

Consultation

Shoppers / business people / traders

Transcript of responses

- There needs to be employment land identified with space for small factory units for such industry as light engineering and other factory units involving skilled workers
- The area surrounding Ripley is particularly well known for things like specialised ceramics so perhaps this is an industry that could be encouraged to come to the area
- The infrastructure needs to be given high priority if the new housing developments take place – eg doctors and schools particularly primary schools
- Is there an infrastructure already in place for the new development (Gateway development) in terms of gas, electricity water, sewerage etc
- The local hospital is Derby / Kingsmill / Chesterfield and Nottingham. Are these close enough if there is a new housing development
- If the Ambulance Station is closing and the Cottage Hospital is also closing, minor injuries need to be treated somewhere locally. However, physically this space that will be freed up could have 20 / 30 houses on it
- The Council offices should be used for a supermarket if an extra one is required
- We should be looking at sites that are for less than 500 houses, 500 is far too many for one site, 5 x 100 would be much better had have less impact. They could be dotted around then
- We need to be looking at sites pre 2008 to see what was identified then and think about using these
- What about the vibrancy of the villages if these new developments go ahead, it will have an effect on them
- The Highways Agency has not consulted about the Ripley / Codnor bypass. What will be the process before this gets the go-ahead
- The Planning Application currently in for the Gateway project is dependent on the existing route identified for the bypass not going ahead, but changing to come further south
- 1000 house is an acceptable number for Ripley but should include a wide range of flats and houses including a mix of 1 / 2 bed roomed houses and flats as well as 3 bed roomed houses
- There needs to be a range of social housing for those who are currently on the housing list and this should be taken into account in the first instance
- The number of houses being proposed should be challenged as they should not all be built in Ripley itself, there is room around the area in the villages to take up some of these numbers
- The bypass should aim to prevent gridlock on Nottingham Road, however with the current housing being proposed it is far more likely to cause congestion as it will just become a feeder road for the new development with speed limits of 30mph

- If the Hanson Brickworks site goes ahead, it will cause serious traffic congestion at Waingroves which is already congested first thing in the morning
- The Morrison's supermarket is a good idea as it will provide competition for Sainsbury's and the Co-op
- I welcome the new housing development as I am currently living with my parents and I want to be able to have a house of my own in Ripley
- The supermarket should go ahead, we need a cheaper option than Sainsburys
- We want to attract more young people to Ripley so we need 1 / 2 bedroomed homes
- There is also a need for 3 bedroomed homes for young families, but then we need to make sure they have employment
- We need to build offices in the town centre to give employment in Ripley itself
- We also need factory sites
- We don't want the supermarket
- If we have got to have the bypass, there needs to be a traffic survey to ensure this is needed
- We don't want green belt to be built on and we don't need a supermarket
- It doesn't matter if green belt gets built on, everything changes and we need lots more We need the new supermarket as competition for Sainsburys. I can't afford Sainsburys prices and Morrisons would be a better place for me to shop
- The Gateway site is an historic site and it is nice for drivers to see people playing cricket there in the summer as they pass by
- We need to preserve our heritage such as the underground canal. People don't know it is there but we should be publicising it to tourists
- We need a tourist centre
- We need the new supermarket as the Co-op and Sainsburys are too expensive and the nearest Morrisons is in Belper and I can't get there
- Perhaps there could be a compromise to the Nottingham Road site by building on the bit adjacent to the police headquarters
- There is a lot of heritage and history in Ripley we need to be grateful to the miners and preserve their hard work
- There should be houses built in the "in-fill" sites in Ripley rather than altogether in large areas
- If we have to have masses of houses we need to make sure that there is a lot of green space in between them
- There needs to be good footpaths into Ripley from the Nottingham Road site
- If the Ripley Gateway is built it will divide the town and the people there will never know the people on the other side of the town
- A new supermarket will kill off the town centre even more

