

AGENDA

Thurrock Local Plan: Residents Forum

1pm Saturday 10 September 2016
Beehive Centre, West Street, Grays, RM17 6XP

| Timing | Activity |
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| 1pm | Registration and coffee plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cloth wall group activity: What are your hopes for the Forum? • Individual activity: Do you feel your voice will make a difference – if not why not? |
| 1.10 pm | Welcome and Introduction to the Workshop – Kirsty Paul |
| 1.15 pm | Getting to know each other – on your tables introduce yourself to the other participants. |
| 1.30 pm | Planning and the Local Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of “hopes” from cloth wall • 1st session: How much do people feel they know about Planning? (Rainbow activity) Review of responses and explanation about purpose of Forum. • 2nd session: The Local Plan – presentation / talk by Kirsty Paul |
| 1.50 pm | Comfort break / break for tea and coffee |
| 2 pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd session: What the Local Plan CAN and CAN'T deal with. Groups to sort “burning issues” cards into either CAN or CAN'T. Kirsty to provide answers and explanations. • 4th session: Thurrock SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) analysis – group work. Feedback from each group. |
| 2.45 pm | Feedback from participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do participants want to cover in the next Workshop? • Date of next Workshop? |
| 3pm | Close of Workshop – participants asked to complete a “quick evaluation” about Workshop on the “way out”. |

Kirsty Paul
Principal Planning Officer



THURROCK LOCAL PLAN
RESIDENTS FORUM – SEPTEMBER 2016

West Horndon

Basildon

Havering

Bulphan

Great Maltraves

Stanford La Hope/ Carringham

South Ockendon

THURROCK

Stanford La Hope/ Carringham

Aveley

Southfields

Thames

Grays

Linford

East Tilbury

Swanscombe

Tilbury

Tilbury

Northfleet

Gravesend

OUTLINE

- What are Local Plans and why are they important?
- Why do we need a new plan?
- What are the key stages in the plan's preparation?
- What was the last consultation all about?
- What are the next steps?

WHAT ARE LOCAL PLANS

- Local Plans set out the long term development strategy of an area.
- Local Plans identify:
 - where, and how many, new homes should be built
 - the locations where businesses need more land to expand
 - which areas need to be regenerated
 - where new shops should be located
 - which areas should be protected from development.



How does this impact me?

It's all seems very high level..

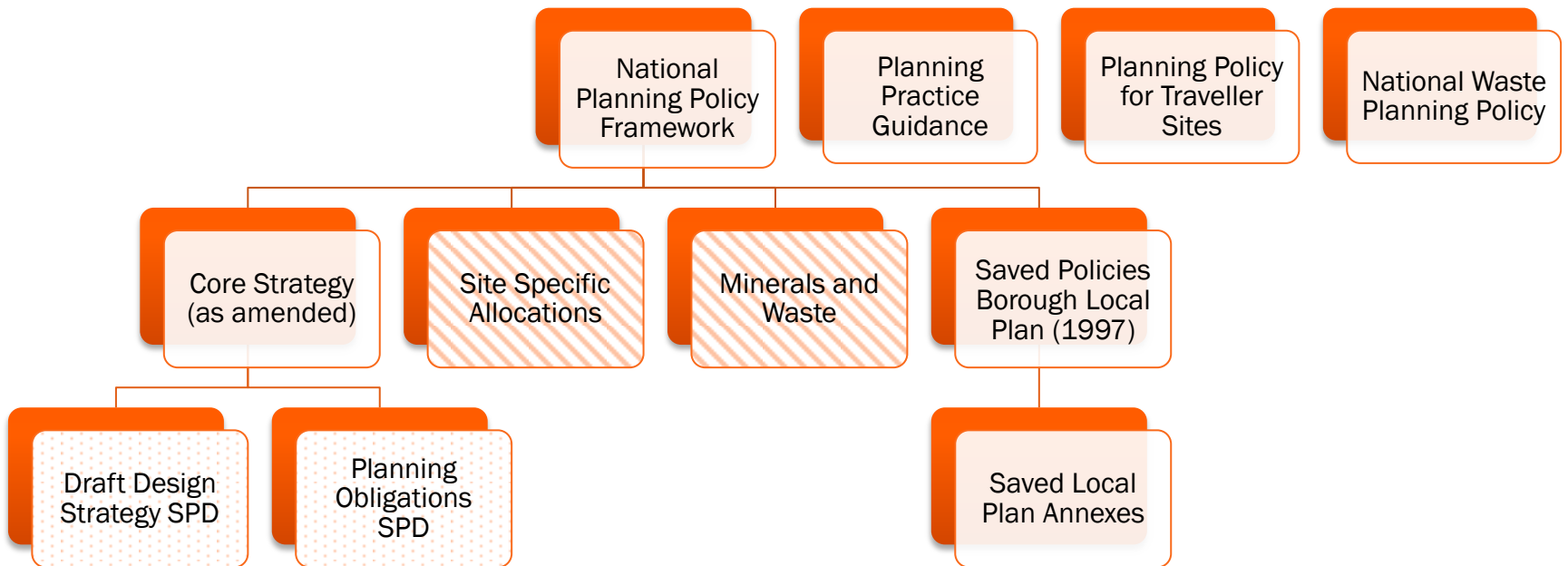
Why can't I wait till a planning application is made and then have my say?

