

## BBPlan Newsletter - March 2023

Dear Member

Look out for the first formal round of consultations on the Masterplan for Baldock. They will be run by Urban and Civic (U&C) at the end of March and will be advertised widely in the next week or so. U&C have been appointed by HCC (Herts County Council) to be the principle developers for the whole of the Baldock and Bygrave development area. They have an agreement to work with both HCC and North Hertfordshire Council to create a Strategic Masterplan.

This initiative supersedes previous consultations and is a fresh opportunity for the needs and aspirations of local residents to be built into the design of the new developments. 2023 will be about creating an overall design for the proposed extensions to Baldock before the formal planning applications are made the following year. U&C have confirmed that there will be several more opportunities for public consultation as the design takes shape later in the year.

Alongside the U&C public consultations, the district council are setting up a thorough governance program including a Community Forum to enable local community groups to have their input. The Baldock, Bygrave and Clothall Planning group are going to play an important role. It will be drawing on local expertise and opinions in each of the key areas as they come into focus. Terms of reference are being drawn up and we will share more with you on this in the coming weeks.

Regardless of what you thought of previous attempts to come up with a Masterplan, it is really important that you make your wishes and views known to both U&C and the council. Our inputs will inform the future shape and detail design of Baldock and hence influence how the town will grow and flourish in the longer term.

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