



THE LOCAL PLAN

SUMMER 2017

Introduction

Now is your chance to have your say on the revised Draft Local Plan before it is submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.

This stage of the consultation is more technical but we'd still encourage you to take part. Just visit www.braintree.gov.uk or come along to one of our events (details on the back of this leaflet).

Where are we now and what happens next?

Next step for the Braintree District Local Plan...



THE LOCAL PLAN

WHY ARE LOCAL PLANS IMPORTANT?

- Local Plans are at the heart of the planning system, so it is essential that they are in place and kept up-to-date.
- Local Plans set out a vision and a framework for the future development of the area. They also allocate sites for housing and employment.
- Local Plans, together with any neighbourhood plans that have been made, are the starting point for considering whether planning applications can be approved.

For more information visit: www.gov.uk and search Local Plan

THIS NEXT STAGE OF THE CONSULTATION IS IN TWO SECTIONS:

SECTION ONE

The first section is a strategic plan for North Essex which we have worked on with Colchester & Tendring to provide a strategic vision of growth throughout North Essex

This part is where you can comment on Garden Communities

SECTION TWO

The second section relates to sites for development, housing, employment, regeneration solely in the Braintree District

WHAT HAPPENED AFTER LAST YEAR'S CONSULTATION?

- In Summer 2016 we received **3,095 comments** as part of our draft local plan consultation process, making it the largest planning consultation the Council has ever held.
- We have made a number of changes taking into account the feedback received and we now have a Publication Draft Local Plan.

THANKS FOR YOUR FEEDBACK

GARDEN COMMUNITIES

Work has been taking place alongside the Local Plan process to explore the creation of new 'Garden Communities' in the district. This could see two holistically planned new communities which would grow over time, helping to meet the housing needs of future generations. The principle of these developments will be set out in the Local Plan, with the detail coming forward as part of a later site specific document.

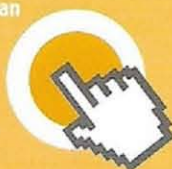
While these plans are at an early stage, an initial concept workshop has taken place, giving parish councils and interest groups the opportunity to give their thoughts on what a new community in the west of the district would require and the characteristics it might have. A further event will take place for the Braintree/Colchester border site later in the year. The results of the workshop can be found on the North Essex Garden Communities website www.ne-gc.co.uk coming soon. It is also available via www.braintree.gov.uk/publicationdraftlp

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MAKE YOUR REPRESENTATIONS BEFORE IT GOES TO THE PLANNING INSPECTOR

WHY SHOULD I COMMENT?

The Local Plan is an important document which will help shape development in the Braintree District between now and 2033. Everyone living, working or visiting the district will be affected by it – and our consultation is open to all. This will be the **LAST CHANCE** to make changes to the Publication Draft Local Plan before it goes to the Planning Inspectorate.



THIS SEEMS VERY TECHNICAL / WHY CAN'T I JUST TELL YOU WHAT I THINK?

This consultation is all about whether our Publication Draft Local Plan is sound.

Soundness is explained in paragraph 182 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which you can find on www.gov.uk and search for 'NPPF'.

As a local planning authority we have to submit a plan for examination which is considered "sound" – namely that it is positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy.

HOW CAN I RESPOND TO THE CONSULTATION?

The quickest and easiest way to read the Publication Draft Local Plan and to provide your feedback is via our website: www.braintree.gov.uk/publicationdraftlp

You can also:

- Pick up a consultation form from Causeway House reception or your local library and return it to: The Planning Policy Team, Causeway House, Bocking End, Braintree, Essex CM7 9HB
- Or email us here: localplan@braintree.gov.uk

SUBMIT YOUR FEEDBACK

16TH JUNE UNTIL 5PM ON THE 28TH JULY 2017
www.braintree.gov.uk/publicationdraftlp