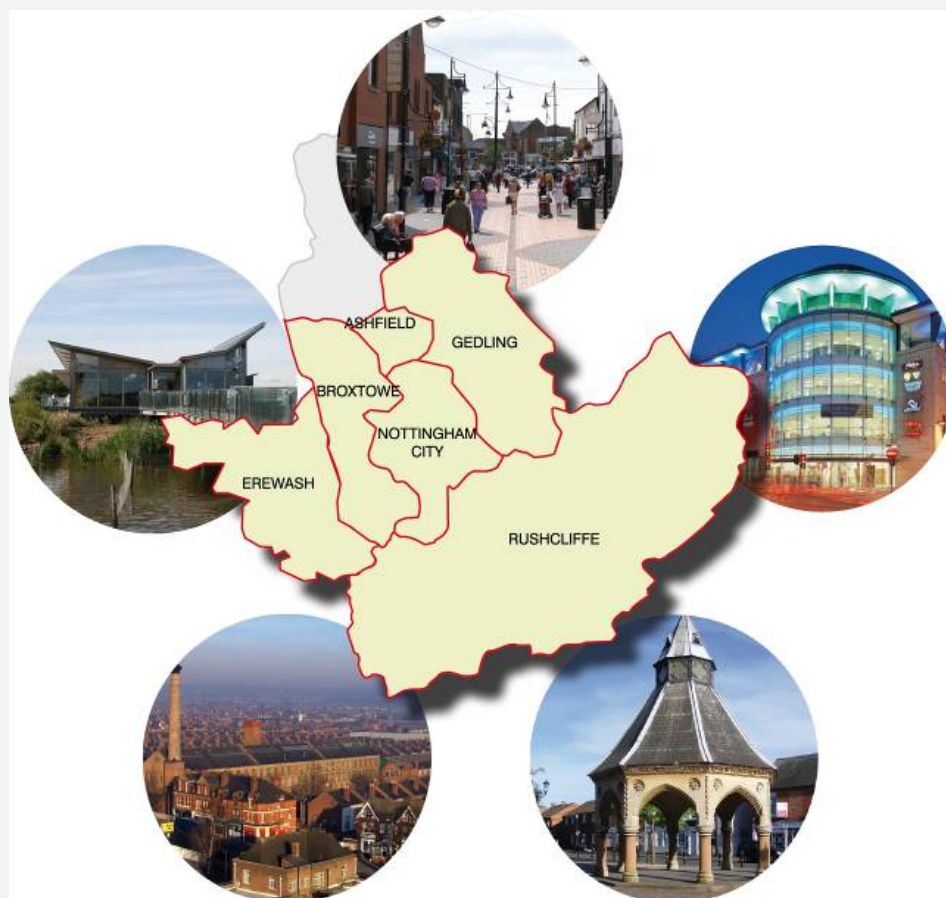


EREWASH BOROUGH ALIGNED CORE STRATEGY – ISSUES & OPTIONS (I&O) STAGE:

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT EVENTS AND EXERCISES IN EREWASH BOROUGH



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1 Introduction:

1.1 Purpose of the report

This document shows a record of the public engagement events that Erewash Borough Council have undertaken through the Issues and Options stage of the Erewash Core Strategy. The official period of consultation originally ran from the **15th June 2009** until the 31st July but this consultation period was extended until the **14th August 2009**.

The Borough Council has taken full account of its adopted Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) which recognises the importance of public engagement in helping to improve the profile of spatial planning and show how the general public can make a difference in planning for the future of Erewash to 2026.

1.2 The Issues and Options Stage

The Government has emphasised the need for effective community involvement at the beginning rather than the end of policy formulation. Policy development therefore needs to be community 'frontloaded' by involving all the various communities at the start of the planning process. This is the first stage of public engagement in advancing the Core Strategy is entitled 'Issues and Options'. This statutory stage will inform stakeholders of the purpose and key elements of the Core Strategy while the document formally establishes an initial range of issues and policy options. The Stage will encourage feedback to identify further issues and policy options. As part of the consultation, a conscious effort was made to ensure effective community involvement was sought which made the step from passive consultation to genuine participation.

2. Engagement Events

2.1 Issues & Options Document - Limehouse Consultation

An 'Issues and Options Paper' was compiled to gain the views of local people and other key stakeholders regarding identified issues and how they should be addressed by the Core Strategy. The full 184 page Issues and Options document was available online with participation encouraged through a interactive consultation software called 'Limehouse'. This software enabled responses to be adequately collated whilst people could easily make representations whilst being able to view other people's comments.

Numerous hard copies of the document (and response forms) were made available at publically accessible locations for anyone without internet access and/or who are not confident using computers

2.2 I&O Chapter Summary Leaflets and Questionnaires

Alongside the full I&O paper, a series of 'chapter summary leaflets' leaflets were prepared which were devoid of planning jargon and provided a much more- user friendly consultation mechanism. A simple questionnaire, which could be ripped out of the leaflet was also included, which summarised all the potential options.

2,3 Greater Nottingham Stakeholder I&O Launch Event



A Greater Nottingham wide launch event was held on 22nd of June at Nottingham Arena. This event was attended by partner organisations including representatives from statutory consultees such as the Environment Agency and other key service providers such as Primary Care Trusts (PCT) and Local Education Authorities (LEA)

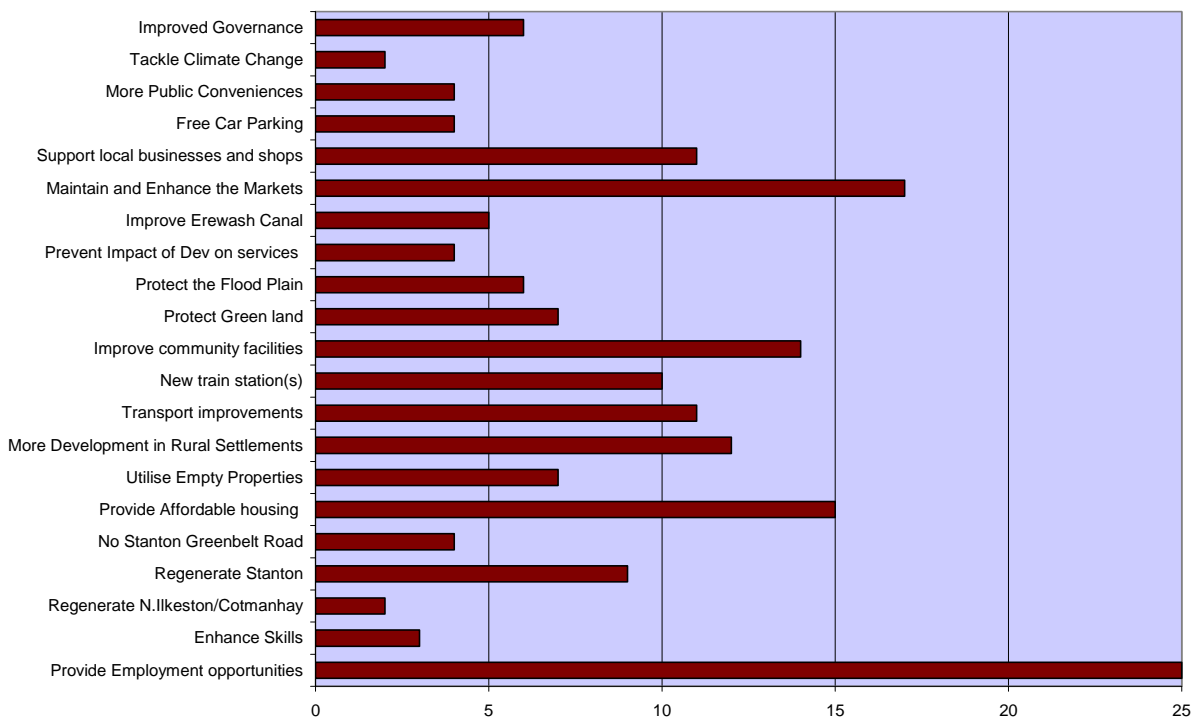
2.4 Erewash Issues and Options Roadshow



A series of community engagement events were held all around Erewash to raise awareness and encourage comments on the Erewash Core Strategy Issues and Options Consultation. This involved erecting a portable exhibition display at various locations and times (including Saturdays) where large audiences were expected. A full description of the 'event format' has been provided below

