

Barling Magna and Sutton with Shopland Parishes Workshop

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1 Summary of Notes and Findings

Comments received during the Presentation Stage

See Presentation document for full Presentation given at the Workshop

- Road infrastructure is identified as poor, partially due to the geography of the Parishes.
- Concerns have been raised over the new building works to the west of Little Wakering Road. Issues include;
 - The Capacity of the sewers and their ability to cope with additional housing
 - Issues surrounding Flooding
- The housing development itself is not wanted and in particular social housing was not wanted within Barling. If there is any supply of social housing then this should prioritise local people.
- Paramount for Barling to remain a village
 - If Barling were to stay the same and have the same number of houses then the number of services could stay the same without having to go under stress and therefore no new services need building.
 - Residents would like to retain their community feel and be able to have nice surroundings and picturesque views.
- RDC need to make sure that Section 106 money is spent on what it is intended to provide. Ideally Section 106 money should be spent prior to development.
- Request raised to provide details of the S106 for Star Lane
- Cycle paths are wanted along roads, namely Shopland Road – Ditches to be replaced with a pipe and then surfaced with a cycle lane.
- Cycling Clubs – Need to notify residents before they use the highways.

- What are the requirements for a new road? Number of houses/ cars? Find out information from Essex Highways.
- Suggestion that the total increase in houses must now be a fairly high number – therefore equating to needed a new school, or some services of sorts.

Comments received during the Discussion Stage

See Map documents for full annotations and notes made at this stage

- Have flood zones been recently reassessed to take into account for sea level rise?
 - Kimberley Road is susceptible to flooding.
- Every Authority area should have a grammar school
- It is strongly felt that farmland should not be developed.
- It is stated that Essex County Council highway desktop study is insufficient and 'real' studies should be performed.
- It is felt that most of the comments made and issues raised should be considered pre 2025 not post 2025.
- Road Network
 - Traffic congestion is already a major issue, yet to secure funds for infrastructure, more housing has to be delivered – Vicious circle unless money is input to build new roads prior to development.
 - A policy should be in place especially for rural areas that infrastructure should be in place prior to development.
 - Rochford District Council need to put increased pressure on Essex County Council for improving the road network in Rochford District.
 - It is felt that there is a large disparity in the infrastructure across the district
 - Even the existing roads in the Parishes should be improved, they are narrow and congested.
 - Exiting Little Wakering Road is difficult at peak times
- Homes are susceptible to flooding – improvements desired.
- There has been a lack of consultation in the past. Residents would like to know how consultation will occur in the future.

- More employment development is wanted within Sutton and Shopland, in order to provide residents with jobs.
- Site lines are not well maintained along Barling Road and Barrow Hall Road. This road also has dangerous bends within it.

Next steps

- Parish Council and parishioners to be continually engaged and notified of updates
- Issues & Options document Autumn 2016: Open, visioning, range of options. To meet with parish before hand to ensure compatibility