

Ringmer Parish Council Newsletter – April 2026

Lewes Local Plan Consultation Feedback

We have received some initial feedback on the responses to the recent consultation process. So far only the responses received on the consultation platform have been processed. Email and letter responses are still being processed. The planning department did stress that they would prefer to receive emails or letters rather than residents not respond.

Across the whole LDC area there were less responses to the consultation than last time, approximately 1000 compared to 1600. Most responses were on the sections concerning site allocation policies and spatial strategy policies. Responses to the site allocation policies were greatest from Ringmer/Broyleside together with Cooksbridge and Seaford.

Final numbers will be shared when all responses have been analysed. The new version of the local plan will be presented mid-summer, a month ahead of the release a commentary of the response summary along with the statutory stakeholder responses.

The planners accepted the criticism of the short length of the Q & A sessions and the various technical issues that were experienced when responding online. They also agreed to allow the wording of the questions in the Regulation 19 consultation process to be seen to ensure clarity.

Regulation 19 consultation is planned for consultation in summer 2026. This will not be seeking further comment on policies. It will contain questions asking if the plan is deed legally compliant, robust and positively prepared.

LDC are still expecting to submit the final plan before the end of the year.

Carols and Bonfire on the Green

The Chairman reported that the Bonfire and Carols event, which took place on the Village Green on 19th December 2025, generated £763.40 through a collection in support of Homelink. Our thanks go to all who attended and contributed to the worthwhile cause.

Compostable Food Waste Bags

We have a small supply of free 'Compostable Food Waste Bags' available for collection from the Parish Council Offices in Old School Close between 10am - 12pm Monday to Thursday.

Picnic on the Green

As spring approaches, preparations are underway for the annual 'Picnic on the Green' event, organised by Ringmer Parish Council in collaboration with local groups and societies.

The Picnic on the Green is scheduled to take place on Bank Holiday Monday, 31 August 2026.