

Braintree North West Exhibition – Questionnaire Responses (Written Form)

Question	Do you support.....	Yes	No	Undecided	No Response
Schools					
1	Provision of new primary school?	28	16	5	3
2	Expansion of secondary school places?	36	10	3	3
Employment					
3	More land for commercial/employment?	24	19	8	1
4	Location of commercial/industrial area on Master Plan?	23	15	13	1
Neighbourhood Centre					
5	Inclusion of neighbourhood centre?	24	18	9	1
6	Facilities - SEE PAGE 2	-	-	-	-
New Homes					
7	Mainly family houses on site?	26	13	9	4
8	Housing Types - SEE PAGE 3				
Cars, Traffic & Public Transport					
9	Inclusion of link road?	32	11	8	1
10	Congested routes - SEE PAGE 4	-	-	-	-
11	Dangerous routes - SEE PAGE 5	-	-	-	-
12	Alternative travel - SEE PAGE 6	-	-	-	-
Sports and Leisure					
13	Location of new sports open space?	25	9	12	6
14	Sports pitches - SEE PAGE 7	-	-	-	-
15	Need for allotments?	35	5	8	4
Footpaths and Cycleways					
16	Other footpaths & Cycleways? – SEE PAGE 8	-	-	-	-
Trees, Hedges & Wildlife					
17	Wildlife & Conservation issues? - SEE PAGE 9				
18	General comments – SEE PAGES 10 - 18				

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Q1 (Primary School) comments:

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202	Support in principle, but will it lead to more traffic?
203	Too close to John Bunyan
209	Would be better to extend Tabor into this space
218	Imperative to cater for families in new housing area
219	Primary school will be needed if the development goes ahead
220	new primary/junior school will be positive to reduce class sizes and thereby pupils will be given better educational needs at this very important stage of learning and socialising
226	John Bunyan School has spaces, should be expanded instead of new school, then old and new estates would interact
227	As senior resident question does not concern me but for future generations this should be a priority
228	Would need to be high performing 'Grammar School' type with budget to take kids on outings, etc.
232	John Bunyan School could benefit from education contribution to extend and improve to accommodate more children. Bocking schools are also in catchment area
233	If development goes ahead new junior school is required as existing junior schools are full to capacity
234	Already up to 30 in class, must have more schools
242	No - need another secondary school
246	Definitely wrong site for PS. Suggest observation of parent parking at existing schools in Braintree. With increased traffic from new housing, Panfield Lane would be very congested and an accident blackspot by design.
247	Primary Schools within easy reach, one with surplus places. Might still be nursery to fund & site for Edith Borthwick (SS) if ECC can secure central government funding.
251	Need more school places as the area only has two

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Q2 (Secondary School) comments:

202	Present site is quite big enough
213	Ensure safe transport for students of Tabor School (?)
218	Imperative to cater for families in new housing area
219	Secondary school will be needed if the development goes ahead
220	Secondary schools need to be better staffed. Braintree senior schools are fairly average on an educational basis compared to other schools in Essex i.e. Billericay
223	Require another secondary school
226	If a secondary school is required it makes sense for it to be at Tabor. Would be near the proposed primary school sites
227	As senior resident question does not concern me but for future generations this should be a priority
233	If development goes ahead new school is required as existing are full to capacity
234	Already up to 30 in class, must have more schools
247	Another phase for Tabor
251	Not enough secondary schools in Braintree district, they are all oversubscribed

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Q3 (Employment) comments:

