

Beaumont Park survey (April/May 2021) results summary

60 householders answered the LCWIP survey questions.

From the closed questions, the following statistics were generated:

Householders that moved to the estate from elsewhere in Ringwood area = 10%.

Average number of people living in the surveyed homes = 2.47.

Number of people that travel to their place of work = 79 from 60 households.

The means by which they travel to work: car/van = 92%; walk = 4%; cycle = 2%; bus = 1%.

For comparison, the 2011 Census data for Ringwood parish (<https://www.pct.bike/m/?r=hampshire>) gives commuter figures of 72% drivers and 6% cyclists. These figures were used in the Residential Travel Plan submitted in support of the development (https://planning.newforest.gov.uk/online-applications/files/AD5977991E431647101F11DFDEA805DD/pdf/13_11450-CONDITIONS_-_TRAVEL_PLAN-5271664.pdf).

Number of children = 62 from 60 households.

Number of children at school = 40 from 60 households.

The schools they attend:

Ringwood Infants	13%	and how many got there by car/van	25%
Ringwood Juniors	8%		0%
Poulner Infants	6%		100%
Poulner Juniors	3%		100%
Ringwood Academy	15%		22%
Other schools	19%		67% excluding buses

Number of people that would use a bus service, if it stopped on the estate = 47%.

Number of people that walk or cycle in the New Forest = 90%.

Open questions asked:

“Is there anything else about transport to and from this estate that you would want to comment on?”

The responses were categorised as:

Better walking/cycling infrastructure (total of 71 answers) – top ones were:

- Complete Crow Lane west side pavement towards Elm Tree junction (13)
- More direct access to the Lidl/Wellworthy estate (12)
- Gravel tracks/curbs make wheelchair/pram use difficult, esp. access to Gardner Rd (11)
- Better walking route/interlinking footpaths from Castleman Trail/Hightown Road to schools/town centre (10)
- Finish off Castleman Trail to Ringwood for cycling/wider (prams) & better lit (9)
- Access to Crow Farm Shop on foot or cycling (7)

Roads not safe (total of 28 answers) – top one was:

- Speeding/narrow roads (18)

Would like bus service to/from estate (total of 11 answers)

“What changes, if any, would you make to your home or the Beaumont Park Estate?”

Poorly built estate (total of 34 answers) – top ones were:

- No electric car charging points (8)
- No post box (5)
- More storage in houses (4)

Not enough or inappropriate parking on estate (total of 16 answers)

Issues with management company (total of 13 answers)

Poor quality recreation areas (total of 11 answers)

“What would make you more likely to spend more time in Ringwood Town Centre?”

Rejuvenation of shops/increase in shop variety/kid’s clothing/boutiques (total of 22 answers)

More/better entertainment venues/events (total of 19 answers)

Better access/pedestrianisation/carparks/public transport/railway! (total of 13 answers)

More/better recreation areas, like Carvers/Bickerley (total of 12 answers)

Nothing/really like Ringwood (total of 9 answers)

Additional noteworthy comments:

One person said that they had to rent a commercial unit in Horton – Ringwood was too expensive.

Four households were looking to move from the estate: “We didn’t know that the Moortown Lane estate was being built, so we’re going to move”.

“There were two accidents involving children on Hightown Road in last year, one not reported in the papers.”

There were apparently five separate minor accidents (vehicle collisions) on the estate in the last year.

Householders said that the Linden Homes didn’t provide a ‘Welcome Pack’ with information about Ringwood (such when rubbish gets collected or about shopping) or the New Forest (such as the New Forest code).

“The village green is a joke”.