

Business support is crucial for the successful adoption of the NP both now and into the future. Please answer these questions considering the period from now to 2028. They may appear slightly differently on-line due to formatting constraints.

1. How many people do you currently employ within the NP area?

(please see map on survey invitation letter for boundary clarification) [<10, 10-100, >100]

The NP area population will grow significantly over the coming years with the Urban Extension and other planned residential developments, which will create new business opportunities and potentially a larger local workforce. The Urban Extension includes proposed employment areas at Langaller, Hyde Lane and an extension to the Crown Industrial Estate (please see arrows on survey invitation letter map for locations).

How do you see these plans and opportunities impacting on the future development of your business over the next 10-12 years?

2. If you plan to grow your business in the NP area, how many jobs are you likely to create?

[no growth plans, <10, 10-100, >100]

3. Will you need more floor-space and/or more land to support this growth?

[no growth plans, more floor space, more land]

4. If considering more land, where in the NP area would you consider occupying land?

[Langaller, Hyde Lane, Crown Estate, Other (please specify) << free format >>]

These questions look at the profile of businesses you would like to see in the NP area over the next 10-12 years.

5. What size of business, in terms of number of employees, should be encouraged to move into the NP area? [<10, 10-100, >100]

6. What business sector(s) would you like to see represented in such businesses?

<< free format >>

The emerging NP is likely to promote sustainable business opportunities, and in so doing the NP steering group would like to understand your level of support as a local business for:

7. some live/work units (i.e. residential and 'sole trader'-type small business units on a single plot)

designed as an integral part of new residential areas [support, don't support, unaffected]

8. diversification of redundant traditional farm buildings to offer new employment opportunities

[support, don't support, unaffected]

9. measures to reduce employment-related traffic by locating employment opportunities as close as possible to housing, and by encouraging walking, cycling or the greater use of public transport as far as possible through the promotion of work-place travel plans supported by employers

[support, don't support, unaffected]

NP consultations to date with local people have highlighted a clear wish to protect existing employment land and buildings within the NP area from changes of use to non-employment uses.

10. Do you also support this objective as a local business within the NP area?

[support, don't support, unaffected]

11. Have you any other comments/suggestions concerning the retention and attraction of businesses and jobs within the NP area? << free format >>

Thank you once again for your participation: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BSNP2016

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A Neighbourhood Plan for WEST MONKTON & CHEDDON FITZPAINE PARISH COUNCILS

Business Survey 2016



URBAN, the railway running alongside the Crown Industrial Estate.

Dear Sir/Madam,

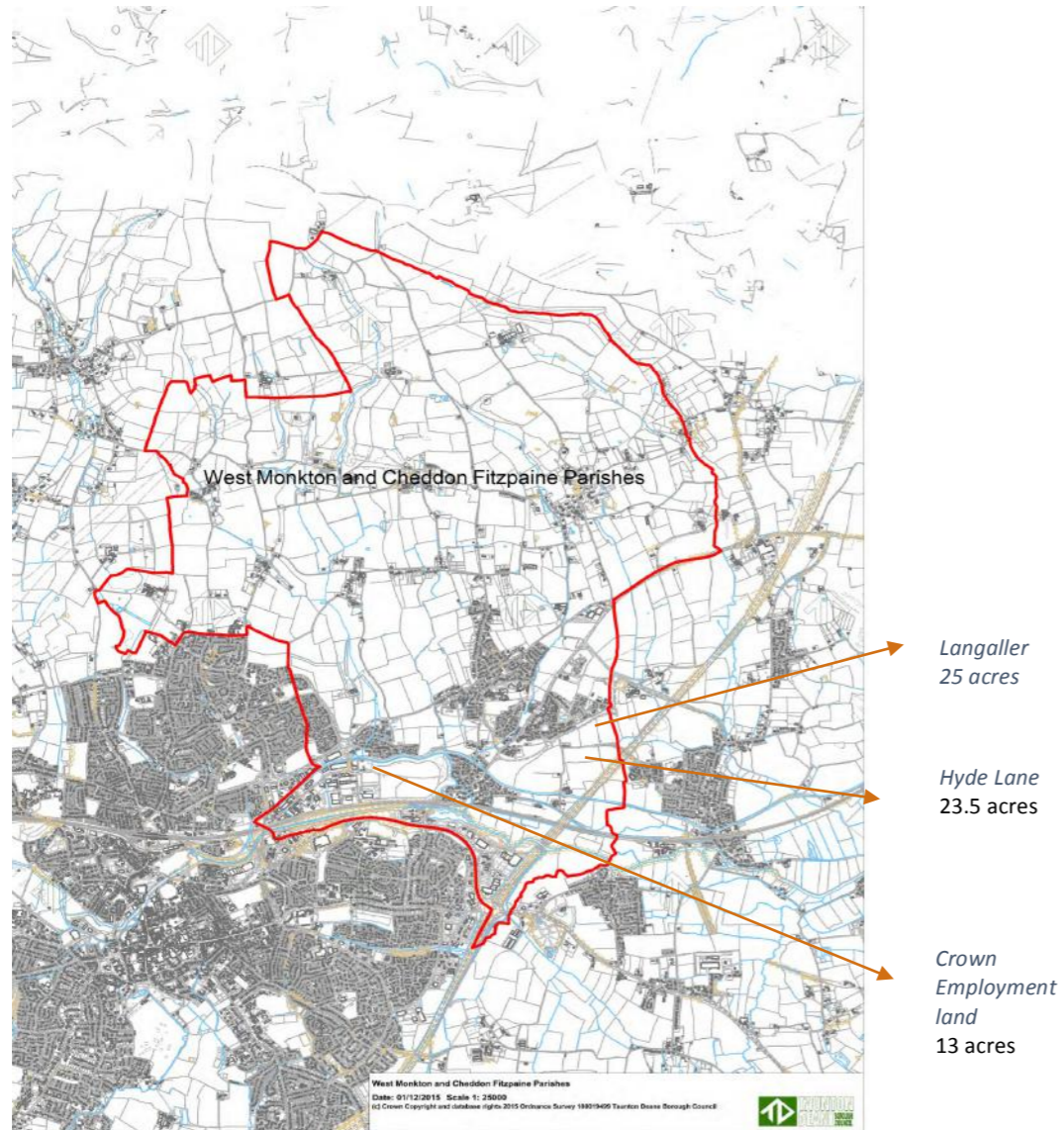
We have sent you this survey as a business currently located in our Neighbourhood Plan (NP) area. In preparing our NP, we are keen to engage with the local business community on some important issues which have the potential to shape NP planning policies. When adopted the NP policies will be taken into account, whenever they are relevant, when making decisions concerning planning applications involving your business in years to come. Your input into the NP is essential in providing evidence of the views of the business community.”