St John's C of E School – pupils, administration staff and teachers

- We have very good internet access in Ripley
- We want more things for teenagers to do in Ripley

- The play equipment in the parks is very rust and needs painting
- There is a lot for young children to do in the parks, but not much for older children
- The paddling pool is good in the summer, but it is often dirty. It could do with being a bit bigger so more children can play in it
- The toilets in the play park are a problem, they are often locked
- There is always graffiti on the skate park walls, we need to have a graffiti wall so that the equipment doesn't get painted
- We would like a cycle path around the park so we can play on our bikes when we are there
- We would like to see more use made of the bandstand – the music festival is good in the summer, but we would like more stuff
- There are no park benches or tables for our Mums and Dads in the park
- The Greenway is great for a footpath, but there is always lots of dog poo
- We like the sculptures and want more
- There is always lots of litter on the Greenway and this isn't nice
- There aren't very many dog poo bins
- It is over a mile long and we like to walk along it
- The benches along the Greenway are broken and very dirty
- We need more benches and more sculptures along it
- There are too many potholes in the roads they are big and deep with uneven pavements
- The shops are not brilliant and there are lots of empty shops
- Too many charity shops
- It is good to have a library
- We all use the library (St John's C of E school children)
- We use the library for books, computers, fairy tales, films and internet access for playing games
- We go dancing in Ripley and use the leisure centre, but there isn't much else to do
- There are lots of takeaways, chippies, Chinese take away, Indian, Kebabs and Pizzas
- We would like a swimming pool
- We do gymnastics in the Leisure Centre
- The Leisure Centre has lots of clubs in the summer holidays form school
- Ripley Rascals is nice and good for children
- The church is a good place for Christians to pray

Mill Hill School, administrative staff and teachers

- The market is useless, there are usually only 6 stalls it used to be much better
- In the past the Market was buzzing and full of stalls
- People travel to Sainsbury's from miles around as it serves the hinterland as well
- Morrison's would also serve the hinterland and would provide cheaper options to Sainsbury's and the Co-op

- Ripley has too many bars and clubs and drugs and drink are a problem
- Morrison's would be good for providing employment for youngsters both those leaving school and those who want holiday work from school / college
- The new housing development would bring much needed employment to Ripley
- Morrison's would be great for jobs
- As an ex mining town a lot of the community of Ripley have low aspirations and therefore employment needs to be found that caters for this
- It would be good to do thing in Ripley that create a common purpose where the whole community works together to create a project or undertake a major campaigns etc
- There should be regular meetings with the police etc for things like Neighbourhood to Watch
- The police need to talk to the young people about the dangers of drink and drugs
- There is no "heart" in Ripley and the one way system doesn't help
- There needs to be better traffic organisation in order to make the most of Ripley's shopping centre
- The parking is highly priced
- The Market Square serves no real purpose as the market is rubbish. Needs something like the Farmers Market, or someone to bring the market back to life and bring it back to what it once was
- There are major issues with diet in Ripley and the large number of take away restaurants doesn't help. We need to encourage a better quality of restaurant that serves good food. Even the pubs don't serve good food
- We could have a food festival with cooking demonstrations
- Cookery classes for all ages would be really good and help to improve health as well
- There needs to be better education of the "parents" in order to improve health and wellbeing of the community
- The schools could probably help with these projects
- We should look at having a French / German and Italian markets on a regular basis
- The main employment opportunity for young people leaving school seems to be retail and therefore there needs to be the availability of Customer Service training as a number of the youngsters wouldn't naturally be able to provide these skills
- There need to be hotels and B & B's in the town. This would server a joint purpose, to provide accommodation for tourists and people visiting the town and to provide more employment opportunities for young people without them having to travel
- Morrison's not only offers new employment for young people, but it offers progression so those leaving school at 16 still would have an opportunity to have a career in retail rather than just a job
- Catering could also provide jobs for youngsters, if there were some decent restaurants in Ripley
- Perhaps Ripley could become a "centre of excellence" for some sort of employment eg the construction industry

