



**LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (LDF) – PUBLIC CONSULTATION REPORT**

**Agenda Item 7.**

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**Background Papers:** LDF Questionnaire responses  
**Financial Implications:** Costs of Ldf preparation are being met from base budget and from planning delivery grant  
**Equalities Implications:** Addressed as part of Ldf preparation  
**Legal Implications:** None  
**Options:** The Council is required to use the results of public consultation to inform Ldf preparation. There are no other options.  
  
**Risks:** The Council will need to demonstrate that it has carried out consultation in accordance with the regulations and with the Statement of Community Involvement. Failure to do so runs the risk of failing the test of soundness.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report summarises the outcome of the public consultation to date on the local development framework and the review of the Community Strategy. This will inform the preparation of the local development framework, particularly the next stage, the preparation of an Issues and Options document.

**DECISION**

1. That the findings of the public consultation be used to inform the preparation of the next stages of the local development framework and the review of the Community Strategy.

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**Report on Public Consultation**

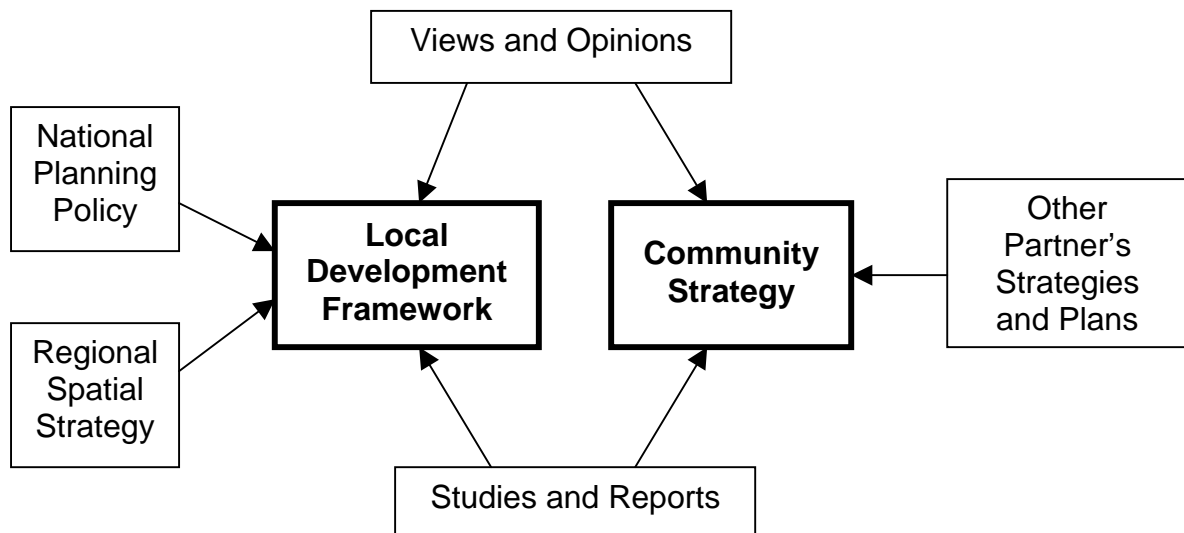
**The Future of Braintree District  
2021 and beyond**

**Introduction**

1. This report summarises the findings of consultation events and activities undertaken between June and November 2006. This report is in two parts. The first part summarises the outcome of the various consultation events that were held in 2006. The second part summarises the responses to the questionnaire and leaflet that were distributed to all residents and businesses in the District in October 2006. The consultation gathered the views and opinions of key stakeholders and the wider community to inform the pre-production stage of the Core Strategy of the Local Development Framework and to update the Community Strategy of Braintree District. The information in this report is one of many factors that will influence the production of these documents as shown in the diagram below:

The **Core Strategy** of the **Local Development Framework** sets out a long term ‘spatial vision’ for the district and a set of objectives and strategic policies to deliver that vision.

The **Community Strategy** is a statement of overall objectives, priorities and actions for the district.



## The Consultation Methods

2. The Statement of Community Involvement sets out how the community of Braintree District must be informed, involved and consulted on the preparation of the Local Development Framework documents. There is no equivalent document which sets out community involvement requirements for the Community Strategy although government guidance requires it to be based on community needs and aspirations.

3. The consultation comprised a series of events and a questionnaire (sent to every household in the district). The timetable was as follows:

Activity	Date	Target Group
Members Seminar	01/06/06	District Councillors
Witham Area Seminar	08/06/06	Parish Councillors and Community / Voluntary / Special Interest Groups
Halstead Area Seminar	21/06/06	
Braintree Area Seminar	28/06/06	
Alec Hunter School	26/06/06	
Tabor Science College	17/07/06	Special Interest Group (young people)
Transport Partnership Board	29/06/06	Consultees (Partner Organisations)
Cultural Partnership Board	20/07/06	
Economic Development Partnership Board	10/07/06	Consultees (Partner Organisations), Businesses/ Developers and Agents
Agents & Developers Seminar	12/09/06	
Braintree Foyer workshop	11/09/06	Special Interest (disadvantaged)
Household Questionnaire	October	General Public
Local Strategic Partnership Executive meeting	08/11/06	Consultees (Partner Organisations)

4. A total of **1713** people returned completed questionnaires and **263** attended the seminars and workshops.

The profile of the people that attended the workshops is as follows:

Event	Representing
65	Elected Members (Parish/Town Council and Local Authority)
47	Voluntary and Community interests
21	House builders, developers, planning consultants and agents
18	Public service providers (statutory organisations and utilities)
22	Business interests
84	Special Interest Groups (youth and disadvantaged)
6	General Public
263	<b>TOTAL</b>

<b>Event</b>	<b>Living In</b>
147	Braintree Area
51	Halstead Area
31	Witham Area
34	Outside the District
263	<b>TOTAL</b>

<b>Event</b>	<b>Age</b>
0	0 - 11
66	12 - 17
16	18 - 24
31	25 - 44
74	45 – 59
59	60 – 74
13	Over 74
4	Undisclosed
263	<b>TOTAL</b>

<b>Event</b>	<b>Gender</b>
157	Male
104	Female
2	Undisclosed
263	<b>TOTAL</b>

<b>Event</b>	<b>Ethnicity</b>
2	Black
1	Asian
0	Chinese
2	Mixed
231	White
1	Other
26	Undisclosed
263	<b>TOTAL</b>

<b>Event</b>	<b>Disability</b>
21	Yes
239	No
3	Undisclosed
263	<b>TOTAL</b>

<b>Event</b>	<b>Economic Activity</b>
92	Employed Full Time
23	Employed Part Time
9	Seeking Employment
53	Retired
12	Voluntary Worker
62	Student
9	Other
3	Undisclosed
263	<b>TOTAL</b>

The profile of the people returning the questionnaires is as follows:

### **Question 1 - Gender**

Male	741	43%
Female	893	52%
Not Specified	65	4%
Multiple Individuals	14	1%
Total	1713	100%

### **Question 2 – Age**

0-10	0	0%
11-17	5	0%
18-24	27	2%
25-44	389	23%
45-59	549	32%
60-74	531	31%
75+	158	9%
Not Specified	40	2%
Multiple Individuals	14	1%
Total	1713	100%

### **Question 3 - Do you have a disability?**

Yes	187	11%
No	1352	79%
Not Specified	160	9%

**Question 4 - How would you describe your ethnic origin?**

White British	1581	92%
White Irish	15	1%
White & Black Caribbean	1	0%
White & Black African	0	0%
White & Asian	3	0%
Indian	4	0%
Pakistani	0	0%
Bangladeshi	0	0%
Caribbean	6	0%
African	1	0%
Chinese	1	0%
Other	47	3%
Not Specified	40	2%
Multiple Individuals	14	1%
Total	1713	100%

5. The timetable of events, target groups included, and the profile of participants demonstrate that the consultation methods have satisfied the requirements of the Statement of Community Involvement in respect of the Pre-Production stage (Stage A) of the Core Strategy.

