

# 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 Rawreth**
- 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/need? Where should it go?
- Where are your services? Do they need improvement?
- What about funding?

# What are the relationships and communication challenges?

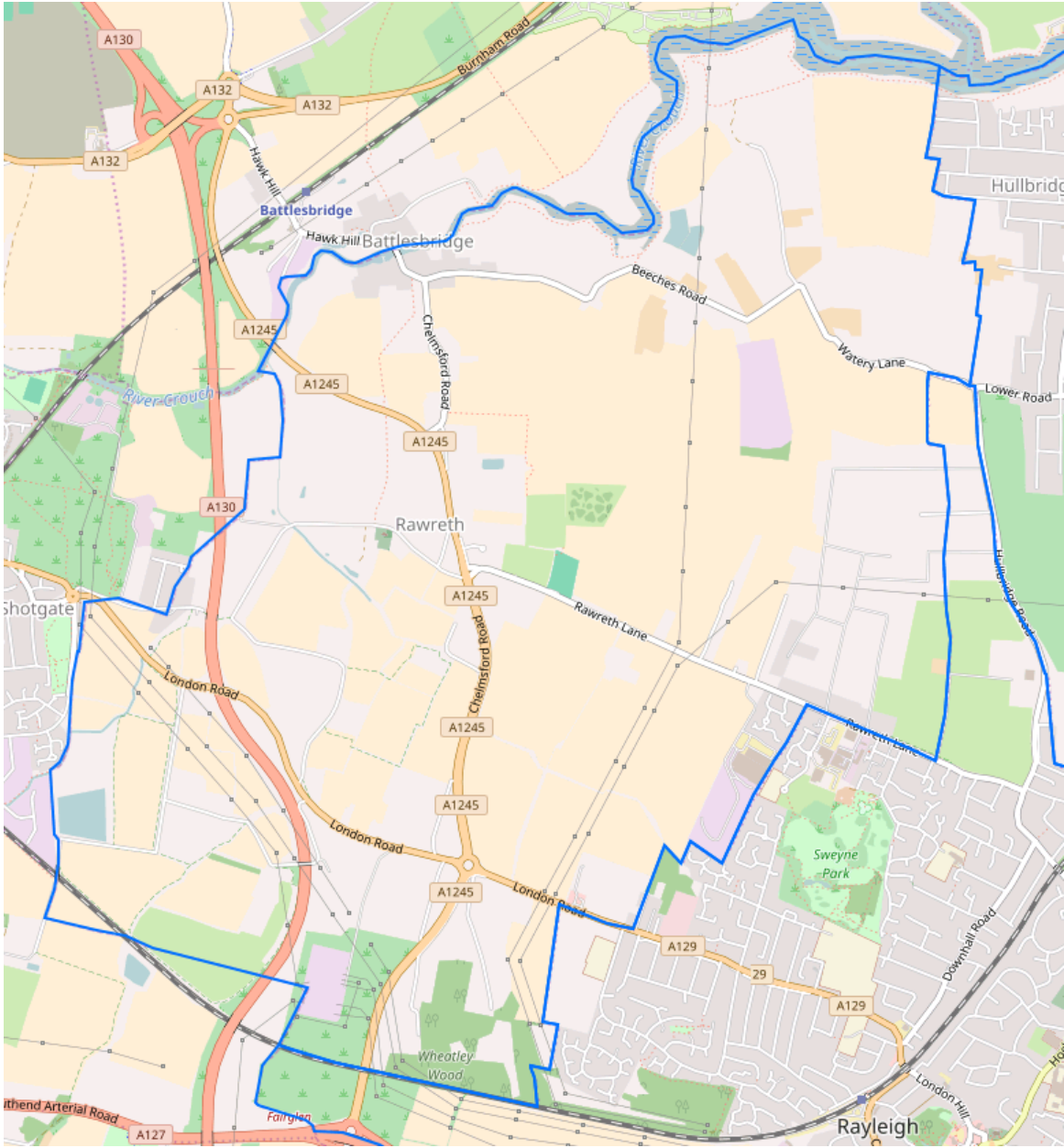
We want:

- Open and transparent communication
- Ongoing engagement

What improvements could we make?

