

Form A: Local Plan Consultation Response Form

Question 5: Growth Options

Once the Local Plan growth targets for homes and jobs have been identified it is then important to establish how this proposed growth should be distributed across the district. The Issues & Options Consultation Document (Section 3 pages 15 and 16) explores six options for how growth could be distributed. Please look at these different options before answering question 5.

5a) Which option/s do you prefer?

OPTION 2 - MARKET TOWNS LED

5b) What are the positive and negatives of the option/s?

5c) Which option/s do you dislike and why?

5d) Are there alternative options which should be considered?

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Question 6: Settlement Policies

The current Fenland Local Plan includes a section which sets out specific policies and requirements for each of the market towns. This includes a brief description of the town and a key diagram that highlights areas for growth. However, there are alternative options, as set out in the following question.

6a) Should the Plan include:

Option 1. Bespoke policies for each market town only?;

Option 2. Bespoke policies for each market town and other higher-order settlements, such as large villages?; or

Option 3. Bespoke policies for all settlements in the settlement hierarchy?

OPTION 3

Question 7: Health and Wellbeing

The government's health profile for Fenland shows that life expectancy, obesity and physical activity are all significantly worse than the England average. It is an objective of the Council to turn that around and promote health and wellbeing for all.

7a) Do you think the new Local Plan should include specific policies about health and wellbeing?

NO

7b) Do you think the Local Plan should include a policy to restrict the amount, or location of, hot food takeaways?

NO

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7c) Do you agree or disagree that developers of large schemes should submit a Health Impact Assessment to show how the new development will help achieve healthy and safe communities?

~~NO~~ DISAGREE

Question 8: Renewable Energy

In preparing this new Local Plan we intend to provide a wide-ranging set of policies which will demonstrate Fenland's leadership in tackling and adapting to climate change.

National policy says Local Plans should help increase the use and supply of renewable and low carbon energy and heat.

8a) Should the Local Plan require (rather than just encourage) developers to incorporate renewable energy generation?

NO

8b) Should the Local Plan allocate specific areas in Fenland where commercial windfarms would, in principle, be suitable?

NO

8c) Are there any opportunities to co-locate new development with existing or new renewable/low carbon energy supply systems?

NO

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Question 9: Energy Efficiency

Local Plans can set energy performance (or energy efficiency) standards for new housing that are higher than the Building Regulations, up to a set level.

9a) Should the Local Plan require developers to go beyond basic Building Regulation minimum standards, and build homes and other buildings with greater energy efficiency?

NO

Question 10: Facilitating Low Carbon Future

It is likely our future energy demands will be met by electricity generated from low carbon sources (e.g. renewable or nuclear energy). This means gas in homes and petrol/diesel in cars will likely become a thing of the past, quite possibly before the end date of this new Local Plan (2040).

There is currently no requirement for electric car charging points; national policy only says to enable them in the future. Therefore, it is up to local policies to determine if this should become a local requirement or not. However, government is currently consulting on changes to Building Regulations which could mean in the future all new homes must have electric charging points.

10a) Should the Local Plan ensure buildings are designed to minimise energy use, by taking in to account layout, building orientation and landscaping?

NO

10b) Should the Local Plan encourage or require large scale proposals to increase the use and supply of low carbon energy and heat infrastructure to new homes and buildings?

ENCOURAGE BUT NOT REQUIRE

10c) Should the Local Plan require all new development to put in place electric vehicle charging points?