

Ringstead Neighbourhood Plan Stakeholder Feedback



5th July 2018



Stakeholder Meeting Requirement

An important aspect of the Neighbourhood Plan development process is the inclusion of key stakeholders and local partners. For Ringstead a total of approximately 100 stakeholders and local partners were identified by the Steering Group. Invites to a meeting held on 5th July 2018 were extended to all the identified people or organisations either by email or by hand / post. A total of 21 acceptances were received and a number of other responses declined the invitation but asked to be kept up-to-date on the outcome of the meeting. The stakeholders who attended the meeting are as follows: -

Sarah Barnwell – Northamptonshire County Council

Michael Burton – East Northamptonshire Council

Roger Kinsey – Ringstead Heritage Group

Patrick Smith – Shared Church

Sue Harris – St Mary’s Church

Hannah Timlin – Eclips

Adrian Cattell – Paul Newman Homes

Kevin Twigger – Paul Newman Homes

John MacKenzie – Gladman Developments

Paul Roberts – Gladman Developments

Nigel Jackson – Raunds Fire Station

Jonathon Halewood – Mick George Ltd

Rosaline Beattie – East Northamptonshire Council

Chris Kinsey – Learn to Paint / Social Club

Rachel Bowron – Ringstead C of E School

Lesley Jones – Ringstead Scouts Association

James Fulton – Amet Property

Sophie Fulton – Amet Property

George Whittaker

Diana Whittaker

Richard Phillips – Ringstead Parish Council

Guy Slack – Ringstead Parish Council

Clive Hodgson – Blackthorn Marina

Methodology

The responses to the local questionnaire that was undertaken in May were presented to the attendees. Four groups of stakeholders and local partners were then established as follows: -

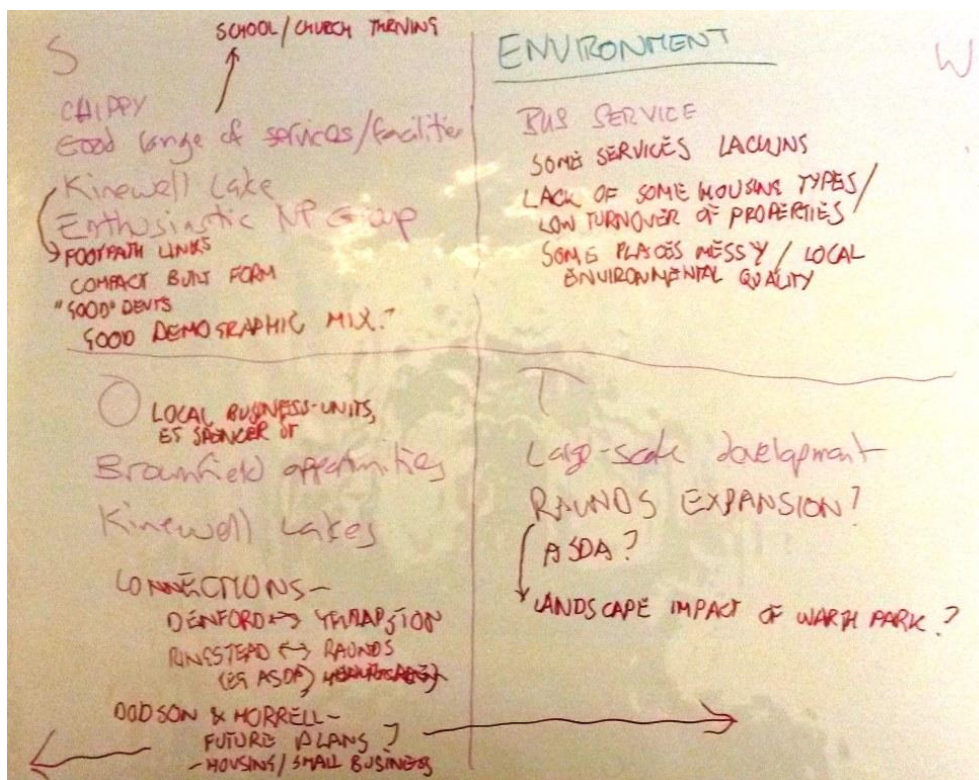
1. Environment, e.g. heritage, nature conservation
2. Social, e.g. community groups
3. Economic, e.g. businesses
4. Development and infrastructure e.g. landowners, highways

Each group produced a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) report and following on from this a list of key issues for the Ringstead Neighbourhood Plan was compiled by the Development group. These documents are reproduced on the following pages.

