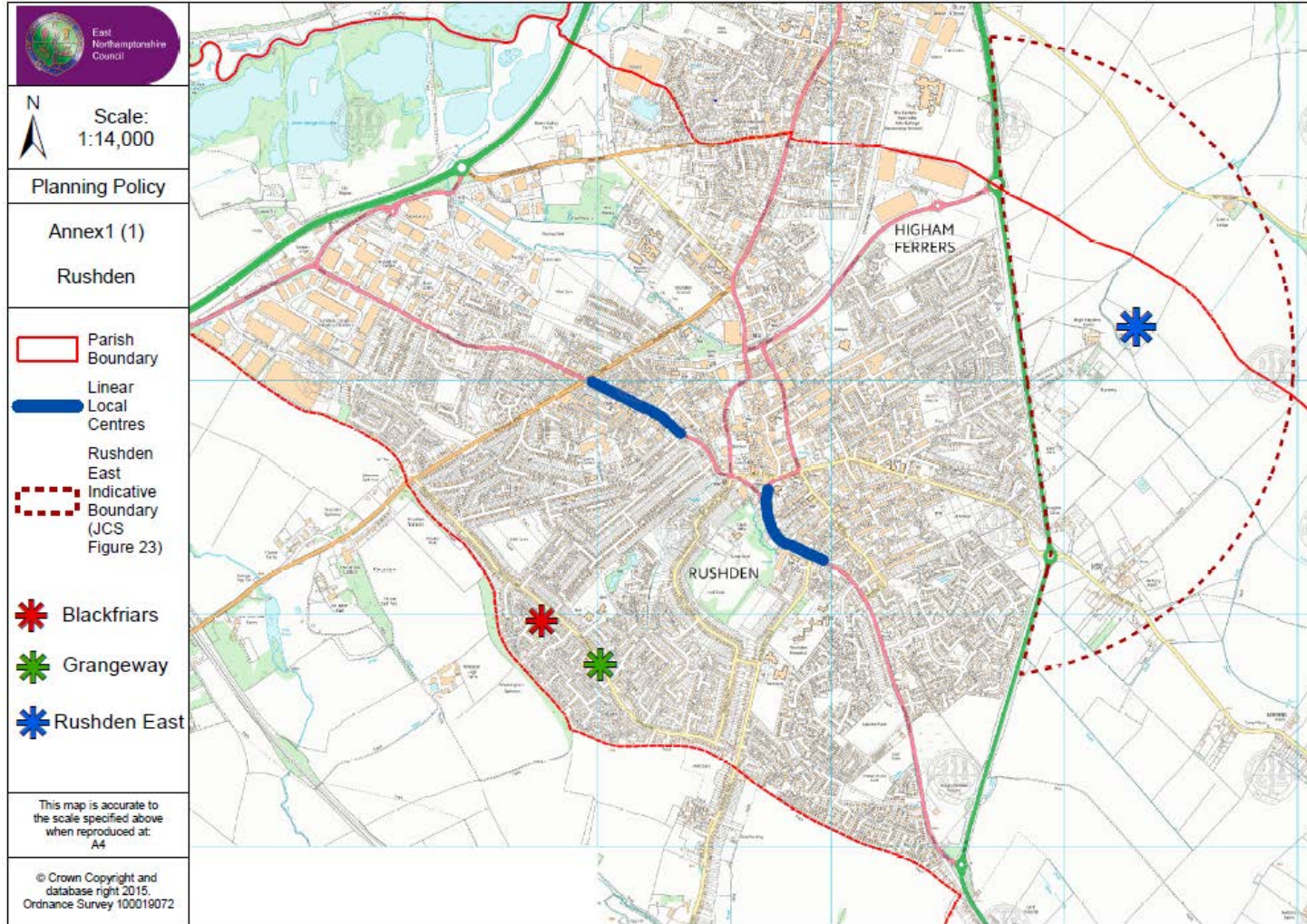


# Rushden Town Centre Monitoring (Local Centres)

February 2019



As per previous monitoring and the Local Plan Part 2 out of town “local centres” have been identified in Rushden. These “local centres” consist of **High Street South (South), Wellingborough Road (West), Blackfriars** and **Grangeway**. These local amenities provide invaluable service to the surrounding communities and provide residents with an alternative option instead of travelling into the centre of town. As of January 2019 71 units were identified, the below information provides further breakdown of occupancy. This number has reduced significantly from previous years due to being particularly strict with the locations of “local centres” as per policy (hence Newton Road has been removed). Any locations that are predominantly residential or industrial have been excluded.

Use Class	Total (High Street South)		Total (Wellingborough Road)		Total (Blackfriars)		Total (Grangeway)	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
A1	7	30.43%	10	25.00%	2	40.00%	3	33.33%
A2	1	4.35%	4	10.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
A3	1	4.35%	1	2.50%	0	0.00%	1	11.11%
A4	2	8.70%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
A5	2	8.70%	5	12.50%	2	40.00%	3	33.33%
B1	1	4.35%	1	2.50%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
B2	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
C1	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
C3	0	0.00%	6*	15.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
D1	3	13.04%	2	5.00%	1	20.00%	0	0.00%
D2	1	4.35%	1	2.50%	0	0.00%	1	11.11%
Sui Generis	3	13.04%	8	20.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Vacant	2	8.70%	2	5.00%	0	0.00%	1	11.11%
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

\*This figure represents the conversion of the former Public House to 6 one-bed flats

Using the most recent information from Raunds' Retail Survey (2013) it is possible to highlight some of the major changes to the local centres:

**Wellingborough Road**

- Rushden Graphics Company (luvaSelfie) no longer occupy the Unit on Wellingborough road (behind 133 -135 Wellingborough Road). This is now occupied by Light a Fire Wood.
- 3 units remain vacant – 126 Wellingborough Road, 182 Wellingborough Road, 206 Wellingborough Road
- County Fires Services now occupy 204 Wellingborough Road

**Grangeway**

- The Bakehouse has returned at 167 Grangeway
- Co-op Food now occupies the previously vacant Public House unit
- 169 remains vacant