

BBPlan Newsletter - January 2023

Dear Member

2023 is looking like an important year for shaping what Baldock may look like in the future. Now that the council have voted to adopt the Local Plan (8th November 2022) work is underway to set out Masterplans for each of the key development sites across North Hertfordshire that were identified in the Plan.

North of Baldock (BA1) is one those sites and there will also need to be detailed plans for the other Baldock sites to the South. Hertfordshire County Council have appointed Urban&Civic as their development partners, and they will lead the work to create the new Masterplan. We expect there to be a lot of liaison between HCC, Urban&Civic, NDC and local residents and organisations in the coming months.

As the creators of the Neighbourhood Plan for Baldock, we are hoping that the Baldock, Bygrave and Clothall Planning Group can take a key role in voicing the needs and aspirations of local residents, old and new. We want to help to create a Masterplan that retains the special characters of Baldock, Bygrave and Clothall, but which also embraces the new opportunities for sustainable and desirable places to live and work. We have already met with Urban& Civic and will be meeting the District Council in a few days. Please note that we will be remaining focussed on details that can be addressed through planning policies and designs. This is where we feel we can have most influence.

You can expect to be hearing more from us over the course of the next few months as we work out the best ways to work with Urban&Civic and ensure that your views and ideas are heard and understood.

For now, to get the ball rolling, we would like to give you an opportunity to respond to a survey that has been created by a sixth former at Knights Templar School as part of her extended project qualification. The survey aims to gather views on what sort of country park could be created to the north of Baldock, as this is one of the new facilities which we expect to be provided. It is great to see that there is an active interest in the future of the town from those who are most likely to benefit from it. It will be completed by pupils and parents at the school and you are invited to complete the survey yourselves too. We hope that it will whet your appetite for what is to come!

The survey link is here: <https://forms.office.com/e/XcK04huY6S>. It should take no more than five minutes. If you are able to respond, please could you do so by Wednesday 8 February?

Thank you

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