

Rayleigh Town Evening 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

- London Road and Rawreth Lane should become air quality management areas. Air quality is of major concern to Rayleigh residents.
- There are concerns over secondary school capacity, especially after the new development to the North of London Road is complete.
 - Rayleigh should be protected from further development and have more open spaces identified and provided.
- Congestion needs to be addressed, any issue on the A127 forces traffic through Rayleigh.
 - What are the improvements that can be made to the roads in Rayleigh?
 - Open up Love Lane with improvements to the road – becomes a bypass to Rayleigh High Street.
 - Watery Lane should be improved and straightened to become a second bypass to Rayleigh.
 - Traffic lights should replace the mini roundabouts at the top of Crown Hill and along Websters way. These new traffic lights could be synchronised to allow better traffic flow.
- Many people within Rayleigh commute out of the area mainly to London for employment. Concerns that new homes are not built for local people and that they are bringing in more people from nearby cities.
 - There is no capacity on the infrastructure in Rayleigh to support further housing. It is felt that there is more space out toward Barling to develop more housing.
- A lack of facilities was identified in Rayleigh. There is no cinema or swimming pool in Rayleigh. There is also a lack of healthcare provision.

- Parking restrictions, particularly near stations exacerbates congestion issues. Parking restrictions moves the cars, however it does not get rid of them.
- Rayleigh High Street
 - Rayleigh High Street is in need of tight controls on change of use of shopping units to maintain a healthy balance of shops.
 - High Street should be pedestrian access only during daytime and other off-peak times.
- It is key that bungalows are preserved in the area and not replaced with larger two storey dwellings or even for bungalows to have loft conversions.

Comments received during the Discussion Stage

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

- One for one replacement of dwellings, where a dwelling is demolished. No subdivision of plots.
- Traffic lights on the junction of Down Hall Road and London Road
- Open up Love Lane, Crown Hill and Station car park. This would allow movement of cars from Great Wheatley Road through Love Lane to the Station Road end of Crown Hill, bypassing the high street.
- High street from Crown Hill to Holy Trinity Church should be pedestrianized, with Websters way as two way traffic, with no lights or adjoining roads by Half Moon. Traffic Lights should also be installed at the bottom end of London Hill.
- The high street / Websters Way should be returned as a one way system, installing traffic lights on all junctions
- Prohibit external shutters within the conservation area
- A weight restriction should be imposed along High Road (A129) so that Heavy vehicles do not enter the high street of Eastwood Road.
- Open the road to Brook Road Industrial Estate from Glasseys Lane with width control so as to prevent HGVs. This would allow entry/exit to the industrial estate without having to go via the Weir.
- Either improve the A127 or build an outer link from the A130 to Eastern Southend, some of the traffic going via Rawreth Lane / London Road is heading towards Rochford, Canewdon etc.

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