

2016 Summer Survey - Summary

This survey attracted a lot of general interest, but many people were from quite far afield and chose not to respond due to their lack of local knowledge, etc. This element of self-selection meant that the majority of those completing the questionnaire were local to Ripley with less than 10% more than 5 miles away.

The response from local people was broken down as follows:

	<u>Respondents</u>	<u>%</u>
Ripley	42	67
Send/Sendmarsh	6	9
Pyrford	3	5
East/West Horsley	4	6
West Clandon	1	2
West Byfleet	1	2
5 Miles + Distant	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>
Total	<u>63</u>	<u>100%</u>

The average ages of those who completed the questionnaire ranged from 50 at Ripley Rocks, 59 at the Ripley Farmers Market and 63 at The Ripley Event. Some questions allowed multiple answers, as reflected in the totals shown in the results below.

Housing

- 46% rate low cost homeownership to be 'affordable housing'.
- Garden space, car park space and proximity of amenities were thought to rate almost equally in importance for new properties.
- The most important criterion for new housing was affordability (48%), with sympathetic design second (38%).

Infrastructure

- 97% thought no new developments should go ahead without the infrastructure being in place.
- 60% thought the results of having new developments without the infrastructure would be traffic problems, congestion and road chaos, whilst only 1% thought there would be little change.

Facilities

- A new Village Hall was selected as the most needed new facility by 38%, with a further 23% saying there was nothing needed.
- 55% thought that no more car parking facilities should be provided.

Business and Employment

- 52% do not want any more new local businesses set up, with 24% wanting more retail and 24% wanting mixed development.
- Existing or new brownfield sites were considered best for mixed developments by 69%.
- Several types of rural businesses were thought to be suitable development such as Stabling (22%) and a range of other options with lesser votes.

Environment

- a) If Ripley Village were removed from the Green Belt ("inset) then 37% want all green spaces in the area to be protected from development, whilst another 33% want the entire village green protected (i.e. 70% in all).
- b) 88% of respondents walk regularly around the Village Green, down by the River Way/Canal and all around for exercise and pleasure.
- c) 89% said they were not affected by residential flooding, with only 4% saying they were.