The Town Centre Market Places were targeted as a focus of community activity with events planned to coincide with Market days and the re-launch of the Long Eaton Flee market. Furthermore, the consultation was assisted by the ability to capitalise on the Ilkeston and Little Eaton Carnival. Similarly, the Policy and

People demonstrated their priorities by making comments on post-it notes and sticking them onto a map of Erewash. This simple exercise turned out to be a particularly useful way of recording people's views and priorities with over 200 notes collected. Furthermore, people had the ability to read other peoples comments which prompted discussions between consultees themselves independent of the EBC planning representatives. A full list of all the post-it notes comments can be found in Appendix 1. The graph shows the main themes that emerged through the post-it note consultation mechanism. Providing a sufficient level of jobs and good quality employment



Interactive game – Where should new development go?:



During the events, participants were encouraged to arrange red counters, which represented jobs, and yellow counters, which represented new homes, onto a laminated map of Erewash. This was to demonstrate where they felt new growth and development should be distributed. This interactive game allowed for interesting discussions about what the future role of urban and rural areas should be. For example, the implications of concentrating all new development in the urban areas with has the potential to isolate rural settlements, leading to further service closures and even fewer opportunities for affordable housing for younger people. Indeed a feature of the consultation events was that many people expressed their desire to see some development in the villages but at an appropriate level.

Individual Roadshow Events

- **Ilkeston Carnival / Partners Day, Rutland Sports Centre, Ilkeston - Saturday 13th June 2009**



- **Long Eaton Market Place - 3rd July 2009**



- Little Eaton Carnival - 4th July 2009



- Ilkeston Market Place - 11th July



- Long Eaton Flea Market - 14th July 2009



2.5 Parish Councils

A series of Core Strategy related meetings were held over the consultation period with representatives from the following Parish Councils.

- * **Breaston Parish Council**
- * **Draycott Parish Council:**
- * **Ockbrook and Borrowash Parish Council:**
- * **Dale Abbey Parish Council:**
- * **Risley Parish Council:**
- * **Sandiacre Parish Council:**
- * **Stanley and Stanley Common Parish Council:**
- * **West Hallam Parish Council**

2.6 Business Community Engagement

Engaging with local businesses is essential to provide informed insights into the business community of Erewash. Business and economic development issues were explored through meetings and discussions with the following:

- * **Chamber of Trade** - Both Ilkeston and Long Eaton Chamber of Trade made written representations whilst a meeting of the Long Eaton Chamber of Trade was specifically utilised to discuss Core Strategy issues
- * **Market Stall owners** - Many market stall owners offered their views through the engagement events which took place on the two Towns market places.
- * **Erewash Partnership** - Erewash Partnership who provides important support for local businesses also made comments on the Core Strategy both in written and oral form.

2.7 Long Eaton and Ilkeston Over 50's Forums



The over 50's Forums in both Ilkeston and Long Eaton have been engaged in the Core Strategy Issues and Consultation. These Forums work with Erewash Borough Council, the county council, and other organisations to exchange ideas and take action on local issues that are important to them. The Forum therefore gives older people living locally, the opportunity to discuss ideas with each other and with decision-making organisations. As such they represented an unique and ideal mechanism to provide a useful insight into issues that are effecting a particularly important stakeholder group. These meetings were particularly well received and this helps explain why a follow up event was arranged with the Long Eaton Forum, which examined each of the Core Strategy issues and options in much more detail.

2.8 Erewash Youth Forum

9th July – Ilkeston Town Hall

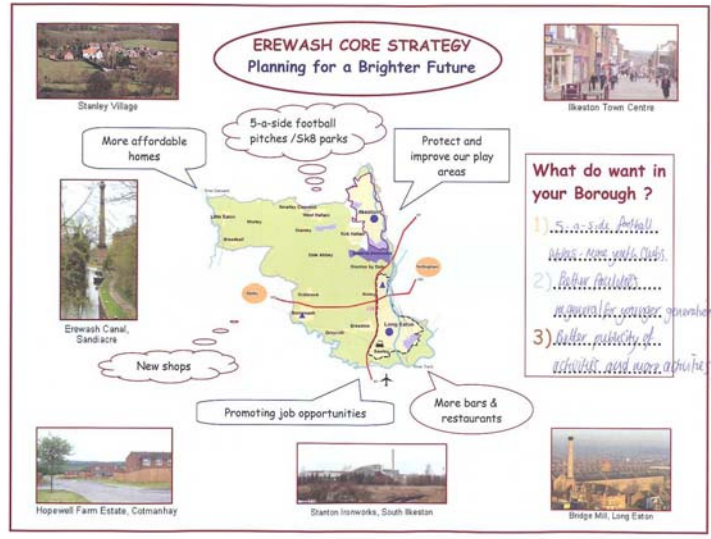
As a way of hearing the views of younger people who are traditionally dis-engaged with the planning process, output from the Erewash Youth Forum has been utilised as part of the Issues and Options Consultation. This Youth Forum has proved a particular successful engagement mechanism with the group containing enthusiastic representatives from the following local schools:

- * **Wilsthorpe Business and Enterprise Centre**
- * **The Long Eaton School**
- * **Ilkeston School**
- * **Bennerley Business and Enterprise College**
- * **Sandiacre Friesland School**
- * **Kirk Hallam Community Technology College**
- * **St John Houghton Catholic School**

In January 2009, members of the Erewash Youth Forum the group carried out a prioritisation exercise to establish what areas they wanted to work on in the future. The top 5 priorities are:

- * Reduce crime, anti-social behaviour
- * Improve well-being
- * Activities for children and young people
- * Educational attainment
- * Affordable decent housing/Highways, roads and transport

However, the Erewash Youth Forum was also specially used for the Issues and Options Consultation. During a meeting on the 9th July, the Core Strategy was promoted and a specialised 'user friendly' paper was circulated which asked for 3 priorities and for a illustration of how they though their Borough should look.



Above: Actual Submission from a member of the Erewash Youth Forum
 Priority 1 = 5-a-side football pitches – more youth clubs
 Priority 2 = Better facilities in general for the younger generation
 Priority 3 = Better publicity of activities and more activities

3. Promoting and Advertising Engagement



A wide range of methods were used to advertise the Issues and Options Consultation to encourage participation. These included:

- Displaying posters at local libraries promoting the consultation.
- Notifying people who had requested to be contained on the LDF consultation database (c. 700 persons).

- Circulating a briefing paper to all of Erewash's Elected Members and its Central Management Team to raise awareness of the Core Strategy and to explain its role.
- Compiling an EBC and Greater Nottingham press release. This helped lead to articles about the Core Strategy appearing in the Ilkeston Advertiser and the Nottingham Evening Post.
- Utilising the Town Hall receptions. Core Strategy Consultation banners and a television screen with slides promoting the Consultation, were displayed at Long Eaton and Ilkeston Town Hall receptions.
- Information branding. Core Strategy literature was promoted under the umbrella phrase 'Planning for a Brighter Future', in an attempt to stimulate public interest. This wording also conforms with the Erewash Corporate Plan.

