

Guidance Notes & Response Form

To Accompany the Local Plan Review - Issues and Options Consultation (2025)

Introduction

The Local Plan is a key planning document that is used to shape, plan and manage growth, regeneration and development across the district over a 15-year period.

The Government requires all councils to review their Local Plan every five years. This will ensure it remains up-to-date and continues to meet the changing needs of our current and future residents, addressing emerging challenges and help us make the most of new opportunities.

This Issues and Options consultation sets out the planning issues that the council anticipate will face the Braintree district over the next 15 years and options to tackle these issues.

It is vital that we know what local people think so that we can plan for the future of the Braintree district.

The documents can be viewed via the **councils website** and hard copies are available at libraries

Responses are encouraged via the council's online consultation system available on the website, see www.braintree.gov.uk/localplanengagement However, this form can be returned electronically to planningpolicy@braintree.gov.uk or in hard copy if necessary by 7th March to: Planning Policy, Braintree District Council, Causeway House, Bocking End, Braintree, CM7 9HB

Part A

Personal Details

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Please note that anonymous comments cannot be accepted and those deemed to be defamatory or offensive will be removed.

Representation form

Length of the Local Plan

A 15-year minimum period is required by central government for the duration of a Local Plan.

1 Do you agree that the Local Plan period should be extended to 2041?

Yes ☐

No ☐

If you answered no, what period do you think the plan should be extended to?

Should the Local Plan be combined into one document?

The adopted plan is divided into two sections:

SECTION 1, which covers strategic policies across Braintree, Colchester and Tendring, and

SECTION 2, which sets out district specific policies for Braintree

2 Should the Section 1 and Section 2 Local Plan be incorporated into a single Braintree specific Local Plan document?

Yes ☐

No ☐

SECTION ONE - Vision

Section One of the existing Local Plan contains a Vision for North Essex.

3 Do you think that the Local Plan Vision for North Essex continues to be appropriate?

Yes ☐

No ☐

If you answered no, what changes do you think should be made to ensure we meet the district's needs?

SECTION ONE - Strategic Objectives

Objectives:

- Providing Sufficient New Homes
- Fostering Economic Development
- Providing New and Improved Transport & Communication Infrastructure
- Addressing Education and Healthcare Needs
- Ensuring High Quality Outcomes

4 Do you think that the existing strategic objectives of the Local Plan continue to be appropriate?

Yes

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No

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If you answered no, what changes do you think should be made to ensure we meet the district's needs?

SECTION ONE - Strategic Policies

- SP1 – Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development
- SP2 - Recreational disturbance Avoidance and Mitigation Strategy (RAMS)
- SP3 - Spatial Strategy for North Essex
- SP4 - Meeting Housing Needs
- SP5 – Employment
- SP6 - Infrastructure & Connectivity
- SP7 - Place Shaping Principles
- SP8 - Development & Delivery of a New Garden Community in North Essex
- SP9 - Tendring/Colchester Borders Garden Community

5 Do you think that the Strategic Policies continue to be appropriate?

Yes ☐

No ☐

If you answered no, what changes do you think should be made to ensure we meet the district's needs?

SECTION TWO - Vision

Section Two of the existing Local Plan contains a Vision for Braintree District.

6 Do you think that the Section 2 Local Plan Vision for Braintree District continues to be appropriate?

Yes

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No

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If you answered no, what changes do you think should be made to ensure we meet the district's needs?

ADDITIONAL SECTION TWO - Objectives

Comments on all the existing Section 2 Key Objectives are requested later in the document.

- Economy and Retail
- Housing
- Transport and Infrastructure
- Good Quality Design
- Creating Better Places
- The Natural Environment
- Empowering Local People

7 Do you have any additional objectives you think should be included in the plan?

ADDITIONAL SECTION TWO - Policies

Comments on the existing Section 2 policies are requested later in the document under the relevant objective.

8 Do you have any additional policies you think should be included in the plan?

SECTION TWO - Map Designations

The Local Plan maps shows the location of Local Plan designations and relevant designations from other bodies such as flood zones from the environment agency

9 Do you think that the mapping categories shown to accompany section 2 remain appropriate?

Yes

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No

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If you answered no, what changes do you think should be made to ensure we meet the district's needs?

