

# North Chelmsford Area Action Plan

## Consultation update

*Dear Resident,*

This is the second of a series of updates on the progress of the North Chelmsford Area Action Plan. The Council is keen to keep the public informed at key stages in the development of the Plan.

In last month's update under "What happens next" a timetable was set out which indicated that the Borough Council's Development Policy Committee would be provided with a draft Submission Version of the Plan and that this document would be debated at the Committee's meeting on 20th July.

**It is essential that residents' views are fully addressed by Councillors and it has not been possible to complete the necessary work to meet this deadline. Therefore the Committee will not now discuss the revised Action Plan until 14th September.**

As reported in last month's update, a number of residents raised important points which required expert advice; some of this information is still awaited to complete our evidence base. The Development Policy Committee has agreed that it is sensible to postpone the discussion for a few weeks so that an informed debate can take place in September.

Please see overleaf for details on some of the changes that are anticipated to the document. In the meantime, a more detailed report on work currently underway and comprehensive feedback from the last consultation will be published on our website by the end of July.

Please visit [www.chelmsford.gov.uk/northchelmsfordactionplan](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/northchelmsfordactionplan) for updates.

Both Planning Officers and Councillors are continuing to work on producing a Submission Plan over the coming weeks. The Plan will be debated in public at a meeting of the Development Policy Committee scheduled for 14th September before going out to consultation to gain the views of residents and interested parties.

May I again thank you for submitting your views on the North Chelmsford Area Action Plan.

Yours faithfully,



Director of Sustainable Communities

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## Changes being considered for North West Chelmsford

Planning Officers still consider that focusing housing development in areas well-served by existing community services and facilities, with opportunities to enhance these facilities, is a sound approach. Further more detailed work is underway to take account of residents' views, particularly in relation to landscape issues and potential traffic impacts, and other matters.

Work is continuing to decide the role and uses of the proposed new local centres at Broomfield Place and near Broomfield Hospital, and to assess the capacity of existing community facilities in Broomfield and Newlands Spring.

## Changes being considered for North East Chelmsford

The indicative alignment for a ChART route (bus based rapid transit) between the western boundary of New Hall School and the eastern edge of the existing Beaulieu Park will be removed to address amenity issues for existing residents of Beaulieu Park and users of New Hall School. Consultation on alternative route proposals will take place in early 2010.

Other changes will include an improved footpath link between Beaulieu Park and New Hall School, designated public open space and tree planting. A set of proposals for landscape, land management and funding for landscape enhancements is being prepared to protect the heritage of New Hall and the school environment.

The locations of the local centres and new schools will be amended to address issues raised and to meet schools' needs. A local centre with secondary and primary school will be proposed at a suitable location further west in the development.

Further work on future employment shows a strong case for substantial business development to support Chelmsford's economic growth, at regional and local level. A single location on land to the north east of Boreham Interchange is being considered for this use, closely linked to the proposed railway station and the existing strategic road network. Linked proposals for landscaping will protect the countryside around Boreham and the setting of Boreham House.


***The NCAAP will be debated in public at the 14th September meeting of the Development Policy Committee before going out to consultation.***

*Please note:* The Development Policy Committee meeting on July 20 will still be held to discuss a number of other matters including the Site Allocations Document preferred options.

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