Appendix 1 – Parish Council Meetings

**Parish Council Meeting – Group 1 (South Erewash area)
Monday 6th July 2009
Long Eaton Town Hall – Committee Room**

Parishes and Representatives present:

Breaston Parish Council: Geoff Charlot (GC) and Roger Cockell (RC) (EBC Cllr Robert Parkinson (RP) was also in attendance but mainly in an observers capacity)

Draycott Parish Council: Val Lewis (VL), Geoff Clare (GCL), Max Alexander (MA) and Mel Selwood (MS)

Ockbrook and Borrowash Parish Council: Terry Holbrook (TH) and Graham Taylor (GT)

Parishes absent: **Sawley Parish Council**

Record of meeting:

AR welcomed all to the meeting and thanked everyone for coming to speak with EBC on the matter of the Core Strategy.

Quick round of introductions across the table.

AR explained what the process entailed and why it was needed. The timescale of the strategy was mentioned, with a slight query as to why it needed to be so distant. AR explained that it was to help plan for long-term growth, but that it was substantially more flexible than the Local Plan process which took so long to complete from start to finish.

AR explained the working arrangements, and how Nottingham was more of a draw than Derby, but that we were not turning backs on Derby issues and the western edge of the Borough in general.

AR asked all for any general questions people may have about development in the various Parishes or the Borough as a whole.

TH commented that he was concerned about the gradual reduction of employers and industry in general across the Borough. Perhaps new employment policies could target the hospitality sector as a way of creating new local jobs as this sector is strongly on the rise despite the economic slowdown.

GC stated that Long Eaton in particular has lost a lot of heavy industry in recent years mainly at the expense of new housing.

GT commented that notwithstanding the above comment, there should be enough industrial land and premises in Erewash given the number of people who out-commute to jobs in Derby, Nottingham and other areas.

GT stated that it was imperative that brownfield land was used as the primary means of meeting the 'challenging' housing requirements and that as much should be made of the Stanton Regeneration site as possible.

All – Brief contribution about the role Parish Plans could have in setting local planning frameworks for different Parishes/settlements. Most felt that Parish Plans could and should be contributing more to this area of planning, but EBC had sometimes ignored the existence of PP's already produced for Erewash Parishes. GT made reference to the perception of PP's as being 'local wish lists' that get overlooked. AR stated that he wasn't aware of that many being prepared in Erewash, and those that had hadn't been closely worked in to what the Policy & Development Section were doing so may have conflicting aims.

GC – Agreed with GT's comments regarding employment opportunities – thought that there were enough across Erewash to meet local need.

VL – Raised the issue of the RSS Partial Review instigated by EMRA and sought clarification on what document needed responding to. AR explained that the more immediate reply needed to be to the Core Strategy document, and that it would be logical to use the comments made to EBC about I&O document as a basis to inform any comments to the Partial Review process.

VL – Stated that best way to structure meeting from here was to go though the Erewash-specific part of I&O issue-by-issue and base discussions on this basis.

AR – briefly described the first two issues and explained that these were setting the context for the work we were doing. Very general, but still important to create a common consensus and vision for the emerging planning framework.

Following the Leaflet Issues & Options Structure:

EBC1: How should new development be distributed around Erewash?

AR explained the new housing requirements, the split between the Principal Urban Area and the non-Principal Urban Area – more housing away from Long Eaton, Sandiacre and Sawley which obviously had implications for the more rural settlements in Erewash.

All – Is there any flexibility in the housing figures (with hints to reduction)?

AR – Not really, housing figures are derived from population and household projections that come down from Central Government into regional planning.

EBC effectively bound by these targets, but there is some local flexibility in determining what goes where.

GT – Inevitable that there will always be issues of NIMBY-ism when discussing these kind of growth issues with Parish Council's.

General point – All felt that Green Belt should be an important factor when deciding where growth is directed towards in the Borough. Green Belt designation is a very important local issue, and new housing should be as much as possible kept away from taking up valued designation.

MS – Thought that Draycott had provided more than its fair share of development/growth over recent years with some large-scale growth. Paul Fabrications and Draycott Mill etc. Can this be taken into account when considering new development for the settlement?

VL – Raised concern about the Greenfield/Greenbelt area north of Draycott between current edge of settlement and old line of Sandiacre & Derby Canal – growth on this scale would greatly imbalance the settlement and put great strain on local facilities/infrastructure.

GC – Local infrastructure is vital if growth is to be considered – particularly in relation to school capacity which is thought to be an issue in some of the Erewash Valley settlements.

GC – Difficult to understand large-scale housing proposals that are considered simply as add-ons to existing villages.

GLC – Have to realise that we still need to consider planning needs for now and the next few years rather than risk losing focus and taking a more long-term on certain matters in establishing a planning framework for the Borough.

EBC2: Which potential large development sites are most appropriate for future growth?

GC – No issues with the concept of Stanton redevelopment, but need to really sort out details of access/egress to enable the site to be properly regenerated and linked to surrounding towns and villages.

GC – Stressed that local feeder roads to the site are already at maximum capacity, and this will only worsen should Stanton's regeneration not adequately sort out matters of accessibility.

GT – The infrastructure that is needed to help redevelop the site is almost bigger than the Parish Councils can really deal with at this stage. Could only really comment on proposals that are brought before the Parish Council.

AR – Made the forum aware of the existence of Pewit Golf Course (Land to the west of Ilkeston in the SUE study) as a broad area that potential could take additional growth.

GC – Would encourage use of this area for development if it helped to ease development pressures on other rural areas around the Borough.

EBC3: What approach should be taken to the location of Erewash Green Belt boundaries?

Group felt that issues of Green Belt had been generally talked about earlier in the forum when discussing growth matters.

VL – Asked about the mechanism for reviewing Green Belt boundaries around the Borough. AR replied that it was necessary as part of the review, to look at anomalies where it went through peoples gardens etc although this is at a localised level and will probably be addressed through a specialised DPD. Needs to also be looked at on a strategic level in unison with planning growth. RSS reaffirmed the importance of Green Belt between Nottingham and Derby so nothing radical is thought likely to change, although there is some flexibility afforded to Councils through this process.

EBC4: How does Erewash find new high-quality commercial sites in accessible locations?

RP – Need to make the most of the close proximity to East Midlands Airport. Sizeable number of companies locally are linked to the activities which occur at the Airport which makes

Parish Council Meeting – Group 2 (Central area)
Monday 16th July 2009
Ilkeston Town Hall – Main Council Chamber – 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Parishes and Representatives present:

Dale Abbey Parish Council: John Smith, Paul Harvey and Keith Spencer

Risley Parish Council: Sidney Leleux

Sandiacre Parish Council: Annette Noskwith and Michelle Bloor

Stanley and Stanley Common Parish Council: Brian Bunting, Mike Cheetham and Brian Lowe

West Hallam Parish Council: Cllr Carol Hart, Brian King and Eleanor Chapman

Record of meeting:

AR welcomed all to the meeting and thanked everyone for coming to speak with EBC on the matter of the Core Strategy.

AR asked whether a round of introductions would be beneficial, and this was agreed with all present introducing themselves and the Parish Council that they were representing.

AR gave an introduction to the work that had been carried out up to this point and explained what a Core Strategy was, why it was being carried out and which other Councils Erewash BC were working with in producing a set of aligned Core Strategies.

AR explained the importance of speaking with forums such as this to spread the word about what the Core Strategy process was established to achieve and influence and that local input was vital.

Parish Council Comment (PCC) Wasn't clear about where Green Belt extended to outside of Erewash Borough. **AR** agreed to circulate a map of the Green Belt of the wider area around Derby and Nottingham.

PCC Thought that the main Issues and Options document wasn't as clear as it could be and was overly complex and filled with technical terms which didn't help when consulting with non-planning people and groups. **AR** acknowledged that the document was quite technical but pointed out that many other groups linked with planning required a document produced at this level. **AR** explained that a range of leaflets had been produced which aimed to simplify the content and break it up into more understandable content.