**Structure of this report**

Section A summarises the findings of the consultation events

Section B summarises the findings of the household questionnaire

## SECTION A

### Vision for the Future

1. Participants were invited to vote for their top three priorities for 2021 and beyond. The results were as follows:

Objective	Votes
Improve public transport	98
Increase energy efficiency	53
Improve leisure and recreation opportunities	49
Improve policing and community safety	46
Provide good quality affordable housing	42
Improve sports facilities	37
Improve training opportunities	34
Provide local employment opportunities	30
Provide services locally to reduce the need to travel	29
Improve educational facilities and skills levels	26
Support independent retailers and improve the variety of shops	23
Improve road infrastructure	21
Create an integrated, tolerant community	21
Preserve the landscape and green spaces	19
Create sustainable communities through sustainable design	18
Improve care for the elderly	17
Improve rail infrastructure	13
Provide a local hospital	12
Reduce waste and increase recycling	11
Build some small scale housing developments in smaller settlements	10
Provide car parking at stations and in town centres	9
Improve partnership working	9
Provide more varied employment opportunities	8
Provide an arts venue and more arts opportunities	7
Provide housing benefit for people 16-25 if in full time education	7
Preserve our heritage	7
Provide park and ride	7
Improve the cycle network	7
Create vibrant town and village centres	7
More autonomy/devolved responsibility/less govt legislation	7
Build more hotels	5
Legalised cannabis	5
Provide more jobs for under 14s	5
Provide support centres for young parents	5
Improve mobility for elderly around towns	5

2. The votes cast by young people aged 12 – 17 had a significant impact on the results. This age group accounted for 25% of participants and their votes focused on public transport (45 of the 98 votes), Sports facilities (36 of the 37 votes), policing and community safety (28 of the 46 votes), leisure and recreation (12 of the 49 votes), training (13 of the 34 votes) and educational facilities (9 of the 26 votes; specifically for a University in the district). The votes cast by young disadvantaged people aged 18 – 24 focused on training (10 of the 34 votes), leisure and recreation (12 of the 49 votes), affordable housing (8 of the 42 votes) and highlighted some specific needs i.e. housing benefit for 16-25 year olds in full time education (all 7 votes) and a drop in centre / support for young parents (all 5 votes). No votes were cast by young people for energy efficiency even though this is the second highest priority overall.

3. The priorities highlighted by the front loading events was presented to the executive board of the Local Strategic Partnership in November accompanied by a report from Cambridge Econometrics on three possible visions for the district. The visions are:

- 1. Business as Usual** where growth in housing outstrips growth in employment, low wage levels are paid locally, people employed locally are priced out of the housing market and high levels of commuting continues;
- 2. A Focus on Leisure, Heritage and Nature** where there are high quality leisure and recreation facilities, a cultural centre, excellent transport links, an attractive rural environment, specialist shops and outlets to attract affluent consumers;
- 3. Where Ideas Take Shape** with a strong knowledge driven economy and high quality jobs reducing out commuting, excellent communication links, new business parks, improved skills provision and training and attractive career opportunities for young people.

4. The PACT partners agreed that the culture, leisure and economic priorities highlighted by the consultation events could be met by a mix of Visions 2 and 3. It was feared that Vision 2 would generate increased traffic and congestion in the district. This could possibly be minimised if the aspirations for improved public transport, and improved road and rail infrastructure are met.

5. Partners acknowledged the needs of young people and also recognised that different areas of the district may require their own 'vision' to meet local needs. It was felt important that the agreed vision for Braintree District is practical and achievable and not 'pie-in-the-sky'.

## Achievement of the vision

1. Participants were invited to suggest ways to achieve their vision priorities. The options agreed as 'preferred' during the consultation events are outlined below, starting with the objective that attracted the highest number of votes:

### Improve public transport

Improve the bus/coach park off Victoria St	Bus / Coach Park
Make buses 'fashionable' and linking with commuter trains. Bus fares affordable	Co-ordinate providers
Rail, cycle and walkways as the preferred method of transportation	Co-ordinate providers
Comprehensive integrated public transport	Co-ordinate providers
Improve liaison between local transport providers to link up connections	Co-ordinate providers
Learn from towns/countries that have achieved success in public transport	Co-ordinate providers
Establish an overall transport plan for the district with 'joined-up thinking' between national, county and district	Co-ordinate providers
Publicly owned and controlled public transport at a minimal cost to the user; frequent and available in urban and rural areas	Cost
More free and cheap local transport	Cost
Nationwide travel plan – inexpensive public transport to encourage car users to leave the car at home	Cost
Public transport needs to enable the young and elderly to be part of the community	Cost
Put a subsidised, reliable, regular and fast public transport system in place	Cost
Reduction in public transport charges to encourage less use of cars	Cost
Give incentives for people to travel to work using public transport	Cost
Provide cheap convenient and 'well placed' public transport	Cost
More community bus schemes	CT schemes
Ensure / Increase funding for community transport schemes	CT schemes
Accessible public transport for mobility impaired people	Disabled
Significant, consistent funding by central govt essential	Funding
Better transport hubs in villages with on demand services	Links
Improve the public transport links to the north of Braintree from the south and west	Links
Public transport between Halstead, Braintree and Witham to improve local link	Links
Better use of Freeport as a transport hub. Drive there and use trains	Links
Improve bus services from towns to nearby villages	Links
An integrated transport system: provision of car parks at the source of public transport.	Links
Improve public transport links; create better nodal links e.g. at station car parks to allow change from one type of transport to another	Links
Sensible priced car park at Stansted to allow use of train in to London on a day basis	Links
Larger villages should have some key facilities. Ok for facilities to be in urban areas provided there is public transport or community transport from the surrounding villages	Links

More rural buses for residents to access facilities in the larger villages or towns	Links
Better transport links between main towns and villages	Links
Direct bus services to Broomfield Hospital – minibus or car that can be booked	Links
£106 transport pot per dwelling	New housing
All new housing developments to have a viable bus service for access to a service centre	New housing
'Drop and Ride' facilities for schools to reduce journeys direct to school sites	Park and ride
Consider ways of getting people out of cars e.g. park and ride – more locally rather than town wide	Park and ride
Introduce perimeter parking around the town and a shuttle bus system at subsidised cost	Park and ride
Reliable trains for commuters	Rail
Lobby DfT rail to incorporate improved services on the Braintree branch line within the Great Eastern Rail franchise	Rail
Change terms of rail franchises to encourage better services ( <i>5 votes for this as a preferred idea and 3 votes for this as a lower priority</i> )	Rail
Make public transport more flexible – look for quality not quantity – make sure journeys are frequent and flexible	Timetables
Make public transport reliable, cost effective and available when required; encourage greater use	Timetables
Improve public transport to be high quality, environmentally friendly and reliable	Timetables
Joined up approach to bus schedules	Timetables
Redirect bus routes to ensure maximum use at peak times	Timetables

In addition there were the following suggestions regarding availability of services and facilities to minimise travel.