The fact is planning affects everyone

You would be right some of it is but there are detailed elements too

Most decisions are made in accordance with the Plan.

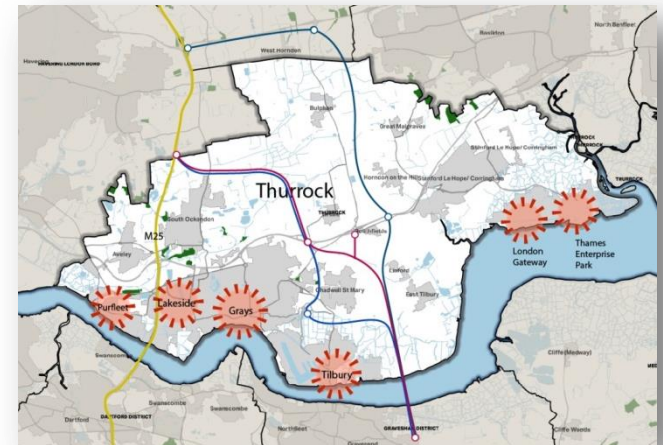
EXISTING DEVELOPMENT PLAN



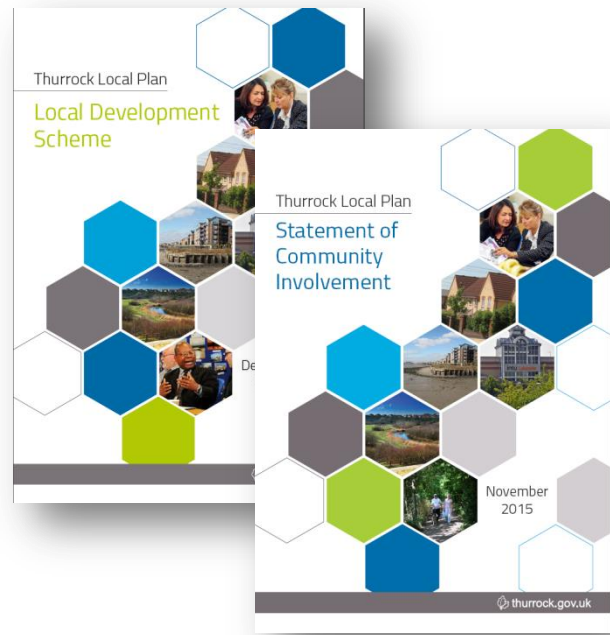
Core Strategy adopted in 2011 and updated in part in 2015.

WHY ARE WE PREPARING A NEW PLAN?

