



## **Ruishton & Thornfalcon Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan**

# **Business/Employment Questionnaire**

This process is about you, your business and its future. We can't stop the future from happening; we can help make it a better future. A few minutes spent filling out this questionnaire can make a difference and the Parish Council hopes, through its Neighbourhood Plan, to make for a better future for its community as a whole.

Return completed questionnaires in the SAE by **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017**

**Q1 – How important are the following to your business?**

(For each, please indicate a score of 1 to 5 where 5 indicates a strong degree of importance and 1 indicates of no importance)

- The environment within the Parish
  - Transport links
  - Broadband and communication links
  - Education including further education facilities
  - Availability of new local employees
  - Availability of work experience employees
  - Availability of employment land/commercial/industrial buildings
  - More local amenities
  - Access to a Commercial/retail centre
- |  |
|--|
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |

**Comments:**

**Q2 – How does the Parishes of Ruishton & Thornfalcon meet your business needs? (Please describe this in the comments box below)**

**Comments:**

**Q3 – What should the Neighbourhood Plan encourage, to meet your business needs now and in the future?**

**Comments:**

**Q4 – What changes to transport would improve your business prospects?**

(For each, please indicate a score of 1 to 5 where 5 indicates a strong degree of importance and 1 indicates of no importance)

- Improve traffic flows
- Reduce through traffic
- Improve car parking
- Ensure new developments contribute to improving traffic flows
- Improve and increase public transport serving the area
- More cycle lanes
- Increase traffic calming measure
- Improve pedestrian walkways


**Q5 - What transport changes would you like to see?**

(Please describe this in the comments box below)

**Comments:**

**Q 6 – What changes to business facilities would help your business?**

(For each, please indicate a score of 1 to 5 where 5 indicates a strong degree of importance and 1 indicates of no importance)

- Provision of more business premises
- More land allocated for commercial development
- Greater economic activity in the Parish
- Improvement to broadband


**Q7 - Any other employment considerations you would suggest?** (Please describe in the comments box below)

**Comments:** *(Please include comments on what sort of improvement to broadband would benefit your business)*

**Q8 - Do the majority of your employees live within the Parish?**

Yes / No\*

(\*Please delete as appropriate)

**Q9 - How important is the need for more housing in the Parish for potential employees?**

(Please indicate a score of 1 to 5 where 5 indicates a strong degree of importance and 1 indicates of no importance)

**Q10 - What sort of housing development would most help your business?** (Please describe in the comments box below)

**Comments:**

**Q10 - About Your Business**

(Please complete this section as it will help us identify trends by area. We will NOT use this information for any other purpose than developing our Neighbourhood Plan and will not pass this information to any other third party)

- Name of your business?
- Nature of your business?
- Where is your business located?
- Number of employees at your business?
- Is your business conducted from: *(Tick most accurate)*


- a) an office
- b) unit on a business park
- c) retail outlet
- d) specialist premises
- e) your home
- f) other *(Please describe)*


- How long has your business operated in the

- Parish?
- How did your business come to be located here?


**Comments:**

**Q11 - Would you like the opportunity to meet with the Neighbourhood Plan Employment Topic Group?      Yes / No\***

(If so, please ensure you provide your contact details on this form so that Catherine Faulkner, Neighbourhood Plan Administrator, can contact you.)

Thank you for completing this business questionnaire. Your answers will be treated in confidence and no response outputs will be published except in aggregate so that no individual business can be identified.

There will be further opportunities for you to participate in the process of producing the Neighbourhood Plan. Your input into the Plan really is essential in providing evidence of the views of the businesses in our Parishes.

For your information, all meeting notes and appropriate documents are published on the website [www.ruishton.org.uk/parishcouncil/np/index.htm](http://www.ruishton.org.uk/parishcouncil/np/index.htm), as well as notice of future events.

Please return completed forms in the enclosed SAE by **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017**