Environment

Strengths	<p>Chippy. Good range of services / facilities. School / Church thriving. Kinewell Lake. Footpath links. Enthusiastic NP group. Compact built form. "Good" developments. Good demographic mix.</p>	Weaknesses	<p>Bus service. Some services lacking. Lack of some housing types / Low turnover of properties. Some places messy / local environmental quality.</p>
Opportunities	<p>Local business units - e.g. Spencer Street. Brownfield opportunities. Kinewell Lakes. Connections – Denford ↔ Thrapston Ringstead ↔ Raunds (e.g. Asda). Dodson & Horrell – Future Plans – Housing / Small Business.</p>	Threats	<p>Large scale development Raunds expansion? Landscape impact of Warth Park? Asda? Dodson & Horrell – Future Plans – Housing / Small Business.</p>

SWOT Analysis by Environment Group (heritage, nature conservation, etc.)



Social / Community

<p>Strengths</p>	<p>(S & T) Bigger premises for more scouts if village expands. Playing field for school – school fete, etc, bringing school into village. (S & O) Social Club new 5x rated kitchen. Function room can seat 120 – 19 space car park. More housing means more fire hydrants etc. Village school rated good by Ofsted. (S & O) School Hall could be utilised – slightly bigger than Village Hall. (S & O) New developments must have provisions for wildlife / birds in plan.</p>	<p>Weaknesses</p>	<p>Not enough parental volunteers for youth groups. Parking on High Street for parents / leaders (scouts). Bus service to be improved in the Village. Playing field (school cost of maintenance).</p>
<p>Opportunities</p>	<p>Plan proper future proof housing, separated from industry, with proper access roads & residential parking. Restricted parking in key areas i.e. High Street. Additional parking – new development (example D&H) ensure adequate parking per household not just 1 or 2 spaces for a 3/4 bed house. Social groups to work together to promote each other on social media. Increase community spirit & promoting social club within community. Potential increase in children if housing developments in village.</p>	<p>Threats</p>	<p>Additional costs if need bigger premises (scouts). Pressure on existing services. Young children getting to and from current rec challenging on narrow paths (opp D&H corner). Parking by school & church. Infrastructure in school to cope with development. Poor bus service threat to elderly community, no rush hour service / doesn't encourage cars to be left at home.</p>

SWOT Analysis by Social Group (community groups, etc.)

SOCIAL / COMMUNITY

Strength

- (S+T) Bigger premises for more scouts if village expands
- Playing field for school - school fête etc bringing school into the village
- (S+O) Social club now SK rated kitchen. Function room can seat 120. 19 space car park
- More housing means more fire hydrants etc.
- Village School OFSTED Good
- (S+O) School Hall could be utilized - slightly bigger than village Hall.
- (S+O) new developments must have provision for wildlife/birds in plan

Opportunities

- Plan proper future proof housing, separated from industry, with proper access roads & residential parking.
- Restricted parking times in key areas ie High St
- Additional parking - new development (Example D+H) give adequate parking for household
- Increase in children development in village. * Social groups to work together to promote each other on social media.
- Threat Increase community spirit & promoting social club within community.

Additional costs if need bigger premises (scouts)

Pressure on existing services

Young children getting to & from current rec challenging on narrow paths (opp D+H corner)

Parking by school & Church

Impact due in school to rope work developed.

Poor bus service threat to elderly community. No rush hour service / Doesn't encourage cars to be left at home.

Weaknesses

- Not enough parental volunteers for young groups
- Parking on High St for parents/leaders (scouts)
- Bus Service to be improved in the village.
- Playing Field (school cost of maintenance)

Economic

Strengths	<p>Communications from road link.</p> <p>Expertise & Knowledge in the Village.</p> <p>Reduce vehicle miles for residents.</p> <p>Rental & rates value favourable.</p> <p>Village location</p> <p>Number of working farms.</p>	Weaknesses	<p>Broadband speeds.</p> <p>Parking for High St stores.</p> <p>Victorian infrastructure.</p> <p>Car parking in the village.</p> <p>Too few businesses on the High St to drive footfall.</p> <p>Public transport.</p> <p>Petty crime – lack of police.</p> <p>Tradesman - local</p>
Opportunities	<p>Redevelop D&H for Commercial use – 1000 m² starter units together with having one way system Church St & High St.</p> <p>Provide school playing field / outside space.</p> <p>More housing – customers for shop, offices, livery, pub, tea room, hairdressers.</p> <p>Business event share & care.</p> <p>Business directory.</p>	Threats	<p>D&H business site loss. Loss of visitors to the village from the closure of the shop.</p> <p>D& H employees loss (i.e. less footfall to hairdressers and High Street stores).</p> <p>If planning got stricter or slower.</p> <p>The busier the village the rates and rents would increase.</p> <p>Communication to Raunds.</p> <p>Lack of footpath from camp.</p>