PCC Concern about the number of leaflets that had been produced, particularly when an individual had been to one of the events and was told that they couldn't take one of the leaflets given that they were in short supply.

PCC Need to produce more leaflets and get them into wider circulation to get more comments from this period of engagement. **AR** agreed and will instruct a further run of leaflets that can be used at exhibitions and forums.

PCC Why is the deadline so imminent? Great concern expressed over the perceived lack of time allocated to undertake this consultation given the importance of the Core Strategy document. **AR** informed the forum that EBC were working to an agreed timetable which meant it was important to keep up with these milestones agreed politically and with the Government Office and that this was a statutory process with clear stages.

PCC Great concerns about how Parish Councils were able to feed into the consultation process. The wider group explained that Parish Council meetings didn't sit too comfortably with this particular window of consultation and they would find it very difficult to be able to adequately canvas opinion in their Parish before the 31st July deadline.

AR Acknowledged the concern amongst the group and stated that we could consider an extension to the six weeks if it didn't overly undermine making progress towards the next stage of the Core Strategy (Preferred Options stage). Would speak to fellow colleagues to discuss what flexibility there was for an extension and feedback to Parishes.

Councillor Carol Hart Suggested that Portfolio Holder and Joint Planning Advisory Board member Cllr Geoff Smith liaise with Government Office for East Midlands to query whether extension to this phase of consultation could be possible.

PCC (KEY POINT) Also concern about the timing of the meeting and felt that more people could perhaps have attended should it have been held in the evening. **AR** gave brief overview of work EBC Officers have done which has taken place outside regular working hours.

AR Asked how best the remaining structure of the meeting should be conducted. Agreed generally that it would be more productive if **AR** used the meeting to explain the key aspects of the Issues and Options for the benefit of those present.

AR Outlined the main areas that the Core Strategy needed to cover for Erewash in particular. One of the main areas was the need for new homes in the Borough, with 7,200 homes required to be built by 2026. Explained that some of these new homes have already been built as the targets started from 2006. Also outlined that there is flexibility in where new homes, and growth in general, is located around Erewash and that it was through public engagement that we were presenting different choices.

PCC Commented on the number of homes and also queried the whereabouts of Pewit Golf Course (future development site) and its size and scale in comparison to the Stanton site. **AR** responded by informing the group of Pewit's location and the possible development that the site could incorporate.

PCC What work has been done to look at how much capacity Erewash has to meet the housing requirements? Will Stanton and Pewit both be needed to meet our needs? **AR** replied to make the group aware of the work done through the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) which has identified land which almost meets our needs right to 2026, but this perhaps took an optimistic view so there may be a little more land needing to be identified – this depending on what Stanton Ironworks could ever deliver. No one quite sure at this stage what the site will yield given the different figures that are in the public domain.

PCC Stated that their preferred way of improving the access was a motorway junction to provide most direct form of access and prevent further congestion on local roads which surround the site and down into Sandiacre.

PCC View generally was that brownfield approach was the more preferable and that there is better potential in Long Eaton and Ilkeston than anything offered by the more rural villages and settlements. Some comments made amongst the group that limited infill development within the village boundaries would be acceptable.

KEY POINT – Group seemed satisfied with the approach of providing the vast majority of new homes on brownfield sites, rather than use Greenfield land or making vast intrusions into the greenbelt which could be deemed as being an unsustainable approach.

PCC Queried some of the data included within the Issues and Options document – can the data be verified and sourced. **AR** replied by stating that all data had been used from accredited locations, but stated that sourcing could be improved in next stage of Core Strategy (Preferred Options).

PCC Question asked about what the difference was between small and large amendments to green belt and the potential impact it may have to Erewash villages.

AR Gave brief overview of green belt and its importance to Erewash, both in the past and the current. Emphasised that it remains a significant national strand of policy. **AR** mentioned that the adopted Regional Spatial Strategy acknowledges that the green belt between Nottingham and Derby is of strategic importance and maintains its purpose and function in keeping the two cities apart.

Small changes to existing settlements would involve helping them 'breathe' a little to accommodate new development of a limited nature and maybe help retain or attract new services to villages. Large amendments to the greenbelt would see villages able to accommodate a much greater amount of new development, but also see the objectives of the greenbelt compromised as it would inevitably bring the two urban cities closer together. **AR** explained that this wasn't going to be a popular option, but that EBC had to ask the question regardless to present a range of possibilities to the general public for their comments.

PCC Who instigated the current national planning framework and what happens if there's a change of Government part way through this Core Strategy process?

AR The current government have reformed the planning system over the last five years. Unfortunately there is no definitive answer as to the change of Government and all into the realms of the unknown until things like official White Papers are released giving us an insight into any changes that might be made. Undoubtedly, the new government would have their own ideas on certain aspects of planning which would be different to current ways.

PCC (KEY POINT) Issue of jobs of real importance. Erewash needs to appeal as a business location and make sure that wherever new homes are provided, especially given the large number of jobs, there needs to be ample number of opportunities to help us be self-sufficient.

AR Agreed with the comments made, and stated importance of making the most of Erewash's strategic location. This was underlined by the Nottingham City Region Employment Land study which stated that M1 corridor was a big draw for outside investment owing to the access of the strategic road network that passes through the Borough. Lots of industrial estates across the Borough are coming to the end of their usefulness so the Core Strategy will need to address this.

PCC Crucial that employment, both current and new, is as accessible as possible. Expected that Stanton should provide a fair amount of new employment.

Councillor Carol Hart mentioned the proposed Ilkeston Airlink bus route which was planned prior to the economic downturn, which was a good example of trying to maximise economic development and increase the accessibility of the town to a rapidly growing pool of job opportunities.

AR added that other activities such as the Donington F1 Grand Prix proposed for 2010 would also have economic spin-offs for Erewash and add much to the local leisure and tourism appeal.

PCC Core Strategy may need to look at the rural economy – particularly in relation to vacant and dilapidated agricultural buildings – promoting alternative uses could be necessary.

AR mentioned that strong town centres are also something that the Core Strategy will be looking to create as they should be magnets for attracting visitors.

PCC Need to consider creating the right environment for town centres by encouraging factors such as reduced business rates, free car parking for visitors and making sure that there's a good range of retail stores offering a mixture of different things. Specific example raised about parking rates in Derby at Westfield which has affected trading conditions within the city.

Councillor Carol Hart informed the group that the Borough Council is to discuss incentives such as reduced/free parking initiatives next week (w/c 20th July) and assured the group that such things are being considered in relation to experiences elsewhere.

AR (KEY ISSUE) agreed that town centres are vital for economy of the Borough, and that it will require joined-up thinking to make sure that the conditions are favourable not only for existing retailers, but also those who may wish to locate in Erewash. Stated that downturn won't last forever, so we need to be in advantageous position when the market improves. Got to give people a reason to come to Erewash's town centres.

PCC Concerned about the number of charity stores that were trading within Ilkeston. **AR** stated that this was as a consequence of national planning guidance which allowed for this, but acknowledged that the number of charity stores could present a negative image of the town.

PCC Effects of big supermarkets have been negative on town centres. Need to attract some high-profile names to the town centre to give them extra status and appeal (Starbucks for example).

PCC Could Breaston potentially be considered as a small retail centre, given that it is comparable in retail offer to Borrowash and Sandiacre? **AR** stated that it could well be something that is considered through the evolution of the Core Strategy.

PCC Raised query about what the Derby-Sandiacre Canal reference and how it had been described and annotated on a map/leaflet. **AR** clarified this.

PCC Asked for a summary of the main issues that had been discussed.

AR provided a brief summary of the main issues discussed and informed the group that general minutes from the meeting would be created and circulated to Parish Councils through Parish Clerks. **AR** thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the discussion.

