



Shaping the future, Safeguarding the past

Epsom & Ewell Local Plan Review

Epsom Civic Society Open Meeting

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Agenda

- Objectives of the meeting
- Overview of the Borough Local Plan
- The current review programme
- Its potential effects on the community
- How you participate in the process
- The Society's role
- Table discussion and feedback session

We want to hear *your* views and make *your voice* heard in the Local Plan Review that will shape Epsom's future

Objectives



Why have we arranged this meeting?

- To **raise awareness** of EEBC's review set out in its **Local Plan Programme**
- To explain **why** the Local Plan's review is important and **what is happening now**
- To encourage you to **get involved** – **your views can help to influence the outcomes**

We want to hear from you about how *you* would like your town improved

What is the Local Plan?

- A **vision and strategy** to shape **the future** of our town
- A **local policy framework** against which all **planning applications** are assessed



After review, the Local Plan will guide planning and development for the next 20 years

What the Local Plan covers

- **Green Belt, Open Space and Landscape**
- **Quality of the Built Environment**
- **Housing and Employment**
- **Community Needs**
- **Town Centre and Local Centres**
- **Transport and Travel**

What exactly is under review?

- The Borough-wide **housing target**
- **Housing supply strategy**
- **Affordable housing**
- The **Green Belt**
- **Heritage assets and locally listed buildings**
- **Traveller Community needs**

The revised Local Plan will be put out for consultation in
2017 – *your views are important*

The big issues

- Green Belt boundaries?
- How much new housing and where?
- Traffic and transport?



How would *you* like to see Epsom improved?
What are your concerns and why?

Design and Heritage policies



Employment sites



Timetable

EEBC's Local Plan Programme timetable

Key Stages	Dates
Issues & Options Consultation	February – April 2017
Publication	September 2017
Pre-Submission Consultation	September – October 2017
Date of Submission to Secretary of State	October – November 2017
Pre-Examination Meeting	December 2017
Public Hearing	January/ February 2018
Estimated Date for Adoption	July 2018

The Evidence Base

EEBC's Local Plan Programme

Documents	Publication Dates
Strategic Housing Market Assessment	July 2016
Green Belt Study	January 2017
Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment	February 2017
Traveller Accommodation Assessment	February 2017
Constraints Study	February 2017

What can we do to help?

- **Expertise** in planning, conservation and heritage, design, transport, and local knowledge
- We can **act as a channel** for the community to **voice concerns and views on major planning issues**
- The Society will **respond to the local plan consultations**

The Epsom Civic Society *wants to help you engage* with the consultation process – *Tell us how to best do this*

What we need to know now

Five key questions for us to discuss:

1. Housing:

- What could be the benefits of building extra homes?
- If up to 8,000 homes were to be built, where should they go?
- What should be done to make a large increase in new homes acceptable?

2. Green Belt:

- Why is it needed? Do we need it all?

What we need to know now

3. Design and Controls:

- What are the issues?
- The height/density of new buildings?
- Or their design/scale and setting?

4. Heritage and Conservation:

- Which buildings and/or areas of Epsom should be preserved for their heritage value?

What we need to know now

5. Quality of Life:

- What could be done to make Epsom an even better place to live?
- What do you like about living in Epsom?
- What don't you like?

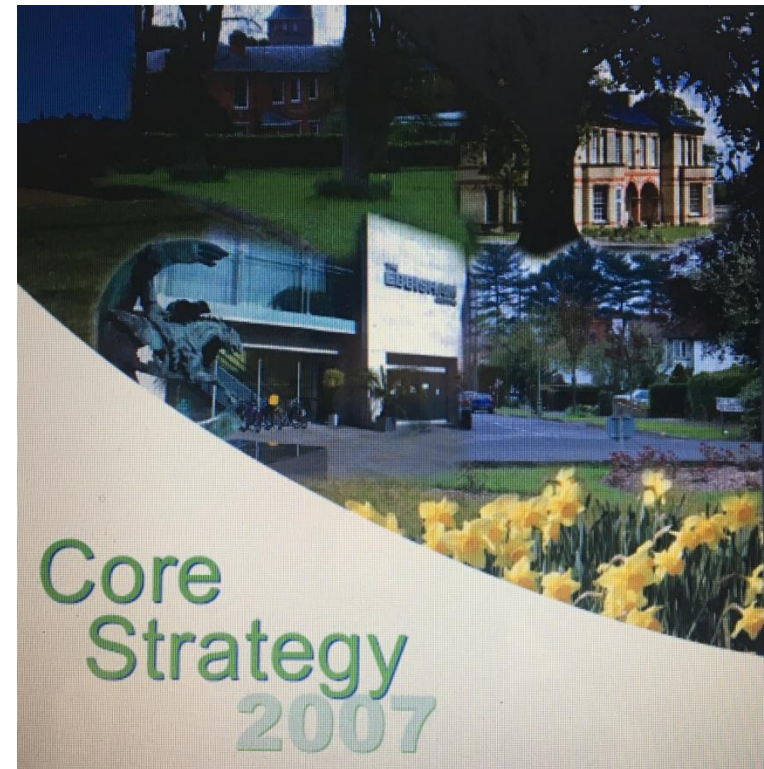


Table discussion

We need your feedback

Where to find out more

- **Many documents – all on the Council website:**
- www.epsom-ewell.gov.uk/residents/planning/planning-policy/epsom-and-ewell-local-plan
- **Core Strategy (2007)** is out of date and is being partially reviewed



The Local Plan Programme

EEBC's Local Plan Programme

- Is accessible in full here: <http://www.epsom-ewell.gov.uk/residents/planning/planning-policy/other-planning-documents>
- Explains the purpose of the review and outlines the process
- Identifies key Local Development Plan Documents
- Identifies the documents that will form the evidence base to support the review
- Sets out a timetable for the review

What can you do to help?



Make your voice heard!

- Let us know what you would like the Society to do and how we can help
- Tell us what interests or concerns you about the upcoming review
- Look out for the publication of the evidence base documents on the Council's website:

<http://www.epsom-ewell.gov.uk/residents/planning/planning-policy/epsom-and-ewell-local-plan>

- Check when the draft revised Core Strategy is out for consultation and make your views known to the Council
- And if you are not already a member, why not join the Society?

Our contact details



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Tell us how would you like to see Epsom improved?