

YOUR VIEWS ARE VITAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THE BOWERS GIFFORD & NORTH BENFLEET NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Basildon Borough Council is in the process of developing the Local Plan which will determine the scale and location of all new development in the Borough and also in Bowers Gifford and North Benfleet. The Parish Council can influence the location and scale of any such development by preparing a Neighbourhood Plan which sets out how the village can develop into a better place to live and work. Neighbourhood Plans are not designed to prevent development but can be a powerful tool in shaping the location, level, design and nature of future development.

The Parish Council is the body qualified to enable the making of the Plan but its preparation is being led by a task group made up of residents and Councillors who live and work in the Parish.

Community engagement is KEY to the success of the Bowers Gifford & North Benfleet Neighbourhood Plan. Your views and feedback are vital in helping to shape this Neighbourhood Plan.

We would appreciate it if you can take a few minutes of your time to complete this questionnaire and *thank you for participating*.

The questionnaire can also be accessed on the Parish Council website at: www.essex.info/bgnb-parishcouncil and will be available at each Exhibition drop-in events (details below) which the Parish Council invite you to attend and where you can get more information of our proposals

Saturday 1st July 2017 - The Benbow Club, Pound Lane: 10.00am - 2.00pm

Wednesday 5th July 2017 - Pound Lane Mission: 6.00pm - 9.00pm

Thursday 13th July 2017 - Pound Lane Mission: 10.00am - 2.00pm

When completed please return this questionnaire to: The Parish Clerk, 15 Highlands Road, Bowers Gifford, Basildon, Essex SS13 2HR or email: clerkbgnbparishcouncil@gmail.com Closing date 21st July 2017

The Parish Council will publish the result of this questionnaire in the Autumn edition of the Bowers Bugle, along with its proposals for the Neighbourhood Plan. In the meantime if you wish to comment further outside of the questionnaire please email The Parish Clerk at: clerkbgnbparishcouncil@gmail.com.

Please tick the box/s which most represent your views. Where there is multiple choice you can tick more than one box if you wish and add any further comments.

1. How long have you lived in the Parish

- Less than a year 1- 5 years 5 - 10 years
 10+ years

2. Which age group are you?

- 16-24 25 - 45 46- 65
 65+

3. What is your gender?

- Female Male

4. In what postcode is your home or work located?

5. What do you like about living or working in Bowers Gifford & North Benfleet

- Living as part of a rural community Work place within a rural community Green spaces and countryside Road and rail links Location Accommodation

Other (Please specify)

Comment

6. Where in the village do think the Neighbourhood Plan should propose new development?

- North Benfleet Bowers Gifford Plotlands
 Other

Other (Please specify)

7. Are you aware of Basildon Council's Local Plan proposals to build 2000 homes on land (H13) between Pound Lane and Pitsea?

- Yes No

8. Would you support building on the following areas?

- Basildon Borough Council's Local Plan proposals to build new homes on H13 , the location between Bowers Gifford and Pitsea which includes Little Chalvedon Hall Farm?
 Orbit Homes proposals to build new homes at North Benfleet Hall?
 Development that prevents our village merging with Pitsea?
 Development in North Benfleet delivering a new primary school, community centre, country park
 Development in the village which provides for shops, community facilities and a school.
 Development in the plotlands
 Development in other areas of the village (please specify)

Comment

9. What about development in the plotlands?

- Should we encourage infill housing development in the plotlands?
 If Green Belt status was granted would your support infill?
 If Green Belt status was replaced in the plotlands would you support a design code for properties?
 Would you support household contributions to improve road and utility infrastructure in the plotlands?
 Should we identify and protect from development any plots that have mature trees and ecological value and if so, where? (Please specify)

Comment

10. What about small scale development i.e. building for less than 10 units?

- Should we support small scale development on vacant land on the London Road?
- Should we support small scale development on Bradfeilds Farm, Burnt Mills Road?
- Should we support small scale development in the plotlands?
- Don't have an opinion

Comment

11. What do think our priorities should be in the Neighbourhood Plan in connection with infrastructure?

- Discourage traffic from the A13 and A127 using Pound Lane as a 'rat run' Improve bye - ways around the village
- Reduce traffic speeds through Pound Lane Develop more green spaces
- Reduce flooding in the village Other (Please specify below)

(please specify)

12. What about our existing shops and facilities?

- Should we try to protect our existing shops (e.g. Pound Lane Convenience store: Pound Lane Autos: Wiltons Pet Shop: Manor Koi) from changing to other uses?
- Should we protect our existing community facilities? (i.e. Westlake Park: The Benbow Club: Pound Lane Mission:)
- Should we protect the allotments?
- Should we protect our play facilities?
- Other (please specify below)

Comment

13. What additional facilities would you like to see in the village.

- A school
- A Community Centre
- A Country Park
- Shops
- Recreation Ground
- Housing below market value
- Other (Please specify)

Other (please specify)

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