202	Odd to mix residential & industrial like this. Who wants to live overlooking industrial estate?
207	Industrial estate half empty now, what is point in extending it
212	keep the green land for future generations
213	Against football stadium
218	Is there capacity to employ more people + can it be sustained, given site works will probably not start until 2015/16 at earliest
219	Needed but not necessarily in this location
220	Far too many brownfield sites underutilised or wasteland that can be used at less cost in Braintree area
222	football stadium, selective shopping and provision for community shop NOT supermarket - too many now
226	Some of Springwood units remain empty and there are not many small business units (Braintree Enterprise Centre) empty also, so why would new units relocate there?
227	Existing units on Springwood estate standing empty, makes sense to utilise those first
228	Too much of an impact on the local community
230	Definitely not Football stadium, and do not need any more industrial units
232	Support but road access must be provided in a way that eases possible congestion.
233	A lot of existing commercial properties are empty and unused e.g. Springwood, Park Drive, Great Notley
234	Support within reason, but lots of units are empty in town
237	existing land in town not used effectively
238	The way in and out of Industrial Estate is a significant bottle neck – could be widened also
243	This area is totally unsuitable
246	Wrong site for football stadium. Learn from other towns with ambitious football club. Foolish to site football club with high hopes of promotion in middle of housing/industrial estate, which is seriously lacking in adequate road infrastructure. Proposal seriously flawed. Suitable site would be off dual carriageway at Notley, which is accessible from existing ring road.
247	Strong support

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Q4 (Employment Location) comments:

202	Support in principle – further from habitation the better
204	Dreadful
218	Support location as away from majority of housing
227	Existing units on Springwood estate standing empty, makes sense to utilise those first
230	Covering too much arable land
233	A lot of existing commercial properties are empty and unused e.g. Springwood, Park Drive, Great Notley
243	Any future commercial/industrial area should be adjacent to the bypass. Traffic is dire in area proposed
246	Commercial/industrial/housing should not be considered until there is improvement to road system i.e. completion of ring road. To consider housing project of this magnitude where there are only B class roads defies logic. To suggest by improving roundabouts and diverting traffic from proposed housing into Panfield Lane will ease traffic in Aetheric Rd is ludicrous. No traffic from proposed development should filter into Panfield. Braintree has long become dormitory town since demise of engineering companies, and commuters look for shortest route out of town, which are not those anticipated by planning. Hence urgent need for ring road.

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Q5 (Neighbourhood Centre) comments:

202	Not good idea to front Panfield Lane – ought to be more central to new housing
203	Effect on post office if new shops open
207	Town struggling to fill shops as it is
209	Careful consideration needed of road access from Panfield Lane as this could become accident blackspot
218	A must to cut down on travelling (carbon footprint)
226	Glebe Hall has been redeveloped. Why would the area require another one? The locals should also support existing facilities not be completely self-contained
227	Don't support if includes supermarket, already have more than enough in district
228	Would be good for regeneration. Type of facilities need to be clearly researched
232	Have no need for new shops as in immediate area are post office and Panfield Lane Co Op. Community hall at Glebe should be sufficient.
233	Halls and centres have closed due to lack of use
237	Will make area too crowded
238	Not a nanny state.
240	If it is a community centre put it in the centre not on the outskirts
246	Should not front onto Panfield Lane, would exacerbate existing traffic chaos. Shops in vicinity already find it difficult to survive and additional competition could drive them out of business. Other facilities already in easy reach.
247	Many views on this – some mutually exclusive
251	Undecided – depends how it is set up and that it does not take business away from local traders that have been here for many years

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Q6 – what facilities/services should be provided in neighbourhood centre?

	Yes	No
Doctors/Dentist Surgery	34 + 1 possibly	3
Community Hall	16	7
Local Food Store	16 (+ 1 x possibly & 1 x ?)	6
Café/Restaurant	10 (+ 1 for café only & 2 x ?)	5
Recycling Facilities	23 (+ 1 x possibly)	3
Other – Suggestions:	Other retail (200); police station/police presence (202, 210); walk in health centre (203); none - leave the fields alone (204); pharmacy (206; 226); nursery/playgroup (206; 220; 224); pub (206); veterinary practice (222, 232); kids play area (222; 226); instead of surgery, could they be directed to Blandford Medical Centre, as walk through to site is proposed (226); seating (226); petrol station (226); places for children - kids club, music, etc. (228)	

