**PLANNING FOR GROWTH – SURVEY**

**TELL US WHAT YOU THINK**

The new Hertsmere Local Plan will aim to meet the increasing demand for new homes, jobs and infrastructure while also protecting and enhancing what makes Hertsmere an attractive place to live and work. You can find further information on the website at [www.hertsmere.gov.uk/newlocalplan](http://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/newlocalplan)

Please tell us how you want to see Hertsmere change over the next 15 years and beyond. How can we ensure Hertsmere continues to be a great place to live and work? What is needed in the borough in order that you and your family’s changing needs can be met?

Please score each statement by marking/ticking the response that best describes how you feel about it, where 1 is ‘strongly disagree’ and 5 is ‘strongly agree’. **Please add any comments /specific suggestions/ reasons for your score into the box under each question**.

**You don’t have to answer all the questions if you prefer not to.**

Please do provide the basic information at the end of the survey as this helps us build a picture of what the various needs in the borough are and will enable us to keep in touch with you. If you do not wish to give us all the details requested please provide your name and postcode, as a minimum, for us to be able to properly consider your views. Please return your survey form by 20 January 2017. Alternatively this questionnaire is also available as a series of short on-line surveys on the council’s website at [www.hertsmere.gov.uk/newlocalplan](http://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/newlocalplan).

