Neighbourhood Plan

Economy and employment

# Objective

Enable existing businesses to thrive and encourage more employment in the village

# Strategy

1. Gain information from the largest businesses from the village:

* Number of full time workers
* Plans for the future
* Drawback of current location, leading to ideas for resolving any issues

Largest employers will be

* Culverwells
* One Stop
* Nursing home
* Gray Nichols
* Schools?

1. Supply and demand of premises. Gain information on commercial property available from landlords

* Vacant offices, shops, workshops

Compare this against demand

* Use Rother DC survey data
* Have questions in Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire about employment plans, location plans, local issues that will affect these

# Implementation

1. Face to face or phone interview with the largest employers for discussion, covering the points set out in 1. Above.
2. A. Phone interviews with premises owners in the village and in the rural areas to cover approx. size of vacant premises; proposed use; length of time empty.  
   B. Also report on any Rother DC information available that is relevant

C. Add the questions in the appendix to the survey

Appendix  
1. Is your work based in the parish? – yes – go to question 2

No – go to question 8.

2 If yes Is this part time/ full time. Are you employed/ self employed?

Which best describes the job(s) you do (tick all those that apply)   
Services to businesses/ the public   
Tourism  
Catering  
Manufacturing  
Retail  
Land based (forestry/agriculture/horticulture/equine enterprise)

4 Does your business or employer need good broadband speeds? Y/N

Do you have this now - never/sometimes/always

5 Are you based in the High Street/ Station Road/ Northbridge Street/ home is residential area/home in rural area /rented office or workshop in rural area

6 Is parking sufficient for employees y/N . Is parking sufficient for visitors or customers Y/N

7 Do you have plans to change your current job or business in the next 5 years/ 10 years/no change?

If self-employed with plans to change

- do you hope to upscale / downscale your premises or remain the same?  
- Employ more staff / fewer staff /stay the same  
- Relocate outside the Parish (if yes please state reason)  
- Other, please specify

8. For people not employed in the Parish -

Are you employed within 10 miles commute/ employed more than 10 miles away/ Unemployed looking for office work/ unemployed looking for manual work/ unemployed not looking for work/ retired/ In full time education

9. For unemployed, those working for someone else and those in full time education do you have plans to start a business in the next 5 years/ 10 years/ no plans?

If planning to start a business would that be within the parish? Y/N. DK