Change business rates to give a more favourable climate to small shop keepers so decreasing travel to shopping
Reduce the number of 'out of town' shopping centres and concentrate retail in town centres
No out of town shopping centres
Have shops in towns and villages and discourage out of town shops so people can walk to the shops
Local shopping centres to be improved to encourage less travel
Encourage people to live in the town where they work so they can leave the car at home
More local employment to reduce commuting
Home work/live units to reduce the need to travel
More work from home provision
Make broadband available at lowest cost to facilitate home working
Provide more secondary schools, smaller in size to decrease school transport journeys
Provide local facilities for local people - extended schools going in the right direction
Provide more accessible local facilities and activities to reduce travelling
Larger villages could be developed as hubs for other villages to avoid too much travelling to urban leisure facilities
Educate people to think about not using cars unnecessarily without any sticks or carrots
Development to suit travelling
Consider transport implications for large scale developments / house planning
Land use planning employment/housing/shopping

Developments should ensure they have considered infrastructure links
Location of development must relate to transport links; it is the only way to tempt people out of their cars

## Increase energy efficiency

Encourage energy saving by better building design and more use of community transport	Design
A district wide innovative eco education programme to improve awareness, encourage debate and incorporate into future developments	Education
Get youth involved in 'green' subjects	Education
Encourage alternative sources of energy especially locally to reduce dependence on fossil fuels	Fuel
Use bio-fuel for local public transport	Fuel
Tax cars by size of engine. Tax breaks for low energy cars	Fuel
Electric or non-carbon fuel public transport. Size of buses to suit demand	Fuel
Government tax on aviation fuel	Fuel
Promote low emission, efficient vehicles. Biofuel	Fuel
Promote alternative energy-powered transport	Fuel
Govt incentives to encourage home owners and councils to install thermal heating (present cost £10,000)	Housing
Energy efficiency in older housing	Housing
Housing built to Ideal Homes Standard using (where applicable) renewable materials and be energy efficient	Housing
Strict criteria for conservation of energy and water recycling	Housing
Policies to encourage energy efficiency / sustainable energy	Housing
Encourage improvement to energy efficiency in existing housing	Housing
Improve energy efficiency; actively encourage use of solar panels, grants for existing buildings and compulsory on new buildings.	Housing
All new buildings to have a pre set level of renewable energy (national standard) with financial incentives for existing buildings	New development
Policies to enforce developers to build sustainable buildings (water, fuel)	New development
Minimum standards for all new homes in terms of energy efficiency	New development
New buildings to include renewable energy	New development
Actively promote renewables by including standards in planning requirements	New development
Promote renewables by enforcing supplementary planning guidance	New development
Financial encouragement to make houses energy efficient. Perhaps financial penalties for energy waste?	Penalties
More use of wind generators – govt grants and easier planning requirements to enable wind turbines to be erected	Wind
Create a network of wind turbines to provide power	Wind
Revise planning rules for homeowners wishing to utilise alternative energy i.e. wind turbines if they will not impinge on other people's lives	Wind
Greater concentration of wind and solar power	Wind and solar
Grants for solar energy	Solar

## Improve leisure and recreation opportunities

Set up steering group to progress multi-purpose arts/theatre/conference centre	Arts facilities
Feasibility study for arts centre including consideration of location, public transport links and use by widest possible range of the community	Arts facilities
Build new arts venue	Arts facilities
Increase staffing of cultural services dept to implement improved culture and leisure facilities and give more assistance to voluntary / amateur groups working in the field of arts and leisure	Arts facilities
Increase incentives to parish councils to promote art and leisure activities and facilities	Arts facilities
A clear classification of leisure activities – rural pursuits, passive leisure, formal sports, informal sports/activities, urban based provision, rurally acceptable facilities etc	Classification
Sell off less suitable venues and integrate centrally to decrease overheads and running costs	Community Halls
Halls and parking to reflect population growth (double the population, double the facilities)	Community Halls
New housing should be accompanied by multi-purpose halls, suitable for hire for events and also for doctors etc	Community Halls
Make better use of village halls by making them multi-purpose e.g. internet, café, badminton, 5-a-side football	Community Halls
More leisure activities for the aging population	Elderly
Activity groups for the elderly e.g. exercise groups	Elderly
Encourage street parties (e.g. started neighbourhood watch, Christmas lights, Guy Fawkes, BBQ)	Events
Develop leisure facilities to fully meet the needs of all members of society – flexible to meet new leisure trends	Flexible Use
A sharing of facilities across the district	Flexible Use
Secure provision of recreational / cultural activities	Funding
S106 money for building of leisure and arts centres – not just cycle routes and community halls	Funding
Protect provision in rural areas – funding for PCs to maintain and increase facilities	Funding
Existing facilities will be used and must be fully maintained and updated	Maintenance
New culture and leisure facilities incorporating new technology for both the younger & older residents	New technology
Market and promote leisure facilities, history, arts at Stansted, London and on internet	Promotion
Encourage greater use of public facilities i.e. parks, sports halls, village halls, churches	Promotion
In rural areas where there is no recreation ground, give grant money to buy land from a local farmer and provide play area for children	Open spaces
New housing estates to include sufficient green areas. More play facilities for the young	Open spaces
More open space within housing development	Open spaces
Sufficient open spaces in new development. Safeguard existing	Open spaces
Linear parks / river side walks from towns to village links	Open spaces
Public open spaces scrutinised for existing and future uses	Open spaces

Increase public amenity space in line with development of the area and demands of residents	Open spaces
Green spaces strategy across district – make green areas accessible to all	Open spaces
Make sure that there are green spaces and play areas within new housing development	Open spaces
Preserve green space – strict planning controls to prevent development	Open spaces
Create more green areas of sun tolerant plants	Open spaces
Creation of reservoirs to link watersports, nature reserves and flood provision	Reservoirs
Support farm businesses to diversify into leisure i.e. outdoor centres, new Halls ? Halls	Rural diversification
Convert redundant barns into arts venues	Rural diversification
Support village and parish sports clubs through training and education – teach the next generation in the villages to help sustain the club	Sustaining volunteers
More support for volunteers – make loans / grants to support the aims of the LA; partnership agreements	Sustaining volunteers
Leisure for under 8s – protection from older children vandalising because of lack of youth resources	Youth
Provide play equipment for under 5s within a short distance of all homes	Youth
Consider needs of youth – venues and access	Youth
Establish the needs of youth	Youth
Purpose built play areas in all rural communities	Youth

### Improve Policing and Community Safety

Put police back on the streets. More police on the beat
Address policing in rural areas with the same attention as urban. Because an area is rural it doesn't mean there is no crime.
Provide regular police patrols in rural areas and cut response times
Local community police
More local police who know the area and people
More community policemen to patrol at night in towns and villages

### Provide Good Quality Affordable Housing

Build homes for £60k and sell at cost.	Building Programme
To increase the stock of affordable housing, allow council rented building program to commence	Building Programme
Clusters of residential units to have a community feel with individuality	Community
Help for elderly / disabled in large or unsuitable properties to move to somewhere more suitable	Elderly/Vulnerable
Increase stock of sheltered accommodation and bungalows for aging population. Build these near facilities relevant to the elderly. Shops, surgeries etc	Elderly/Vulnerable
Provision of supported housing to ensure needs of the vulnerable are catered for.	Elderly/Vulnerable
All affordable housing should be adaptable for the elderly and disabled	Elderly/Vulnerable
Greater partnership with RSLs to achieve housing needs for minority groups (young people, learning difficulties, disabled etc)	Elderly/Vulnerable
Use old barns to make new properties rather than just building on plots	Empty property

