

Introduction

Blaby District Council has started to prepare its Local Development Framework, which will replace the Blaby District Local Plan (1999) as the spatial plan for the District.

At an early stage in the process, the Council produced an Issues Paper and Young Persons Issues Paper, which were widely distributed to seek the views of local residents, businesses and other groups with a stake in the spatial planning of Blaby District.

The Issues Papers were intended to provoke a response that would provide useful data on the opinions of key stakeholders, and contribute to a sound evidence base that would assist the production of the Local Development Framework and its associated documents.

Widespread consultation was undertaken on the Issues Papers between November 8th and December 20th 2004. Some 400 Issues Papers were mailed directly to key stakeholders including: Elected Members; Parish Councils and Meetings; Local Strategic Partnership; Local businesses; Developers / Agents active in the District; Central, Regional and Local Government; Statutory Consultees and other interest / amenity groups. In addition, six staffed exhibitions were held at venues across the District and a copy of the Issues Paper distributed to all households and most businesses through the Council's newspaper 'The Blaby Chronicle'. Full copies of both Issues Papers were also placed on the Council's web-site.

The consultation resulted in some 132 written responses, of which 18 were received from Young People. All the written responses to the Issues Paper are contained in this report. Appendix A contains the responses of the Council's Natural and Built Environment Scrutiny Panel. A separate report contains the written responses to the Youth Issues Paper.