

Employment Opportunities

Business outlets in Salhouse have been very limited, largely for historic reasons as the village grew from a predominantly agricultural environment. A few businesses have built up within an old granary complex adjacent to the railway line on the Parish fringe and, over the last 20-30 years, this area at Wood Green has expanded to form a small industrial estate.

There are two public houses and a garden centre. Smaller businesses range from a care home (Milestones), office premises, a village shop, ladies hairdresser, B&Bs to roadside stalls operating from domestic properties. In total there just over 20 businesses within the Parish. These are in the main, as listed on the Salhouse Village website.

When the Parish Plan was prepared in 2008 Parishioners were generally in favour of limited expansion of business but wanted this to be in keeping with the character of the village; some specifically did not want any further expansion of the existing industrial estate at Wood Green.

Unless there is a specific site to be considered (which would have to pass public approval and landowner consent) there would seem to be little scope for bringing business into the village but some would inevitably follow if the proposals for, for example, a sheltered home or environmental centre near to the broad were to be adopted.

Our policies relating to Business and Employment could protect and enhance the provision of small traditional retail business within the village and ensure that any small scale employment sites are developed in an appropriate way to give a mix of employment and not be in any way be detrimental to the attractiveness of the village. Small scale employment opportunities could be encouraged - especially those that contribute to the social fabric of the village.

In our consideration of a Neighbourhood Plan:

- Should we accept that there is little chance of any increase in employment opportunity within the parish and leave matters as they are?
- Should we encourage any development that may enhance these opportunities? (e.g. sheltered housing, a centre at the broad, serviced office accommodation.)
- Have you any other ideas that might enhance employment opportunity?