

HARDWICKE'S FUTURE – THE NEXT 20 YEARS



Dear Business Owner/Manager

We are putting together the content for our Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) that will steer the development of Hardwicke Parish through to 2031. Businesses are integral to the vitality and viability of our community therefore its important that we understand the needs and issues of businesses in our Parish.

The NDP is a legal document that informs the way in which Hardwicke Parish will develop over the next 20 years. It is vitally important for the future development of the Parish that an evidence based plan is constructed with policies that reflect the views and aspirations of its residents and businesses.

Thus far we have been working to establish residents' views and needs through questionnaires. We now wish to extend this to identify local business needs that can be used to shape policies in the NDP. Attached is a business questionnaire specifically designed to provide the opportunity for you to express the needs and views of your business. Appreciating the resource pressures on businesses we have tried to minimize its content. Your opinion is vital and providing your views will enable us to hone our policies to take your needs into account. This in turn will add much greater weight and credibility during the scrutiny process of the plan.

It is anticipated that information regarding options for the plan will be available for consultation next year via exhibitions, the dates of which will be advertised on the NDP website nearer the time.

Please complete and return this questionnaire by 10/12/2014 in the enclosed SAE

To follow our progress and look at the detail of our research, please visit the NDP page on the Hardwicke Parish Council website: <http://www.hardwickepc.co.uk>

Thank you for your support - your time and effort is greatly appreciated.

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Development Plan Group working on behalf of Hardwicke Parish Council**

SECTION ONE – YOUR BUSINESS

Q1.1 What is the name of your business

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Q1.2 Which of the following best describes your business (*please tick*)

Building, Construction & Property Maintenance		Health and Beauty	
Engineering/ Manufacturing		Knowledge Based (e.g. IT Consultancy)	
Agriculture/ Horticulture		Pubs, Leisure, Tourism	
Education		Retail/ Distribution	
Creative/ Artistic		Repair/ Servicing	
Care Services		Other (please specify below)	

Q1.3 How many people are currently employed by your business?

Full time		Part Time	
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Q1.4 How many employees live in Hardwicke (if known)

Q1.5 Is your business carried out from (please tick one)

	Yes	No
An office		
A unit on a business park?		
Your home?		
Mobile location?		
Warehouse?		

Other (please specify below)

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Q1.6 In which part of the Parish is your business located? (eg. Quedgeley West, Hardwicke Farm, etc)

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Q1.7 How long has your business operated within the Parish

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**Q1.8 What attracted your business to locate and remain in Hardwicke Parish?
(please Tick)**

Close proximity to A38/M5		Availability of skilled staff	
Availability of employment/industrial /office premises		Business rates or other incentives	
Historically the business was already established within the Parish		Other (please specify below)	

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Q1.9 How would you improve the Parish for existing and future businesses?

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Please continue overleaf if necessary

SECTION TWO – EMPLOYMENT

Q2.1 How does the Parish of Hardwicke meet the needs of your business?

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Please continue overleaf if necessary

Q2.2 How can we support or encourage your business through the NDP?

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Please continue overleaf if necessary

Q 2.3 Do you foresee the size of your workforce changing in the future?

	Increase %	Decrease %
Next 5 yrs		
Next 10 yrs		
Next 15 yrs		

SECTION THREE – ROADS AND TRANSPORT

Q3.1 Approximately what % of your workforce travel to work by the following modes of transport?

Car		Bicycle		Walk	
Bus		Motorcycle/scooter		Train	
Taxi					

Q3.2 Do you feel that traffic congestion in Hardwicke is a problem? (*Please tick*)

Yes		No		Could be in the future?	
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Comments

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 Please continue overleaf if necessary

Q3.3 Do you agree that the following should be considered in Hardwicke? (*please tick*)

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
Lower speed limits within Hardwicke and the surrounding area.					
Traffic calming measures					
More frequent bus services					
Increased cycle paths					
Quality footpaths and pavement improvements					

Please use the remaining space to add any other comments or suggestions you would like to make

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Please continue overleaf if necessary

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. We will produce a summary of the consultation setting out the key issues raised by the responses which will be available to view on our website. For more information please visit our website: (<http://www.hardwickepc.co.uk>)