

## **Bromsgrove District Council District Plan Review Issues and Options Consultation**

Bromsgrove District Council (BDC) is preparing to review the Bromsgrove District Plan which was adopted in January 2017. This early review is a requirement of the adopted plan, as the Council has to find land for additional identified housing development needs not allocated in the current plan. The Government also encourages local planning authorities to review their Local Development Plans every five years, and in order to complete the review in good time, it is necessary to start work now.

Consultation is a key part of how we prepare planning policies and active consultation with Parish Councils is important to getting the views of many of the residents across the district. Officers are currently putting together a consultation strategy and looking to see what type of events you think your parish would benefit from. Ideas from previous consultation events include; workshops, planning for Real exercises to engage people and aid discussions, and exhibitions at local parish events.

The Issues and Options Consultation is the first stage of the consultation process for the District Plan Review where you will have the opportunity to comment on any issues you wish to be considered and addressed and the options for shaping the policies within the reviewed District Plan.

Subject to Council approval there will be events in August and September on the Issues and Options for the District Plan review and would be grateful if you could identify if you would like the District Council to carry out any of the following events in your parish:

### **Exhibition day**

This would be an event where District Council Officers would attend with the consultation material. Officers will be present to explain the documents and answer questions from residents as they turn up throughout the course of the event. This would be held at a suitable venue somewhere within your parish and normally take place during the week, normal hours would be 10am to 8pm.

### **Attendance at Parish Council event**

Subject to officer availability, we will be happy to attend events with our consultation materials that Parish Councils are already running, such as Parish Council meetings or summer fayres etc. We will make every effort to have officers available for the duration of the event but at the very least we can provide an unmanned display and forms for people to respond to the consultation.

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## **Focussed Workshops**

We can also carry out more focussed workshops using a number of different 'planning for real' tools; these can be done as part of the exhibition day or as a separate event. In order for these to be successful numbers of participants may have to be limited for some of the workshop events.

If you would like to know more about the consultation, please feel free to contact me. Please note if we do not hear back from you, we will assume you do not require particular consultation events in your area.

Kind Regards,

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