comprising 20 separate blocks of land and water fragmented by roads and other features, and located adjacent and / or close to urban areas. The Special Protection Area (SPA) includes Kinewell Lake which is owned by the village, managed by Kinewell Lake Trust. The SSSI in the vicinity of Ringstead equates to the designated SPA.

The SPA is legally protected by the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (Habitat Regulations) for a number of reasons. Specifically it is a wetland of International Importance used regularly by more than 20,000 water birds and by 2.3% of the UK Golden Plover population.

Key threats to the SPA are recreational disturbance to water birds, and poorly designed or located development.

To help protect the SPA from disturbance and safeguard the landscape setting to Ringstead, we are seeking your views on a protective buffer zone between Kinewell Lake and the village.

Within Ringstead Parish there are also several Local Wildlife Sites including the Woodford Old Railway.



* 2. Should we identify a buffer zone between Ringstead village and Kinewell Lake?

Yes

No

* 3. Are there any other nature conservation sites that should be protected by the Ringstead Neighbourhood Plan?

No

Yes (please specify)

Nene Valley

The Nene Valley is a beautiful but largely under-enjoyed part of Northamptonshire extending for around 56 kilometres (35 miles) between Northampton and Peterborough. It incorporates the River Nene, which winds through a network of lakes and wetland areas disused and currently worked sand and gravel quarries with the river meandering through a broad, largely flat valley.

The Nene Valley Plan provides an overarching leisure and environmental framework to help develop the Valley's existing assets - environmental, natural, cultural and economic - through conservation, enhancement and as an integral part of new development.

Woodford Mill/ Willy Watt Marina and the new Blackthorne Lake Marina are identified as possible locations for enhanced or new facilities such as boat hire, moorings, canoeing/ kayaking, sailing, rowing, angling.

4. Do you support the extension of facilities at Woodford Mill/ Willy Watt Marina?

Yes

No

5. Do you support the extension of facilities at Blackthorne Lake Marina?

Yes

No

Area of Separation

Some residents are concerned about the continued expansion of Raunds and would like to see the countryside between Ringstead and Raunds protected.

6. Do you support the designation of an Area of Separation between Ringstead and Raunds?

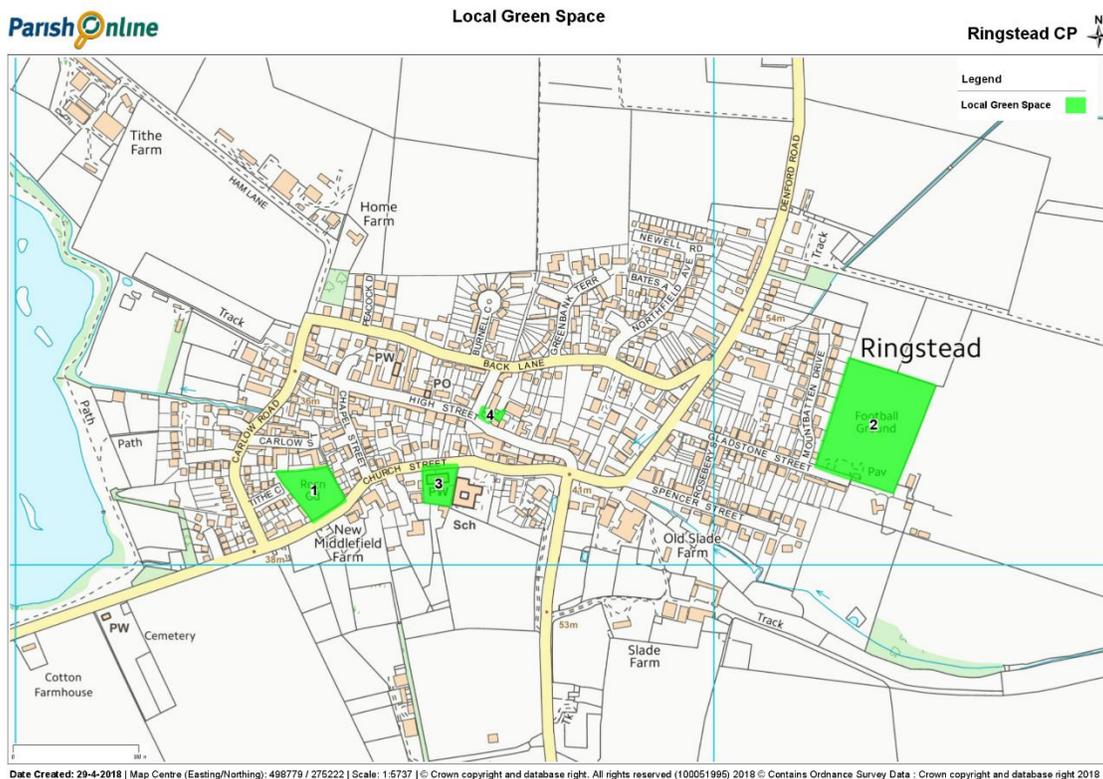
- Yes
- No
- Other (please specify)