ID No.	Comments on Q6
200	If local food store, not national supermarket; suggest other retail.
202	Community more important than commercial. Can you guarantee no superstore type premises will appear?
203	Braintree has lots of cafes and restaurants
219	No new Tesco please
227	support surgery if NHS serviced/manned; query who will be responsible for community hall, food store, cafe (BDC or local community?); existing recycling facilities are more than adequate.
	We already have a new centre. This will only benefit new homes.
230	already community hall on Glebe estate that was under threat of closure. Do not need any more food stores, Braintree has more than enough.
233	Plenty of facilities in town, many are struggling. Food store will affect existing shops. Existing recycling facilities at Springwood. Look at what the town has got and not used
234	surgery very important – can't get appointment unless urgent for 3 days, without any more people in area
236	already shops nearby
238	Recycling facilities always useful
240	surgery only, the others are already supplied.
247	already community hall on Glebe and can hire Tabor

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Q7 (Family Homes) Comments:

202	Hard to visualise how 600 large houses can be contained on site when so much land for commercial/industrial
203	Nice looking houses, not like ones at Baily Bridge Road & Notley Rd (old swimming pool site)
213	Allow more space, less crowding, less number of houses
214	Make sure properties have enough area for a garden of some sort
215	Starter homes desperately needed + more single people living alone
218	Important to have a mixed age in an area to enhance community
224	Should be room for the younger generation i.e. flats, small houses
227	Query what percentage would be housing association units
228	Do not like that 30% will be Council tenants considering most people have bought their house
233	Need family affordable homes
240	Support family housing but there are too many proposed
246	Prior to Master Plan it was stated that there would be 600 new dwellings, now wording changed to minimum of 600. How many proposed? Should learn from new estates i.e. Kings Mead et al. Serious lack of parking facilities for visiting commercial/private vehicles – virtually impossible for emergency services to gain access.
247	Support If affordable and available for local people. Strong objections voiced to executive housing like Great Notley which caters for Londoners and other incomers. Strong local homes for local needs theme.
251	Undecided – family homes are a good idea but there are so many people who live alone that that's why there are not enough houses now (affordable homes)

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Q8 – What priority would you give to the following types of housing? (Rank 1 – 6)

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Family Housing	19	6	2	1	2	4
Homes for Elderly	4	10	8	6	5	1
Apartments	1	1	7	7	15	2
Affordable Housing	2	11	8	3	2	4
Self-Build Plots	1	2	2	7	3	18
Housing for Single People	4	4	7	7	10	4

Comments

204	None in this area
205	family housing 3, Homes for elderly 3, apartments 2, affordable housing 1
214	no ranking, but ticked family housing, apartments, affordable housing, self-build plots.
215	ranked affordable housing as 6 (most urgent)
218	states that the properties should include those to rent and buy; questions need for self-build plots
220	[only ranked 4 of list, and gave '0' to apartments & housing for single people] . There are many places in Braintree underutilised for single people to live
222, 223	[only ticked family housing and affordable housing]
222	Need affordable housing to make it possible for the young to get on the property ladder
226	answer to qu.7 is that it doesn't matter . Site is too far to town, bit isolated, for homes for the elderly
227	[no ranking for self-build plots or housing for single people]
229	[only family housing & homes for elderly ticked, not ranked]
234	[listed family housing, elderly, affordable housing and housing for single people as joint '1'. Apartments and self-build not ranked]. Many single people forced to live with parents
235	family housing, elderly and affordable only ticked, not ranked
238	family housing (1), affordable (2), single people (3), crosses for other 3.
241	family, affordable ranked 1, apartments 3, elderly, self-build & single ranked 6.
247	Very little affordable housing built in Bocking N/S in 30 years
248	all but self-build ticked, no ranking
250	family housing only ticked, with comment that there is too much housing for the elderly in Braintree

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Q9 (Link Road) comments:

201	Make link road a priority
202	Support in principle but does there need to be a link road at all? Won't traffic from new estate come <u>onto</u> Panfield Lane & add to Aetheric Road traffic? Early plans suggested no links onto Panfield Lane
203	Lot of congestion at peak times in Panfield Lane as well
206	Heavy lorries etc <u>will still</u> be able/have to use Rayne Rd/Aetheric Rd to get to Panfield Lane onto Shalford, etc. Why not another roundabout at end of Panfield Lane for lorries, etc?
207	Will make traffic worse by building 600 houses in congested area
211	Council should build link road whether scheme goes ahead or not. Traffic congestion without it is disgrace.
214	<u>Must</u> make sure transport infrastructure is more than adequate for both housing and business
215	Link road is essential
217	Bottom of Springwood Drive to Rayne Rd, Pod Brook & Rayne – zebra crossing needed for school children to cross safely.
218	This has been needed for long time due to hold-ups in town centre. Hope that Pod Brook/Springwood/Rayne Rd roundabout would be first adjustment to be made. Road through Springwood could also be adopted so as to relieve traffic problems in Rayne/Aetheric Rd.
219	Really don't think that the link road will ease congestion. Development will only add to congestion + chaos at Springwood roundabout and Panfield Lane/Aetheric Rd
220	Add mini roundabout at Nottage Crescent junction please
222	It is bad enough now without more housing
226	Currently during rush-hour there is a lot of traffic using Coldnailhurst Ave to come from Halstead to Springwood. By opening link road, problem would be made worse. Current traffic problems are not through commercial vehicles. Coldnailhurst Ave is already used as a shortcut as opposed to using the bypass
227	According to conversations with Essex Police, there cannot be two ingress/egress points to an industrial estate – suggest you clarify accordingly.
228	Should be completed even if no development
230	There is already far too much traffic in Panfield Lane
231	This will have detrimental effect on rest of road network unless traffic calming measures are introduced.
232	Traffic at Pods Brook Road is already a problem and what if proposed Sainsbury's is erected at Broomhills?
233	Plans show T-junction for Panfield Lane. Is on a bend, dangerous, traffic is already heavy and will only get worse. Roundabout would only be suitable junction type. Will only make Aetheric Road junctions worse
238	This is largest problem in Braintree. A main road needs to come into Springfield to equestrian centre to take horses off the town & relieve this biggest bottleneck of all traffic – almost a bypass

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243	No houses should be built in Braintree until the A120 is finished
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247	The link road function should be to serve the 600 houses and keep them as far as possible off Panfield Lane. Real perception problems with traffic modelling!
248	Must not overload Panfield Lane and estate roads
250	Link road definitely needed – Rayne Rd cannot tolerate any more traffic!!
251	Support - but they have been set in the wrong place on blind bends

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Q10 – where do you consider the most congested routes/junctions to be?

	No. of replies	User ID
Aetheric Road	26	200; 201;202; 206, 208, 209, 211, 214, 215, 217, 219, 220; 221, 225, 226, 229, 232, 233, 234; 238, 240 (at junction) , 241, 242 (at crossroads); 244, 246, 247
Panfield Lane	16	201, 204,210, 212, 219, 221, 223, 229, 233, 234, 235, 237, 239, 241, 245, 246 (plus all roads joining it)
Rayne Road	27	207; 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 217,218, 219, 220, 221, 223, 226, 229, 232, 234, 235; 236, 243, 246, 247, 248, 250, 251 (from Springwood)
Springwood Roundabout/Drive – Rayne Road	13	200; 206, 210, 215, 219, 223, 225 & 246 (industrial estate); 226; 228, 235, 240, 250
Springwood	2	233 during work times (238)
Panfield Lane from Aetheric Rd to Coldnailhurst Ave	1	202
Coldnailhurst Ave	3	219, 234, 241
All roads into Braintree are congested	4	203, 204, 243 (most of the town centre); 249
Roundabout at end of industrial estate	2	205, 220
Church street	3	212, 219, 247
Pods Brook Rd	2	213, 214
London Rd/Pierrefitte Way	2	214, 220 (London Rd)
Entering Braintree from Colchester, Witham & Dunmow directions	1	216
Bocking village	2	222, 248 (from 3.30pm)
Coggeshall Road	2	243, 248
A120	1	243
George Yard lights	1	250

209	Rayne Rd in afternoon & evenings, Aetheric Rd in mornings
227	depending on time of day. 7- 9 am & 4.30 – 6.30 pm Coldnailhurst/Panfield Lane & Aetheric Road/Panfield lane/Rayne Rd.
222	Bocking village - used as a cut through for Halstead traffic. New road through Springwood will congest at roundabout with Rayne Road
232	Rayne Road & Aetheric Rd congested in the mornings in areas around schools

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Question 11 – Do you consider that there are any particularly dangerous roads for drivers or pedestrians?

