

# The Parish council role in the planning process

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This goes beyond acting as the eyes and ears of your local communities; you can for example,

- influence decisions and policies that affect your area;
- develop neighbourhood/parish plans;
- assist in identifying potential sites for affordable housing;
- lead community engagement in implementation projects; and
- when reviewing planning applications, encourage close partnership working with the council to deliver local services which give the best deal for the community.

# Agenda

- 19:00 – 19:30 | **Introduction to Barling and Sutton**
- 19:45 – 20:30 | **Discussion and Map Session**
- 20:30 – 21:00 | **Looking to the future and the role of Stakeholders**

# How to deliver and understand local needs and ambitions

What we want to know:

- What do you want? Where should it go?
- Where are your services? Do they need improvement?
- What about funding?

# What are the relationships and communication challenges?

We want:

- Open and transparent communication
- Ongoing engagement

What improvements could we make?

# Building relationships, miscommunications and their concerns

# Parish Map



# Barling/Sutton Parish

## Statistics





# Barling Overview

## ❑ Total Population of the Parish is 1,740

- An increase from 1,652 in 2001
- Population density of 1.25 people per hectare (ppha), much lower than the Rochford average of 4.9 ppha

## ❑ The average age of a Barling resident is 41.1 years, higher than the national average of 39.3 years

## ❑ Between 2001 and 2011, the number of dwellings in the Parish has slightly increased from 651 to 663

# Sutton Overview

## ❑ Total Population of the Parish is 136

- A slight increase from 127 in 2001
- Population density of 0.2 people per hectare (ppha), much lower than the Rochford average of 4.9 ppha

## ❑ The average age of a Sutton resident is 42.4 years, higher than the national average of 39.3 years

## ❑ Between 2001 and 2011, the number of dwellings in the Parish has slightly increased from 56 to 57

# Education Overview

## ❑ 1 School in Barling Parish:

### ❑ Barling Magna Community Primary School

- Capacity in 2014/15 = **175**
- Number of students in 2014/15 = **147**
- **The school currently has a surplus of capacity of 28 students**
  
- Projected Capacity in 2019/20 = **175**
- Projected number of students in 2019/20 = **115**
- **The school is projected to have an increased surplus of capacity of 59 students by 2020**

Statistics from *Commissioning School Places in Essex 2015-20*, Essex County Council

# Business Overview

- ❑ Within Barling Parish there are 28 rating assessed businesses
- ❑ Sutton has 7 rating assessed businesses.
  
- ❑ Barling Parish has a good mix of business uses, for example; Offices, Retail, Workshops, Warehouses etc.
  - Are there any attractive business uses missing?
  - What can be done to attract these kind of businesses?

# Infrastructure Overview

## ❑ Public Transport provision:

- Bus services numbers 14, 63, 812 run to Barling, travelling to Rochford and Southend
- Lack of public transport options causes car use to remain high

## ❑ Utilities

- Generally available across the Parish however more rural areas may not have access

## ❑ Broadband is available across the majority of the Parish

- Standard Broadband Speed is advertised as up to 17mbps, however estimated speeds are at between 4-8mbps, lower than the district average
- Maximum advertised Fibre speed (where available) is 52 mbps, the same as the 76mbps advertised for the district. Speeds in reality will be much lower.
- SuperFast Essex has identified an area to the North within Sutton Parish which is scheduled for an upgrade to its Fibre Broadband, due between June 2017 to July 2018

# Health Overview

- ❑ Barling and Sutton residents currently have to leave their parish to access a General Practitioner
- ❑ 84% of Barling residents would rate their general health as being 'good' to 'very good'<sup>1</sup>
  - This is up from 70% in 2001
- ❑ 88% of Sutton residents would rate their general health as being 'good' to 'very good'<sup>1</sup>
  - This is up from 72% in 2001
  - Both Parishes are higher than the national average of 81%

<sup>1</sup> Census (2011)

# Conservation and Culture

- ❑ Barling and Sutton have a number of listed buildings which are of high priority to preserve.
- ❑ Grade II\*
  - ❑ Church of All Saints, Barling
  - ❑ Church of St Mary the Virgin
  - ❑ Little Wakering Hall
  - ❑ Church of All Saints, Sutton
  - ❑ Beauchamps
- ❑ Grade II
  - ❑ There are 19 grade II listed buildings across Barling and Sutton

# Any Questions?



# Vision Setting



**What do we want business  
and commerce in  
Barling/Sutton to look like in  
the future?**

# What do we want infrastructure in Barling/Sutton to look like in the future?

# What do we want housing in Barling/Sutton to look like in the future?

# What do we want education in Barling/Sutton to look like in the future?

# What do we want healthcare in Barling/Sutton to look like in the future?

**What do we want the open spaces and community facilities in Barling/Sutton to look like in the future?**

# Economic Development Team

## Business Support Services

The business facing department of Rochford District Council, and a direct resource for the business community. Join our FREE 'Rochford Business Network'. All Support Services are also FREE, contact us:-

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# ESSEX RIVERS

Funding  
Rural Business

## Rural Development Programme LEADER funding



To check whether your project is within the Essex Rivers LAG area and for further information on this project, please contact one of the Essex Rivers LAG team

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**LEADER** is an established method of delivering rural development funds at a local level. **LEADER** is delivered by Local Action Groups (LAGs) made up of people from private, public and voluntary sector organisations in the local community.

### **Essex Rivers LAG**

is delivering the LEADER funding in this area. We cover significant rural parts of Braintree, Brentwood, Chelmsford, Colchester, Maldon and Rochford local authority areas.

In Essex Rivers, the LEADER priorities are to:

- **Support small and micro businesses and farm diversification**
- **Enhance rural tourism**
- **Increase farm productivity**
- **Increase forestry productivity**
- **Provide rural services**
- **Provide cultural and heritage activities**

**ESSEX RIVERS LAG HAS £1.8 MILLION WITH THE AIM OF SUSTAINING AND GROWING ECONOMIC ACTIVITY IN RURAL AREAS**



The Essex Rivers Rural Development Programme, part of the Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE), is funded by Defra and the EU. The funding is managed locally by Rural Community Council of Essex.

# Have you joined the Rochford Business Network?

- *Quarterly newsletters*
- *Regular email updates*
- *Networking opportunities*
- *Be the first to book onto our events*
- *Hear about other local events*

Pick up a registration form, or email [business@rochford.gov.uk](mailto:business@rochford.gov.uk) for more information