# Building relationships, miscommunications and their concerns

# Parish Map



# Rawreth Parish

## Statistics





# Rawreth Overview

## ❑ Total Population of the Parish is 1,126

- An increase from 974 in 2001
- Population density of 0.99 people per hectare (ppha), much lower than the Rochford average of 4.9 ppha

## ❑ The average age of a Rawreth resident is 41.3 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 389 to 405

# Education Overview

- ❑ There is no longer a school within the Rawreth Parish, and so children attend schools in neighbouring parishes
- ❑ Statistics on school capacity are produced by Essex County Council annually but on a rolling 5-year basis
- ❑ These statistics do consider the impact of future housing developments within the 5-year period, but not those which will be completed after
- ❑ These statistics are updated annually, most recently covering the period 2015-2020

# Education Statistics

## Surplus/Deficit(-)

	2015	2020
<b>Primary Schools</b>		
• Down Hall Primary School.....	23	61
• Edward Francis Primary School.....	1	-15
• Glebe Primary School.....	54	-14
• Grove Wood Primary School.....	-1	11
• Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Primary School.....	7	33
• Raleigh Primary School.....	1	5
• St Nicholas' Church of England (Voluntary Controlled) Primary School.	-2	-1
• Wyburns Primary School.....	8	45
• Riverside Primary School, Hullbridge.....	168	178
<b>Total:</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>303</b>
<b>2 Secondary Schools</b>		
• The Fitzwimarc School.....	3	-15
• The Sweyne Park School.....	147	-39
<b>Total:</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>-54</b>

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

# Business Overview

- ❑ Within Rawreth Parish there are 158 rating assessed businesses
  
- ❑ Rawreth Parish has a mix of business uses, including:  
Offices, Retail, Workshops, Leisure centre, Storage etc.
  - But are there any attractive business uses missing?
  - What can be done to attract these kind of businesses?
  - What can be done to maintain or enhance existing businesses?

# Infrastructure Overview

## ❑ Public Transport provision:

- Bus services numbers 1, 1B, 3, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 3E, 11A, 94B, 503, 504, 513 run to Rawreth, travelling to Rayleigh, Canvey, Southend, Chelmsford, Rettendon, Wickham Bishops and Oxney Green.
- The relatively rural/suburban nature of the Parish means car use remains 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 17 mbps, however the estimated speed is 1 mbps, lower than the district average
- Maximum advertised Fibre speed (where available) is 76 mbps, lower than the 76mbps advertised for the district. Speeds in reality will be much lower and vary by location.
- SuperFast Essex has identified an area either side of the A1245 covering all of Rawreth Village and surrounding areas. These areas are scheduled for an upgrade to their Fibre Broadband, due between June 2017 to July 2018

# Health Overview

- ❑ Rawreth residents currently have to leave their parish to access a General Practitioner and other basic healthcare facilities
- ❑ 84% of Rawreth residents would rate their general health as being 'good' to 'very good'<sup>1</sup>
  - This is up from 74% in 2001
  - Slightly higher than the national average of 81%

