

BBPlan Newsletter – 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dear Member

You are being sent this email because you provided this address to sign up to become a member of Baldock, Bygrave and Clothall Planning group, when it was being set up a few years ago.

You probably remember that this group was responsible for liaising with local residents about particular attributes that you wanted to be included in any development plans for Baldock and the surrounding area (over and above those already included in the District Council's Local Plan). The result was that a set of policies were drawn up to form the Neighbourhood plan. Local residents voted in favour of the plan and it was made (i.e. approved) by the council in June 2021. It is now included as part of the statutory development plan for the area.

The District Council's Local Plan first set out proposals to expand Baldock, on land owned largely by Hertfordshire County Council. The County Council has formed a partnership with a firm called Urban and Civic, who are creating the Master Plan of how Baldock could be expanded. The Master Plan will need to take into account what we said in the Neighbourhood Plan, as well as the proposals in North Hertfordshire's Local Plan. Details of their progress can be viewed on their website, Growing Baldock.

<https://growingbaldock.co.uk/>

To date, Urban & Civic have been actively liaising with councillors, official bodies and community groups to craft solutions to key challenges such as transport, schools, services and sustainability. There will be more public consultations later in the year, but in the meantime they have set up a forum for representatives of key community groups to gather views about the remaining decisions that are to be made. This forum includes schools, social groups, community service providers, councillors, Revivel and ourselves. Summaries of the results of the forum sessions are to be posted on the Growing Baldock website.

The purpose of this email is to encourage you to take a look at the Growing Baldock website and make contact (with them, your councillor, or us) about issues or ideas you may have. You can also visit their stall on **Saturday 10th May at the EcoFest** in the town starting 10am until 4pm.

We will continue to be involved with the discussions and carry forward our understanding and, in some cases, professional judgements, where they are appropriate and in the best interests of residents.

This is a very long term project, stretching over many years. We believe that every opportunity for local input, throughout the development process, should be taken, to ensure the best possible outcome for all residents of the town. The broader the range of demographics we have in the team, the better able we are to make valuable contributions. If you are interested in helping us to engage with Urban and Civic and also with the future, specific planning applications, then we would appreciate you contacting us.

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