

A Neighbourhood Plan for Gosfield has been submitted to Braintree District Council by the Parish Council. We are now seeking views on the Plan (under Regulation 16 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012).

Where can I view and comment on the plan and supporting documents?

- Online at: <https://www.braintree.gov.uk/policyconsultation>

The consultation is open until 5pm on Wednesday 30th September 2026

Hard copies of the documents and response forms are also available at:

- Gosfield Community Shop, The Pavilion, Church Road, Gosfield CO9 1TL (08:00-16:30 MonSat, 08:00-12:00 Sun)
- Braintree Council Offices, Causeway House, Bocking End CM7 9HB during opening hours.

What happens after the consultation has ended?

Once the consultation has closed an independent examiner will consider the plan along with evidence documents and all the comments. If approved, a local referendum will then follow and if the plan is supported by most of the votes it will be adopted as part of the Development Plan for Braintree.

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

A Neighbourhood Plan is a way for communities – in this case Gosfield Parish, to take a proactive approach to deciding the future of the places where they live and work. Once ‘made’ (adopted) a Neighbourhood Plan has the same legal status as the district wide Local Plan and is used alongside the Local Plan in deciding planning applications that fall within its area.

For more information on Neighbourhood Plans, please see

<https://www.braintree.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplan>

The [Braintree District Development Plan](#) has wider document details.