		Comments	User ID
Aetheric Road	8	Aetheric Rd to Panfield Lane. Mini roundabout unsafe when cycling (230)	200; 211, 214, 218, 221, 230, 241, 246
Panfield Lane	21	Drivers too fast (209). Ride my bike on pavement to work as Panfield Lane is a speed alley (222); near school – no traffic light controlled crossing (229); 3 schools in area (233; 235) town end would be used as short cut to avoid jams plus it's an access only road (233); turnings onto Kings Road and Churchill Road (234); Panfield Post Office corner is very bad (235); from Tabor to town (237); from Tabor School to Bocking (242), & all roads joining it (246). Speeds too high (247); another crossing on Panfield Lane will help, maybe 2 (248)	200; 202; 206, 209, 210, 219, 220, 222, 229, 233, 234; 235; 237, 239, 241, 242, 243, 245, 246, 247, 248
Springwood Roundabout – Rayne Road	2	Not good for pedestrians and difficult for cyclists (200); industrial estate (246)	200, 246
Rayne Road	9	Suggest crossing onto Rayne Rd side of traffic lights.	203, 207, 211, 214, 217, 218, 220, 221, 246
Springwood Drive	1		210
Coldnailhurst Avenue	4	At roundabout due to children crossing & volume of traffic (226)	207, 219, 226, 241
Pods Brook Rd	1		213
Braintree Road	1	From end of Panfield Lane out to Shalford and Bocking	213
Pierrefitte way	1		214
Rayne Rd/Blandford medical centre	2	Dangerous for pedestrians at junction	215, 250
All roads	2	depending on skill and expertise of driver (227); dangerous when schoolchildren are about and people trying to get to work (232)	227, 232
B1053 Church Lane, Bocking Church St, Deanery Hill junction	2	Bocking Church St (243)	231, 243
Comments:		Too fast on stretch of Panfield Lane where new dev.t will be. Town end/Rayne Rd junction used as rat run. How will you ensure no increase?	202
		Panfield Lane is too busy, child got run over last year outside Post Office	204

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Q12 – what would encourage you to catch the bus, walk or cycle rather than use the car?

Issues raised (see also ‘General Comments’ at end):

1. For Cyclists – safe routes; dedicated cycle lanes for new link road and on the new estate; proper cycle paths without any risk; Secure cycle parking at Braintree station (like sort at Witham Station); improved road standard – repair potholes; cycle route to Bocking/Glebe estate; less traffic on Panfield Lane (NB some respondents commented that they cycle on the paths because road cycling is unsafe – traffic and road conditions)
2. Bus – safe; reliable bus times; affordable & cheaper fares; better bus service to villages; Keep bus passes; regular services & bus stop within ¼ of mile; more frequent services; bus routes required for football stadium; Integrate bus services to railway station (times)
3. For pedestrians - Safe and pleasant routes to walk along; good pedestrian links; well-lit paths; improved maintenance of country lanes and walkways; more police
4. Ease of access to place of work.
5. Three respondents commented that no alternatives would affect travel choice, or that they do not use buses.