Local Green Space

Local people can use the Neighbourhood Plan to identify green areas of particular significance to them. This local significance could be because of the green area's beauty, historic importance, recreational value, tranquillity or richness of its wildlife. By designating land as Local Green Space in the Neighbourhood Plan, we will be able to rule out new development other than in very special circumstances.

7. Which of the following should be identified as a Local Green Space? (Please select all the options that apply)

- 1 Peace Park
- 2 Recreation Ground
- 3 St Mary's churchyard
- Community garden
- Other (please specify)



Heritage

There are four Listed Buildings in Ringstead:

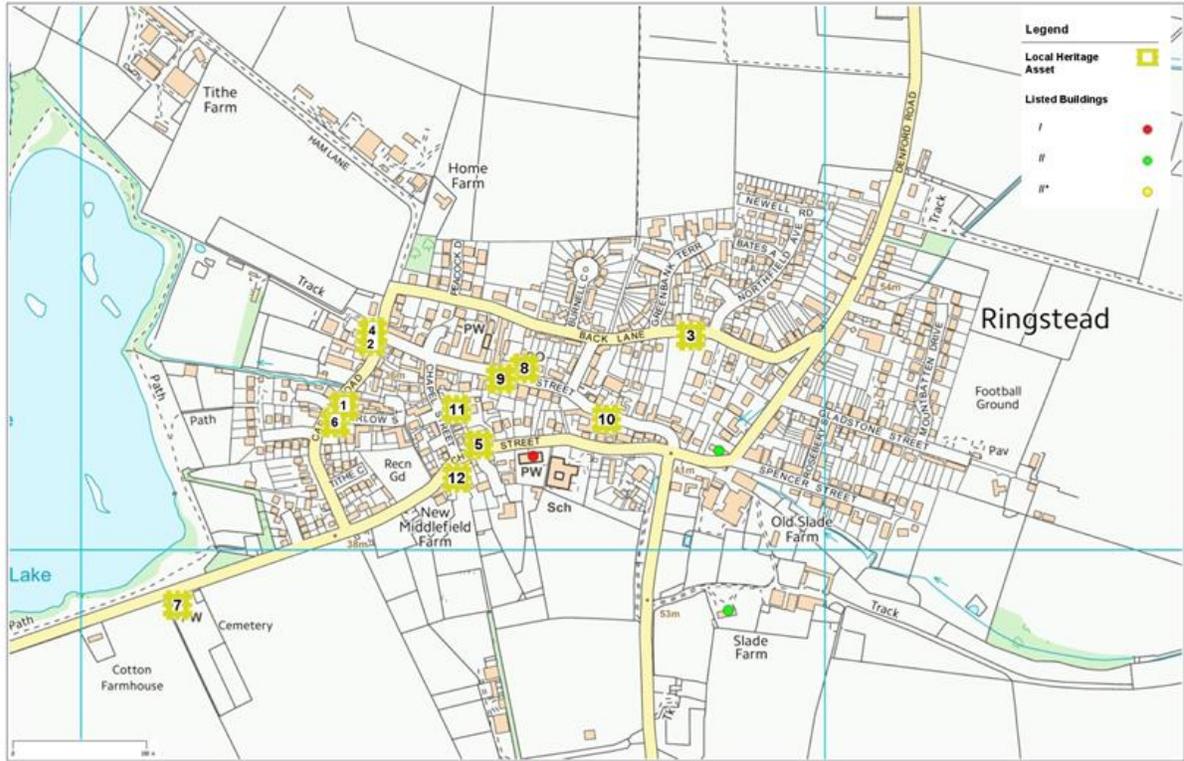
- Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Grade I)
- Manor House, Church Street (Grade II)
- 5, 7 and 9 Denford Road (Grade II)
- Slade Farmhouse (Grade II)

The Mallows Cotton deserted medieval village is a Scheduled Monument that lies just to the north-west of the A605 Raunds by-pass.

The Ringstead Heritage Group has identified other buildings and sites in the village that make a positive contribution providing local character and sense of place because of their heritage value. Although such heritage features may not be nationally designated, they may be offered some level of protection through the Neighbourhood Plan.

