

What's this all about and why bother?

**What should happen to the former B&Q site? Do you care what happens to local buildings and jobs?
Do you think something needs to be done on the 'in between lands' between Dacre and Radcliffe Roads?
Would you like access to more allotments? Do you find the pavements narrow and dangerous?**

You can influence these and other similar things by reading the 'Triangle Design Statement' and by responding to this questionnaire. Both of these were written by the Triangle Residents Association and delivered by an active member who lives in, or near, your street. This is **not** a Council Survey, although the Council has provided advice and support.

This kind of thing really does make a difference. In 2003, we designed a community survey and 250 people replied saying they liked the park, the local shops and takeaways, the friendly multicultural community, the good location for the station and the town and the Victorian buildings. You said that the parking, litter, street lighting and traffic speeds were problems. Over the last six years, we used your responses to argue for improvements to traffic and parking. This led to a one-way system, traffic calming and new street lights in Dacre and Radcliffe Roads, a new crossing to the park and in 2009, a permit parking scheme.

Now we are asking how you feel about the historic buildings and open spaces, what concerns you may still have about getting to local facilities and about the effects of traffic. We also want your views on draft policy guidance so that future development is sympathetic to the area. The more people who take the time to respond, the stronger a case we can make on your behalf.

Since 2005, major housing developments have been built on the sites of Rose Cottage (a Victorian villa used as offices) and the F J Warren factory (a site for local employment). Some aspects of these developments were felt to be controversial. When the economy revives, more large development may follow on the former B&Q site and the railway sidings off Nightingale Road.

Although a long time in the writing, the 'Triangle Design Statement' is now ready for consultation. This document makes proposals about what buildings should be protected for historic or community value, what aspects of the area should be changed to improve quality of life and what might be the priorities for any future changes. If there is support for these proposals then the Design Statement will be taken into account when planning applications come forward. The proposals will also be submitted to the County Council Local Transport Plan and NHDC Conservation Area Review.

This document is a draft. It has been written in good faith and we welcome corrections and additions from you. Please let us know what you think. Electronic versions are available at <http://www.hitchintriangle.org> If you have detailed questions or would like to know more about the project please call Susan on 422814. **Forms need to be returned to 18 Verulam Road or comments emailed to consultation@hitchintriangle.org by 30 June 2009.** Results will then be reported back to a residents meeting on September 14. Your responses will be used to produce a final version of the Triangle Design Guide.

Data Protection

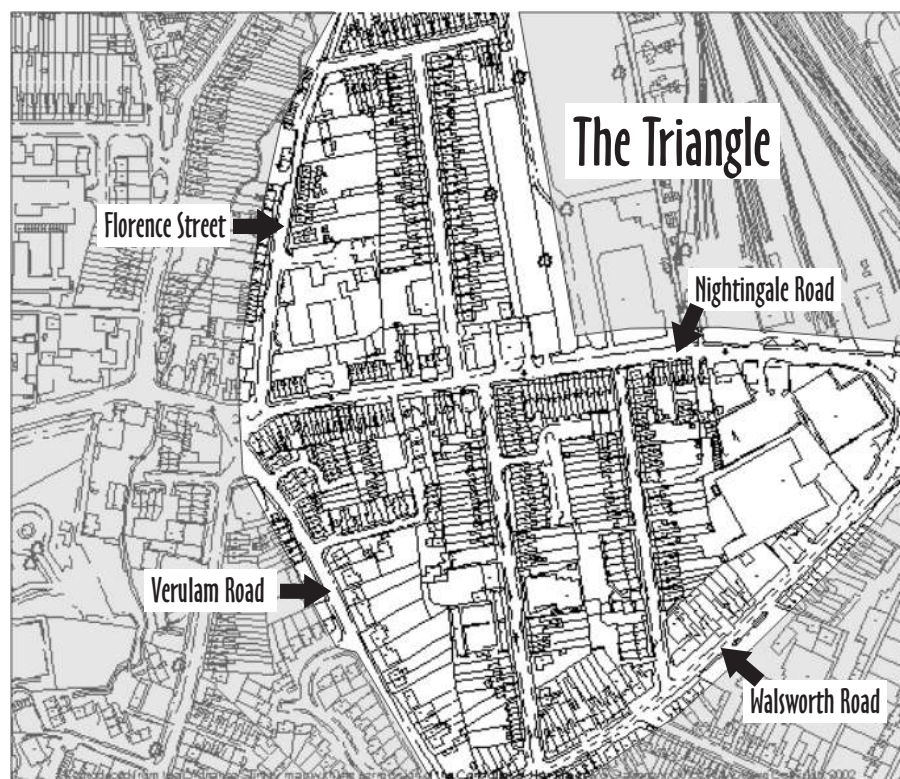
All information will be treated confidentially. Once the data is summarised the individual records will be destroyed. **You do not have to give us your name and we do not need your house-number for your views to be included.**

