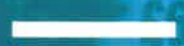


RUGELEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN SURVEY



Rugeley Town Council

Rugeley Neighbourhood Plan

ABOUT RUGELEY

Rugeley lies within Cannock Chase District Council area but has boundaries with Lichfield District Council and Stafford Borough Council. Rugeley Town Council has four wards: Western Springs North, Western Springs South, Hagley and Etchinghill. Geographically Rugeley lies between Cannock Chase Forest to the west, and the River Trent and Trent & Mersey canal to the east. To the south lies Brereton and Ravenhill settlement. As a consequence, Rugeley has a very tight settlement boundary with a population of around 18,000.

WHY DO WE NEED A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN?

The aim of the neighbourhood plan is to engage directly with the Rugeley community in order to develop a shared vision and shape growth. It should be for local residents to choose where they want new homes, shops and offices to be built, and to have their say on what any new buildings should look like and what accompanying infrastructure should be provided.

OUR OBJECTIVES:

The keys policies to be developed through the neighbourhood plan process are:

- **Infrastructure:** Education provision; community leisure facilities; retail/commercial outlets; public transport;
- **Housing:** Type; tenure; density and appearance of dwellings to include affordable homes and senior living;
- **Environment:** Canal system and opportunities surrounding it; rural landscape; protection of green boundary;
- **Transport:** The A51 and A460 and their importance in linking to local towns; increased use and condition of minor roads; and
- **Economy:** Enabling increased access to employment opportunities; opportunities from redevelopment of power station; regeneration of Rugeley town centre.

The aim of this first survey is to gain a better understanding of resident's attitudes and opinions in respect of our five main objectives above. As the neighbourhood planning process progresses, we will be having more detailed conversations regarding each of our objectives and, from that, establish local policies.

Questions about your local community

(1) What area of Rugeley do you live? Hagley Ward; Western Springs North; Western Springs South; Etchinghill; Brereton & Ravenhill; Other?

(2) In general, do you feel Rugeley has improved or deteriorated over the last 5 years?

Rugeley has improved over the last 5 years - please give examples.	
Rugeley has deteriorated over the past 5 years - please give examples	
Rugeley has not changed over the past 5 years - please give examples	
I'd rather not say	

(3) If you had to say 1 positive comment about Rugeley and one negative, what first comes to mind?

<u>Positive</u>
<u>Negative</u>

(4) Looking ahead, what vision do you have for Rugeley in 10 years' time?

Local infrastructure and amenities within Rugeley

(1) Generally, how satisfied are you with local services and amenities in your neighbourhood?
This could be the roads, play areas, doctors, leisure facilities etc.

Very satisfied	
Satisfied	
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	
Dissatisfied	
Very dissatisfied	

(2) In your opinion, which of the following types of community facility is there greatest need for in Rugeley? (Please rank your choice in order of priority, with 1 being the most important and 11 being the least important).

Community centres and public spaces	
Places of worship	
Sports facilities	
GPs and medical facilities	
Schools	
Parks and play areas	
Open, green spaces	
Youth Provision	
Facilities for the elderly	
Heritage and History	
Training and Education	
Other (please provide additional information)	

(3) What additional leisure facilities would you like to see introduced into Rugeley?

Housing and future development in Rugeley

(1) Please indicate what type of housing you feel Rugeley is most in need of by prioritising the following options between 1 – 10 (1 being the most important, 10 being the least important)

Social rented homes	
Affordable houses or starter homes	
Houses of multiple occupation	
Private rented homes	
1 or 2 bed private owner-occupied homes	
3 or 4 bed private owner-occupied homes	
4+ bed private owner-occupied homes	
Flats and apartments	
Bungalows	
Retirement living / retirement villages	
Other (please provide additional information)	

(2) Please indicate whether anyone in your household is hoping to move elsewhere soon

Yes, somebody living within my household is hoping to move soon	
No, but I suspect a member of my household will move within the next 5 years	
No, I'd be surprised if anyone moved	

(3) If you do suspect someone will move soon, what is the main reason for this? Is your accommodation fit for purpose?

Current property is too small	
Current property is too big	
Current property is too expensive	
Current property is unsuitable as it does not meet health or mobility requirements	
Wish to live independently	
May need to move due to work	
Wish to move closer to friends/family	
Other (please provide more information)	

(4) Are there any other considerations you believe should be taken into account when decisions are made in relation housing development in Rugeley?

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Environment –

Local heritage, parks, open spaces and the character of Rugeley

(1) How important do you feel it is to retain the historic character of old buildings and ensure that any future development fits in with existing surroundings?

Very important	
Important	
No overriding preference	
Unimportant	
I'd rather not say	

(2) Any there any special characteristics or buildings that you feel it is crucial to preserve?

Thinking about the public open spaces within Rugeley e.g. Elmore Park, Hagley Park, children's play areas, the Canal etc.

