

Summary of results of drop in on the local plan

Write up

Nearly 100 people attended the drop in on Mid Suffolk District Council's Local Plan organised by the Town Council on the 20th 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 own some land used for agriculture at Victoria Mill north of the allotments. 56 people thought the 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 concerns about infrastructure and services were 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.

Strategy

Should more land than is strictly necessary be allocated?

46 people said no - nobody agreed land should be over allocated.

Is the emphasis on housing for older people correct?

17 people thought it is right to make special provision for older people while 24 people disagreed.

Which strategy do you support?

Option 1 – County Town Focused

14 people supported this option

Option 2 – Market Towns and Rural Areas Balanced

10 people supported this option

Option 3 – A12/14 Transport Corridor Focused

17 people supported this option

Option 4 – New Settlement

15 people supported this option

So 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.

Housing

Should all these sites be allocated meaning more than 300 houses in addition to the 290 dwellings that have permission already?

64 people opposed the allocation of 300 additional houses – nobody supported it.

Should none of the additional sites be allocated?

19 thought no further land should be allocated over and above the site that already has permission.

If only some of the sites should be allocated which sites do you prefer?

An additional 30 dwellings north of Castleton Road?

17 people supported this

Land to the East of Century Road?

12 people supported this

Paddock House

43 people supported this

Town Council Land at Victoria Mill

Should the site be put forward in addition to the other sites?

23 thought it should

Should the site be put forward instead of other sites?

33 thought it should

Should the site not be put forward at all?

19 thought it should

So 56 people thought the site should be brought forward while 19 were against this.

Neighbourhood Plan

Do you support a Neighbourhood Plan being prepared?

Yes - 91

No - 3

Comments about infrastructure requirements and other issues

33 comments were concerned about traffic in the town, now and how it would get worse with more development, wanted a 20 mph area or HGV controls

29 comments concerned the need to increase the capacity of schools with some specific suggestions for how this can be achieved

25 comments were about the need for adequate doctors/local surgery capacity

24 comments were about parking control, 'misuse' of parking the need for more parking in the town centre and a suggestion for edge of town parking

20 comments concerned how busy the A140 is, difficulty in accessing it and suggestions for improvements

12 comments were against more major development

12 comments were concerned with the need for better drainage and sewerage

8 people wanted more/better policing

6 comments wanted more facilities of young people

6 comments wanted Hertismere Hospital to be better used.

6 comments were concerned about the attitude/ability of the District or Town Council

5 comments were concerned about toilets

5 comments supported more affordable housing

4 comments were about library facilities

3 comments wanted more dentist capacity

3 comments wanted more shops

2 comments wanted developer contributions to be well used

2 comments wanted the chicken factory moved and the site used for housing

2 comments were about the condition of Cross Street

2 comments wanted CCTV

One comment on these items

Road cleaning

What happened to the 2009 Parish Plan?

Use local suppliers for building

Is a new care home still proposed?

Public transport

Use ETC site as town would get more benefit

Make Paddock House into the library with a museum, gardens etc

Road access to Century Road site a concern

