

## BASILDON BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION RESPONSE – QUICK QUESTIONNAIRE

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Draft Local Plan Consultation 2016

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### **NEW HOMES FOR OUR GROWING POPULATION IN THE BOROUGH**

The number of people living in the borough is projected to increase by 14% by 2034\*. The Council has a legal obligation **to seek** to meet this housing need\*\*, balancing development across the borough and making the best use of the land available to support the growing population.

#### **1. How satisfied are you with the plans to meet future housing demand?**

- a. Very Satisfied
- b. Satisfied
- c. Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied
- d. Dissatisfied
- e. Very Dissatisfied

**ANSWER :**

### **LOSS OF GREEN BELT TO HOUSING IN BILLERICAY**

Basildon Council plans to build 1860 new homes in Billericay. Only 0.5% of these homes are planned for urban areas of the town. 94% of the new homes will be built on surrounding green belt land.

#### **2. How satisfied are you with the plans to build on Green Belt around Billericay?**

- a. Very Satisfied – We need to build the houses
- b. Satisfied – Some loss of Green Belt is necessary
- c. Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied
- d. Dissatisfied – We should not need to lose this amount of Green Belt
- e. Very Dissatisfied – Green Belt land does not need to be used to meet any obligation to build houses. Basildon Council is choosing to re-designate Green Belt for development.

**ANSWER:**

### **COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE BOROUGH**

As the borough grows, it must continue to be supported by accessible and high quality facilities. The Draft Local Plan purports to show how the supporting infrastructure such as new schools, health centres and improved broadband coverage will be provided.

#### **3. How satisfied are you with plans to provide community infrastructure?**

- a. Very Satisfied
- b. Satisfied
- c. Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied
- d. Dissatisfied
- e. Very Dissatisfied

**ANSWER :**

### **COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE IN BILLERICAY**

There are no specific details in the Draft Local Plan to provide new schools, health centres, doctors, dentists or community facilities. The Local Plan mentions upgrades to existing facilities to cope with increased demand.

#### **4. How satisfied are you with the Community Infrastructure Plans for Billericay?**

- a. Very Satisfied – We have a very good local community infrastructure.
- b. Satisfied – The upgrades will be sufficient for my needs
- c. Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied
- d. Dissatisfied – We have insufficient community facilities and upgrades are not enough.
- e. Very Dissatisfied – Our community facilities will be overwhelmed by increased housing.

**ANSWER :**

\* This is a figure given by Basildon Borough Council, that BAG do not recognise.

\*\* The legal obligation is to seek to meet the housing need, not to meet it, as stated by Basildon Borough Council.

**TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE BOROUGH**

To support growth in homes and employment, appropriate transport infrastructure is essential. The Draft Local Plan sets out how the Council will work with partners to secure major transport upgrades to improve the capacity of the road network and junctions.

**5. How satisfied are you with the plan to provide appropriate transport infrastructure?**

- a. Very Satisfied
- b. Satisfied
- c. Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied
- d. Dissatisfied
- e. Very Dissatisfied

**ANSWER :**

**TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE IN BILLERICAY**

The Draft Local Plan proposes a new roundabout at the Mountnessing Road/London Road junction, but does not consider the implications for extra traffic using Mountnessing Road. The Draft Local Plan proposes that Laindon Road will become two way throughout and all northbound traffic will use this road. The Local Plan proposes that a slip road will be built on part of the QEII Field at Sun Corner. There is also mention of a south western relief road connecting several of the new planned housing developments, but this is not certain and not funded. There is no mention of any improvements to Southend Road. There is no mention of improvements to rail services in the Local Plan.

**6. How satisfied are you with the plans to provide appropriate transport infrastructure in Billericay?**

- a. Very Satisfied – Billericay has no transport issues
- b. Satisfied – measures in the Plan will prevent any future adverse impact from additional housing.
- c. Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied
- d. Dissatisfied – There are significant transport problems already. This Plan will make things worse
- e. Very Dissatisfied – The town is not designed to take the existing levels of traffic on the roads. More houses will make this worse. Rail Commuters are being ignored.

**ANSWER :**

**PROTECTING OUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT**

The Draft Local Plan sets out how the Council will seek to protect the borough’s green spaces, limiting the need to use Green Belt land for development and ensuring our most vulnerable natural areas are protected. Yet it will build 1740 new homes on Billericay’s Green Belt land.

**7. How satisfied are you with the plan to meet the need for new homes, while protecting our green spaces?**

- a. Very Satisfied
- b. Satisfied
- c. Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied
- d. Dissatisfied
- e. Very Dissatisfied

**ANSWER :**

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**Anything Else?**

You should use the space below to comment in as much detail as you wish on any aspect of the Draft Local Plan.

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