



## **TELL US MORE SURVEY JUNE 2010**

A feedback and consultation leaflet on improving Blaby District for local people and visitors to our area **PLUS** an opportunity to win complimentary fitness membership to Enderby Leisure Centre! See page 5 for details, terms and conditions etc.



**Cllr Ernie White**  
**Leader of Blaby District Council**  
**Chair of Blaby Together**

“Blaby District Council and our partners want to know what’s important to you so we can improve services and deliver best value for your money. As Leader of the Council I want to know that the Council and its partner organisations are working well together to improve local services and adding value to the community of Blaby District. In the past we have asked residents what we should do to improve their quality of life, and we’ve done our best to deliver. Now we want you to ‘tell us more’ so we can keep improving and continue to get the best deal for you whilst recognising there will be less public money in the future. Please tell us what you think – your feedback will help guide us all to a better Blaby District.”

### **Blaby Together – Committed to our Community**

In April 2008 organisations working across Blaby District committed to a vision for our District informed by local people’s views:-

***“In 2026 Blaby District will be made up of thriving sustainable, safe, healthy, fair and secure communities, where people are happy to live and work.”***

As Blaby Together (organisations from the public, private and voluntary/community sector) we developed with local people priorities for improving our area in line with our vision:-

- A) Clean Attractive and Sustainable Environment**
- B) Safe, Strong and healthy community**
- C) Supporting the Contribution of Children & Young People**
- D) High quality, responsive and valued public services**

Over the past two years we have worked towards this vision and “our” local communities priorities ensuring resources are directed at real outcomes. Things that local people can see, get involved in and be a part of. Examples include:-

- Streetscene improvements in Blaby town
- The new youth bus BB19 operating district wide
- Five new play facilities, including a new natural play facility at Fosse Meadows.
- A new Children Centre being built and integrated with the Community and Leisure Resource Centre in Huncote (The Pavilion).
- Smartwater (property marker scheme) made available to residents to help protect people’s property
- The development of schemes to support the local community such as “Job Done”, a scheme to assist the unemployed back to work
- Neighbourhood schemes such as the “Community Garden” at Enderby.

**THE SURVEY**

**Listening, responding, checking we're doing the right thing**

We have continued to ask, listen and respond to local need and on this basis draft new priorities which build on those that have gone before are now developing to inform how we plan the next steps from 2011 to 2014 as we head towards 2026.

**Proposed Priorities for Blaby District**

- **Health and Well Being for All (including older people, young people, vulnerable people, community safety and opportunities for all)**
- **Investment in services for Children & Young People**
- **Vibrant Places - Sustaining & Improving the Environment - (including affordable housing, suitable housing for older people/vulnerable people, transport, quality development in the right places, employment)**

We want to check these with you and ask are they correct?

Do you agree with these priorities? (Yes/No)

If there are any you don't agree with please let us know which and why:-

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If you think there should be others please say what they are and why you feel they are important?

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Please add additional pages, as required.

We've also developed ambitions for a better quality of life from what we've been told by local people and organisations, but again we want to check these with you, so that shared public money can be directed to doing the right thing:-

**Proposed Ambitions For Blaby District**  
**Working Towards 2026**

**A. Health and Well Being For All**

1. The health of residents will improve through preventative measures.
2. Older people are more involved, valued and supported to live independently within the community with a good quality of life.
3. There will be greater opportunities for people to improve their chances of employment.
4. People feel a greater sense of pride, local identity and get on well together in their communities irrespective of personal background.
5. Crime levels will fall, people will feel safer and have a greater public confidence in all community safety services.
6. Anti-social behaviour will be a thing of the past.

**B. Investment in Services for Children & Young People**

1. There will be better and more facilities and activities for Children and Young People.
2. Better more integrated Youth Support work available for those at greater risk of self harm and harm to others, including tackling Anti-Social Behaviour and issues around teenage pregnancy.
3. Greater support for families with young children and teenagers.
4. Young people are actively involved in planning and delivering improvements to services.
5. All children and young people reach their potential, including in education.

**C. Vibrant Places - Sustaining and Improving the Environment**

1. There will be less nuisance and community safety issues relating to traffic.
2. There will be greater opportunities for people to travel by public transport and means other than the car.
3. Community areas including recreation, parks and open spaces and streets will be clean for all to enjoy and use.
4. Blaby town centre will provide a greater retail experience for shoppers.
5. Use of current infrastructure (roads, community facilities, public realm) will be maximised and improved where economically viable.
6. New infrastructure (roads, community facilities etc) will be included as appropriate to support any proposed growth through development.
7. The housing needs of communities will be met, including ensuring affordable housing for all age groups across the District.
8. Development of the right quality (Housing and employment sites) to take place in the right places, informed by local communities and their representatives.

**Feedback on Ambitions**

Is there anything you disagree with or should change? Please say which ones by providing a reference number, for example A1 for the health of residents ... or C3 community areas including recreation ..., and then we would also be grateful if you would explain why?

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Do you think there is anything we have missed? Please attach an additional sheet if necessary.

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**What happens next?**

All feedback will be used to help inform a new plan for improving the quality of life experienced within Blaby District. That plan will be called the Sustainable Community Strategy for Blaby District, 2011-2014. Once we are sure of your priorities and ambitions for improving Blaby we will be working with local organisations as part of Blaby Together to gain commitment to putting words into action, so that limited resources are aimed at the right things. We'll publish the new plan on our website and have hardcopies available through libraries and other access points. These will be available from April, 2011.