(3) To what extent do you agree with the following statement "*our local public spaces in Rugeley offer a safe environment*"

Strongly agree	
Agree	
Neither agree nor disagree	
Disagree	
Strongly disagree	
I'd rather not say	

(4) Which park / open space do you visit most frequently and why do you favour that location over others?

(5) How satisfied are you with your local parks and play areas in Rugeley? Please add if you think that there are examples or comparisons you wish to make to help explain a point.

Very satisfied	
Satisfied	
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	
Dissatisfied	
Very dissatisfied	

(6) How satisfied are you with the local green spaces? Please add if you think that there are examples or comparisons you wish to make to help explain a point or name the site that you wish to comment on.

Very satisfied	
Satisfied	
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	
Dissatisfied	
Very dissatisfied	

(7) What action do you feel is most needed to improve our local parks and open spaces?

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(8) Thinking of the green spaces further away from residential areas, how often do you visit the canal or walk along the local towpaths, visit Slitting Mill, visit Cannock Chase AONB? Please explain your answers.

Daily	
Weekly	
Monthly	
A couple of times a year	
Very infrequently	
Never	

Transport

(1) Do you think that road safety for pedestrians and cyclists is a problem in Rugeley?

Yes	
No	

(2) Please indicate your biggest concerns regarding our local road network by prioritising the following options between 1 - 5 (1 being the most important, 5 being the least important)

Congestion	
Road condition	
Vehicles travelling at excessive speeds	
Problematic parking	
Volume of traffic	
Other (please provide more information)	

(3) How do you feel our local road network could be improved?

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(4) Do you feel that Rugeley is well connected in terms of public transport?

Yes	
No	

(5) How do you feel local public transport could be improved?

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(6) Are you satisfied with the parking facilities in Rugeley Town Centre? You may want to consider the price of parking, the availability of disabled spaces, good location of parking spaces.

Very satisfied	
Satisfied	
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	
Dissatisfied	
Very dissatisfied	

Our local economy in Rugeley

(1) Please indicate what you feel is most important when allocating land within Rugeley for business use by prioritising the following options between 1 – 10 (1 being the most important, 10 being the least important)

Bespoke shops and independent retailers	
Supermarkets and chain stores	
Large factory space and distribution centres	
Eateries and restaurants	
Smaller manufacturing and light industry units	
Small starter units	
Tourism spaces (hotels and campsites)	
Office space	
Entertainment venues for local arts, history and culture	
Education facilities and space for training providers	
Other (please provide more detail) - is there a land use that you feel Rugeley does not have and should have?	

(2) What types of business or industry would you like to see attracted to Rugeley? Has the pandemic created a need for different businesses?

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(3) If a programme of events were to be scheduled to help boost the local economy in Rugeley, what type of things would you like to see? (please mark all that apply)

Community fairs and fetes	
Arts and entertainment festival (music, dance and theatre)	
Food festival	
Street market	
Sports events	
Local heritage and history events	
Themed events	
Other (please provide further information)	

(4) Do you have any other comments or are there any other considerations that you believe that should be taken into account when decisions are made to benefit our local economy in Rugeley?

OPTIONAL**Basic Household Information****(1) Please indicate the ages of the people in your immediate household**

Under the age of 10 years old	
Aged between 10 - 19 years old	
Aged between 20 - 29 years old	
Aged between 30 - 39 years old	
Aged between 40 - 49 years old	
Aged between 50 - 59 years old	
Aged between 60 - 69 years old	
Aged between 70 - 79 years old	
Aged over 80 years	

(2) Please indicate your gender

(3) Please indicate what best describes your ethnicity

(4) Please indicate what best describes the employment status of the main wage earner in your immediate household

Employed full time	
Employed part time	
Employed on a temporary or casual basis	
Self-employed	
Unemployed	
Student	
Retired	

(5) Are you registered disabled?

Yes	
No	

(6) In terms of future engagement with the Rugeley Neighbourhood Plan, please indicate which of the following you would be happy to be involved in moving forwards?

Complete future paper-based surveys	
Complete future online surveys	
Attend a public meeting	
Attend an online virtual meeting	
Discuss the neighbourhood plan over the phone	
Attend an informal drop-in session	
Vote in a local neighbourhood referendum	
Prefer not to take part in any future engagement	

Please return completed surveys to:

Rugeley Town Council
Taylor's Lane
Rugeley
Staffordshire
WS15 2AA

Alternatively, you may drop your survey response into one of the survey response boxes located at:

- Rugeley Rose Theatre – Taylor's Lane, Rugeley
- Morrisons – Market Street, Rugeley
- Rugeley Library – 12 Anson Street, Rugeley
- Gymphobics – 3 Market Street, Rugeley
- Savannahs Tea Room – 5 Market Street, Rugeley
- Daisys Kitchen – 9 Bow Street, Rugeley
- Roses Café – 4 – 6 Albion Street, Rugeley