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| **1. New homes: how many and where should they be?**  **New estimates of how many new homes will be needed over the next 15 years suggest the rate of housebuilding across the borough may have to more than double, potentially to around 600 homes each year.**  **More jobs, school places, shops, transport links etc will be needed alongside new homes. We cannot fit all this development into the existing towns and villages without an unprecedented scale of building in the towns, more like inner London. Allowing one or more major areas of new development outside the existing built up area could help ensure these other essential facilities can be provided. Much of this would have to be in areas which are currently Green Belt.**  **If you have any suggestions for where new development could take place please say where in the comment boxes after each question.** | | | | |
| 1a) I think new homes should be built within the existing towns and villages – filling in spaces and greatly increasing the number of homes built on each site - in preference to anywhere else in the borough  Strongly disagree Disagree Neither agree nor disagree Agree Strongly agree  1  2  3  4  5  Comment/Suggestion:  Click here to enter text. | | | | |
| 1b) I think the best way to provide new homes is by building in areas on the edges of existing built-up areas (e.g. Borehamwood, Potters Bar, Bushey and Radlett)  Strongly disagree Disagree Neither agree nor disagree Agree Strongly agree  1  2  3  4  5  Comment/Suggestion:  Click here to enter text. | | | | |
| 1c) I think the best way to provide new homes is by extending existing villages (i.e. settlements smaller than the 4 four main towns - Borehamwood, Potters Bar, Bushey and Radlett)  Strongly disagree Disagree Neither agree nor disagree Agree Strongly agree  1  2  3  4  5  Comment/Suggestion:  Click here to enter text. | | | | |
| 1d) I think the best way to provide new homes is by building a new settlement somewhere in the borough.  Strongly disagree Disagree Neither agree nor disagree Agree Strongly agree  1  2  3  4  5  Comment/Suggestion:  Click here to enter text. | | | | |
| **2. New homes: what type?**  **We need to ensure the housing needs of all members of the local community are considered. Housing in Hertsmere is amongst the least affordable in the country, particularly for young people. We also have an increasing number of older residents who require types of housing which meet their particular needs.**  **The council currently requires developers to provide some ‘Affordable Housing’- houses which are part-subsidised to enable people with a local connection who cannot afford to buy or rent on the open market to secure a home. Requiring developers to provide Affordable Housing and to contribute towards other infrastructure can sometimes cost so much that a choice between what is provided –Affordable Housing or community facilities - has to be made.** | | | | |
| 2a) I want there to be more homes in the borough that local people can afford  Strongly disagree Disagree Neither agree nor disagree Agree Strongly agree  1  2  3  4  5  Comment/Suggestion:  Click here to enter text. | | | | |
| 2b) I would like there to be more housing developments specifically for older people  Strongly disagree Disagree Neither agree nor disagree Agree Strongly agree  1  2  3  4  5  Comment/Suggestion:  Click here to enter text. | | | | |
| 2c) I think there is a particular need for more  (i) 1 bedroom homes over and above any other type of new housing  Strongly disagree Disagree Neither agree nor disagree Agree Strongly agree  1  2  3  4  5    (ii) 2 bedroom homes over and above any other type of new housing  Strongly disagree Disagree Neither agree nor disagree Agree Strongly agree  1  2  3  4  5    (iii) 3 bedroom homes over and above any other type of new housing  Strongly disagree Disagree Neither agree nor disagree Agree Strongly agree  1  2  3  4  5    (iv) 4 bedroom homes over and above any other type of new housing  Strongly disagree Disagree Neither agree nor disagree Agree Strongly agree  1  2  3  4  5    (v) 5 bedroom homes over and above any other type of new housing  Strongly disagree Disagree Neither agree nor disagree Agree Strongly agree  1  2  3  4  5  Comment/Suggestion:  Click here to enter text. | | | | |
| 2d) I think there should be more publicly built or subsidised homes for rent (e.g. housing association, council)  Strongly disagree Disagree Neither agree nor disagree Agree Strongly agree  1  2  3  4  5  Comment/Suggestion:  Click here to enter text. | | | | |
| **3. Jobs: where and what type?**  **Most adults of working age living in the borough are currently in employment, with an unemployment rate of 3.4% in November 2016. Significant numbers of people commute out to work; conversely a large number of people who work in the borough live elsewhere.** | | | | |
| 3a) I would like there to be more job opportunities available to local people  Strongly disagree Disagree Neither agree nor disagree Agree Strongly agree  1  2  3  4  5  Comment/Suggestion:  Click here to enter text. | | | | |
| 3b) I would prefer to work close to where I live than to travel outside the borough / commute for work  Strongly disagree Disagree Neither agree nor disagree Agree Strongly agree  1  2  3  4  5  Comment/Suggestion:  Click here to enter text. | | | | |
| 3c) There is a mismatch between the local workforce and the types of jobs available **(If you agree please indicate what you think the main issues are.)**  Strongly disagree Disagree Neither agree nor disagree Agree Strongly agree  1  2  3  4  5  Comment/Suggestion:  Click here to enter text. | | | | |
| 3d) More should be done to improve the choice of jobs available to local residents **(If you agree please indicate what you think should be done in the comment box below)**  Strongly disagree Disagree Neither agree nor disagree Agree Strongly agree  1  2  3  4  5  Comment/Suggestion:  Click here to enter text. | | | | |
| 3e) I think Hertsmere is a good location for businesses to thrive **(please indicate why you agree or disagree in the comment box below)**  Strongly disagree Disagree Neither agree nor disagree Agree Strongly agree  1  2  3  4  5  Comment/Suggestion:  Click here to enter text.  **PTO** | | | | |
| 3f) The following would improve Hertsmere as a place for businesses to thrive: **(Please add any specific suggestions in the comment box)**  (i) purpose built accommodate for regional or national headquarters  Strongly disagree Disagree Neither agree nor disagree Agree Strongly agree  1  2  3  4  5  (ii) more accommodation for small businesses  Strongly disagree Disagree Neither agree nor disagree Agree Strongly agree  1  2  3  4  5  (iii) investing more in particular types of business/business sectors **(Please indicate which ones in the comment box)**  Strongly disagree Disagree Neither agree nor disagree Agree Strongly agree  1  2  3  4  5  (iv) more vocational training opportunities  Strongly disagree Disagree Neither agree nor disagree Agree Strongly agree  1  2  3  4  5  (v) better access to public transport  Strongly disagree Disagree Neither agree nor disagree Agree Strongly agree  1  2  3  4  5  (vi) more off-street parking for employees  Strongly disagree Disagree Neither agree nor disagree Agree Strongly agree  1  2  3  4  5  (vii) more off-street parking for visitors to businesses  Strongly disagree Disagree Neither agree nor disagree Agree Strongly agree  1  2  3  4  5  Comment/Suggestion:  Click here to enter text. | | | | |