Unused sites or buildings to be put to use by converting or building accommodation for young people in a safe environment	Empty property
Powers to bring property empty for long periods into use	Empty property
Affordable housing to be as 'green' as possible to enable low income families to run their homes as economically as possible	Energy efficiency
A clear strategic plan that has identified housing need on an area by area basis	Housing need
Low impact social housing developed in rural areas	Rural
Affordable houses provided particularly in villages where normal houses are of such a high price as to prohibit young people buying	Rural
Limited but necessary affordable houses in and around villages	Rural
Increase stock of affordable housing – siting rules to be relaxed if necessary (extend envelope)	Rural
Give social housing providers the opportunity to build good quality affordable housing	Standards
Bring social housing up to standard (minister has stated there is 42 billion available for councils)	Standards
Encourage rental / part ownership property to be built by private groups / public groups and private industry	Tenure
All new developments over 10 homes to include an affordable content (i.e. in excess of the current requirement re 25 homes)	Thresholds
Affordable housing quota to be at least 35% in sites with over 12 properties	Thresholds
All new housing development should include a % of affordable housing for local people as a condition of planning decisions	Thresholds
Affordable housing for single people and young people	Young and single

## Improve Sports Facilities

A new accessible swimming pool in Witham
Sporting facilities to be upgraded greatly
Build first class sports facilities to promote all sports for young and old population
More sports centres / More sports clubs and things to do
More sports; cricket, football, basketball, rugby, golf, rounders, tennis
Need more football fields / Playing fields out of town
Need trampoline centres
Rugby club in Silver End
The cost of sports / Make things cheaper e.g. cinema, bowling
Indoor sports to do; table tennis, badminton
More bowling lanes
Better skate park / Extend skatepark
Better football facilities
Astro turf pitch / Astro should be free to use
New goal posts at Fisher Field
More shooting / clay shooting places
Golf club
Baseball club
Outside swimming pool for summer
Improve swimming pool
Tennis Club

## Improve Training Opportunities

Basic skills training in the workplace ( <i>agreed important but 2 are concerned about practicalities of delivery</i> )	Basic skills
City and Guilds	City and guilds
Braintree College expansion to enable increased training in trades ( <i>considered important but some concern about demand for courses and methods of work delivery</i> )	College
Incentives / support for local employers to train their staff	Employers
Promote skills training to employers	Employers
Incentivise employers to support more training of employees	Employers
Workplace training to be supported and encouraged	Employers
Tax benefits to support workplace training	Employers
More funding for more ESOL courses for migrant workers	Migrant workers
Improve access to training courses for all – meet the needs of those in rural areas. Transport?	Rural areas
An education strategy to provide potential employers with skilled talent pool in the area. not just about A levels; need to include apprenticeships, NVQs, trades	Trades
Ensure training is available for tradesmen; plumbers etc	Trades
More training given	
Provide students with greater exposure to workplace opportunities	Work experience
Longer periods of work based training to be offered to 15 – 18 age groups	Work experience

**NOTE: This preferred options exercise was not undertaken by young people in the school workshops. Their suggestions for training were as follows:**

University in Braintree
Better college
Sports college for all ages
Specific colleges for sport, art, science etc with varied courses at age 14
Work experience for all years – one day per month for example
More varied work experience
Help for people who would like to do voluntary work for experience and college
Have more voluntary work with disabled people
Free travel for work experience
More places for careers advice from local companies
New courses
More jobs for younger people and training for jobs at an early age
More places to do work experience
More places to train for certain jobs e.g. police / Job specific training
Help for people aged 19-25 who want to go into full time education
Have free part-time courses for 19-25s who want another qualification
Have opportunities for people to get 'experience' so they can apply for jobs
Have more places where you can find out about education for over 19s
Have a Connexions service that works with over 19s
Have opportunities to work with people who have disabilities
More educational options at a reasonable price, maybe free

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## SECTION B

### Findings of the Household Questionnaire

The LDF Questionnaire was sent out, in the Contact Magazine, to every household in the District in Autumn 2006. A total of 1713 questionnaires were returned, which will provide valuable information for the preparation of the LDF and suggestions for future improvements to the District. The questions and comments are intended to feed into both the LDF and the Community Strategy and therefore cover issues in addition to planning. Specific requests and comments will be passed on to relevant departments and other authorities where appropriate.

Residents were asked to respond by either strongly agreeing, (SA), agreeing (A), disagreeing (D) or strongly disagreeing (SD) to statements relating to existing and future facilities and issues in the District. The answers to questions 7a and b are listed at the end of this section of the report.

#### HEALTH & SAFETY IN YOUR COMMUNITY

##### Statement 1 - My neighbourhood is a safe place to live

SA	374	21.8%
<b>A</b>	<b>1034</b>	<b>60.4%</b>
D	218	12.7%
SD	45	2.6%
Not Specified	41	2.4%
Multiple Options	1	0.1%
	1713	100.0%

##### Statement 2 - There is enough on-the-beat policing

SA	34	2.0%
A	218	12.7%
<b>D</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>48.0%</b>
<b>SD</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>35.0%</b>
Not Specified	37	2.2%
Multiple Options	1	0.1%
	1713	100.0%

##### Statement 3 - There are enough leisure & sports facilities to encourage everyone to be active

SA	131	7.6%
<b>A</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>47.6%</b>
D	550	32.1%
SD	180	10.5%
Not Specified	37	2.2%
Multiple Options	0	0.0%
	1713	100.0%

##### Statement 4 - Health services meet the needs of everyone in the district

SA	67	3.9%
A	562	32.8%
<b>D</b>	<b>628</b>	<b>36.7%</b>
<b>SD</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>23.8%</b>
Not Specified	46	2.7%
Multiple Options	2	0.1%
	1713	100.0%

**Statement 5 - In the future, people will be more likely to get involved with their local community**

SA	22	1.3%
A	375	21.9%
<b>D</b>	<b>1024</b>	<b>59.8%</b>
SD	225	13.1%
Not Specified	67	3.9%
Multiple Options	0	0.0%
	1713	100.0%

**Statement 6 - There is enough public open space close to your home**

<b>SA</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>20.3%</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>949</b>	<b>55.4%</b>
D	278	16.2%
SD	110	6.4%
Not Specified	27	1.6%
Multiple Options	1	0.1%
	1713	100.0%

**GETTING ABOUT****Statement 8 - People will change the way they travel & travel less**

SA	51	3.0%
A	343	20.0%
<b>D</b>	<b>916</b>	<b>53.5%</b>
<b>SD</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>20.4%</b>
Not Specified	50	2.9%
Multiple Options	3	0.2%
	1713	100.0%

**Statement 9 - If more trains run on our branch lines, I will use them more**

SA	288	16.8%
<b>A</b>	<b>791</b>	<b>46.2%</b>
D	465	27.1%
SD	106	6.2%
Not Specified	63	3.7%
Multiple Options	0	0.0%
	1713	100.0%

**Statement 10 - Bus services are sufficient throughout the District**

SA	34	2.0%
A	467	27.3%
<b>D</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>43.2%</b>
SD	409	23.9%
Not Specified	62	3.6%
Multiple Options	1	0.1%
	1713	100.0%

**Statement 11 - Bicycles & cars can safely share the same roads**

SA	25	1.5%
A	317	18.5%
<b>D</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>45.3%</b>
SD	567	33.1%
Not Specified	28	1.6%
Multiple Options	0	0.0%
	1713	100.0%

**Statement 12 - There is plenty of space for vehicles on the existing road network, without building more**

SA	85	5.0%
A	433	25.3%
<b>D</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>37.2%</b>
<b>SD</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>30.1%</b>
Not Specified	38	2.2%
Multiple Options	4	0.2%
	1713	100.0%

**Statement 13 - Car parking should be reduced to encourage public transport, cycling & walking**

SA	122	7.1%
A	265	15.5%
<b>D</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>41.9%</b>
<b>SD</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>33.2%</b>
Not Specified	38	2.2%
Multiple Options	1	0.1%
	1713	100.0%

