

Baldock, Bygrave and Clothall NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN **SURVEY**

Please could you respond to this survey online at www.bbplan.co.uk, or else tear off and return this form to one of the collection points listed on the front page. Please reply by **14th February 2018**.

How should Baldock grow?

The neighbourhood plan can help ensure new developments have the right facilities and feel part of Baldock. To do this, we need to know what you think about the way the town should grow.

Q1 If Baldock's expansion goes ahead, how important do you think each of the following things will be?

please tick one box for each issue	Very important	Important	Not important
Good footpath, cycle and road connections between existing parts of the town and the new developments			
New homes and facilities that meet the needs of people already living and working in Baldock, Bygrave and Clothall			
Keeping a gap between Baldock and Bygrave, so that Bygrave stays a separate village with its own rural character			
Ensuring historic features like hedges and Bygrave Road are kept as part of the new development			
Designing the new buildings and streets to reflect Baldock's existing character			

Housing

To help make sure the new developments provide the sort of homes that local people need, it would be useful to know what types of housing you think should be the priority.

Q2 If more homes are built here, how important are each of the following?

please tick one box for each type of home	Very important	Important	Not important
1-2 bed houses			
3-4 bed houses			
5+ bed houses			
Flats			
Retirement properties			
Custom or self-built homes			

Recreation

The district and county councils are proposing new facilities like schools, shops and a GP surgery if development goes ahead. But more information is needed about the recreation facilities that should be provided, so we need your views about this.

Q3 If Baldock expands significantly, how important will it be to provide each of the following?

please tick one box for each type of facility	Very important	Important	Not important
Pitches for football, rugby or cricket			
Fitness trail			
Tennis courts			
Indoor sports hall			
Additional venues to hire (for clubs etc.)			
Other recreation facilities (please specify)			

Station parking

Parking at Baldock station is limited, and cars are often parked some distance away, adding to congestion on local roads. However, more station parking might just encourage more people to drive into the town. We'd like to know what you think about this.

Q4 Do you think that more parking should be available at Baldock station?

Yes ☐

Not sure ☐

No ☐

Q5 If more station parking is provided, where do you think it should be?

see map on page 2 for site locations – please tick if you support one or more of these sites, which could be accessed by new footpaths between them and the station

Site 1: Off Bygrave Road

Site 2: Royston Road (relocate existing commercial use further along the road)

Somewhere else (please specify)

Open space

The neighbourhood plan can give more protection to areas of open space that local people value, especially where there is public access to them. To do this, we need to know how much some areas are used. We have excluded Avenue Park and the nature reserves at Ivel Springs and Weston Hills, which are relatively well protected already.

Q6 How often do you use the following areas of open space?

see map on page 2 for site locations	Most days	Most weeks	Sometimes	Never
Site 3: North of Clothall Common				
Site 4: Bakers Close playing field				
Site 5: Park Drive recreation area				
Site 6: North Road (next to Ivel Springs)				

Q7 Are there other things that you think the neighbourhood plan should consider?

We know that many people are concerned about things like traffic and affordable housing if the developments go ahead. We have not asked about these here, as they are not things that the neighbourhood plan can control, but we and other groups are continuing to raise these issues with the district and county councils.

About you

We'd be grateful if you could provide a few details about yourself to help us assess the responses. We have kept these to a minimum, and none of the questions will identify you individually.

Q8 What age group are you in?

Under 18 ☐

19-24 ☐

25-39 ☐

40-59 ☐

60-74 ☐

75+ ☐

Q9 Where do you live?

Baldock ☐ Bygrave ☐ Clothall Village ☐ Other (please specify)

Thank you for taking the time to help us to create a Neighbourhood Plan for Baldock, Bygrave and Clothall.