

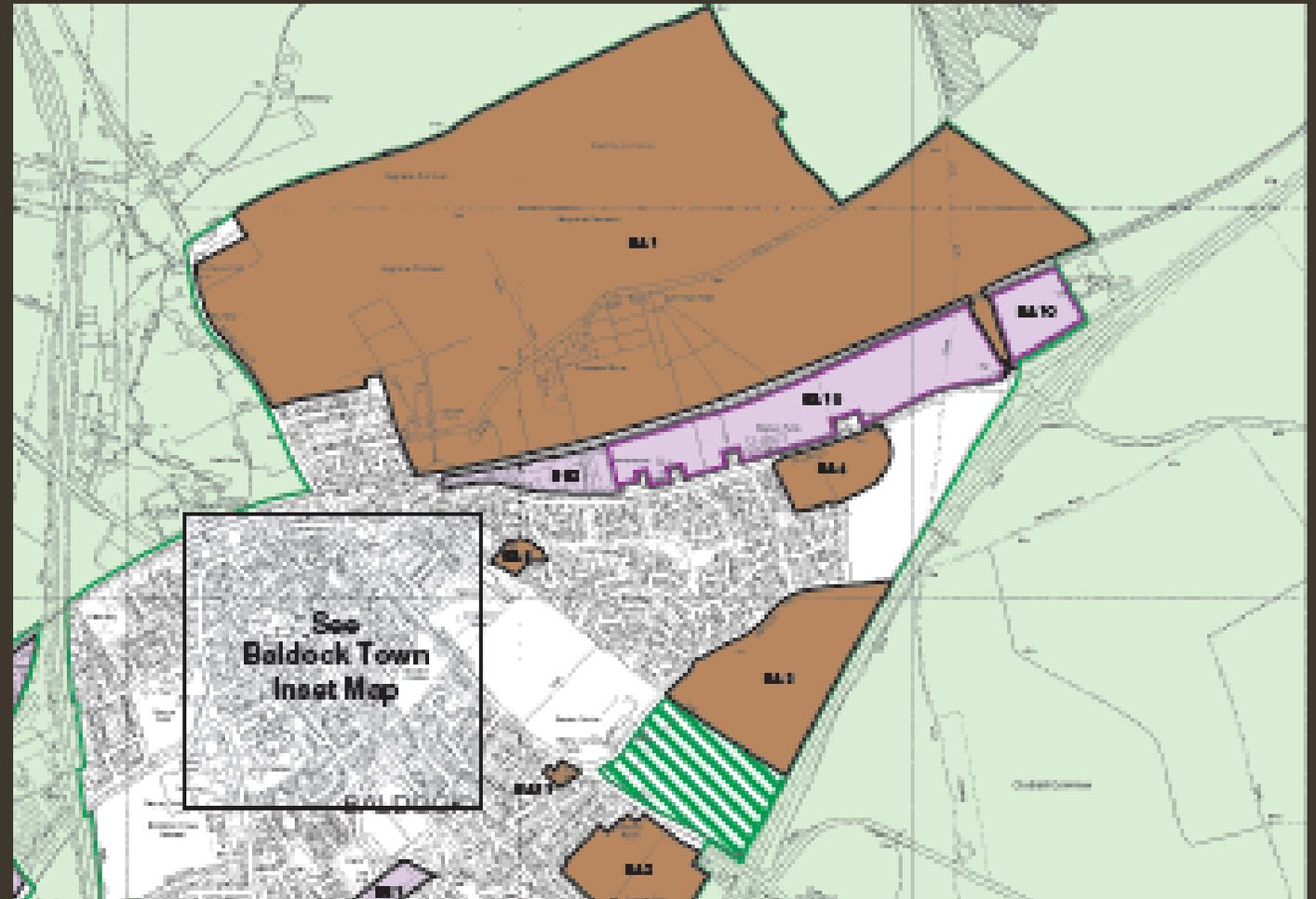
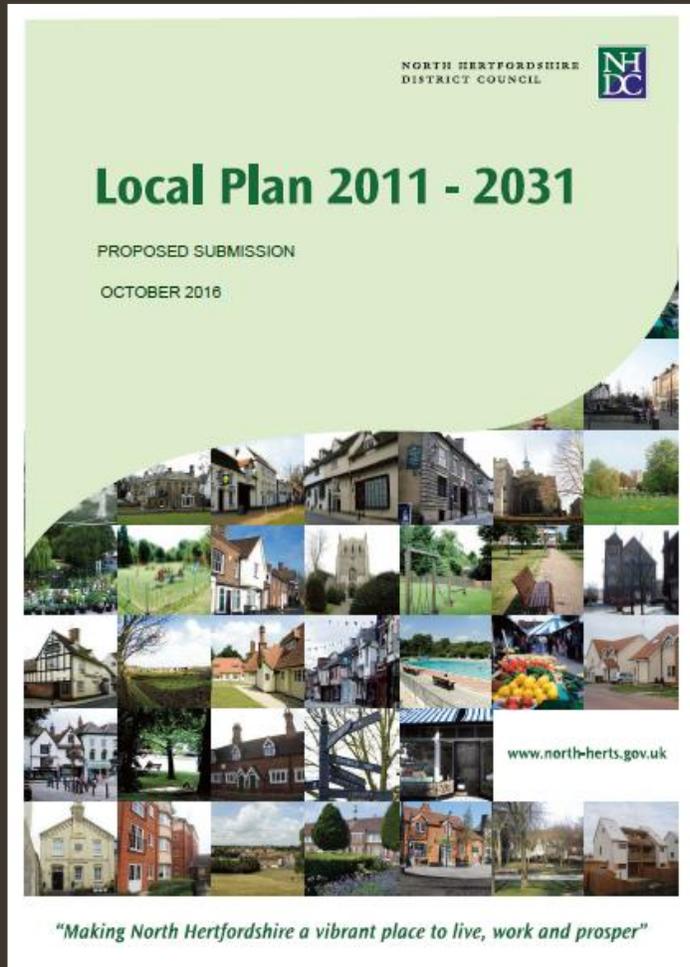