**Statement 14 - Public transport should be improved before new roads are built**

<b>SA</b>	<b>705</b>	<b>41.2%</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>39.6%</b>
D	218	12.7%
SD	77	4.5%
Not Specified	34	2.0%
Multiple Options	1	0.1%
	1713	100.0%

**Statement 15 - Traffic should be slowed down in town centres, to encourage walking & cycling**

<b>SA</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>31.7%</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>48.1%</b>
D	244	14.2%
SD	74	4.3%
Not Specified	28	1.6%
Multiple Options	0	0.0%
	1713	100.0%

**YOUR WORK****Statement 16 - If local employment is encouraged people will travel less**

<b>SA</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>20.3%</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>1024</b>	<b>59.8%</b>
D	204	11.9%
SD	51	3.0%
Not Specified	86	5.0%
Multiple Options	1	0.1%
	1713	100.0%

**Statement 17 - The Council should prevent land set aside for employment use being used for other kinds of development**

<b>SA</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>23.4%</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>56.3%</b>
D	204	11.9%
SD	32	1.9%
Not Specified	112	6.5%
Multiple Options	0	0.0%
	1713	100.0%
	1714	

**Statement 18 - People should be allowed to run a business from their home**

SA	422	24.6%
<b>A</b>	<b>899</b>	<b>52.5%</b>
D	222	13.0%
SD	68	4.0%
Not Specified	100	5.8%
Multiple Options	2	0.1%
	1713	100.0%

**Statement 19 - More skilled jobs should be provided in the District**

<b>SA</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>28.0%</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>1069</b>	<b>62.4%</b>
D	52	3.0%
SD	7	0.4%
Not Specified	104	6.1%
Multiple Options	1	0.1%
	1713	100.0%

**LOCAL FACILITIES****Statement 20 - Cultural events in the District appeal to people like me**

SA	176	10.3%
<b>A</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>51.8%</b>
D	483	28.2%
SD	96	5.6%
Not Specified	70	4.1%
Multiple Options	0	0.0%
	1713	100.0%

**Statement 21 - There is enough for young people to do in their spare time**

SA	52	3.0%
A	363	21.2%
<b>D</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>43.8%</b>
<b>SD</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>28.6%</b>
Not Specified	55	3.2%
Multiple Options	2	0.1%
	1713	100.0%

**Statement 22 - Facilities should be located where most people live**

SA	340	19.8%
<b>A</b>	<b>1139</b>	<b>66.5%</b>
D	172	10.0%
SD	20	1.2%
Not Specified	41	2.4%
Multiple Options	1	0.1%
	1713	100.0%

**Statement 23 - Schools & colleges in the District should be improved**

<b>SA</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>24.8%</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>1022</b>	<b>59.7%</b>
D	163	9.5%
SD	6	0.4%
Not Specified	97	5.7%
Multiple Options	1	0.1%
	1713	100.0%

**HOUSE BUILDING****Statement 24 - New housing should be built close to jobs & town centres**

SA	291	17.0%
<b>A</b>	<b>1019</b>	<b>59.5%</b>
D	291	17.0%
SD	64	3.7%
Not Specified	47	2.7%
Multiple Options	1	0.1%
	1713	100.0%

**Statement 25 - At least one in three new houses should be available for people who cannot afford to buy outright (rent/shared ownership)**

SA	487	28.4%
<b>A</b>	<b>868</b>	<b>50.7%</b>
D	230	13.4%
SD	88	5.1%
Not Specified	34	2.0%
Multiple Options	6	0.4%
	1713	100.0%

**Statement 26 - Housing should not be permitted if the necessary services & facilities are not available or cannot be provided**

<b>SA</b>	<b>949</b>	<b>55.4%</b>
A	607	35.4%
D	100	5.8%
SD	22	1.3%
Not Specified	31	1.8%
Multiple Options	4	0.2%
	1713	100.0%

**Statement 27 - We should aim to develop communities rather than just allowing housing estates**

<b>SA</b>	<b>921</b>	<b>53.8%</b>
A	719	42.0%
D	40	2.3%
SD	6	0.4%
Not Specified	26	1.5%
Multiple Options	1	0.1%
	1713	100.0%

**Statement 28 - Pre-used land within existing towns & villages should be used up before building on greenfield sites**

<b>SA</b>	<b>1126</b>	<b>65.7%</b>
A	504	29.4%
D	39	2.3%
SD	18	1.1%
Not Specified	26	1.5%
Multiple Options	0	0.0%
	1713	100.0%

**Statement 29 - Gypsy & traveller sites are best in:**

Towns	106	6.2%
<b>Edge of Towns</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>43.1%</b>
Villages	18	1.1%
<b>Open Countryside</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>34.9%</b>
Not Specified	236	13.8%
Multiple Options	18	1.1%
	1713	100.0%

**TOWN CENTRES & SHOPPING****Statement 30 - Town centres are the heart of the community**

SA	447	26.1%
<b>A</b>	<b>894</b>	<b>52.2%</b>
D	291	17.0%
SD	40	2.3%
Not Specified	40	2.3%
Multiple Options	1	0.1%
	1713	100.0%

**Statement 31 - Town centres should be attractive with a range of shops, offices, cafes, bars, restaurants and leisure uses**

<b>SA</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>52.4%</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>45.7%</b>
D	9	0.5%
SD	0	0.0%
Not Specified	23	1.3%
Multiple Options	1	0.1%
	1713	100.0%

**Statement 32 - I think there should be more shopping floorspace in our towns, especially for non-food goods**

SA	372	21.7%
<b>A</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>45.7%</b>
D	459	26.8%
SD	46	2.7%
Not Specified	52	3.0%
Multiple Options	2	0.1%
	1713	100.0%

**Statement 33 - New sites for large shops or supermarkets should be in town centres**

SA	327	19.1%
<b>A</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>41.3%</b>
D	486	28.4%
SD	143	8.3%
Not Specified	47	2.7%
Multiple Options	2	0.1%
	1713	100.0%

**Statement 34 - Shops in rural areas should not be converted for residential use**

<b>SA</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>30.6%</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>47.1%</b>
D	273	15.9%
SD	60	3.5%
Not Specified	46	2.7%
Multiple Options	3	0.2%
	1713	100.0%

**BUILDING IN TOWNS & COUNTRYSIDE****Statement 35 - The best areas of countryside should be protected from development**

<b>SA</b>	<b>1270</b>	<b>74.1%</b>
A	396	23.1%
D	20	1.2%
SD	5	0.3%
Not Specified	20	1.2%
Multiple Options	2	0.1%
	1713	100.0%

**Statement 36 - New developments should respect the environment & encourage wildlife**

<b>SA</b>	<b>1282</b>	<b>74.8%</b>
A	402	23.5%
D	7	0.4%
SD	2	0.1%
Not Specified	20	1.2%
Multiple Options	0	0.0%
	1713	100.0%

**Statement 37 - New developments should be required to use renewable energy**

<b>SA</b>	<b>1054</b>	<b>61.5%</b>
A	563	32.9%
D	53	3.1%
SD	7	0.4%
Not Specified	35	2.0%
Multiple Options	1	0.1%
	1713	100.0%

**Statement 38 - New developments should plan to reduce water & power consumption**

<b>SA</b>	<b>1122</b>	<b>65.5%</b>
A	544	31.8%
D	18	1.1%
SD	6	0.4%
Not Specified	23	1.3%
Multiple Options	0	0.0%
	1713	100.0%

**Statement 39 - Light pollution is a problem & should be reduced**

<b>SA</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>45.8%</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>38.4%</b>
D	206	12.0%
SD	30	1.8%
Not Specified	35	2.0%
Multiple Options	0	0.0%
	1713	100.0%

