

YOU SAID - WE LISTENED ON THE WAY AHEAD FOR TENDRING

Residents and businesses have had their say on the future of new homes, jobs and facilities – and Tendring District Council (TDC) has taken those views on board.

An extensive consultation was carried out last year in a bid to find out what the public thought about a whole range of important issues.

Now the Council has put together a new forward-thinking strategy for the next generation – and will be going back to people for their final take on the initiative.

TDC has produced its Core Strategy following the consultation and a substantial amount of technical survey work. The document will be published next month for a further six-week period from October 21 to December 6 to take in further views.

The document will be on-line from October 21 at www.tendringdc.gov.uk and also available at various TDC offices and buildings across the District.

Officers plan to hold a series of public exhibitions in different parts of the District to encourage local people to come along, discuss the proposals and help make sure that the future needs of the community are properly tackled.

The ‘Core Strategy and Development Policies Document’ sets out a vision for how the District could change over the next 20 years and includes projects that will deliver just over 6,000 new homes and 7,000 new jobs, new services, facilities and transport improvements.

It also includes projects for promoting tourism and regeneration - as well as a series of new planning policies that will be used to determine planning applications in the future.

Carlo Guglielmi, TDC’s Cabinet Member for Planning, said that every effort had been made to take people’s views and comments on board during the process.

“I can honestly say this has been a case of you said, we listened and then acted upon that,” he said.

“This is a strategy which residents and businesses in Tendring have played their part in helping to put together for the benefit of all.”

The strategy proposes a range of projects across the District including:

- The rejuvenation of Clacton Town Centre and Seafront
- Major new neighbourhood developments on the edge of Clacton that will bring around 4,000 new homes, two new primary schools, a new Clacton relief road and medical centre, new open spaces and cycle paths, a new business park and other community facilities

- The expansion of Harwich International Port and other new business opportunities and housing developments with regeneration proposals for Old Harwich and Dovercourt Town Centre
- Major regeneration proposals for Walton along with new housing for both Frinton and Walton
- Proposals for new housing developments in Lawford, Brightlingsea and some of the District's rural villages – which will be in keeping with the size of the settlements - along with new business opportunities
- Upgrades to the A133 and A120 to ease traffic
- Initiatives for protecting and enhancing the natural environment and the District's built heritage.

Following consideration of the strategy by TDC's Cabinet today (Sept 29), Cllr Guglielmi emphasised the importance of planning for the long-term.

"It is vital that we have a strategy for the future of our District so that, when the economy does recover, we are in the best possible position to attract investment in new businesses, quality new housing and other facilities that will bring the maximum benefit to our communities," he said.

"It is also important we protect and enhance the District's attractive environment for future generations.

"I am very keen that our communities get involved in the consultation exercise and comment on the draft strategy, particularly our younger residents who are likely to benefit most from these proposals over the next 20 years."

Cllr Guglielmi added that he looked forward to any further comments from developers and residents coming in over the six week consultation period.

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