Q13 (Sports) comments:

200	Football club should have been allowed to choose location – but given force majeure if they happy it looks ok
202	Can this area front Panfield Lane instead to provide breathing space between Lane and new devts?
218	Please ensure light pollution to a minimum i.e. ensure floodlights have appropriate shades to diffuse upward light
228	Not a priority for me, better to have a children’s centre
246	Wrong site for football stadium. Learn from other towns with ambitious football club. Foolish to site football club with high hopes of promotion in middle of housing/industrial estate, which is seriously lacking in adequate road infrastructure. Proposal seriously flawed. Suitable site would be off dual carriageway at Notley, which is accessible from existing ring road.
247	Many believe that the football club will not move – lack of finance
250	Away from housing already in place

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Question 14 – what type of sports pitches are most important? (Rank 1 – 5)

	1	2	3	4
Football	12	4	1	1
Cricket	2	8	4	4
Tennis	1	3	7	7
Rugby	3	4	5	6
Other: Running route for runners/joggers (200); basketball (203); hockey (206; 214); bowls club (206); netball (218); should be multipurpose (226); affordable golf (227); Notley Garden <u>Wooden</u> style playing areas (234); skate board park or BMC park (242); athletic pitches (246); tennis courts (250)				

Other comments/rankings: No idea, but should be provided (200); no opinion (202); none (204)

ID 205 – football only ranked ID 208 – ranked football as ‘1’ – states that all others have placements

ID 211 – cricket & tennis only ‘ticked’, no rank given ID 212 – cricket & tennis ticked, no rank given

ID 214 – all ticked, no rank given ID 216 – all sports need facilities

ID 220 – Rugby 1, Football 3, Tennis 4, Football 5 ID 221 – ranked ‘1’ would be a decent swimming pool, with order of others F = 5, C = 4, R = 3, T = 2.

ID 222 - only football and cricket ringed, not ranked ID 123 - only football and tennis ticked, not ranked

ID 230 & 233 – none; Use existing (233) ID 232 – undecided

ID 234 – ranked football, cricket & tennis ‘1’ and rugby ‘2’ ID 235 – qu. 13 - yes to open green area for relaxing, no to football pitch. Qu. 14 - None

ID 237 – rugby only ‘ringed’ ID 241 – football only, ranked 1

ID 242 – don’t agree with the football ground. Qu 14 not completed. ID 246 – cricket 1, tennis 2, Football & rugby both 5

ID 247 – football ranked 1, all others ranked 5. ID 248 – all 4 ‘ticked’, no ranking

ID 250 – football & tennis only ‘ticked’

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Q15 (Allotments) comments:

200	need water, waste & recycling facilities from outset; need good soil (not empty patch with builders soil)
201	Definitely needed to encourage people to grow their own.
202	Always seems to be waiting list for existing
218	Likely that many new houses will have small gardens and many people now 'grow their own'. Encourages sense of community
224	Maybe provide in the family area
234	Modern houses have very small gardens
238	One of the best ideas being put forward
246	Should be on long lease
247	New allotments being developed in Church Lane. Rejected site in nearby Tabor Field
248	Needed but to serve people already here as well as new homes

Q16 – Other footpath routes not shown on Masterplan:

1. Panfield Lane (206); from Panfield lane to Springwood (226; 233); Panfield Lane to Hall Road, Panfield (233)
2. Bailey Bridge Road (206)
3. New link road via Springwood Drive (210)
4. Cycle routes out of Panfield. Existing footpaths not appropriate as they are at the moment but these should not include lighting (218)
5. There are lots of footpath routes around area but unsure which are actual footpaths. Short quick easy access would encourage people to walk/cycle (221). Strong support for a continuous walk/cycleway N/S parallel to Panfield Lane itself – even at expense of neighbourhood centre. Residents are sure that they want a continuous buffer, and want to be screened from new housing. No support for 'urbanisation' or 'integration' lower down Panfield Lane
6. Cycle routes need to be introduced all over town i.e. through the Glebe to Coldnailhurst Rd, Aetheric Rd and Rayne Rd. This is why people use the paths as it is so dangerous. (234)
7. The least of my concern! (237)
8. Only if you charge cyclists – no pay – no facility (238)
9. Footpath nearly opposite Kings Road should be kept open (244)
10. Need as many cycle links as possible (248)
11. Somehow safely joining the Flitch as it's a lovely and popular walk (250)
12. Are you using what's now entrance road to Park Farm? (202)
13. Make sure all paths are kept and maintained (216)

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Question 17 – what are the most important wildlife and conservation issues?