Appendix 2 – Erewash Over 50's Forum

Long Eaton Over 50's Forum

Held at Trent Lock Golf Course on the 29th June 2009

Record of meeting:

The session was slightly different to normal events given that as well as the usual agenda items and ongoing business of the Forum. Pete Wearn who chairs the Forum introduced the session and informed the group that AR was to give a small presentation to introduce the work that is being done through the Core Strategy. The putting up of the two publicity banners before the session had formally started brought about some interest from those who were present in the room.

AR estimated that there were around **20 individuals** in attendance which according to Pete Wearn was around average for other meetings of the group which had been held recently.

AR explained what the Core Strategy was, and that it will have some fairly sizeable implications on the future of Long Eaton, and more generally Erewash and thinking more strategically, Greater Nottingham. The structure of the document was explained to the group in that the first section was more general to issues across the entire conurbation whereas the second half of the document concentrated solely on Erewash matters, some of particular interest to Long Eaton.

AR explained that any questions were welcome at the end of the session, but if people wanted to query anything mid-presentation then this was okay.

There firstly was an issue raised as to why we were using 'Greater Nottingham' references and were part of the current working arrangements between Councils. AR replied that it was as a result of high-level research which closely analysed peoples travel patterns for aspects such as jobs, access to services and other transport movements. This accounted for why we had been placed into the Nottingham Core HMA. From here, Regional Plan (RSS) had advised that we worked together so had little choice as to how we prepared a Core Strategy.

AR explained in general terms about the amount of housing that needed to be found within Erewash and what the provision generally meant for Long Eaton (described the PUA/Non-PUA split and that less homes were needed in LE/San/Saw than the remainder of the Borough). Some comments were made as to why the figures were so high. AR replied that it was through Government population and household projections, and added quite aptly that as a nation, we

are ageing and also people are choosing to live individually and independently meaning new homes were required on this scale.

Several comments were made about housing requirements being too unrealistic, given that there are so many vacant and unused properties at current that could be better utilised. Slight concern that Greenfield and Greenbelt could be targeted to help meet Erewash's residential requirements. Another suggestion was to limit family sizes/birth control, although not sure how serious a comment this was!

At this point, general questions were encouraged and discussed amongst all present. Key issues raised were in relation to Long Eaton Town Centre and town centre activities in general, with particular concern made of its current depressed state with many vacant retail units evident along the High Street/Market Place. Other issues linked to the town centre were EBC's approach to reducing the number of public conveniences; these were of great importance to the group. A scheme mentioned in Richmond, London where retailers opened up their toilet facilities to the public with funding from the local authority.

The effect of Tesco on the town centre was emphasised. It was stated that very few wanted the store and it has had big impact (negative) on Long Eaton – comment was agreed with unanimously.

Accessibility/transport was another key concern that was raised around the group. The lack of any focal public transport interchange was also mentioned and that buses seemed to be stopping everywhere throughout the Town Centre in an un-coordinated way. It was acknowledged that a Bus Station of sorts could benefit Long Eaton, but locations for this were not discussed.

On a similar theme, general accessibility was raised as a concern. Several potential new or variations to existing bus routes were mentioned and de to better link particular parts of Long Eaton to Derby and areas further on for connecting trips. It was mentioned that not everyone wants to go to Nottingham for leisure/work/shopping purposes, so good to have choice and be able to easily get to Derby for similar reasons. It mentioned that it would be good to get representative from Trent Barton and DCC Transport team along to a future meeting to discuss accessibility and this was to be sorted by Pete Wearn.

At this point, it was agreed that a good discussion had taken place, but meeting was already over-running given the length of time given over to the Core Strategy (around 30 minutes) and it was agreed that AR was welcome to stay for the remainder of the morning to witness the visioning exercise. This involved group work where individuals were encouraged to express what they wanted Long Eaton to be like in the future, what aspects of the town they liked and what aspects of the town needed improvement. This work was found to be of use to the Borough Council as it basically complemented the work that was going on during the Issues and Options stage of the Core Strategy work.

As the meeting ended, the visioning work would carry over to the next meeting of the group where it would be completed.

Pete Wearn thanked AR for attending and the group as a whole expressed gratitude that they had been contacted and involved in the I&O engagement work in general. In response to this, AR thanked the group for their input and it was agreed that AR was more than happy to come back further into the Core Strategy process to give update as to what was happening and how comments had been incorporated into emerging work.

Ilkeston Older 50's Forum

Held at Ilkeston Town Hall on Wed 1st July 2009 6pm-7:30

Record of meeting:



Format of the engagement event:

- 10 individuals were in attendance
- Two publicity banners on display
- A series of Issues and Options Leaflets were circulated
- Two EBC planning policy representatives
- Round table discussion

Introduction and initial questions:

Planning representatives gave a brief presentation to introduce the Core Strategy and the Issues and Options consultation. This explained what the Core Strategy is and its implications on the future of Ilkeston and Erewash. The structure of the Issues and Options document was also explained to the group with the first 3 chapters discussing issues across Greater Nottingham whereas Chapter 4 concentrates solely on Erewash matters, some of particular interest to Ilkeston and Cotmanhay.

Questions were then invited which led to a round table discussion regarding the Forum's issues and how the Core Strategy could possibly help address such matters.

- **Why are there no more Local Plans ?**

The Forum was told how the New Planning System (2004 Compulsory Purchase Act) signaled the end for Local Plans as they seen as being inflexible having a inability to respond to changing circumstances. The Local Development Framework (LDF) represents a portfolio of documents that have the opportunity to allow for a more flexible and responsive planning system. It was emphasized how the Core Strategy is the central document of this framework.

- **Why is Erewash Borough Council working with Greater Nottingham?**

The Forum was informed that research which analysed peoples travel patterns to access jobs and services, found that Erewash had a slightly stronger relationship with Nottingham as opposed to Derby. Regional planning has therefore stipulated Erewash should join the Nottingham Core Housing Market Area and encouraged associated local authorities to work together to co-ordinate future growth and their Core Strategies.

- **Why are the housing figures / requirements so high?**

It was explained that these figures are contained within the Regional Spatial Strategy which Erewash Borough Council must statutorily adhere to. AR explained that the high figures were owing to Government population and household projections, adding that as a nation, we are ageing and also people are choosing to live individually and independently meaning new homes were required on this scale.

The Forum's priorities:

- **Affordable and decent housing!**

The forum explained how the provision of 'affordable and decent housing' is a critically important issue for older people but they also emphasised how this is a great concern to younger people who can't access housing.

- **Improving Ilkeston Town Centre especially the shopping offer!**

- The forum highlighted 'the impact of Tesco's' as a main factor as to why the town centre was struggling. This comment was agreed unanimously and it was stated how the local people never wanted the supermarket in the first instance but they felt their views were sidelined .The group added that the impact of

Tesco's is being compounded by 'a lack of integration with the superstore and the rest of the town'.

There was a consensus that 'Ilkeston is becoming a Ghost Town' owing to the 'poor retail offer', and 'low environmental quality' of the shopping area meaning people are choosing to shop elsewhere. The Forum expressed a particular desire to 'maintain the market and the Albion Centre' within Ilkeston explaining that efforts should be made to ensure this.

- **Assisting accessibility and transport!**

The Forum explained of their lack of mobility and lamented that their living environment 'does not cater for people without a car'. As part of this the topography in Ilkeston, people are faced with the obstacle of walking of the hill, which was seen as another barrier to shopping within the town.

The group expressed their enthusiasm to see the 'opening of a train station at Ilkeston' which could significantly benefit Ilkeston,

The issue of 'free EBC car parking' was raised with a consensus that charging shoppers to park was acting as barrier to the town's economic prosperity and suggested that the Council need to look at the bigger picture

- **Stop the closures to public toilets within the town centres!**

EBC's approach to reducing the number of public conveniences within the town centres; these were of particular importance to the group. A scheme mentioned in Richmond, London where retailers opened up their toilet facilities to the public with funding from the local authority. Nevertheless, this issue was of immediate concern to the group explaining that there is no more essential community facility'

- **Listen to communities!**

Above all, there was a strong feeling within the Ilkeston Older 50's Forum that Erewash Borough Council and other organisations needs to genuinely 'listen to communities'. The group believed that on a number of important issues the Borough Council had asked for their input and views but had been ignored nevertheless.