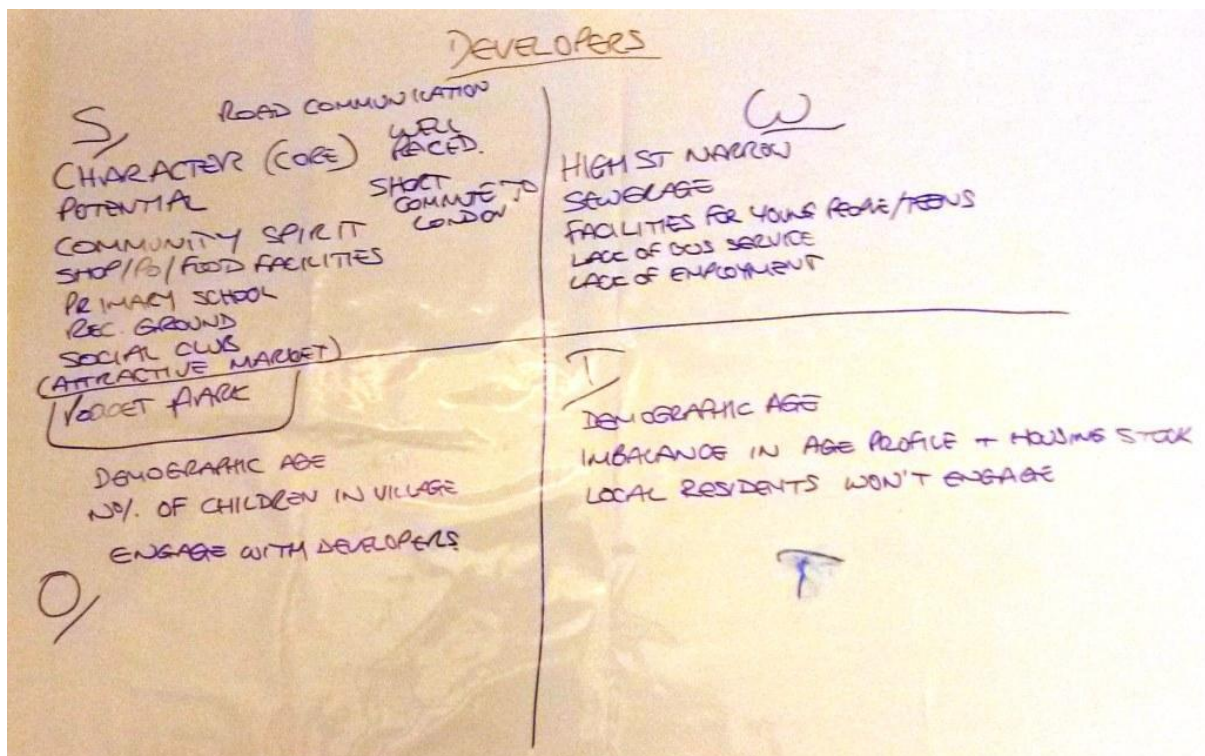
SWOT Analysis by Economic Group (businesses)

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Development and infrastructure

Strengths	Road communication. Character (core). Potential. Community spirit. Shop / PO / Food facilities. Primary school. Rec ground. Social club. Attractive market. Pocket park. Well placed (road & rail) Short commute to London.	Weaknesses	High St narrow. Sewerage. Facilities for young people / teens. Lack of bus service. Lack of employment.
Opportunities	Demographic age. No of children in village. Engage with Developers.	Threats	Demographic age. Imbalance in age profile & housing stock. Local residents won't engage.

SWOT Analysis by Development and infrastructure Group (landowner, highways, etc.)



Key Issues for the Neighbourhood Plan

How can new development contribute to Ringstead: -

- Business economy improvement
- Enhanced sense of place
- Cement environmental enhancement
- Rebalance demographic profile
- Services
- Improved flood prevention & sewerage (more houses / increased traffic)
- Improved facilities