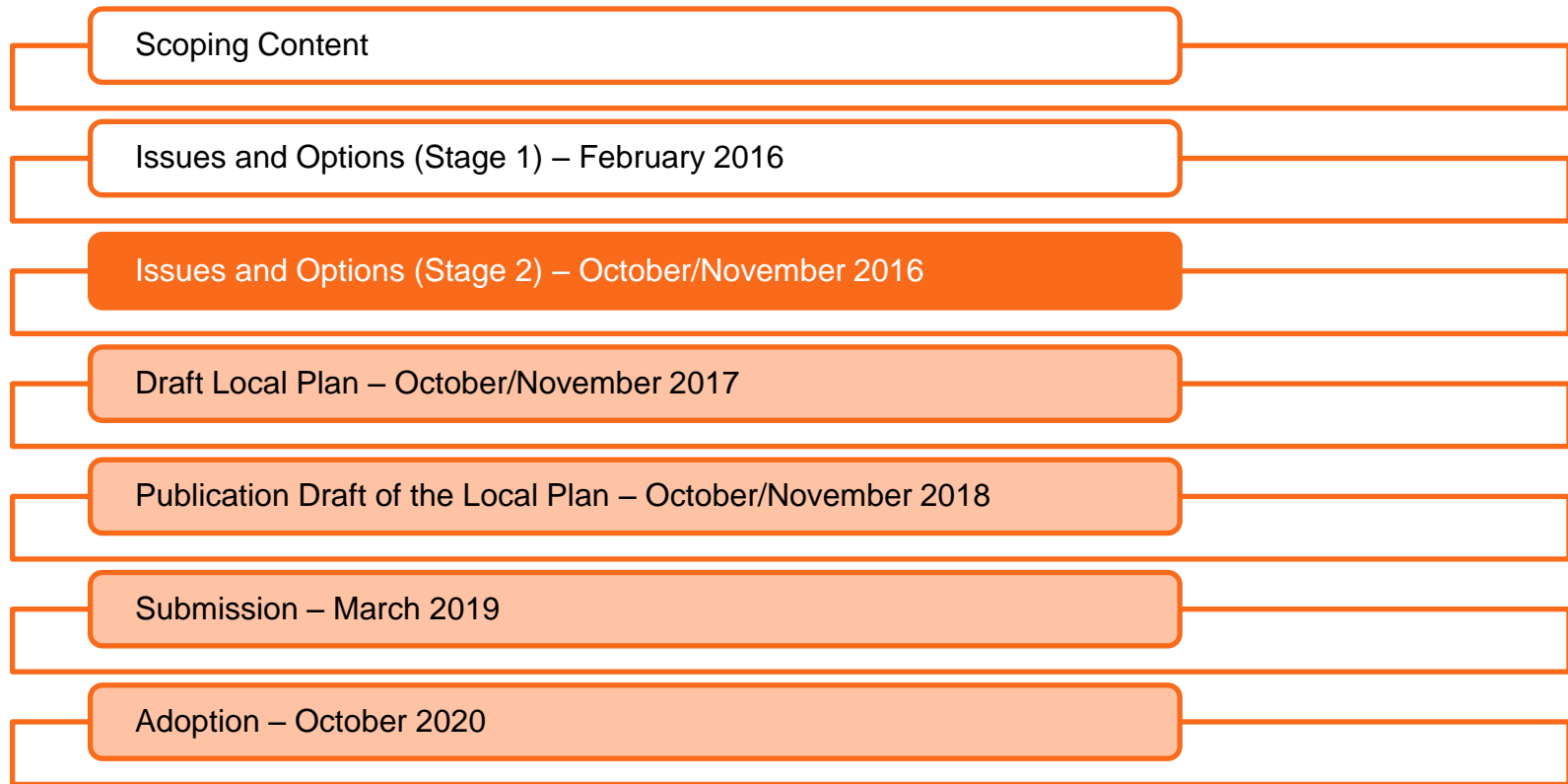
- To provide the Council with a more up-to-date statutory planning framework and replace policies which were heavily influenced by the East of England Plan
- To review and update our understanding of future development needs for housing, employment, retail and infrastructure
- To identify a deliverable five year housing land supply and bring forward more sites for development to support economic growth
- To plan for the possible impact of a decision by Government on the route and location of the proposed Lower Thames Crossing (LTC)