***8. In addition to the four Listed Buildings and Scheduled Monument, which of the following buildings should be protected by the Neighbourhood Plan for their heritage value?**

- 1 Stone cottage in Carlow Street
- 2 Sharmans Cottage, Carlow Road
- 3 Hill House Cottage, Back Lane
- 4 Swann Inn, Carlow Road
- 5 Black Horse Inn, High Street
- 6 Axe and Compass, Carlow Road
- 7 Cemetery Chapel, Station Road
- 8 Post Office, High Street
- 9 Cottages, High Street
- 10 Village Hall, High Street
- 11 Wesleyan Chapel, Chapel Street
- 12 Ancestral home of the Tuttle family Givers of the Ringstead Charity, Church Street
- Other (please specify)



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Housing

Since the 1970s, there have been on average 160,000 new homes each year in England. The consensus is that we need from 225,000 to 275,000 or more homes per year to keep up with population growth and start to tackle years of under-supply.

This isn't because there's no space, or because the country is "full". Only around 11 per cent of land in England has been built on. One of the problems is that not enough areas are planning for the homes they need.

The Ringstead Neighbourhood Plan must support the strategic development needs set out in the Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy (also known as the "Core Strategy") 2011 - 2031 (the Local Plan Part 1), including policies for housing development. The Core Strategy requires the scale of housing growth in Ringstead to be led by locally identified housing needs taking account of the level of service provision, recent development and existing commitments.

The housing requirement for East Northamptonshire equates to 8,400 dwellings (420 dwellings per year) over the period 2011-2031. Of this, the rural housing requirement for the district is 820 dwellings over the plan period. Ringstead parish provides for 7.2% of the population living in the district's rural area. Applying the same proportion to the 820 dwellings planned for rural East Northamptonshire would suggest that a reasonable provision for Ringstead would be around 60 homes for the period 2011 to 2031.

As at 1 April 2016, 28 new homes had been built in Ringstead or were in the pipeline (at 31 March 2016). Taking account of these, the residual requirement that we would need to plan for would be around 30 new homes.

* 9. How many new homes should we plan for in Ringstead?

- None
- 1-10
- 11-20
- 21-30
- 31-40
- 41-50
- More than 50

*10. How should we plan for housing growth in Ringstead? (Please select all the options that apply)

- Infill development
- Greenfield development
- Brownfield development
- Conversion of rural buildings
- Other (please specify)

Definitions

Infill: The development of small gaps within groups of houses within the village boundary.

Greenfield: Land which has not previously been developed e.g. agricultural land.

Brownfield (also known as previously developed land): Land which is or was occupied by a permanent structure and any associated fixed surface infrastructure. This excludes, among other things, land that is or has been occupied by agricultural or forestry buildings; and land that was previously-developed but where the remains of the permanent structure or fixed surface structure have blended into the landscape in the process of time.

*11. Please identify the THREE most important priorities for housing in the parish?

- 1bed apartments or shared housing (mainly younger single or couple households at the start of the housing ladder)
- 2bed apartments (e.g. for couples without children or older singles)
- 2bed houses (e.g. for couples, smaller families, single parents, singles with child access and frequent visitors)
- 3bed houses (e.g. for families with children)
- 4 or more bed executive housing
- 3bed apartments/cluster (e.g. for young people/students sharing at start of housing ladder, extended older families, non-traditional household groups)
- 2/3bed houses or apartments for downsizing older people
- 2/3bed bungalows for downsizing older people
- 1/2bed elderly care (e.g. for older frail elderly singles)