**Statement 40 - Mobile phone masts are OK in certain locations**

SA	178	10.4%
<b>A</b>	<b>1139</b>	<b>66.5%</b>
D	186	10.9%
SD	176	10.3%
Not Specified	34	2.0%
Multiple Options	0	0.0%
	1713	100.0%

**Statement 41 - Wind turbines are acceptable in the countryside**

SA	498	29.1%
<b>A</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>50.5%</b>
D	173	10.1%
SD	141	8.2%
Not Specified	34	2.0%
Multiple Options	2	0.1%
	1713	100.0%

**Statement 42 - New development should respect local heritage**

<b>SA</b>	<b>1108</b>	<b>64.7%</b>
A	561	32.7%
D	16	0.9%
SD	4	0.2%
Not Specified	23	1.3%
Multiple Options	1	0.1%
	1713	100.0%

**Statement 43 - Air & water quality should be improved**

<b>SA</b>	<b>942</b>	<b>55.0%</b>
A	697	40.7%
D	37	2.2%
SD	5	0.3%
Not Specified	32	1.9%
Multiple Options	0	0.0%
	1713	100.0%

**Questions 7a and 7b**

**7a What are the 3 things that would make your own life better-in 15 years time?**

**7b What are the 3 things that would make your neighbourhood better- in 15 years time?**

Responses included the following:-.

**Housing**

No more houses to be built

Stop building on our greenbelt

Keeping surrounding countryside unspoilt/ no development

No building outside village boundaries

No threats of development

No further expansion of Braintree

Stop expansion of Witham towards Hatfield Peverel

Stop new estates in Witham, or build more schools and increase shopping facilities

Less house building / Less flats

Less infilling in Great Bardfield

Build on brownfield sites only

Empty premises redeveloped

No further building until all derelict buildings are demolished or redeveloped

Don't build on every tiny piece of land/ Not quite so much in-filling of houses

Restricted local building projects- except single/double storey with adequate parking

Less tightly packed housing developments without infrastructure to support them.

Better/ more sheltered housing/ low rise retirement apartments/ bungalows for elderly

Affordable housing/ Low cost housing for our children

No housing association homes on private estates

Demolish concrete housing estates that only encourage anti-social and criminal behaviour

Tin houses replaced by modern housing  
Regeneration of Hay Lane/ Bartrams Avenue/ Cressing Road  
No more building except when replacing existing properties  
No more new building but redevelopment of green areas  
Maintain green areas and do not build houses on them  
Reduction in intensive residential building- infrastructure cannot cope  
No more large houses built in village- residents commute and do not integrate in village life  
End development in Hatfield Peverel by blocks of flats  
No more building in Kelvedon  
No new development within Bocking Village  
Stricter controls and facilities on gypsy sites  
Stabilise house prices  
Cease housebuilding unless better plans for maintaining healthy environment- eg water consumption  
Opportunities for local people to buy land tracts for self build  
Retirement villages near town centres  
Better homes for old people  
Keeping Braintree to size it is now  
More standardised house sale procedures (Scottish system)  
To have a downstairs toilet  
Double glazing in all properties  
Development of fields behind Witham BP service station into health clinic, nursery, grocers etc

### **Employment**

More local jobs/ better salaries for local jobs  
Not having to travel so far to work  
Local employment so I can cycle to work  
Local employment above the minimum wage, ensuring local prosperity  
Care and nursing jobs locally  
Relocate a coach company near Rayne

### **Open Space/ Recreation**

More childrens' play areas  
More open spaces/ with more cycle paths  
Continue with cleaner/greener priorities  
Park ranger  
A playground in Lamarsh  
Stop motorcycles and quad bikes from using the Flitch Way  
Keep up projects such as river walks  
Open up the Riverwalk at Witham and manage the marsh with local work parties for wildlife  
Bridge over A120 for riverside walk  
A proper footpath along River Colne into Halstead  
Better lighting on Witham River Walk Armond Rd/ Highfields Rd  
Floodlighting at Fisher Field on Fairview to discourage troublesome youths  
Lighting in unlocked parks and open spaces  
Better swimming pool  
Walk in swimming pool

New leisure centre  
Recreation/sporting activities for youth  
Preservation of playing fields/green areas  
Wildlife garden  
Hedges cut back more often/ trimmed and tidy round edges in open spaces  
More well kept open spaces/ properly maintained/ more dog bins  
Maintain the open spaces, which exist at the moment  
Clean and weed seating area at Pierrefitte Way, it has been a mess for years  
More allotments for rent/ at reasonable rates  
Local allotments to be secured more  
More leisure facilities for mature/elderly  
Tennis courts  
Decent sports facilities  
Open air heated pool and new indoor pool in Witham  
Better facilities for adolescents/ community centres for teenagers  
Support of villages in bloom  
Local gym facilities in Hatfield Peverel  
Sporting facilities in Kelvedon eg bowling green  
Fell forest trees in Brockwell meadows and replace with smaller varieties  
Free local kids club holidays/more after school activities for younger children  
Rough areas for children to play adventurous games  
Plant more trees and water them during summer  
Re-open Halstead cinema  
Cinema in an accessible area  
Better community hall in Halstead  
Theatre and cinema in Witham  
Continued support for community centre, Victoria Street  
A good hall for concerts with ample parking space  
More leisure facilities in Witham, not just Braintree  
More use of the Notley Bowl  
Keep Spring Lodge and similar places open  
A local indoor bowling green to replace the one at Towerland  
Easier access during day to sports centres, rather than schools having priority  
More street activity like we had on Queens Birthday  
More parks with swings  
Council support for Braintree Public Gardens  
Make most of facilities created/used for Olympics  
More exercise facilities

### **Shopping**

Village shop or more deliveries of foodstuffs  
More local shops/retain local post offices  
Encourage village shops which have closed to re-open  
A Tesco or Sainsbury in Halstead  
No Tesco in Halstead  
Less supermarkets in Braintree  
Improved town centre in Braintree  
A better selection of stores locally to save travel to Chelmsford/Colchester  
Ensure village pubs stay open and are not turned into houses or restaurants  
Retain Halstead Post Office

New retailers encouraged into Halstead High Street/Invest in Halstead High St  
Less charity shops  
End development of retail parks (encourages private transport)  
Department store in Witham  
Bank in Coggeshall  
Better/ more shops in Witham (not Estate Agents and Charity Shops) to bring more life to the town  
Stop allowing shops to be turned into dwellings  
Compulsory cleaning and painting shops on estates  
Individual shops eg greengrocers/ bakers/ladies boutique etc/independent fishmonger  
More farmers markets

### **Public Transport**

More / better public transport  
Affordable public transport/ cheaper rail/ bus services  
Better public transport links across county boundaries  
Integrated public transport  
Better links to public transport –eg car parking at Stations.  
People using more public transport  
Clean public transport  
Safer public transport  
Travel passes  
Free travel for over 60's/ 65's/ pensioners on trains/buses  
Low cost public transport

### **Buses**

More frequent buses/ more bus routes/ better bus connections/ reliable services  
Buses at weekends /on Sunday/ evenings.  
Free bus travel throughout the UK  
Use of eco buses/trams.  
Buses stop at 5.00pm on Saturday at the moment  
Bus service at least twice a week, through Vicarage Avenue  
Through bus service from villages to Broomfield and Addenbrookes  
Regular transport to Broomfield and Stansted from Witham  
Buses on the new Maltings Lane estate  
352 bus service to keep to time  
Better public transport links to leisure facilities eg new swimming pool  
More bus services from Maldon  
Better bus service from Nounsley  
More frequent bus routes to Dunmow  
Reliable bus service on Halstead- Braintree- Chelmsford route  
Regular transport to main towns-Cambridge / Colchester  
Bus routes through Feering village.  
Public transport link from Coggeshall to Kelvedon Station  
Bus to Kelvedon station from Tiptree  
Minibuses from Rayne  
Village community bus  
Community car transport