EMERGING DEVELOPMENT PLAN

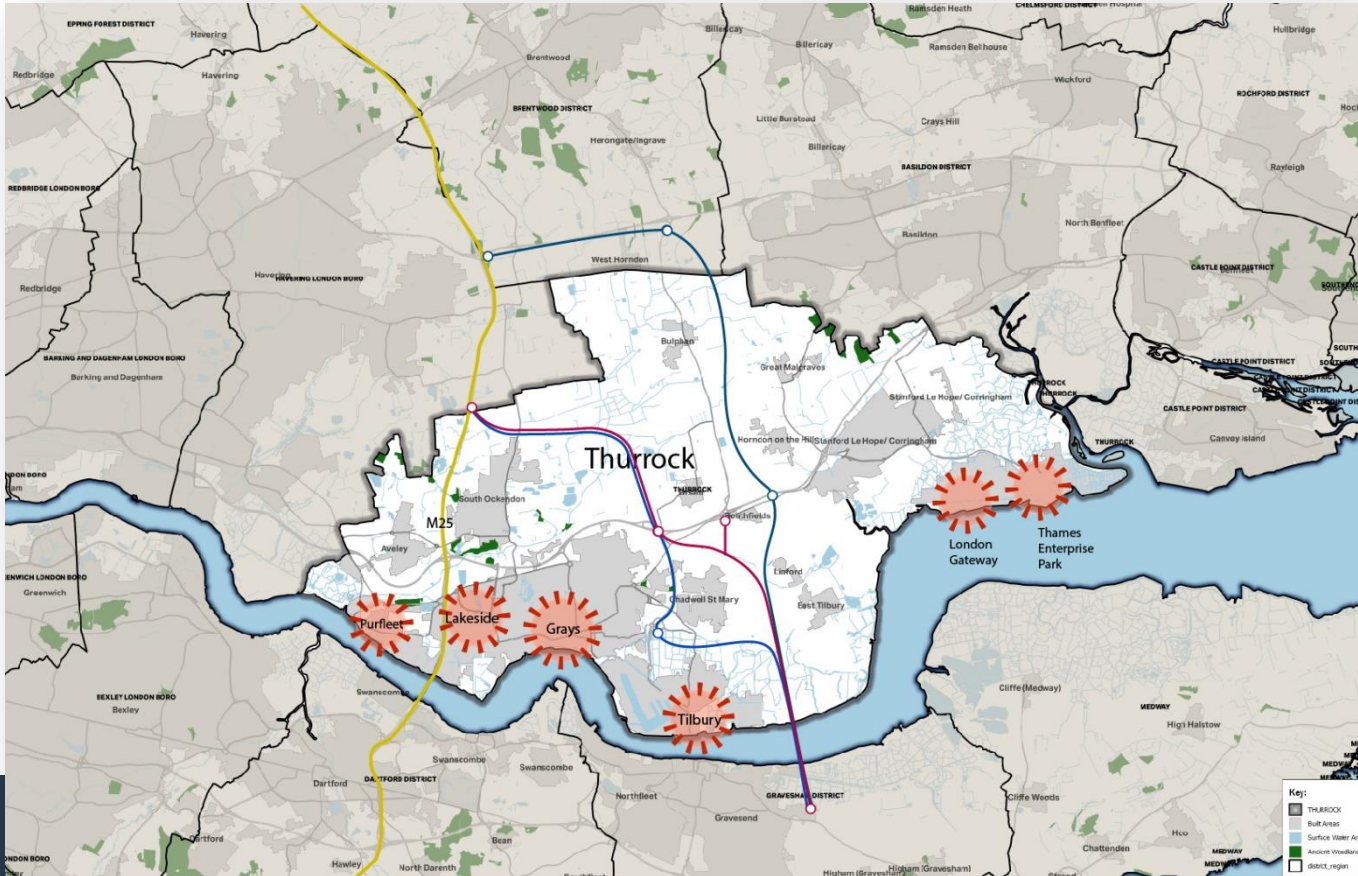


PROCESS FOR PREPARING A LOCAL PLAN



This timetable is from the latest Local Development Scheme which was approved in December 2015 by Cabinet.