Next steps:

After a lengthy discussion the meeting came to a close. The Forum then divided up the Chapter Summary Consultation Leaflets between themselves so they would each take a leaflet away and fill in the attached questionnaire and return it to Erewash Borough Council.

AR and AJ thanked the Group for being invited to the Forum and the group as a whole expressed gratitude that they had been contacted and involved in the Issues and Options Consultation. Furthermore, they expressed a wish that EBC return to the Forum further into the Core Strategy process to give updates and how their comments had been incorporated into future work. This was agreed by the planning representatives

Long Eaton Over 50's Forum (follow up-event)

Long Eaton & District 50plus Forum Support Groups Consultation July 21st 2009 – Trent Lock Golf Centre

Record of meeting:



Format of the engagement event:

- 20 individuals were in attendance
- Two publicity banners on display
- A leaflet discussing locally distinct issues for Erewash was distributed
- Erewash Borough Council planning policy representative (Andrew Johnston)
- Question and Answer session

Introduction and initial questions:

Pete Wearn introduced the event and began by discussing matters relating to the Forum. This prompted discussions about the following:

- * Difficulties encountered by the Forum opening Microsoft office files and how publications and document produced with font size 14 are easier for the older generation to read.
- * A-Z of Erewash Local Services produced by Erewash Borough Council which provides useful contact numbers was promoted to the Forum and commended.
- * Issue regarding phoning Erewash Borough Council and dialling 0115 or 0845 numbers. The 0115 number is cheaper for local and mobile calls.

* Public Involvement in Erewash (PIE) group highlighted an issue about out of office service which does not currently have the ability to access patient files from the GP.

Pete then introduced Andrew Johnston (AJ) to the Forum and explained how the event was going to be used to discuss locally distinct issues as part of the Erewash Core Strategy Issues and Options Consultation. Pete showed the group the full 184 consultation document and commented how the vision for Long Eaton contained in the Spatial Vision aligns quite closely to priorities established by the Forum.

AJ gave a brief presentation to introduce the Core Strategy and the Issues and Options consultation explaining how the consultation period is open until **14th August 2009**.

Questions were then invited which led to a round table discussion regarding the Forum's issues and how the Core Strategy could possibly help address such matters!

Question and Answer session:

- **Why is Erewash in Greater Nottingham? We are proud to be from Derbyshire!**

The Forum was informed that research which analysed peoples travel patterns to access jobs and services, found that Erewash had a slightly stronger relationship with Nottingham as opposed to Derby. Regional planning has therefore stipulated Erewash should join the Nottingham Core Housing Market Area and encouraged associated local authorities to work together to co-ordinate future growth and their Core Strategies. AJ explained how the process of compiling the consultation document was efficient whilst it also helped us remember that Erewash is not an island and that we need to think about wider issues.

- **We need to integrate new development with other services!**

A common theme that ran through the discussion was the view that planners should be working and thinking about other services e.g. education, transport, health at the same time as planning new houses and other development. There was a perception that historically, services were being considered as an after thought. People commented how this was particularly relevant regarding the impacts on the transport infrastructure as 'integrated public transport is still a way off'. There was a consensus which suggested that 'we need to bring everything together' and that 'joined up working is a must'.

- **Where will the new development go?**

AJ explained that Erewash must facilitate at least 7,200 homes by 2026 stating that this figure is a result of Government population projections and is contained within the Regional Spatial Strategy which Erewash Borough Council must statutorily adhere to. AJ also discussed how other development will need to be provided with an overwhelming need to provide new employment opportunities to prevent Erewash becoming a commuter borough, where people will be forced to travel long distances to access jobs and other services.

AJ explained that the Core Strategy will decide where this development should go – whether it should all go to urban areas or whether some should be provided in the rural settlements?

This led to the debate how the historical approach of putting the development in the urban areas which is sustainable in many ways, but has left some rural settlements and residents isolated, with closing services and few opportunities for affordable housing. Furthermore, people have commented how Long Eaton had seen so much new housing that 'the road network and services within the town were being stretched'. The consensus of the group seemed to favour the promotion of urban areas as the location to direct future growth but there was acknowledgement about the need for modest level of development in appropriate locations within rural settlements. Indeed, one member commented how Borrowash and Breaston are particularly sustainable places to accommodate growth as they have 'great bus services and facilities'.

- **What is happening to Stanton Ironworks?**

AJ briefed about the Stanton regeneration site and its ability to accommodate future growth. Saint Gobain who are the owners of the site, propose to submit an outline planning application, by March 2010. The Issues and Options Consultation seeks to ascertain whether people feel the site suitable for large scale residential development (c.4000 homes) as part of a mixed use development incorporating employment, community facilities, open space and educational development. AJ stated that the regeneration of the Brownfield site provides numerous opportunities for Erewash and its communities, which the Borough may never see again.

The Forum believed that on the whole the site is a logical place to develop particularly for its Brownfield credentials. However, concerns were expressed over any potential access road through the Green Belt but AJ replied by declaring that there are other road options currently being considered which would prevent such a loss. Furthermore, one member stressed the importance of ensuring the Stanton ironworks site is adequately 'de-contaminated before any development is started'. Nevertheless, the Forum did express enthusiasm for the regeneration on the proviso that new jobs, facilities and services were provided alongside the development

As well as Stanton Ironworks, AJ also mentioned that the Issues and Options Consultation also asked whether people felt land to the north of Pewit Golf (west of Ilkeston) is an appropriate site for large scale development. Although this is Greenfield land, it is not located Green Belt and has currently been safeguarded to allow the 9-holes golf course to extend to an 18-holes. AJ explained that like Stanton, the Sustainable Urban Extension (SUE) which was an independent study supports development of this land. The Forum did accept that it would be better to develop this land as oppose to a large amount of Green Belt land but did feel 'Stanton was more appropriate'.

- **We need to have a good mix of homes that are decent and affordable!**

Although the Forum declared how 'affordable and decent housing' is a critically important issue for older people, they also emphasised how this is a great concern to younger people who can't access such housing. One member explained how affordable housing should not be grouped together as this has such a negative impact on community cohesion. AJ explained how contemporary planning practice attempts to ensure that social housing is 'pepper potted' (spread) around new developments.

Pete Wearn also highlighted the importance and 'need for sheltered accommodation' within the Borough for older people. He suggested that a chunk of houses (c.300 dwellings) could be made available for sheltered accommodation as part of the regeneration of Stanton Ironworks. Similarly, the Forum emphasised the need for new homes and other development to be 'Purpose built to meet the needs of the the elderly'. This would entail wheelchair-friendly development including low door thresholds. AJ explained of the 'Homes for life agenda' which public services are attempting to deliver which seeks to meet such aims.

A final housing issue which was mentioned was the 'need for carbon neutral housing', which is energy efficient and incorporates renewable energy forms. AJ explained that the government had set a target for all homes to be 'low to zero' carbon by 2016 and that this is a big challenge to which Erewash Borough Council is committed.

- **What is happening to under utilised commercial development?**

The Forum stated there was so much commercial land that was empty or under used and queried why we need to provide new land for business use. AJ explained that to remain competitive we need to 'provide better quality employment sites' which are attractive to commercial investors in terms of size and accessibility. An Employment Land Study predicts a 15% decrease in industrial and warehousing jobs and a 21% increase in office-based jobs across the Greater Nottingham conurbation up to 2016. Erewash has to respond by

providing a range of quality employment land whilst possibly allowing some of the poor quality and unwanted land to be used for other development.