Baldock, Bygrave and Clothall Neighbourhood Plan

The evidence base and next steps



North Hertfordshire Local Plan



Herts County Council development proposals

Welcome 1

On behalf of Hertfordshire County Council, WYG welcomes you to our information days presenting updated proposals for new homes, employment space and infrastructure for Baldock.

Members of our project team and Hertfordshire County Council are on hand to answer any questions you may have.

The Process so Far

North Hertfordshire County Council has identified the Baldock site as a sustainable location for new development to help meet the District's housing needs to 2031.

The land is owned by Hertfordshire County Council, who are developing a vision for the new development. This exhibition provides an opportunity to view updated plans and to provide further feedback on the key issues raised at the previous consultation events.



July Consultation

Our initial consultation was held on Tuesday 18th July and Friday 19th July. It was attended by nearly 200 local residents. 246 responses were received from the events, by email, on the website or by post. We heard from many people who had previously commented on the Local Plan.

The views captured as part of your feedback are summarised throughout the presentation, alongside our responses.



Next Steps

We will be submitting outline planning applications shortly. The purpose of these is to show how the development envisaged by the Local Plan will be achieved, the capacity of the sites, and the range of uses to be provided. It will be anticipated that we will inform the Superior's consideration of the sites at the forthcoming Examination of the Local Plan.

We do not anticipate the applications will be determined by North Hertfordshire Council until the Local Plan has been formally adopted.



The neighbourhood plan

Gathering community views

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What the evidence says

What the local plan says

What HCC propose

How could the neighbourhood plan help achieve a better outcome?

Community issues / concerns

Impacts on
local services

Effects on the
environment

Types of
homes to be
provided

Design

Traffic and
parking

Open space

Community facilities



Primary and secondary schools



GP surgery



Community hall



Places for children/young people



Police facilities



Local shops



New bus services



Open space and recreation



Open space

?

Sports pitches

✓

Indoor sports facilities

x

Allotments

✓

Footpaths and cycleways

✓

Environment



Air quality

?

Water run-off

?

Flood risk

?

Wildlife habitats

?

Landscape

x

Design and heritage



What happens next?

