

Rayleigh Town 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

- Bus routes numbers 20, 25, 23 and 3 were absent from the presentation
- Residents would like access to statistical information about the AQMA (Air Quality Management Area) in Rayleigh – should be included within presentation
- There is concern that the Watery Lane/west Hullbridge development will cause an increase in traffic in Rayleigh. All construction traffic should be kept out of Rayleigh through effective traffic management.
 - Roundabout linking Rawreth Lane and Hullbridge road needs to be prematurely enlarged into a full size roundabout – anticipating the increased use by lorries coming from the west Hullbridge site.
- At the end of Websters Way near M&S, pedestrians are crossing illegally and dangerously.
- What options are there for the improvement of Watery Lane.
- Concern raised over the future development to the north of London road and where the children will go to Secondary school, as the existing schools are already at capacity.
- What influence does the Town Council have over education?
- Planning should adopt a bottom-up style
- Concerns raised about the capacity of both Primary and Secondary Schools.
- Future development north of London road raises concern over the link between Rawreth Lane and London Road.

Comments received during the Discussion Stage

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

- When making decisions, the wider area has to be looked at, for example, the development to the west of Hullbridge will have a major impact on Rayleigh.
- All statistics need to be more up to date in order to keep them accurate.
- Development to the north of London Road
 - The railway and utilities will not be able to cope with the added demand from 550 new houses. Additional capacity will be needed.
 - Construction traffic resulting from the development of the site should be kept out of Rayleigh. Enforcing traffic management to keep 30/40 tonne lorries from making any right turns by entering the site from London Road and then exiting onto Rawreth Lane will mitigate most of the congestion caused by the site.
 - Furthering on the comment above, a temporary road should be formed across the agricultural land to the west of the site so that Lorries never have to enter Rawreth Lane
- Traffic lights within the High Street need a camera to enforce them properly.
- Eastwood Road and The Chase junction should be monitored for air quality.
- Concerns raised about the allocation of affordable housing, especially social housing for local people.
 - There should be more intermediate housing in Rayleigh
- There should be better communication between utility providers with regards to management and construction of capacity.
- Who controls Superfast Essex?
- There is a lack of a swimming pool in Rayleigh.

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

2 Summary of Feedback

How informative did you find the day?: Respondents answered an average of 3 out of 5

How would you rate the presentations?: Respondents answered an average of 2.6 out of 5

How would you rate the discussions?: Respondents answered an average of 3.3 out of 5

Respondents felt that aspects that were done well included:

- Mapping 'post-it' session worked well
- Access to speak to Planning department and councillors useful, everyone was very approachable
- Freedom of speech was beneficial with most officers and councillors listening.
- All Officers and Councillors seem to have the best interest of Rayleigh in common

Respondents felt that aspects that could be improved on included:

- The workshop should be held at a more appropriate time than 3pm to engage the wider community
- Hold the meeting with less involvement from Councillors
- Would like to see information put on social media by councillors to keep residents up to date
- Facts need to be more up to date and accurate
- Sound System should be used to improve clarity of presentations
- ECC need to recognise that consultation is a good thing
- Meetings should be more regular
- It has been stated that Councillors should be playing a more active role in advertising workshops. Even better, they should be at Rayleigh station in the mornings handing out surveys.

Respondents felt that the project should be taken forward by:

- Engage with the wider public – flyers in Rayleigh Review / Yellow Advertiser / Echo
- Air Quality must be assessed and managed across the whole town and not jst the High Street.
- Meetings and discussions should be carried out out of working hours.
- More meetings similar to today’s session, but with more details.
- Establish some main points/headings and update any progress on the issues raised via the councils’ website.
- It is felt the workshops should be advertised more and to the wider community. The more reminders, the more likely the public are to attend and therefore understand planning issues.
- More information should be provided on planning issues now, not at the next consultation stage.

Additional Comments:

- Larger screen needed as those to the rear of the hall could not see visuals and text.