- **We need to improve Long Eaton Town Centre!**

The forum expressed an overwhelming desire to improve Long Eaton Town Centre as it serves such a crucial role to its residents in terms of shopping and accessing services. One member of the Forum asked whether there is a long-term plan for Long Eaton like the plan for Derby City which had been stuck to for a long time and been successful. AJ referred to the Long Eaton Masterplan which was adopted by the Council in 2007, set out a vision and earmarked development for certain places. However, AJ explained that due to the recent economic downturn, there has not been a large amount of developer interest and therefore schemes had unfortunately not been brought forward as quickly as originally hoped. At this point the Forum was told that the Issues and Options Consultations asked specifically whether the Borough Council should be more flexible towards potential development which doesn't accord to what exactly the Masterplan intends.

The forum highlighted 'the impact of Tesco's' as a main factor as to why the town centre was struggling. One member explained how the site on which Tesco's resides, 'should have been a bus and railway station'. However, one member did comment on how the supermarket brings essential employment opportunities to the area. AJ suggested that as the supermarkets are now built, we need to persuade people to come into the Town Centre by offering them a good retail offer which included a functioning market where local produce can be bought.

The imperative to 'support and maintain the market' was emphasised as a priority for the Forum who lamented that the market used to accommodate 50 stalls and that it now needs all the help Erewash Borough Council can offer. As part of this, the 'Lack of public conveniences' was stressed as a big concern for the Forum, which needed to be addressed. The benefit of providing free car parking was also suggested as a way to encourage people into the town.

The benefit of providing community facilities for the younger people was mentioned as a way to prevent anti social behaviour and assist community cohesion. Indeed, AJ used the example of the new Skate Park located in Matlock town centre as a good practice example. This quality and much used facility Skate Park is located in the heart of the town centre and as such, has not suffered any particular vandalism.

- **Wrap up**

At the close of what had been a particularly interesting discussion, AJ thanked the Forum for being invited. AJ encouraged the group to fill in the Core Strategy Questionnaire and a 'Customer Service Survey'.

Appendix 3– Post-it Note Comments

Ilkeston Carnival / Partners Day, Rutland Sports Centre, Ilkeston, Saturday 13th June 2009

- 1) We need more jobs in the Borough and we don't want to be a commuter area
- 2) Jobs and employment land over Green belt – People need a decent quality of life
- 3) Regenerate Stanton
- 4) Enhance the rural economy e.g. development such as York eco business centre being located on the A52
- 5) More Community Facilities including increased access to the swimming pools.
- 6) More public consultation regarding leisure centres and changes to services.
- 7) New Swimming / leisure centre in Ilkeston with preferably learner and childrens pools (i.e 3). Position on a bus route with regular services from Cotmanhay and Kirk Hallam
- 8) Ensuring new development does not affect existing services namely educational and healthcare provision
- 9) More youth services that are accessible for 13 + year olds e.g. Skate Parks
- 10) Open Railway in Ilkeston with good links from Cotmanhay and Kirk Hallam
- 11) Focus on Cotmanhay. Maximise open spaces through the 6 weeks summer holiday
- 12) New houses in rural villages – affordable!
- 13) A balanced mix of homes
- 14) More affordable housing to buy for small households
- 15) Affordable housing in rural areas. Too much urban cramming

- 16) Limited development in villages in keeping with the area – not too big to take over the villages

**Long Market Place,
Long Eaton, Friday 3rd July 2009**

- 17) Lower rates for retail units to attract businesses
- 18) Should make more of the Canal and the Trent
- 19) More of a need for jobs than houses
- 20) Lower rates to help businesses
- 21) Free Council Car parking to attract visitors
- 22) Too much urban cramming. Far too many houses in Long Eaton
- 23) More jobs over housing – When factories come down, these should be replaced by new employment and not houses!
- 24) Make better use of the Erewash Canal
- 25) Opening the Ilkeston railway
- 26) More affordable housing for the younger generation
- 27) Lower the business rates in Erewash especially in the town centres
- 28) Renewable energy to help combat climate change
- 29) A tidier town centre will attract more visitors and shoppers
- 30) Stanton: * Contamination health issues on
* Hi-tech Business Park
* No need for so many houses
- 31) Help for small businesses and town centre
- 32) Too much development in the flood plain. Need to build elsewhere.

**Little Eaton Carnival,
Long Eaton, Friday 4th July 2009**

- 33) More development to meet the needs of the elderly.

- 34) Some development to allow for affordable housing for younger people.
- 35) Maintaining and improving community facilities within rural settlements
- 36) Preserving green spaces and play areas within settlements
- 37) More jobs
- 38) Make better use of the Canal – It is a valuable asset
- 39) Too much emphasis on the urban areas especially Ilkeston and Long Eaton
- 40) More flexibility with Green Belt boundaries
- 41) Limited development opportunities within Little Eaton
- 42) Not too many 5-bedroom luxury houses
- 43) A balance on the level of development is needed. In 2026, we don't want to have no services [in little eaton]
- 44) New train station or park and ride at Little Eaton
- 45) Maintain Little Eaton's vibrancy

**Ilkeston Market Place,
Ilkeston, Saturday 11th July 2009**

- 46) Need better leisure facilities for Ilkeston to make the Town better
- 47) Must do more for the environment, too many cars everywhere – need to create a Borough which moves sustainably!
- 48) Children's facilities at Chauser school – Needs MUGA (Multi User Games Area's), they would be a better use of land than current
- 49) Equality of play areas in urban and parishes areas. Perception is that only parishes get the money to improve their play areas – what about urban play areas?
- 50) Raise impression of Ilkeston– promoting existing skills. Improves the image of the area
- 51) Provide right industrial units for jobs

- 52) Promote town to improve shops / restaurants. Bringing jobs and more skilled people.
- 53) Separate town council wanted for Ilkeston
- 54) Need a better range of local facilities to keep local residents interested in Ilkeston
- 55) Mini-roundabout at Twelvehouses in Stanton would improve accessibility locally
- 56) More Kids facilities – can help adults who need to visit town centres!
- 57) Bus services pretty good for Ilkeston – just an issue over where to get the bus from.
- 58) Market is good selling point in Ilkeston – Need to improve Long Eaton
- 59) Green spaces are important – need to protect them
- 60) Long Eaton town centre's activities are good, need to do more in Ilkeston Town Centre
- 61) American Adventure to be developed as recreation / open space
- 62) No new road on Green Belt
- 63) No road through Green Belt
- 64) Countryside is vital to Erewash – No access road through Green Belt
- 65) Stanton is a great opportunity to bring good benefits to Ilkeston
- 66) Bring poor / derelict homes up to liveable standard – then no need for new houses!
- 67) Too many Pubs in the town centre – causes anti-social behaviour in nights.
- 68) Need to raise the profile of the town centre through a strong market to attract people/traders
- 69) Why do we need thousands of new homes when so many vacant units exist in Erewash

- 70) It'd be great to get Ilkeston Rail station re-opened – give the town great status
- 71) More local jobs
- 72) Make sure there are enough homes and jobs for the young – they'll need the facilities for when they get older
- 73) Climate Change! Global warning a myth!
- 74) Local jobs in line with new homes
- 75) Active uses in shop fronts
- 76) No rail station in Ilkeston – Issue about public transport to station, plus only 20 minutes on bus!
- 77) Can't access some sports facilities using public transport. Need to provide more buses for teenagers
- 78) Can't access industrial sites using public transport – issue for people wanting jobs
- 79) Put road/tram buggies to get people up the hill
- 80) Cleaner Streets
- 81) Use empty properties above shops for homes and old mills
- 82) Dale Abbey and its French connection should be promoted. Tourism should be promoted.
- 83) Protect the Green Belt
- 84) Market crucial to the Town Centre – do all you can for it, because once it goes, Ilkeston will go off the map!!