Better bus terminal facilities  
Proper bus shelters in semi-rural areas too  
More bus stop shelters  
Better transport for wheelchair users  
Dial a ride for the elderly

### **Trains**

Improvements to rail services/ more frequent trains  
More trains to London, not every hour/ faster trains to London  
More trains stopping at Hatfield Peverel  
Better train service from Braintree  
Extend Marks Tey to Sudbury Branch Line  
Improved rail to Cambridge, Bury St Edmunds, Sudbury  
Rail link to Stansted/ East/ West rail link  
Trains in Halstead  
Local railway or tramway  
Stations at Maldon and Boreham  
Another line from Tiptree to London  
New out of town park and ride station  
Reinstate branch lines

### **Roads**

Better roads /less road traffic.  
Remove heavy traffic.  
Safer roads in and to Hatfield Peverel, including A12 slip roads and A12 to Witham.  
Link road Hatfield Peverel/Witham/Maldon  
No Hatfield Peverel link road with Witham  
Hatfield Peverel bypass for Maldon traffic.  
Access from A12 to and from dairy at Hatfield Peverel  
North Witham Bypass.  
East Witham Bypass.  
Halstead Bypass.  
Access to A12 for Tiptree, not via Kelvedon/Feering.  
Multi-directional slip roads on A12 at Feering  
Bypass Kelvedon-Tiptree  
Direct access for Coggeshall from A12  
Redirect heavy A12 traffic so it does not use Church Road and Henry Dixon Road, Rivenhall End  
Reduce through traffic in Kelvedon/ Hatfield Peverel  
Restrict large lorries in Kelvedon  
Roundabout at junction of A120 and B1024 Coggeshall to Earls Colne  
Change of road layout to Maltings Lane/ Maldon Road junction, Witham  
Better road from Braintree to A12.  
A131 High Garrett bypass/ restricting infill development  
Better access to West Braintree  
Reverse flow of traffic from Fairfield Road, Braintree with lights.  
Completely pedestrianise Braintree High Street  
Less traffic, in particular HGV's in Rayne Road, Braintree/ speed limit Rayne Road

Less traffic Panfield Lane, Braintree  
New road Springwood Drive to Towerlands (horseboxes and HGV's.)  
Proper consideration to pedestrians using East Street, Braintree- dangerous  
(no pavements/cars speed/ extra road calming East Street, someone will be killed soon.  
Less traffic at Galleys Corner roundabout./ sort out McDonalds Roundabout  
Less traffic in Rickstones Road,Witham  
Less traffic in London Road  
Less traffic on B1058.  
A120 improvements /dualling/ sooner than 2014  
Re-routed A120 bypassing Coggeshall completely  
Not to have a new A120 join A12 at Feering  
Reduce traffic congestion in The Avenue Witham  
Make Gosfield Road a cul de sac.  
Traffic closed at Foleys Corner from Gosfield  
Make A12 a 3 lane motorway  
Less noise from A12- resurface  
40mph speed limit on bypass to cut noise  
30mph limit to past Towerlands  
30mph mandatory for all single track lanes  
Speed bumps on main roads through Halstead.  
Satellite navigation which directs lorries via Halstead should be corrected.  
Trans-ship containers for Midlands North from Felixstowe/ Harwich to remove HGV's from Essex roads  
Traffic calming  
Pedestrianise Witham town centre  
Traffic calming in Steeple Bumpstead North Street.  
Zebra crossing or chicanes in Notley Road and Masefield Road  
Better roads (made up) around Lamarsh Hill and more lighting  
Stop cars speeding through our village at 30mph.  
Weight restrictions on small country roads  
No school run traffic  
Footpath the whole of Tilkey Road  
Better footpaths in London Road Braintree  
Speed limits to be enforced.  
Speed cameras on Notley Road.  
Speed cameras on A12 to M25 to reduce rush hour traffic  
Speed cameras on new A120 Braintree to Stansted  
Replace speed bumps with speed cameras  
Zebra crossings near to Station Road, Kelvedon  
Filter lanes at traffic lights  
Improved pavement safety  
Better road surfaces/ Better pavements. /Road repairs done properly)  
Cut down huge trees causing trip hazards on pavements  
Better roads (made up) around Lamarsh Hill  
Maintain Thirsley Green Road.  
Not so much digging up of roads.  
Gritting roads/ better winter gritting.  
No pot holes  
Better driving skills

Plant trees down road  
Public footpaths kept clear of overgrowth and not ploughed by farmers  
No switching off street lights  
Better street lighting  
Less traffic lights more roundabouts  
Replace sign posts and non working street lights  
Widen bridges at Powers Hall End, Witham and Wickham Bishops Road,

### **Cycling**

Cycle path network/cycle routes away from car traffic.  
More cycle lanes between Kelvedon and surrounding area.  
Separate cycle paths from footpaths.  
Cycle tracks alongside all major roads.  
Cycleways as in Netherlands and Switzerland.  
More facilities for cyclists to park their bikes.  
Safer cycling.  
Allow cyclists to use pavements.  
No cycles on pavement.  
Hopefully walkway/cycle route will go through King Georges Field.  
Toilets along the Flitch Way

### **Air Travel**

No Stansted expansion  
No second runway  
Close Stansted airport  
Less over-flying of commercial planes  
Control Stansted so flights do not go over Braintree

### **Footpaths**

Maintenance of public footpath network  
Better pavement maintenance  
Improvements to footpath from Skitts Hill to Station Approach.  
Tarmac pavement in Graces Close instead of broken paving that needs weeding  
Close off alleyways-litter/noise vandalism  
Close footpath St Peters, Hills Close to Rosemary Avenue to reduce vandalism  
Close footpath from Rosemary Avenue and Gilchrist Way (only access to St Francis School at school times)  
Close footpath Francis Way Silver End  
Low level street lighting in footpath linking Hedingham Road and Ashlong Grove  
Widen pathways, some are only 2-3 foot wide/ cars lorries almost suck you into road  
Pegasus crossing at Four Releet crossroads to allow access to other bridleways  
Pedestrian crossing Colchester Road, Witham opposite path to bridge  
Safe road crossing between Kelvedon Railway Station and Feering Hill

## **Parking**

More and cheaper car parks in Halstead  
More free parking in Halstead  
Multi-storey car park Newlands Drive, Witham  
Better car parking at stations  
Car parking at the station for non-commuters  
Parking in Station car park CM3 free at weekends  
A village car park at Bocking  
More lay-bys/ as in Coldnailhurst Avenue  
Off street parking in Church Street, Bocking  
Off street parking Maltings Lane, Elisabeth Ave, Laurence Ave, Pelly and Pitt Ave.  
Less car parking in High Street and Coggeshall Road, Kelvedon  
No parking on Maltings Lane, Witham  
No parking on Kelvedon High Street and Feering Hill and make a car park for people that have only on street parking  
Stop parking at school times Lister Road- needs to be addressed immediately before a child is killed  
Not allowing cars to park on grass verges/ pavements  
Less/ban on- street car parking  
Front gardens are not paved over for cars  
More training for learner drivers  
Parking permits for residents  
Town centre free of delivery vehicles  
Control number of cars per household  
More family parking spaces  
No paid residential parking-its not London