Ringstead Settlement Boundary

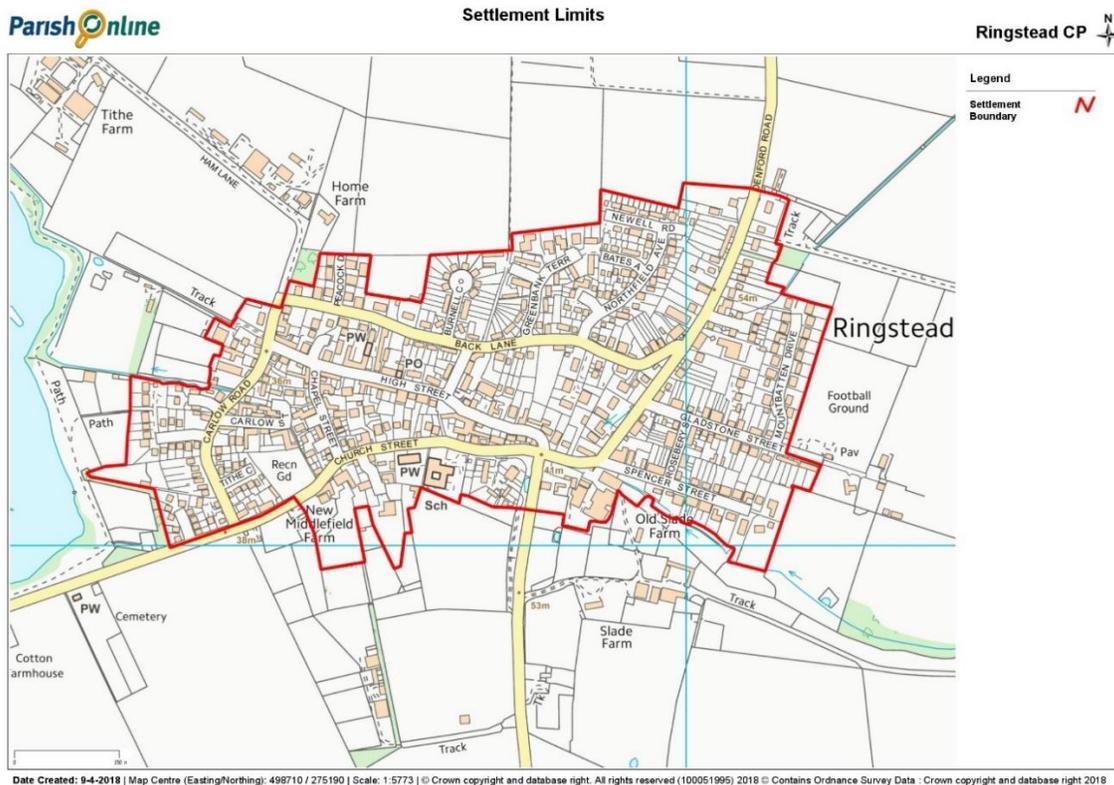
The North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy 2011 - 2031 allows for the development of small-scale infill development on suitable sites within Ringstead. Settlement Boundaries identify an area within which most forms of development would normally be allowed. They also help protect the form and character of the village and the surrounding countryside. The Settlement Boundary does not mean that all development proposals within it would be approved. A proposal would need to be acceptable in terms of design, form, scale, access and other relevant matters.

12. Do you think that a Settlement Boundary is a good way of controlling development in Ringstead?

- Yes
- No

13. Do you agree with our proposed Ringstead Settlement Boundary?

- Yes
- No (please specify the changes you would like to see)



Local Housing Needs

We want to find out more about people's housing needs and aspirations to help shape the development of new homes.

*14. Does your household as a whole, or anyone in your current household, expect to need to move within the Parish within the next ten years?

- Yes (if 'yes' please go to question 15 on page 14)
- No (if 'no' please go to question 23 on page 17)
- Don't Know (if 'don't know' please go to question 23 on page 17)

Local Housing Needs Details

This section asks about the household that expects to need to move within the Parish in the next ten years, the size of home they require and how they intend to pay for their accommodation.

*15. How many people of each age group are there in the household that expects to move?

- 0-9 years
- 10-15 years
- 16-19 years
- 20-44 years
- 45-64 years
- 64-74 years
- 75 years and over

*16. How many bedrooms would that household expect to need?

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5+

*17. How would you describe this household?

- Single
- Couple
- Family (one or two adults with one or more children)
- Other (please specify)

*18. When would the household expect to need to move?

- Within one year
- 1-3 years
- 3-5 years
- 5+ years

*19. Please give the reasons why this household's current home does not meet the household's need? (Please select all the options that apply)

- Too small
- Too large
- Needs major repairs
- Unsuitable for physical needs
- Temporary accommodation
- Need to live close to employment
- Need to live closer to relative/family
- Need to live closer to a carer or to give care
- Want to live independently
- Being harassed

*20. Does this household have a specialist housing need?

- No
- Yes, accommodation on the ground floor
- Yes, sheltered housing with support services provided
- Yes, other housing with support services provided
- Yes, residential care
- Yes, other (please specify)

*21. How would this household consider paying for this accommodation? (Please select all the options that apply)

- Buy on the open market
- Rent from the private sector
- Rent it from the Local Authority or Housing Association
- Buy it as a shared equity with the Local Authority or Housing Association
- Build own house
- Build own house with a grant/loan
- Other (please specify)

*22. If this household moved to a new home, would an existing dwelling be freed-up?

- Yes
- No

Affordable Housing

Affordable housing is social rented, affordable rented and intermediate housing, provided to eligible households whose needs are not met by the market. Eligibility is determined with regard to local incomes and local house prices. Affordable homes also have to remain affordable for future eligible households. New affordable housing will be allocated initially to people with a local connection, including those living, working or with close family ties in Ringstead Parish.