**Long Eaton Flea Market,
Long Eaton, Friday 14th July 2009**

- 85) No housing estate on Stanton
- 86) No more supermarkets
- 87) The importance of a functioning Long Eaton Market
- Toilets for stall owners

- More sturdy and bigger stalls
- Safety of stall owners and general public regarding wind and rain

- 88) Focus new growth to Ilkeston with more opportunities there whilst Long Eaton has reached its maximum boundary to the green belt.
- 89) Gravel generated from Toton Sidings
- 90) We're a couple from Sandiacre and we really need to sort out access to Stanton. No objections to its development but want the M1 slip road to take congestion away from Sandiacre.
- 91) More shops on the high street
- 92) Better maintenance of canal footpath. Improved access.
- 93) New jobs on Stanton
- 94) Maintain a good mix of stores throughout the Town Centre – helps compete with Tesco and Asda.
- 95) We should put the needs of disabled people high up on the housing needs. Remember housing mix, not all 3 bed semi's.
- 96) Villages need some development as well as the urban areas. Settlements need to evolve as they always have done.
- 97) Affordable housing is a priority,
- 98) More retail units in the town centre,
- 99) Free EBC car parks
- 100) Protect flood plain from development.
- 101) Need to keep the green belt – not much left
- 102) No more charity shops x2
- 103) How about more public conveniences!!
- 104) Free parking is a big priority. We have it in Beeston so why not Erewash

- 105) Too many houses. Governmental projects are too high and unrealistic
- 106) Need to let the traffic flow in Long Eaton. Far too many pelican crossings.
- 107) More support for markets.
- 108) Some development in settlements as well as a focus on the market towns
- 109) Southport public conveniences on the promenade is really impressive and well designed. Erewash should attempt to follow the idea.
- 110) More for the younger generation
- 111) Happy with Stanton being developed and the potential opportunities it could bring but, I'm not happy with the road option which goes through the Green Belt
- 112) Would like to see the market moved backed to the old market place x2
- 113) Need new homes all over the Borough, but need to create or keep jobs nearby.
- 114) Help the small businesses with lower rates. Industry should replace closing factories (e.g. speedway racing site)
- 115) Market should not come back out onto the old market square – major safety issues!
- 116) Make the market as strong as possible, news shops on Beaconsfield would be ideal- need am Market and Spencer!
- 117) Stanton is the best option to accommodate future growth
- 118) Rubbish bins near to food outlets to prevent litter.
- 119) Bus station at Long Eaton

**Ilkeston Market Place,
Ilkeston, Thursday 23 July 2009**

- 120) When are we (Ilkeston) getting a train service?
- 121) Ilkeston desperately needs a train station
- 122) More jobs
- 123) Cant get scooters on Heanor road
- 124) Get the town centre back to how it was in the 60's. Bring back buses on the marketplace
- 125) Stanton- bring back ironworks
- 126) Wind turbines-no good
- 127) Bath Street was a thriving town and had buses on it
- 128) Conservatives have ruined Ilkeston
- 129) The market needs to taken down and the space used as a bus depot
- 130) Why is Ilkeston classed as Greater Nottingham?
- 131) Would like a self sufficient country and borough
- 132) Industry at Stanton
- 133) More communities
- 134) Bring back the steelworks and Railways
- 135) No lorries going to the industrial sites
- 136) Right people doing the right jobs
- 137) What about shops? Towns are 'skeletonised'
- 138) What has Nottingham got to do with Stanton
- 139) Railway station at Ilkeston- a commute to Manchester should be easier
- 140) Stanton is a good location to locate new homes and jobs

- 141) Ilkeston has more in common with Nottingham. It does not feel a part of the derby community
- 142) Empty properties should be utilised
- 143) Councillors don't listen to staff
- 144) Leave the Albion Centre open
- 145) Cant access industrial sites using public transport-need to site sports facilities on bus routes
- 146) Make the most of the canal. Steps to canal not accessible for the disabled, cant get down steps
- 147) Draw people into town with market
- 148) Support the markets!! Its clean and essential to help community spirit
- 149) Poor housing development
- 150) Take the politics out of local government
- 151) The council should have more jobs for the people of Ilkeston
- 152) Support town centres
- 153) Re-skilling and retraining the workforce
- 154) Need to educate the labour pool
- 155) Opening Ilkeston train station is a must
- 156) Jobs? Ilkeston is turning into a commuter town
- 157) Recycling-where does it go? Landfill?
- 158) Ilkeston has been alright before-why change?
- 159) Maintaining community facilities-Rutland Sports Park
- 160) There should be free council parking for under 30 minutes
- 161) What happened to the Albion leisure centre?-should the community have their way

- 162) Will there be facilities at the same site (Stanton) or will the residents use Ilkeston
- 163) Why not use Brownfield sites for large scale development
- 164) Have the Chamber of Trade been consulted about Stanton?
- 165) Phasing of priorities is important: town centre's first, Affordable housing 2nd
- 166) Too many Tesco's-they take away trade
- 167) All the money goes to Long Eaton
- 168) We should be linking up with Derbyshire
- 169) Shut down Tesco and turn it into a railway station and car park
- 170) Too many houses and empty shops
- 171) Long Eaton development neglected because of work in Ilkeston
- 172) Not enough big businesses in Ilkeston
- 173) Public toilets have been shut down
- 174) Too many pubs
- 175) Keep greenbelt
- 176) Long Eaton needs a marketplace like Ilkeston
- 177) Too many charity shops-should be more individual shops like butchers, book shops, etc
- 178) Closure of Albion centre
- 179) Will Rutland Sports Park be neglected like Albion centre
- 180) More buses on a Sunday to Shipley estate- only one now running is no27 which is only once per hour"

**Long Eaton Market Place,
Long Eaton, Saturday 25th July 2009**

- 181) Ensuring new development does not occur without proper consideration of its impacts on existing services
- 182) How will large mill buildings be used in the future? They should be used!
- 183) Ilkeston train station is a must!
- 184) Make better use of the Market Place – Should be resurfaced
- 185) More golf courses neat Sawley?
- 186) Why build new homes? Where is the demand?
- 187) Make better efficiency of existing sites x 2
- 188) Encourage mixed use regeneration of Stanton Ironworks
- 189) Cotmanhay and North Ilkeston need regeneration
- 190) Employment located in accessible locations and should meet the needs of the economy
- 191) Utilisation of existing housing stock.
- 192) Downgrade the Risley to Ilkeston road to alleviate the impacts from the regeneration of Stanton Ironworks
- 193) Properties above shops should be utilised
- 194) Why new homes?
- 195) Garden space that matches the size of the dwelling(s)
- 196) De-contaminate Stanton thoroughly
- 197) Service road that was used purely by commercial vehicle as part of the regeneration of Stanton Ironworks
- 198) Supporting infrastructure alongside new development
- 199) Sandiacre cross roads at capacity
- 200) Junction 25a should ba specific commercial site
- 201) Closing public conveniences should stop

- 202) Beaconsfield market needs regenerating
- 203) Avoid development to the South of Sawley due to flood risk and green belt issues
- 204) New allotments in line with new development
- 205) Consult in Sandiacre
- 206) Ilkeston and Long Eaton (town centre) should have a train station
- 207) More support for markets including reinstating hard standing markets and nice floral displays
- 208) Quality skate park to give the kids something to do. Possibly use the ex-gas works site on the other side of the Bridge (Long Eaton)
- 209) The towns are derelict. Need Cleaner streets
- 210) We need 2-3 bedroom housing not 5 bedroom luxury houses
- 211) Should return to Council/ social housing.
- 212) Preservation of the Green Belt
- 213) See the merits of spreading development around the borough to the rural areas. It has been too urban centric in the past
- 214) Too high rates for businesses
- 215) More affordable housing.
- 216) Support the markets