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

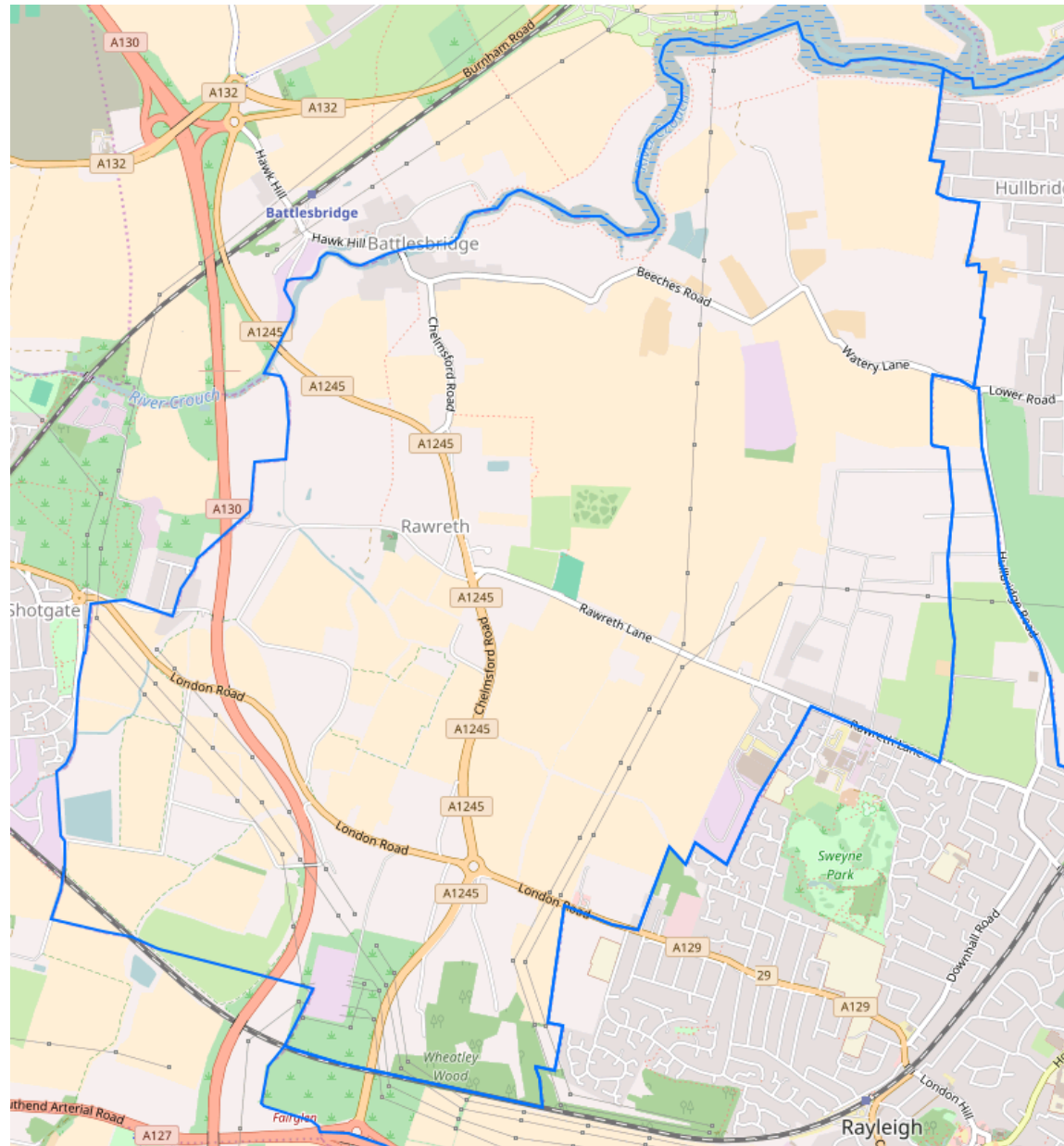
# Conservation and Culture

- ❑ It should be noted that Rawreth has a number of listed buildings which are of high priority to preserve.
- ❑ Grade II
  - ❑ Barn Southeast of Pickerells Farmhouse
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  - ❑ Barn east of Rawreth Hall
  - ❑ Battlesbridge
  - ❑ Beke Hall
  - ❑ Church of St Nicholas
  - ❑ Granary and drying kiln (now a house) to west of Old Tide Mill
  - ❑ Old Tide Mill and dam wall
  - ❑ Milestone in front of Rockhaven
  - ❑ Shotgate Farm
  - ❑ Trenders Hall
  - ❑ Witherdens Farm

# Any Questions?



# Vision Setting



**What do we want business  
and commerce in Rawreth to  
look like in the future?**

# What do we want infrastructure in Rawreth to look like in the future?

# What do we want housing in Rawreth to look like in the future?

# What do we want education in S Rawreth to look like in the future?

# What do we want healthcare in Rawreth to look like in the future?

**What do we want the open spaces and community facilities in Rawreth 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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Economic Development Officers



# 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*

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