If there were to be a proven local need for additional affordable homes our Neighbourhood Plan could make provision to allow planning permission to be granted for affordable housing on 'Rural Exception Sites', i.e. sites that would not normally be released for private market housing.

***23. Would you support a Rural Exception Site for affordable housing?**

- Yes
- No

Transport

During consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan, some people have expressed concerns about on-street parking, footways and speeding traffic. The problems of on-street parking seem to be focussed on narrow streets where residents and businesses do not have enough on-site parking spaces.

24. Which of the following streets experience significant problems with on-street parking? (Please select all the options that apply)

- High Street
- Church Street
- Back Lane
- Gladstone Street
- Chapel Street
- Spencer Street
- Burnell Close
- Carlow Street
- Denford Road
- Other (please specify)

*25. Does on-street parking help reduce traffic speed in the village?

- Yes
- No

26. Would you support the provision of the following new footways/cycleways?

- Along Denford Road between village and caravan site
- Along Raunds Road between village and Raunds
- Other (please specify)

Services and Facilities

Ringstead has a primary school, village hall, pub, Post Office, general store, social club, recreation and play areas, churches and allotments.

*27. Should the Neighbourhood Plan be used to protect existing services and facilities?

- Yes
- No

28. Are there any additional services and facilities you would like to see?
(Please select all the options that apply)

- Better bus service
- Another pub
- Facilities for young people
- Healthcare
- New village hall
- School playing field
- Dentist
- Other (please specify)

Rural Economy

Economic growth can create jobs and prosperity and reduce the need for local people to travel to work by car.

There are already a number of businesses focussed around the Spencer Street/Denford Road junction including Ringstead Business Centre and Dodson & Horrell Country Store and animal feed manufacturing company.

29. Which of the following economic activities would you support in Ringstead (Please select all the options that apply)

- Home working
- Farm diversification
- The re-use of rural buildings for business use
- New, small-scale buildings for business use
- Large scale business development

*30. Should we direct new businesses to the existing employment area at the junction of Spencer Street/Denford Road?

- Yes
- No, we should encourage the existing businesses to relocate and the employment area should be redeveloped
- No, the existing employment area is fine as it is
- Other (please specify)

Businesses

There are several businesses which we know operate within the parish. We would like to know more about businesses and whether rural businesses are likely to feature as part of the development of the parish.

*31. Do you own a business that is based in the parish?

- Yes (if 'yes' please go to question 32 below)
- No (if 'no' please go to question 40 on page 23)

32. What is the name of your business?

*33. What size is your business?

- Micro business (1-9 employees)
- Small business (10-49 employees)
- Medium-sized business (50-249 employees)

*34. What type of economic activity is your business engaged in?

- Primary e.g. agriculture
- Manufacturing
- Construction
- Retail and Wholesale
- Transport and Storage
- Accommodation and food service
- Information and communication
- Financial and real estate
- Professional and Scientific
- Administrative services
- Education
- Human Health
- Arts and entertainment
- Other (please specify)

*35. Is the business premises also your home?

- Yes
- No

*36. What is the age of your business?

- Less than one year
- 1-5 years
- 6-10 years
- 11-20 years
- More than 20 years

*37. Does your business engage in e-commerce? (Please select all the options that apply)

- Goods and services can be ordered directly from our website
- Goods and services can be ordered directly from a 3rd party website
- Goods and services can be ordered from social media
- Have a website but no e-commerce
- No website, no e-commerce

*38. Do you plan to close or transfer your business in the next five years?

- Yes
- No

*39. Do you require additional business space in the next three years?

- Yes, at current location
- Yes, relocation within the parish
- Yes, relocation outside the parish
- No

New Businesses

*40. How likely are you to set up a new business within the parish in the next 10 years?

- Very likely
- Likely
- Not sure
- Unlikely
- Very unlikely

About you

Your response will remain confidential and will be combined with many others to learn about overall responses. However, we do need some personal information to make sure our survey is representative of the parish.

41. At what email address would you like to be contacted?

42. What type of household do you live in?

- One-person household
- A couple with dependent children
- A couple with no dependent children
- A lone-parent household with dependent children
- A lone-parent household with no dependent children
- A multi-person household where all are students
- Another form of multi-person household

43. What is your age?

- Under 18
- 18 to 24
- 25 to 34
- 35 to 44
- 45 to 54
- 55 to 64
- 65 to 74
- 75 or older

Thank you

Thank you for completing our survey. Your feedback will be used to help us prepare the Ringstead Neighbourhood Plan. Please let us know if you have any further comments.

44. Do you have any further comments?

- No
- Yes (Please specify)