



## RAMSDEN CRAYS PARISH COUNCIL SPRING 2016 NEWSLETTER

Dear Resident,

### **Local Plan 2016:**

Copies of the Borough Diary have now been delivered to all residents which include brief details of the Local Plan and primarily proposed housing projections for the next 20 years.

**IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT THAT EVERY ADULT IN EACH HOUSEHOLD SENDS IN A LETTER INDIVIDUALLY, EVERY LETTER COUNTS.**

The following was sent by the Parish Council to Basildon on the Local Plan 2016:

Draft Local Plan Consultation 2016,  
FREEPOST ANG 11276,  
Policy & Democratic Services,  
Basildon Centre,  
Basildon,  
Essex.  
SS14 1LZ

15<sup>th</sup> March, 2016

Dear Sir/Madam,

### **Re: BASILDON LOCAL PLAN 2014/2034**

At the Parish Council meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> March the following was agreed:

#### **1. Population Growth**

In general we are satisfied with the total shown to meet our growing population.

The basis of allocation is unfair with Billericay benefiting to the detriment of Wickford and the Parished areas in terms of allocation.

We are very dissatisfied with the proposed allocation to Ramsden Crays (Crays Hill) of 45 properties (0.3%) as per your chart on page 3 and as confirmed by officers at the meetings around the borough, this at first sight seems reasonable but it does not include the additional proposed 50 properties in plotlands which were not made public and resulting in a total allocation of 95 properties in total for Ramsden Crays.

In addition the greenfield area shown as Barnsfield (between Oak Avenue and Crays Hill Road) is in fact part of plotlands and as such does not meet the development criteria as described in your recommendations contained in the Basildon Borough Plotland Study dated December 2015.

The Parish Council recommendation for Crays Hill is therefore that the 3 sites proposed a total of 45 properties be removed and only the plotlands 4 sites total of 50 properties remain in the Plan. This would satisfy the majority of local residents and represent a fair allocation of the total new homes proposed.

## **2. Transport Infrastructure**

The main routes and the road structure through and around Crays Hill are not built for present vehicle and truck size. As a result of the proposed number of new dwellings to the North of the A127, the volume of traffic using the A129; Hardings Elms Road; Wash Road and Barleylands Road and Gardiners Lane North will increase significantly.

These roads are used as short cuts to avoid the major highways and the plan proposals do not seem to fully address the future problems which will occur. Bottleneck is likely to occur in Wash Road. The increase in volumes may or may not slow down traffic.

A mini roundabout at the junction of Gardiners Lane North and the A129 may well help. There is a need to provide alternative routes to these current single lane highways.

## **3. Traveller Sites**

The Plan includes the further expansion of the Gypsy and Traveller pitches from 35 to 52 pitches in Oak Lane, Crays Hill. It includes 10 unauthorised pitches which the council has taken no action against in the last ten years, plus it is now proposed to include these and furthermore add 7 more pitches raising the total to 52 pitches. This will then become a very large dominant site on the edge of our Parish.

Just the expansion goes against Government guidelines on site size without taking in to consideration the existing site.

It would be acceptable if a new site of 15 pitches was proposed elsewhere in the Borough instead of increasing this site even more.

In a statement in June 2015 by the Government Planning Minister, Brandon Lewis MP he said "Once and for all, under this government a Borough Council does have the power to protect Green Belt in its local plan".

Yours faithfully,

Georgina Bassett (Mrs.)  
Clerk to Ramsden Crays Parish Council

cc: Cllr. T. Sargent – Basildon Borough Councillor  
Cllr. S. Allen – Basildon Borough Councillor  
Cllr. M. Buckley – Essex County Councillor  
Cllr. N. Le Gresley – Essex County Councillor

It is essential that Residents respond to Basildon Council in writing expressing their views, the deadline to be received is 11.59 pm. on 24<sup>th</sup> March. The more comments the better.

### **Parish Councillors**

Chairman - Councillor Andrew Peake	01268 525771
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Councillor David McPherson-Davis	01268 525762
Councillor Norman Flint	01268 523100
Councillor Sally Aungier	01268 289769

### **Non-Elected Appointments 2014-15**

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