

The Ringmore Neighbourhood Plan – Preliminary residents opinion gathering survey

Dear Ringmore Parish resident

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group is seeking your input and ideas about the Parish and its future growth and development. These opinions will help us to develop a full and detailed questionnaire which we hope to circulate before the end of the year. It is a requirement of the Neighbourhood Planning Process that the steering group consult with the parish as widely as possible and this survey is a way of reaching everyone in the parish.

We would be very grateful if you will spend a few minutes thinking about your views in response to the questions below. If there is more than one member of the household please ask them for their views as well and both opinions can be noted down in the space provided.

We do not need to know who is completing the survey as all of them will be anonymous. When you have completed the questions you have an opinion about please put the survey in the stamped addressed envelope provided and either post it to Cllr Jenny Williams, Chair of the Parish Council, or alternatively deposit it in the collection box which is placed in All Hallows Church Porch.

Thank you very much for your contribution. Without knowing the views of the residents we cannot hope to produce a plan that is truly inclusive.

Sincerely

Councillor Jenny Williams

What is a neighbourhood plan?

In very simple terms, a neighbourhood plan is:

- A document that sets out planning policies for the neighbourhood area – planning policies are used to decide whether to approve planning applications
- Written by the local community, the people who know and love the area, rather than the Local Planning Authority
- A powerful tool to ensure the community gets the right types of development, in the right place.

Local people can create a plan that allows them to develop planning policies that reflect the priorities of their area. The whole community then decides at a referendum vote whether the local authority should bring the plan into force.

A neighbourhood plan is an important document with real legal weight; therefore there are certain formal procedures that it must go through.

Please now look at the questions that begin on the reverse of this page and write your views in the space provided. It is possible that there will be some crossover of views on the different headings so please feel free to make the same comments under different headings. There are no right or wrong answers as none of us know how many issues there are in the Parish or how important they are to parishioners. The answers you give will help us to work all that out!

Please tell us what you like about Ringmore parish:

Please tell us what you don't like about Ringmore parish:

What do you think are the key issues facing the parish in the years ahead?

Which one of these issues is most important to you and why?

Please now think about the following topics that may have an impact on your life in the Parish.

ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY (current problems, creating a sustainable community, ecology and wildlife)

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT (holiday parks, shops, provision for small businesses, etc)

INFRASTRUCTURE (power, water, sewage, roads, broadband, mobile signal, refuse management, childcare, etc)

TRAFFIC and TRANSPORT (Volume, speeds, parking, bus services, car sharing, connections, etc)

EMPLOYMENT (job opportunities, commuting, etc)

HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT (housing types, locations, affordability, etc)

COMMUNITY (village halls, clubs, societies, provision for children/young people, etc)

RECREATION & LEISURE (sports facilities, access, footpaths, etc)

HERITAGE & HISTORY (preserving historic aspects, monuments, church buildings, etc)