SECTION TWO - Objectives

Economy and Retail Objectives and Policies

Objectives: Creating a Successful Economy Retail and Town Centres

Policies: LPP2 - LPP15

10 Do you think that the economy and retail objectives and policies in the adopted plan continue to be appropriate?

Housing

Objective: Housing Need

Policies: LPP1 and LPP 16-LPP41

11 Do you think that the Housing objectives and policies in the adopted plan continue to be appropriate?

Transport and Infrastructure

Objectives: Transport, Infrastructure and Broadband

Policies: LPP 42-46 & LPP78

12 Do you think that the Transport and Infrastructure objectives and policies in the adopted Plan continue to be appropriate?

Yes ☐

No ☐

If you answered no, What changes should be made to ensure we meet the district's needs?

Good Quality Design

Objective: Good Quality Design

Policy: LPP52

13 Do you think that the good quality design objectives and policies in the adopted plan continue to be appropriate?

Yes ☐

No ☐

If you answered no, what changes should be made to ensure we meet the district's needs?

Creating Better Places

Objectives: Healthy Communities, Social Infrastructure, Education and Skills

Policies: LPP47-51 & LPP53- LPP 62

14 Do you think that the Creating Better Places objectives and policies in the adopted plan continue to be appropriate?

Yes ☐

No ☐

If you answered no, what changes should be made to ensure we meet the district's needs?

The Natural Environment

Objectives: Climate Change, Protection of the Environment and Sustainability

Policies: LPP63 - LPP77

15 Do you think that the natural environment objectives and policies in the adopted plan to be appropriate?

Yes

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No

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If you answered no, what changes should be made to ensure we meet the district's needs?

Empowering Local People

Objective: Empowering Local People

Strategy: Our adopted Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) sets out our strategy

16 Do you think that the Empowering Local People objective in the adopted plan continue to be appropriate?

Yes

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No

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If you answered no, what changes should be made to ensure we meet the district's needs?

Any Further Comments

17 Please add any further comments on the adopted Local Plan, or what should be included in the review.

Thank you for your response. The information provided on this form will be used to inform the Local Plan Review and will be held by Braintree District Council for as long as required for the purposes of providing evidence in the production of the Local plan Review and for the life of the plan. After this time, your information will be securely destroyed and deleted from our database.

Do you wish to be added to the Braintree District Council Planning Policy mailing list - to hear about future Planning consultations and receive quarterly updates?
You can unsubscribe at any time via www.braintree.gov.uk/localplanengagement

Yes

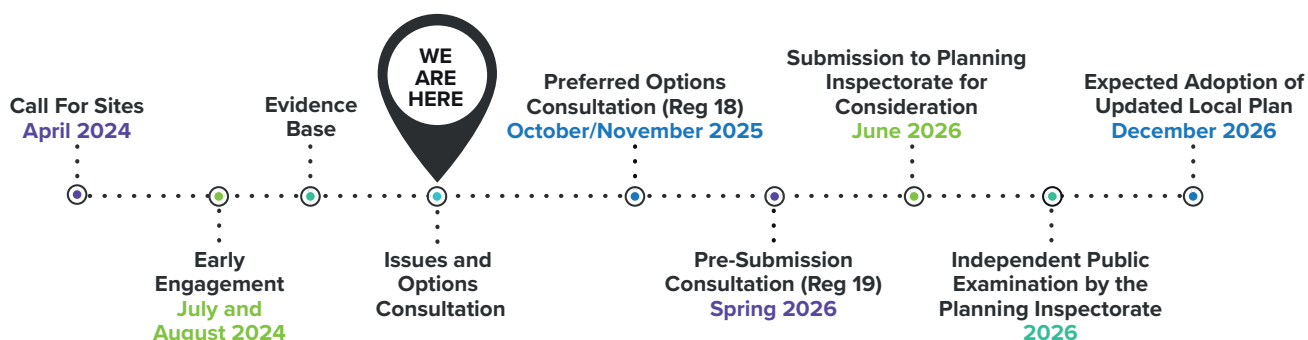
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If your representation is more than 400 words, please provide a brief summary here:

Where are we now and what happens next?



Return to Braintree District Council by midnight 7th March 2025