

## **Feedback from the Local Plan Drop In**

Nearly 100 people attended the drop in on Mid Suffolk District Council's Local Plan organised by the Town Council on the 20<sup>th</sup> September. They were able to feed back their views on the options presented by the District Council for the distribution of development across the District, the options for housing in Eye, the need for a Neighbourhood Plan for Eye, the potential of development of land owned by the Town Council and the priorities for infrastructure and services.

On the distribution of land for development across the District, 46 people supported options that might lead to less development being allocated to Eye while 10 supported the options that might lead to more development being allocated in Eye.

Regarding housing in and around Eye, 64 people opposed the allocation of all the options for housing development put forward by the District Council which would lead to around 300 houses in addition to the 290 houses already granted permission. But only 19 people opposed any further housing in addition to the 290 houses already granted planning permission. Of the 3 site options put forward by the District Council most people supported the use of the Paddock House site for housing.

The Town Council owns some land used for agriculture at Victoria Mill north of the allotments. 56 people thought this site should be brought forward for housing while 19 were against this.

The preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan was supported by 91 people and opposed by 3.

The main comments about infrastructure and services concerned:

- Traffic in the town, now and how it would get worse with more development, the need for a 20 mph area and/or HGV controls.
- The need to increase the capacity of schools with some specific suggestions for how this can be achieved.
- The need for adequate doctors/local surgery capacity.
- Parking control, 'misuse' of parking, the need for more parking in the town centre and a suggestion for edge of town parking.
- How busy the A140 is, difficulty in accessing it and suggestions for improvements.

The Town Council will use this feedback when it considers its response to the Local Plan in early October.

If you have any further comments on either the Local Plan, the Neighbourhood Plan or the Town Council land please email [townclerk@eyesuffolk.org](mailto:townclerk@eyesuffolk.org).

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