Summary of Business response

60% thought Milton was a good place to run a business

30% of returns were retail outlets

Most businesses had 5 or less employees and lived in Milton and either drove or walked to work

Nearly all thought availability of parking and the poor quality of the road network to be a constraint on the expansion of their business or organisation

55% thought existing sites with planning permission or established use for business be restricted from change of use

40 % thought the demand for their product or services came from within Milton and 15% within 1 mile

Response to what types of new business or organisations should The Neighbourhood Plan support was very mixed

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| Educational | 52.63% |
| Medical & health related | 57.89% |
| Retail outlet; shop etc | 36.84% |
| Public House, café & restaurant | 26.32% |
| Hair & beauty related | 10.63% |
| Leisure & Tourism | 26.32% |
| Manufacturing | 15.38% |
| Building & allied trades | 10.53% |
| Professional, scientific & technical | 15.79% |
| Transport, storage and distribution | 10.53% |
| Service Industry | 26.32% |
| Real Estate | 10.53% |
| Charitable/Social enterprise | 15.79% |

52% supported solar renewable energy  for new development in St James hospital and University sites

Respondents thought the following would encourage more businesses or organisations to locate in Milton

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| Better transport communications and more parking |
| Availability of short term parking |
| Faster roads in and out of Portsmouth |
| Suitable sites with easy parking and transport service |
| Better access via road and permitted parking |
| More readily available space for new business. Financial help from PCC regarding new domestic rates in early stages |
| Modern business park |
| Some businesses depend on staff and custom from outside the area. It follows that the quality of public transport and safety of those wishing to cycle to work is paramount. It would be helpful if small/medium businesses had the opportunity to rent small units and at a reasonable monthly outlay. |
| Better road structure, access thoroughfare. Reconsider another road. From Eastern Road to seafront via shore or at least open up Furze Lane to traffic. Public parking areas (pay and display) match days a problem for customers and so we lose business |
| Remove Tesco outlets, remove traffic grid lock |
| Less traffic, easier parking, which means you should NOT have any more multiples or large giant superstores |
| Cheaper taxes, easier access to the city. |
| Support from the government/council/community |
| Reduce the cost of relocation/rates etc |
| In Locksway Road a restriction on parking on trading hours cars/vans left up to two weeks. Short term parking would be a benefit for old and disabled drivers or passengers in the Area |
| With the development of new housing on St James site (when it happens) gives rise to schooling problems. As we are so limited to the number of infant and junior schools, are there any suggestions of building one? As well as schools, there are not enough dental and Doctors surgeries to accommodate the extra population  |
| I would like to see more allocated parking for home owners with one car. |
| There is an unrealistic and unsustainable obsession with home and house construction within PO4. There are already too few opportunities for local people to make a living here. If more houses are built or more commercial properties converted than the balance will get worse.  |
| Milton Market thrives because it offers a wide variety of goods and services especially the bank and post office. These two organisations are vital in keeping this market going. Without these the market would suffer greatly.  |