Summary:

6. To Maintain corridors
7. Allow for community planting when site is being completed
8. Encourage setting up of community environmental group by providing start-up funding (200).
9. Retention of existing trees and hedges (for birds & insects): including ancient trees and hedgerows, tree belt along new edge of site, Mature oak trees, hedgerows along Panfield Lane; no tree clearance during bird nesting season.
10. New tree, hedge and shrub planting, including more habitat on outskirts
11. All green breathing space is important.
12. Provision of ponds and wet areas, including retention of the Cat and Dog Pond which contains newts and frogs (234)
13. Should retain all as in the current area & as per the wildlife petition (213)
14. natural drainage (221)
15. Consider local great crested newts and badger population
16. There are areas of Bee Orchids on some of the locations – protected species (227)
17. renewable energy - new homes should encourage e.g. solar energy and water recycling (232)
18. Local Deer, skylarks (return every year and nest in those fields), owls (use the barns on the farm), foxes
19. Consider existing residents – the 2 cottages shown have no trees, hedges or wildlife border shown on plan (237)
20. Should be 50m wide buffer zone to back of four houses backing onto proposed site. Could be planted with trees for Queen's Diamond Jubilee
21. Really unhappy with the thought of the impact on wildlife. This area is an amazing open space which will provide sanctuary for animals and wildlife and this will be taken away (228)
22. Leave land as it is then no wildlife would be disturbed (230)
23. Need to retain and improve all existing hedgerows, as screening. Not so much interest in wildlife/conservation other than it will act as screen/buffer for existing Panfield Lane residents. Mr Nield (man with petition) is particularly concerned that his property will be 'protected' by enhanced planting to the rear. (247)

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Q18 – General Comments:

200	Look forward to hearing about future developments, particularly start up employment opportunities.
201	20mph speed limit in certain parts of Panfield Lane?
204	Braintree is big enough. Leave fields alone. The people of Panfield Lane and the true people of Braintree, born & bred, don't want it to look like a concrete jungle. Go elsewhere
207	There is no bypass in area. How this is the best site for expansion I will never know. Area is crowded already and proposal will make it much much worse. Council should never even consider site, it is madness
208	Quality of life should be put first not making a quick buck, making a mess of area you don't live in then moving onto next job
209	Main concern is capacity of local schools, particularly Tabor. Would be bad if local children are forced to go to other schools because of lack of spaces.
210	Main concern is extra traffic in Panfield lane, incl. HGVs and extra population heading to town centre. Springwood Drive needs to be made safer (e.g. no parking) for extra traffic.
216	Why create more wasteland. There are not enough facilities (hospitals, leisure, health, etc) to sustain an increase in population for this market town
217	Pleasantly surprised at development but cannot emphasise the safety of schoolchildren at main roundabout Rayne Rd & Pod Brook & Springwood. Please introduce zebra crossing to allow children to cross. Also issue of dustcarts collecting points as have found on certain housing estates the difficulties of getting around.
218	Main concern is light and noise pollution during construction and once built. Living in Panfield I enjoy peace, quiet and lack of light pollution (other than lights at Tabor, which need more shading). Understand need to expand but seriously hope this is not opportunity for Braintree council to try and encourage [?] of village and farming areas
221	Feel the proposal is a good idea
222	Traffic will be a nightmare. Will you stop large lorries from using Panfield Lane?? Will you impose speed restrictions?? How will you safeguard children when crossing the road?
224	Go for it!!!
225	will seriously devalue the price of our house as we back directly on to the proposed development
226	New estates should not be built isolated from existing estates, should be designed to merge together and use facilities between them. A better proposal would be to move near the bypass for better traffic easing.
230	Understand that the houses are going to be built but totally opposed to football stadium. Can already hear the noise from the recycling centre and know that the stadium will bring a lot more noise, unsociable behaviour and traffic. There is no need whatsoever for more industrial units. There are many all over Braintree including Springwood estate that have empty units. Why use arable land for empty buildings.
231	Summary: Plans shown at exhibition did not extend far enough from the development and many areas which will be or could be