## **Hospital**

A local community hospital in Braintree/ replacing St Michaels  
Local Accident and Emergency  
Local minor injuries hospital in Witham  
Primary health care in Witham (eg X rays)  
More out- patients services at Halstead Hospital  
Local maternity hospital  
Local physiotherapy/diabetes health care/ blood tests  
Better hygiene in hospitals/ matron style of care  
Shorter medical waiting lists  
Cosmetic surgery on NHS

## **GP's**

Better health centres and doctors surgeries  
Rural health centres/ doctor visiting village once or twice a week  
More clinics  
Better opening hours of health facilities/ evening clinics/walk in health centre  
To be able to see GP on same day  
Better GP services at weekends/ Doctors visits at weekends  
More doctors and dentists/ better district nurse service for home visits  
Doctors surgery on Fairview Estate  
Ability to register with local GP of choice

### **Other Health Issues**

Better mental health services

Local NHS dentist/ or subsidised dental costs/all dentists to have some NHS patients

Rapid response ambulance

### **Policing**

Better policing

More visible policing on the beat /greater police presence /high profile policing

Friendly police (that residents know) patrolling estate /local 'bobby'/community police

More rural policing/village police

Night/evening police patrols (when pubs and clubs close)- Braintree in particular

Faster police response time

Police station open 24 hours/ 7 days per week

Zero tolerance attitude (Specifically for binge drinking and drink related violence)

Properly enforced alcohol ban in all public places

Control groups of youths and vandals/ yobs on motorbikes/anti-social behaviour

More effective police policy regarding anti-social behaviour

Stiffer sentences for all offenders

Tougher laws on crime/ bring back hanging

Enforcement of law/discipline by Courts and Police

Lower crime rate/ feel safe in our community

Re-open local police house

Kelvedon to have its own police station

No regard for law in Kelvedon

Sack all Witham/Braintree police and renew them with Met. police

Greater policing of speeding drivers on local roads

Police should not be tied up with paperwork

Drug free Braintree

High definition CCTV on streets with real time monitoring

Restrictions on the sale of alcohol

Environmental Health to send someone out after 2am.

Close down young offenders home in Epping Way

### **Refuse Collection and Amenity**

Weekly rubbish collections

Empty dustbins weekly in summer

Less/no litter, less dog mess

Dog owners take responsibility for cleaning up their dog's mess, especially by Lyons Hall School

More recycling/ full doorstep recycling/ more recycling depots

Re-cycle glass collection

More glass recycling points, which may hopefully reduce broken bottles in parks

A receptacle for recycling paper, so when it rains, paper does not get wet  
Better waste management  
Green waste collection for gardeners without cars (weekly spring/summer)  
Make sure refuse lorries do not work on main roads in the town in peak times  
Clean up litter left from split bags after dustmen collection  
Mobile monthly w/e facility for collection of large waste items  
Stop people putting rubbish out on day early  
Invisible wheelie bins  
Don't light bonfires too near thatched properties  
Cleaner roads/ pavements/ underpasses and open spaces  
Cleaner Rayne Road  
Better maintenance of river Rayne Road.  
Daily street cleansing/ more local road sweeping  
Less foul smells in Hatfield Peverel  
Get rid of smell in Maldon Road area of Witham  
Less graffiti  
Keep the local tip (Shalford)  
More efficient waste disposal centre closer to Sturmer and villages around.  
Schools where children are taught to take litter home  
More litter wardens  
Litter picks to be done by Community Service Offenders  
Re-open public toilets in Kelvedon (closed for a year)  
Clean litter on playing field by cemetery, Little Elm Estate  
Remove rubbish periodically on walking route between Hat. Pev and Witham  
No caravans /boats on residential estates  
No pigeons  
Get rid of bird scaring bangers  
Deal with noisy motorcycles  
Close fish and chip shop on Sunday  
Ban leylandii trees within 30 metres of residential houses

### **Care Issues**

More help for all carers  
Seats for elderly so they can walk to venues and rest on the way  
More community services for the elderly  
Community gardeners to hire/ Council run gardening service for over 80's.  
Shuttle to hospital  
Free service to transport house-bound people including to social events  
Stop cars parking on pavements- dangerous for blind people and OAP's.  
Improve footpaths- dreadful for wheelchair users  
Reinstate home helps  
Disabled access in all public buildings  
Disability access to shops  
Meals on wheels  
More facilities for disabled- invalid scooters if required/ transport  
Purpose built flats for people with autism  
More local care homes for OAP's.

### **Environment**

Government and local councils addressing the problems of global warming

Less noise pollution (eg garden gadgets, mowers, aircraft, traffic) dogs barking  
Ban shooting at night  
Electricity wires to be underground  
Battery powered cars and lorries/ electric motor cars  
Cheaper or subsidised small eco-friendly (say electric) short haul private car  
Fewer mobile phones  
Intrusive electrical light reduction from 11pm to 7.30 am.  
5 ON streetlights in place of 5OFF.  
Street lighting should be kept on until at least 2am  
Better street lighting/ more street lights in villages  
Much improved quality of street lighting  
Quicker action on faulty street lighting in winter  
Less lighting at night- Freeport area almost floodlit  
Reduce light pollution including all night so called security lights outside houses  
Large solar panels to power streets.  
Wind turbines for electricity  
Cleaner fuel for cars  
Energy conservation  
Grants to improve energy efficiency of Victorian cottage.  
Free disposal of energy inefficient appliances and vehicles.  
No choking chemicals sprayed on fields surrounding settlements  
Reduce availability of fireworks/ Ban sale of fireworks  
Don't let off fireworks too near elderly  
Ban smoking in public areas  
Reduce smells from Arla Food Hatfield Peverel  
Relaxation of planning regulations for green energy production for householders  
Grants for renewable energy installations-solar panels etc  
A home that generates 100% of its own energy requirements from renewable sources.  
Community wind turbine/ ground temperature energy  
Another power station in Braintree, Marks Farm area  
Flood prevention  
Proper clearing of drains to prevent flooding  
Countryside and wildlife conservation  
Water infrastructure more effective  
Less electromagnetic stress

### **Community**

Community centre for Kelvedon  
Somewhere for older children to go in evenings  
Public CCTV  
Public toilets before 2021 in Hatfield Peverel  
All schools to have car parking and set down for delivery/ collection of children

### **Other**

A more 'open' Council  
A more productive set of Councillors

Politicians and Councillors to be factual and provide all facts.  
More contact with local Councillor  
Positive action by Council on genuine complaints  
More accountable councillors and politicians locally  
More forward looking Planning Department/more delivery for local people  
Elimination of questionnaires  
Lower Council tax/ Less rent  
Replace community charge with fair local income tax  
Better pensions  
Fair place allocation at local school/ choice about where I send my children to school  
Children next to Notley High School including Goldingham area can attend school instead of having to travel to Alec Hunter/ Tabor.  
More parental control of children  
Truancy officers to visit homes every day child is absent from school  
More conservation areas  
A good library service/ better book stock in library  
Post box near to Station Road  
Return of freedom of speech  
End of political correctness  
Significant drop in population of England  
An active tenants and residents group  
Repatriate illegal immigrants  
Immigration control  
Tougher driving test  
Increase support for voluntary groups who perform public service  
Develop compulsory community service by young people  
Utilise unemployed to be retrained or to perform public service  
Amend law to ensure all lives are of the same value when judges pass a guilty sentence.  
Gas supply to Nounsley area  
Give Witham more money  
A united Bures  
Stop unwanted phone calls/ junk mail/ no more door to door salesmen  
More bank holidays and half term holidays for workers as well as children  
Free university education  
Cheaper electricity/ a supply of natural gas  
An aerial for digital TV  
Branch telephone exchange or an optical hub in Gestingthorpe  
More investment in communications infrastructure in rural areas (satellite, cable)  
Proper provision of radio and telephone signals