- This would be especially good when the new housing developments are built. Youngsters could have an opportunity to become skilled in aspects of the building trade
- Ripley need to find its “identity” which has disappeared since the mining industry has passed
- We like Ripley because it isn’t massively built up but it doesn’t have any decent shops
- There isn’t much for teenagers to do unless you use the Leisure Centre
- We need to have more of the big shops such as Next and Top Shop
- There are a lot of charity shops and not enough decent shops
- Too many card shops
- Too many of the same things like grotty cafes and takeaways
- Why can’t we have free parking?
- The Leisure Centre is good for swimming / tennis / badminton, but needs some TLC as it is getting tired
- We need some decent shopping
- We need a cinema
- The market used to be very busy but now it is rubbish
- There was once a zoo in Ripley that would be good to bring back it would attract tourists
- We want continental markets to bring different foods
- We don’t want houses on green belt sites
- We do need affordable housing
- Houses could be built near the Butterly works
- Asher have the Industrial Estate this could have stuff built on it
- There is great heritage in Ripley through the railways / canals etc
- The people of Ripley are friendly
- There are summer music events, we need more of these
- Ripley needs to be spruced up a bit – fountains, flowers, statues etc, like in Derby
- Nottingham has lots of good events, can’t we bring some to Ripley
- The Christmas markets and late night shopping are very disappointing
- There needs to be an empty shops project perhaps the schools could draw things to put in the windows with the history of Ripley
- History exhibition in the empty shop and the town hall
- There is a Youth club “Blend” which is quite good
- The employment we want in the future is in corporate businesses, the construction industry, accounting and apprenticeships
- If Morrison’s is built we will have jobs for the holidays and some young people will be able to work there
- If the houses are built there will be jobs for a lot of people to learn the building trade
- If the houses are built we will have somewhere to live in the future that we can afford

- We don't want to move away from Ripley, but we need the houses in Nottingham Road in order to have somewhere to live
- We need two bedroomed houses with small gardens for us to live in
- If we lost the skate park it would be a shame, but we would have houses instead that we could afford
- There could be a graffiti wall in the new housing estate
- It would be nice to have a field in the middle of the houses
- We need more independent shops
- There's no decent public transport for the schools
- We need shops with things like antiques and gift shops, with unusual crafts and food stuffs – like Belper
- We need more mainstream clothes shops – in fact we need clothes shops
- Ripley looks abandoned it could do with a good coat of paint
- Perhaps the Town Council could give money to improve shop fronts

Lons Primary School

- The Town Centre - 'is dying', there is nothing much of the old Ripley left
- The only employment seems to be retail or factory work, nothing for the young people going to college or university
- There isn't much movement out of Ripley, 80 – 90% of the pupils have parents that were born and bred in Ripley
- Ripley is quite deprived, these are the financial implications of poor employment and a dying town
- The Leisure Centre provides employment and leisure activities for most groups of people
- There are guides, brownies and beavers which are good for the younger people in Ripley
- The public transport network to and from Ripley for schools is very poor
- Less (*fewer*) youngsters are going to Mill Hill due to its poor reputation, they put down for Swanwick Hall or John Flamstead
- If the development proposals go ahead there would need to be a new infant and junior school
- Putting in a bypass would separate Ripley and Codnor
- The Gateway project would be good for providing jobs, however there will be more traffic so this needs to be considered
- The bypass would be a better option than being a "through road"
- It would be good to do "Remembrance Day" for schools
- The parents need to far more involved in the schools so when the housing development goes ahead lets involve the parents in the design of the new schools
- We need to have some decent clothes shops
- We need another butcher and baker