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	affected were not shown. Northwest of Braintree is not an ideal place for development. Road links are very poor. Will need considerable improvements in road network which would have to be financed by the development. Therefore important that area likely to be affected should extend to include traffic from the main radial routes i.e. A120 East and West, A131 North and South, and B1256, B1018 and B1053. Junction of Rayne Rd/Aetheric Rd has been improved and there is little scope for further capacity improvement. Mini roundabout at junction of Aetheric/Panfield Lane only suitable for cars and light vehicles. Buses and large vehicles cause problems at junction, which needs to be included in road network affected by proposals for assessment. Panfield Lane/Coldnailhurst Ave/Tabor Ave should also be included. Improvements to junction of A120 east and A131 have resulted in additional delays to traffic from A131 north. Letter also outlines in detail the limitations of the junction of the A131 North, B1053, Church Lane, Bradford Street, Deanery Hill, Churchill Road, Bocking Church Street, Kings Road and Pegasus road. Further development on Springwood estate is also wrong, as only 1 access to estate and further development would put additional traffic on junction. There is not a logical alternative access to industrial estate that would not create problems to other areas of road network. [see letter for full details]
232	Concerned at development as it can lead to further development. Idea of roads existing from new estate onto Panfield Lane is a concern.
233	Appears to have got green light without proper consultation. Developers appointed and not to tender. No plans of houses yet displayed 673 homes to be built. Not enough infrastructure to take development. No common sense shown regards to junctions, traffic, walkways, etc. Not listening to local people and treating us as idiots. Not looking at traffic blackspots elsewhere in town that would only get worse with this development.
	This part of Braintree needs more amenities as everything is other side of town i.e. Freeport. Not all families have cars or time to catch 2 buses. Need play frame like Notley GV with a café. Need swimming pool – existing is too small and always full. Supplying buses is not answer, need the facilities within walking/cycling distance – will prevent hooliganism and damage. Need to keep fit to prevent illness. Do hope not a done deal.
235	Please listen to local people. Must have open spaces for people, not just about houses and jobs. Use empty factories before taking away more countryside
237	Overall do not agree with proposal backing onto Panfield Lane. Adj. to Tabor Science (?)
238	Priority is to relieve significant bottlenecks in this part of town; remove horses from Towerlands or build them a clear route via this scheme. Don't let Tesco get involved
240	600 properties is a lot for the area and would strip the area of some of its character
242	Instead of football stadium build skate board park or BMC park for older kids as there's nothing for them to do
243	A very poor idea and totally not the right area
244	As long waiting lists for allotments would be nice to have them somewhere here
246	Have lived in Braintree all life and Panfield Lane for past 50 years. Consider myself adequately qualified to give fair appraisal of master plan - see it is ill conceived and fraught with problems, which planners are ignorant of or chose to ignore. Sad that serious

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	lack of consultation between people who live in area and planning.
247	Cllr David Mann – reporting feedback gathered at the exhibition, and previous and subsequent conversations, so as to not prejudice my position on the Planning Committee which will decide the Master Plan ultimately. Thanks for exhibition and attempts to publicise it. Check BDC open spaces survey/policy for existing green space shortfalls? Make Radcliffs an offer they can't refuse – very important for the overall 'look' of the first phases. Build employment opportunities in parallel – don't leave them till last!
248	For work to start as soon as possible on the new football ground
252	Summary: 1. This is a greenfield site, planted with harvest crop this year. 2. Core Plan for next 13 years but attached newspaper article states this needs to be no more than five years. 3. Springwood Drive will take most of traffic from this development and football stadium, and extension to Springwood units. Already has traffic going from existing Springwood development and new skip. Can't believe there is no intention to widen Springwood Drive as it cannot possibly cope with traffic, especially at roundabout in Rayne Road. With plans for new Sainsbury's store Rayne road will be in chaos. Impact on emergency services (ambulance station and new hospital). 4. According to Braintree and Witham times, 2963 people were out of work last month, a few extra units won't employ that amount of people, never mind extra population from another 600 homes. 4. Now officially in drought, so where is extra water for 600 homes.