Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council carried out a consultation exercise with numerous industrial estates within the Borough. The aim of the consultation was to build upon previous work carried out by the Council which has identified issues within the estates. This consultation sought to gain feedback from businesses on what the key issues are on the estates. The aim of which is to assist the Council in creating an evidence base which it is hoped will assist in helping to overcome some of the issues.

Site Description

Grovelands is around 7ha in size and is located to the west of Junction 3 M6, it is accessed off Longford Road. The estate comprises a variety of industrial buildings dating from the 1960s to the 1980s. The Council's independent research considered that the buildings vary in specification and quality from brick built units with low eave heights and limited loading facilities in average condition to modern steel frame buildings which are generally in better condition. Some buildings have been the subject of recent refurbishment programmes. There is also a two storey office building on the site which is from the inter/post was era of brick construction.

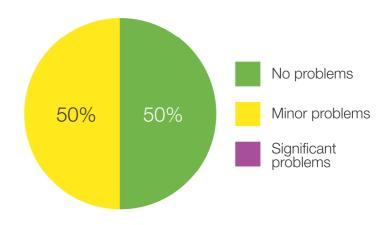
Consultation Response

The Council distributed 25 questionnaires to businesses located at Grovelands. Two questionnaires were returned giving a response rate of 8%.

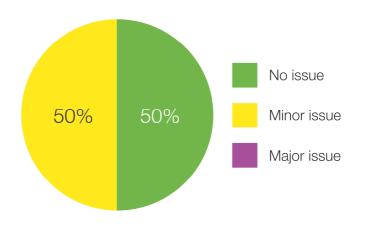
Half of respondents considered the road network immediately around the site to present them/their clients with minor problems. It was stated that the surrounding road network is busy/congested during the evening especially if there is an event at the Ricoh Arena or congestion on the M6.

Half of respondents considered security on the site to be a minor issue. Respondents considered that the top five issues on the site are lack of maintenance of the CCTV system, debris on road from adjoining businesses, congestion leading to access problems and lack of staff car parking. The site's proximity to the M6 was highlighted by respondents as a "good point".

Does the road network, immediately around the industrial estate present you or your clients with any problems?



Do you consider security on the estate to be an issue?



In summary

Accessibility to the estate and security were identified as the key issues within Grovelands Industrial Estate. In taking this forward the Council will seek to focus future work on these areas.

If you wish to be part of any future discussions, or would like to discuss the results further for

Grovelands Industrial Estate

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