What if I need another form?

You are not limited to one form per household. Every person's views count. The report and this form are available at www.hitchintriangle.org

I don't live here, can I respond?

Yes! Whether you are local firms, shoppers, worshippers, station commuters, using the area for local travel or recreation or local history experts please tell us what you think of the design statement.



Street	House N° & Name (optional)
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1 How long have you lived or worked in the Triangle?

2 What do you like most about living or working in this area?

3 And what do you like least?

4 Do you use local shops and businesses? For example:

<input type="checkbox"/> Takeaways / Fish & Chip Shop	<input type="checkbox"/> S&K / Nightingale Stores	<input type="checkbox"/> Vets Surgery	<input type="checkbox"/> Pubs / Restaurant	<input type="checkbox"/> Esso
<input type="checkbox"/> Motor Trade / Garages	<input type="checkbox"/> Furniture Shop	<input type="checkbox"/> Other.....		

We are very interested in what you think about major changes in the area in particular any large developments which might be built in the future.

5 Do you have any favourite landmarks that you really like in the Triangle? These could be buildings, gardens, trees or street views which make the area stand out for you.

Please return this questionnaire to 18 Verulam Road by 30th June or if you don't want to use this form, please email your views to consultation@hitchintriangle.org

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6 As ways of improving the area would you like to see:-

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A community garden with residents only parking between Dacre & Radcliffe Roads. | <input type="checkbox"/> Wider pavements - where?..... | <input type="checkbox"/> Recycling Facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential 20mph zones? | <input type="checkbox"/> Better street lighting - where? | <input type="checkbox"/> Floral planting & trees? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enforcement of speed limits | <input type="checkbox"/> More litter bins - where?..... | <input type="checkbox"/> Places to sit & seating |

Do you have any other ideas?

7 Vehicle use? How many vehicles are used by residents of your home?

- Cars Vans Motorbikes Bicycles Prams Wheelchairs Do you hold a disabled parking badge?

8 Are there aspects of the traffic on roads in the Triangle which cause you concern?

9 Which modern buildings in the Triangle do you like most and why?

Please only choose from buildings in the Triangle (see map on page 4).

10 Are there any buildings in the Triangle you would demolish if you could! Why?

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11 What new facilities, amenities or services would you like to see provided locally to make your life better?

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12 The Triangle Design Statement has a section on Building Design. These questions ask for your views on what kind of buildings you would like to see in the area. Please tick one option for each question.

How important do you think it is to protect and preserve local Victorian buildings?

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Very important indeed | Moderately important | Unsure or don't care | Not very important | Totally unimportant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

In general what do you think about building more blocks of flats in this area?

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| Very strongly against | Moderately against | Unsure or don't care | Moderately in favour | Very strongly in favour |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

How do you feel about gated communities, where there is no public access?

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| Very strongly against | Moderately against | Unsure or don't care | Moderately in favour | Very strongly in favour |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If the old B&Q building is demolished, what would you like to see built in its place?

13 Taking the wider view, if you had a magic wand, what would you most like to see protected or changed in the Triangle for the benefit of your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren?

You may like to refer to ideas in the Triangle Design Statement but please also feel free to include **any local issues** that you feel strongly about.

**Thanks for your time and kind assistance with this survey.
You can also email consultation@hitchintriangle.org**