- Local plan examination (November-December)
- Herts County Council planning application?
- Design workshops
- Community survey
- Producing a draft neighbourhood plan

Community survey – potential questions

What **principles** should guide the growth of Baldock? For example:

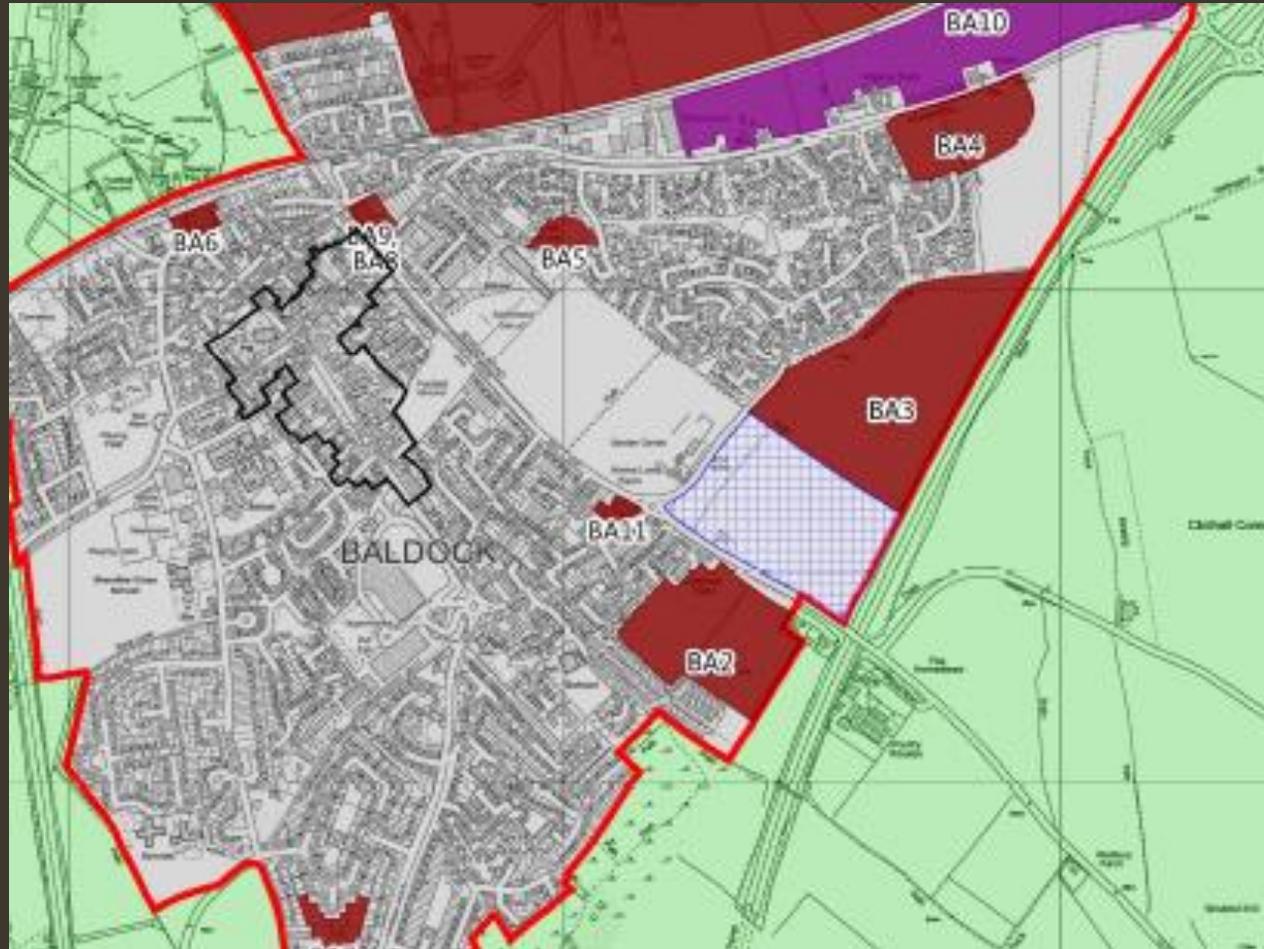
- Baldock should work as one town, with good connections between existing and new development
- Bygrave should remain a separate village that keeps its rural character
- The town should work for everyone – with homes, facilities and job opportunities that cater for different groups
- New development should fit within the contours of the existing landscape, and incorporate existing features such as Bygrave Road and hedgerows
- The architectural character of new development should reflect the existing town, but avoid large areas of identical style

Community survey – potential questions

What do people think about **specific issues** where the neighbourhood plan could make a difference? For example:

- The recreation facilities and meeting places that are needed
- Aspects of the local environment that need protecting
- The types of homes that are needed
- What to do about parking for the station
- The best uses for particular areas of open space...

Community survey – potential questions





Are these the right types of question?

What else should we consider?