Completed forms should be returned to:-

Beth Harriman, Office Manager  
Policy & Partnerships  
Council Offices  
Blaby District Council  
Desford Road  
Narborough  
Leicester LE19 2EP

Alternatively if you've received this electronically please email:-  
[strategicpartnerships@blaby.gov.uk](mailto:strategicpartnerships@blaby.gov.uk)

This leaflet is available on Blaby District Council's Website: [www.blaby.gov.uk/tellusmore](http://www.blaby.gov.uk/tellusmore)

To discuss this leaflet further please telephone John Leach, Corporate Head of Policy & Partnerships on (0116) 2750555.

## Opportunity to Win Free Membership to Enderby Leisure Centre !!

Please note as an incentive to participate in this survey, Enderby Leisure Centre through SLM (Everyone Active) and in partnership with Blaby District Council, is kindly offering a prize of one year free complimentary fitness membership to Enderby Leisure Centre. This prize\* includes free swimming, free exercise classes and free gym entrance for one individual of a value up to £350 (a cash alternative is not available). A prize draw to select one winner will take place during week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2010. To participate in this opportunity you will need to fully complete the survey (equality information optional) and submit it using the contact details provided and supply your name, address and other contact information either to Beth Harriman or via e-mail [strategicpartnerships@blaby.gov.uk](mailto:strategicpartnerships@blaby.gov.uk).

This leaflet is available on Blaby District Council's website [www.blaby.gov.uk/tellusmore](http://www.blaby.gov.uk/tellusmore)

### Contact Information

**(Optional – although if you wish to be entered for the prize draw, please supply)**

Name .....

Address.....

.....Postcode.....

Telephone Number/Mobile Number: .....

### **Terms and conditions**

The winner will be drawn at random from all entries received by 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2010 and will be notified in writing as soon as possible after that. There is no cash equivalent for the prize offered. The Chair of Blaby Together's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into. The winner's name will be published in the next edition of Contact magazine. Blaby Together/Blaby District Council reserves the right to feature the winner in future publications of Contact magazine or their equivalent.

By entering this prize draw you agree that Blaby District Council may process your details in accordance with data protection principles. The data supplied will not be passed on to any third parties. Blaby District Council will only use the information to ascertain the winner of the prize draw. All entries received will be allocated a number and the winner will be selected at random. Winners must be willing to have their photo taken for use in future Council/Blaby Together publications.

\* Whilst anyone can submit and respond to this survey, please note there are certain restrictions in force in terms of some activities at Enderby Leisure Centre, which will prohibit usage in particular instances and at certain times. For example, those under 11 years old are ineligible to use the gym and 11-16 year olds can use the junior gym only. Please contact Enderby Leisure Centre for further information on terms and conditions of use. Use of the Leisure Centre and its facilities must be in accordance with the terms and conditions of usage enforced by the operator of the site SLM (Sports and Leisure Management Limited). For further information about Enderby Leisure Centre please contact Enderby Leisure Centre on (0116) 275 0234.

**EQUALITY MONITORING FORM**

We try to ensure that everyone is treated fairly and that we give the best service possible from the Council. To make sure of this and because different people may have different kinds of need, we need to record information about people. We can then decide how best to make improvements to our services. To help us to do this, please complete the boxes on this and the following page. **Any information you provide will be treated confidentially under data protection rules and will be recorded and used for monitoring purposes only.**

**Please note that you do not have to provide answers to any of the questions, however even a partial response is useful to us.**

For each section, please select the category which you feel best describes you, by ticking the most appropriate box. Note that in the case of a disability; more than one category may apply.

**Gender:** Male  Female:

**Ethnicity:**  
The categories listed below are by descent, not country of birth, nationality or citizenship:

Asian  Black  Chinese  White   
 Other ethnic group  Mixed (e.g. White & Asian)   
 (Please mark box and state below) (Please mark box and state below)  
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First Language.....

**Disability/health**

**Do you consider that you have a disability? Please tick one or more of the boxes below:**

None  Learning difficulty   
 Visual impairment  Physical disability   
 Hearing impairment  Mental health problem   
 Other longstanding health problem which limits your day to day activities

**Age Group:** Under 16  30-44   
 16-19  45-59   
 20-29  60-74   
 75 & Over

**Sexual orientation:**  
 Heterosexual   
 Gay or Lesbian   
 Bisexual

**Religion or belief:**

Christian   
Hindu   
Jewish   
Non-believer

Sikh   
Muslim   
Other   
Please state.....

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**Place of residence:**

Town /Village / Post Code:.....

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**Length of residence in UK: An approximate answer is acceptable for this question.**

Less than 2 years   
2 to 10 years   
Over 10 years   
Born in UK

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This form can be made available on request, in other languages and formats (large print, Braille or on audio tape) by contacting:

The Performance & Audit Team, Room 352, Blaby District Council, Council Offices, Desford Road, Narborough, Leicester, LE19 2EP.  
Tel: 0116 2727613 or email: [equalities@blaby.gov.uk](mailto:equalities@blaby.gov.uk)

**Thank you for providing this information**