SCOPING – STRATEGIC CONTEXT AND GROWTH HUBS



ISSUES AND OPTIONS (STAGE 1)

The Issues and Options (Stage 1) consultation document sought to:

- Identify the main planning issues which will need to be considered by the Council in writing the Local Plan.
- Test the accuracy of some of the statements/assumptions previously used in plan making.
- Enable residents, businesses and key stakeholders to shape the content of plan by answering a series of key questions.

The Issues and Options (Stage 1) consultation document did not identify any specific sites or suggest any specific growth targets.



ISSUES AND OPTIONS (STAGE 1)

Format of the document:

- Introduction
- Thinking forward – promoting a clear vision
- Key policy areas (Location, Homes, Jobs, Retail, Communities, Transport, Environment, Climate Change, Minerals and Waste)
- Placemaking

NEW HOMES

3.10 The population of Thurrock is relatively young with a large proportion of the population of working age. Nearly a third of households are families and lone parents with dependent children. With the current housing market, this means more young people are living at home for longer and unable to move on from the family home. The older population, in particular, is projected to grow significantly in the next twenty years, moving more in line with the national average, placing additional pressures on housing and social care services. The majority of new growth in the Borough is anticipated to be as a result of natural change, i.e. existing families growing and people living longer.

3.11 The Government has a strong agenda to increase the supply of housing in order to meet the national housing shortage. Planning is a key focus for the Government in addressing the housing shortage.

3.12 National policy tells us that we should seek to plan to meet our Objectively Assessed Need (OAN) for housing in full. The OAN is determined by looking at a range of secondary data sources like the Census and government housing and employment projections, as well as more localised indicators of need.

The Core strategy says...

3.13 The housing target set out in the Core Strategy is to deliver a minimum of 18,500 new dwellings between 2001 and 2021. This target was determined by the then East of England Plan. This regional tier of planning has now been removed by the Government leaving Councils to determine their own housing requirements. However setting a new target is not as easy as just selecting a number we feel comfortable with.

3.14 With a growing population, an ageing population and changes in household make-up, the need for housing is high and increasing. New development is an important responsibility that we have in order to help ensure that future generations can find homes of their own in the future. Preventing further growth and development is not an option that we have as we must seek to plan for our full OAN over the plan period.

QUESTION 8

Have you ever experienced any difficulty in trying to find a suitable property in the Borough? If yes what were your biggest challenge?

DECIDING WHERE NEW HOMES SHOULD GO

3.15 National policy states that the Plan should seek to encourage sustainable patterns of movement which means that we should make sure that new housing is properly serviced by existing or new infrastructure.

3.16 National policy also encourages the effective use of land by reusing land that has been previously developed (brownfield land), an approach that is also promoted through the

ISSUES AND OPTIONS (STAGE 1)



Thurrock Local Plan
Have your say and help shape Thurrock's future

Thurrock is set to change a lot over the next 20 to 30 years with a growing population, increased investment in industry and changes in the way people access key services. We need to make sure that this change is planned for in a way that makes Thurrock an even better place to live, work and visit.

Since the 'Core Strategy' was adopted in 2011 there have been substantial changes to national policy. Although some of the policies were updated following a focused review, others required additional evidence. Without an up-to-date Plan in place, the council will be at risk of speculative applications being approved on appeal.

The council is at an early stage in preparing the new Local Plan and is looking for people to have their say on the big issues affecting the borough and its environment.

To have your say and to find out more information visit:
thurrock.gov.uk/localplan

Local Plan Roadshows

Throughout the consultation period we will be holding a series of drop-in events across the borough. Details of planned roadshows for the Local Plan are below.

Further dates are expected to be added as the consultation continues, so please check back for regular updates.