- Most parents have cars and go elsewhere to shop. Morrisons would provide a cheaper option to Sainsburys and the Co-op
- We need to have decent restaurants and a cinema
- It would be good to have Adult Education opportunities
- In an ideal world it would be better not to build on greenbelt
- Summer clubs would be good for the youngsters
- There is nothing for the 10 – 18 year olds to do
- There is very limited childcare (ie pre-school or nursery school)
- Belper has restaurants and a cinema, why can't Ripley
- We need to get the buzz back into Ripley
- We need to have a relationship with the Town Council in order to let them know what we want for Ripley
- We don't have much to do with the TC but there are two governors from the TC, but we don't feel they listen to what we want
- The buildings in Ripley could look nice if they were painted
- We like the school
- We like shopping in the toy shops but we want more
- We go to Brownies and we will go to Guides when we get older
- We would like a roller skating park
- We go to beavers which is fun
- There are always traffic jams and Mummy is often late taking me to school
- We would like the fair to come every week
- There is lots of dog poo everywhere
- The Greenway has lots of weeds and rubbish
- We want better wi-fi to play games
- We want an ice cream shop
- We want the play park to have more modern equipment such as zip wires etc
- We would like a nice sweet shop
- Another swimming pool would be nice
- Plant more trees
- We want a play zone something like Planet Happy and laser quest
- More parks would be good for us to play in
- The paddling pool is too small and is always dirty
- We like the bandstand and the bands that play there
- We would like tree houses with zip wires between them
- It would be good to have activities in Bork Park
- An adventure playground would be good with things like hills to roll down
- We need a better market it used to be buzzing
- The heritage should bring in tourists and shoppers but we don't make the most of it
- We need gift shops and cafes etc
- We would like the new housing development as this would give us places to live

Ripley Sure Start / Residents on the street in Ripley and surrounding villages / Residents Association

- There will be 400 houses in Alfreton, we need more in Ripley that we can afford
- There aren't enough jobs, Morrisons would provide jobs and the new housing development would also do the same
- There are a lot of independent shops in Ripley but they aren't particularly good quality
- We could do with more shops like Belper or Bakewell
- We are right on the edge of the Peak District we should be able to have hotels, restaurants and B & B's that people want to stay in
- We need better transport links that meet up with the work times and school times
- We should be encouraging employment opportunities in administration and manufacturing
- We should be encouraging tourists to come to Ripley, this would give us more jobs too in hotels and restaurants etc
- We need to create apprenticeships locally and then inform the young people about them so they take them up
- These apprenticeships should be in electronics, plumbing, light industry
- All the clothes shops have gone from Ripley
- The market is not good but it used to be vibrant, we need to bring this back. We need lots of food stalls that encourage people to come into Ripley to shop then they will stay here, but we need the shops as well that mean they can get things like clothes in Ripley
- The only thing I go to Ripley for is to have my nails manicured
- We need more social housing and Nottingham Road would give this and it would also give employment
- We don't really need another supermarket but I don't think it will take the heart out of Ripley that has already happened with Sainsbury's. All that will happen is that Sainsbury's and the Co-op will lose custom to them. People don't shop in Ripley town centre now anyway as there is nothing there people want
- It would be good to bring in different people to Ripley and the Nottingham Road development would do this
- I would be able to afford to live in Nottingham Road estate
- There is a very high level of teenage pregnancy, and we need more houses for these young mothers. It doesn't matter where they are
- There are too many pubs and clubs but not enough decent restaurants
- Ripley isn't policed very well and there is a lot of drug taking and dinking under age
- The pubs don't bother to check whether the customers are old enough to drink
- There is a lot of anti-social behaviour in Ripley and we need to have things for youngsters to do to prevent this, the new housing development would help this as it would give employment and houses for them to live in

- If the new development goes in the clay pit, it will cause traffic congestion around Waingroves and this will be a nightmare
- The supermarket isn't needed or wanted and we don't want any more houses in Ripley. The Green Belt must not be built on
- Ripley needs to look at how to attract the multiples
- There isn't enough parking and what there is is too expensive
- We have too many charity shops
- We need a cinema and another swimming pool
- need much better quality shops in Ripley
- Bring back the market