| **4. Community facilities: what's needed, where and when?**  **Community facilities, shops and services are an essential part of what makes a good place to live. These include the services needed on a day to day basis such as childcare, schools, healthcare, facilities for older adults, community centres and places of worship as well as shopping, cultural, sport and leisure facilities.**  **The government requires us to deliver the social, recreational and cultural facilities and services the community needs. We want to know what you think should be considered when planning for these facilities, and what else you would like to see provided.** | | | | |
| 4a) I think that schools, health centres and other essential services should be located as close as possible to new homes and be provided as soon as possible once people move in.  Strongly disagree Disagree Neither agree nor disagree Agree Strongly agree  1  2  3  4  5  Comment/Suggestion:  Click here to enter text. | | | | |
| 4b) I think we need more cultural facilities (e.g. arts, libraries, museums, entertainment) in Hertsmere.    Strongly disagree Disagree Neither agree nor disagree Agree Strongly agree  1  2  3  4  5  Comment/Suggestion:  Click here to enter text. | | | | |
| 4c) I think we need more sport and leisure facilities (e.g. indoor and outdoor sport & recreation, play, parks and open space) in Hertsmere.    Strongly disagree Disagree Neither agree nor disagree Agree Strongly agree  1  2  3  4  5  Comment/Suggestion:  Click here to enter text. | | | | |
| 4d) I think we need more shopping facilities in Hertsmere.    Strongly disagree Disagree Neither agree nor disagree Agree Strongly agree  1  2  3  4  5  Comment/Suggestion:  Click here to enter text. | | | | |
| 4e) I think it is important that there are local services such as shops in villages  Strongly disagree Disagree Neither agree nor disagree Agree Strongly agree  1  2  3  4  5  Comment/Suggestion:  Click here to enter text. | | | | |
| **5. Travel and transport**  **More people living and working in Hertsmere means increased demands on the transport network. This could increase congestion, journey times and vehicle emissions, which affects people’s health, the environment and the economy. In order to minimise these problems we need to plan for sustainable growth – locating new development where there is less of a need to rely on the car and increasing the opportunities for more sustainable means of travel such as car clubs, public transport, cycling and walking. If you have suggestions about what might improve travel and transport facilities in Hertsmere please tell us in the comment boxes below.** | | | | |
| 5a) I think people should be encouraged to use their cars less  Strongly disagree Disagree Neither agree nor disagree Agree Strongly agree  1  2  3  4  5  Comment/Suggestion:  Click here to enter text. | | | | |
| 5b) If it was easier to get around by public transport I would use it more often  Strongly disagree Disagree Neither agree nor disagree Agree Strongly agree  1  2  3  4  5  Comment/Suggestion:  Click here to enter text. | | | | |
| 5c) If it was easier and safer to travel by bicycle in Hertsmere I would cycle more often  Strongly disagree Disagree Neither agree nor disagree Agree Strongly agree  1  2  3  4  5  Comment/Suggestion:  Click here to enter text. | | | | |
| 5d) If there was a car club near where I live I would probably use it. (A car club enables members to book a vehicle for use when needed, without the hassle and expense of owning a car.)    Strongly disagree Disagree Neither agree nor disagree Agree Strongly agree  1  2  3  4  5  Comment/Suggestion:  Click here to enter text. | | | | |
| 5e)I have a frequent need to travel to the following destinations for work (please tick/mark those that apply):  (i) Borehamwood/Potters Bar/Radlett/Bushey/Shenley  (ii) Elsewhere in Hertfordshire  (iii) London  (iv) Other **(Please indicate where in the comment box)**  Comment/Suggestion:  Click here to enter text. | | | | |
| 5f) There are particular local transport/travel issues in or affecting Hertsmere that I would like to see dealt with.  Strongly disagree Disagree Neither agree nor disagree Agree Strongly agree  1  2  3  4  5  Comment/Suggestion:  Click here to enter text. | | | | |
| **6. The natural environment**  **Hertsmere has an extensive and varied network of open spaces and parks, woodlands, watercourses, and open countryside. The natural environment helps make Hertsmere the attractive borough it is; it also contributes to flood protection, and is important for health and wellbeing. The Green Belt surrounding the towns prevents urban sprawl and safeguards the countryside from encroachment although not all Green Belt land has the same landscape or environmental quality.** | | | | |
| 6a) I think it is important that the council continues to protect the rural character of the borough outside of the larger built up areas  Strongly disagree Disagree Neither agree nor disagree Agree Strongly agree  1  2  3  4  5  Comment/Suggestion:  Click here to enter text. | | | | |
| 6b) I would support some new building in the Green Belt if it meant new homes, jobs and infrastructure for local people could be provided  Strongly disagree Disagree Neither agree nor disagree Agree Strongly agree  1  2  3  4  5  Comment/Suggestion:  Click here to enter text. | | | | |
| 6c)I don’t think there should be any new development anywhere in the Green Belt  Strongly disagree Disagree Neither agree nor disagree Agree Strongly agree  1  2  3  4  5  Comment/Suggestion:  Click here to enter text. | | | | |
| 6d) I would like more areas of the countryside in the borough to be accessible to the public  Strongly disagree Disagree Neither agree nor disagree Agree Strongly agree  1  2  3  4  5  Comment/Suggestion:  Click here to enter text. | | | | |
| **7. Any other comments about any of the issues raised in this survey?** | | | | |
| Comment/Suggestion:  Click here to enter text. | | | | |
| **8. Please tell us your:** | | | | |
| Name: | Click here to enter text. | | | |
| Address: | Click here to enter text. | | | |
| Postcode: (required) | Click here to enter text. | | | |
| Email: | Click here to enter text. | | | |
| Gender: | Male |  | Female |  |
| Age Group: | Under 11 |  | 11-18 |  |
| 19-24 |  | 25-40 |  |
| 41-60 |  | 61-75 |  |
| Over 75 |  |  |  |
| Are you | Owner occupier |  | Renting (private) |  |
| Renting (housing association) |  | Living at home with parent(s) |  |
| Employment status | Employed (full time) |  | Employed (part time) |  |
| Self employed |  | Not employed, looking for work |  |
| Not employed, not looking for work |  | Retired |  |



**Please return this questionnaire by 20 January 2017 to** [**Local.plan@hertsmere.gov.uk**](mailto:Local.plan@hertsmere.gov.uk) **or Planning Policy Team, Hertsmere Borough Council, Council Offices, Elstree Way, Borehamwood, WD6 1WA.**