- Friday 11 March, 9am to 4.30pm
Stanford-le-Hope Children's Centre
Copley of Road, Stanford-le-Hope, SS17 0DP
- Thursday 19 March, 10am to 6.30pm
Corringham Library
St John's Way, Corringham,
Stanford-le-Hope, SS17 7JL
- Friday 18 March, 2pm to 7pm
Orsett Churches Centre
High Road, Orsett, RM16 3ER
- Tuesday 22 March, 9am to 5pm
Aveley Youth and Community Centre,
105 High Street, Aveley, RM11 4EX
- Wednesday 23 March, 10am to 5pm
Grays Shopping Centre
Down Road, RM11 6DE
- Thursday 24 March, midday to 6.30pm
Chadwell Library
Broadwood Road,
Chadwell St Mary, RM16 4LP
- Thursday 24 March, 10am to 5pm
St Stephen's Church
London Road, Fulford, RM16 3GU
- Thursday 31 March, 10am to 5pm
East Tilbury Library
Thurrock Avenue, East Tilbury,
Tilbury, RM18 6BT

2016 Call for Sites

Last year over 170 sites were submitted to the council to be considered for future development. If you know of any sites that the council should consider for new uses in its Plan, please complete a 2016 Call for Sites Form. Forms are available online and in Thurrock Offices.

Draft Design Strategy

High quality design is fundamental to the creation of high quality places and has a significant impact on quality of life. The Design Strategy document sets out guidance on how new developments in the borough should be designed. Our ambition for the Design Strategy will be to ensure that new developments planned for Thurrock are of high quality, fit for the future, and to find out more visit:
thurrock.gov.uk/localplan

What types of homes do you think are needed? And where should they be built?
What types of jobs do you think are needed? Where should they be located?
What would you like Thurrock to be like in the future?
What would you change in your local neighbourhood to make it a better place to live?
How would you make the best use of the River Thames and its freshwater?
What types of shops and leisure facilities do you think are needed and where?
What changes would you make to the Borough's roads, footpaths and public transport?
What should the plan do to protect or enhance the Borough's unique environment?
What changes would you make to education, health and community facilities?



Local Plan Roadshows

- Tilbury Children's Centre – Tuesday 8 March, 9am to 5pm
- South Ockendon Centre – Wednesday 9 March, 9am to 5pm
- Stanford-le-Hope Children's Centre – Friday 11 March 9am to 4:30pm
- Corringham Library – Tuesday 15 March, 10am to 6:30pm
- Orsett Churches Centre – Friday 18 March, 2pm to 7pm
- Aveley Youth and Community Centre – Tuesday 22 March, 9am to 5pm
- Grays Shopping Centre – Wednesday 23 March, 10am to 5pm
- Chadwell St Mary Centre – Thursday 24 March, midday to 6:30pm
- St Stephen's Church, Purfleet – Tuesday 29 March, 10am to 6pm
- East Tilbury Library – Thursday 31 March, 10am to 5pm
- Lakeside Shopping Centre – TBC

Thurrock Local Plan

Make it your Plan

What will **your** reason be for getting involved in making the Local Plan?

For more information and to have your say visit thurrock.gov.uk/localplan

- I want a say in where new housing will be built.
- I want to help shape Thurrock's future.
- I want to make sure that my community has access to the right facilities.
- I want Thurrock to continue being a place where I enjoy living and working.
- I want to make sure that people can continue to access jobs locally.
- I want to protect the things that are important to my community.
- I want a say over how my local area is developed.

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Local Plan Issues and Options - Big Questions

Click on a step in the survey [Help](#)

- The Big Questions**
- Staying Involved
- Submit

The Big Questions

Question 1

What would you like Thurrock to be like in the future?

Question 2

What would you change in your local neighbourhood to make it a better place to live?