Please see below a map of the NP designated area, outlined in red, for your reference. It includes the Priorswood and Crown Industrial Estates as well as Hankridge Farm Retail Park. We appreciate that your time is precious, so we have provided an online tool to make completing the short (5-10 mins) survey as quick and easy as possible.

This can be found at:

Survey Monkey www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BSNP2016 or on parish websites, www.westmonkton.net or www.cheddonfitzpaine-pc.org.uk

**PLEASE REMEMBER to submit your completed survey by
14 December 2016.**



Background Information

Formal agreement has been reached between the parish councils of West Monkton and Cheddon Fitzpaine ('The Parish Councils') to prepare a joint Neighbourhood Plan (NP), and a Steering Group of local councillors and residents has been set up to oversee the process. The NP area will cover land within the boundaries of both Parishes as shown on the map above. Preparation of the plan-covers projections to 2028 and we expect it to be 'made' via a referendum in 2017.

NPs are a government initiative that offers local residents and businesses across the country the opportunity to influence what happens on future developments allocated in their parishes (see note below*).

Our NP once made will form a legal part of the Statutory Taunton Deane Local Planning Authority process and it must be based on these two main principles:

- 'Community evidenced needs' for land-based policies and proposals must be in general conformity with strategic policies in the adopted local authority planning policy (Core Strategy);
- And must have regard to National Planning Policy.

The Core Strategy mandates significant areas for employment land and that the NP can shape how that land is used as well as influencing potential change of use going forward. It will take into account the views of the community living and working in the NP area and formalise how those views could be incorporated into the planning process. It will set out what facilities are required as part of any development, where they should or should not be sited, what buildings will look like and how roads, footpaths and drainage can be linked into existing systems. The NP will set out sustainable policies for the use of land within both Parishes with regard to the environment, conservation and the needs of the community. The parishes will also receive additional income via the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) which is paid by Developers to spend on local improvements once the NP is adopted.

Before the plan can be formally agreed it must be subjected to **community consultation** and **wider stakeholder consultation** before being submitted to the Borough Council for **formal consultation, independent examination** and a **resident's referendum**. If the majority of those voting support the plan it can be **agreed by the Borough Council** to be taken into account when planning decisions are made.

**NOTE: When formally agreed, an NP will have no influence on sites which already have a planning approval, but will be taken into account on all planning applications after it is agreed.*

Further information on the NP process can be found via the internet and through the Taunton Deane and Parish websites at www.westmonkton.net and www.cheddonfitzpaine-pc.org.uk

Many thanks for your support,

Kelvin Tutill, Chairman,
Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee

Cllr D Webber, Chairman,
Cheddon Fitzpaine Parish Council

Cllr H Ellis, Chairman
West Monkton Parish Council