Question 3a

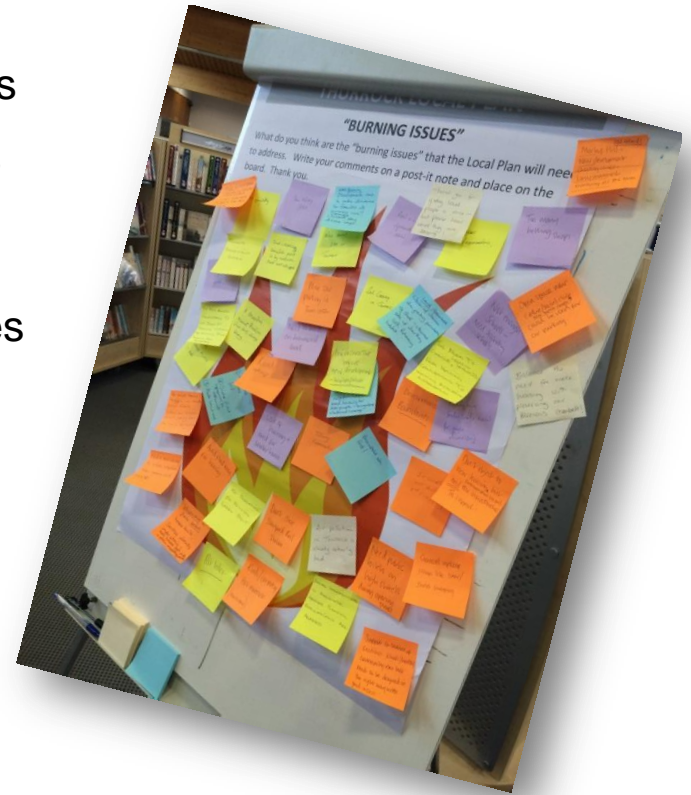
What types of homes do you think are needed? (Tick all that apply)

- Apartments
- Bungalows
- Custom build houses (self build plots)
- Large family housing (4+ bedrooms)
- Live/work units
- Pitches for Gypsies and Travellers
- Pitches for Travelling Show People
- Sheltered housing
- Small family homes (2/3 bedrooms)
- Other (please state)

ISSUES AND OPTIONS (STAGE 1)

Received Comments

- 548 formal comments – mostly from statutory bodies, site promoters and other organisations
- 49 responses to the Local Plan Big Questions Survey
 - 36 – Small family housing
 - 32 – Favour brownfield sites for new homes
 - 34 – Creative industries
- 492 burning issue post it notes
 - HGV movements
 - Poor quality green belt should be released
 - The need to protect open spaces
 - New developments should improve connections with the River



CURRENT CONSULTATIONS

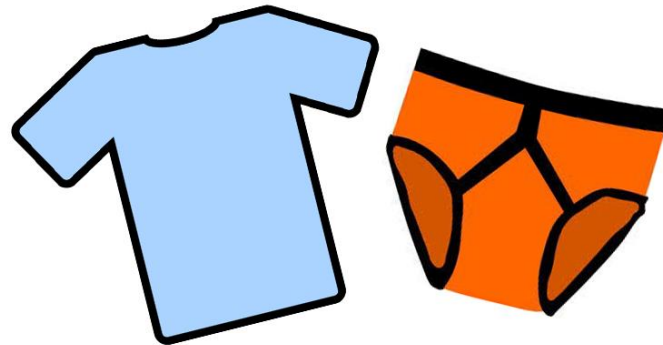
Local Green Space and Local List Nominations

The council is inviting members of the community to nominate local green spaces, buildings (and features) that are important to their community.

Nomination forms will be online and in Libraries from Friday 15 July to Friday 9 September.

Local Plan Roadshows

- Piggyback on existing events
- Raise awareness about planning matters
- Asking people what they like (Tops) and don't like (Pants) about where they live.



NEXT STEPS AND UPCOMING CONSULTATIONS

- Finishing inputting comments and new sites.
- Review comments and determine action points.
- Additional background evidence to prepare, including the assessment of over 570 sites for housing, employment and retail uses.
- Additional consultation events about specific topics and/or sites.
- Prepare Issue and Options (Stage 2) – Strategic policies and site allocations

DEVELOPING THE EVIDENCE BASE



ISSUES AND OPTIONS (STAGE 2)

The Issues and Options (Stage 2) consultation document will seek to present a range of realistic options for:

- How the borough should develop over the next twenty years.
 - **Strategic Policies** – Housing, Employment, Retail and Infrastructure
 - **Safeguarded Sites** – Conservation Areas, Local List, Local Green Spaces
 - **Directions for growth** – Site allocations, regeneration areas, urban extensions

