Rutland's New Local Plan
Planning for Rutland's Future

ISSUES & OPTIONS
CONSULTATION REPORT

Rutland County Council

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Introduction

The Issues and Options stage was the first stage of public consultation in developing the Rutland Local Plan. Residents were asked which options were the preferred for tackling a range of planning issues relating to the future development of the county. The consultation also allowed respondents to suggest alternative options and to make comments on the Issues examined within the report. Public consultation on the Issues and Options report was undertaken between 30 June to 30 September 2022.

The consultation document was made up of themed sections, setting out options for how the Plan could approach the policy. There were questions alongside each section where you could respond to the suggestions made. Some questions were specifically open ended, particularly where planning policy development is at an early stage.

This document presents the results to the multiple options questions as graphs and as numbers and summarises the main suggestions and comments made by respondents in the consultation. The report is formatted to follow the order of the Issues and Options consultation document. For further information about each question and the options suggested please refer to the Issues and Options Consultation Document (June 2022) which can be found on the website here
www.rutland.gov.uk/issuesandoptions

Detailed responses to all open ended questions is presented in separate tables in the appendices to this report which are also published on the Council's website.

Local Plan Vision

Question 1: Local Plan Vision

Please indicate which option you think should be used as the basis for preparing the Local Plan

Option A:
The Future Rutland Vision should be used as the basis of preparing the Local Plan bearing in mind that it will be for the Local Plan to establish a sustainable strategy for the scale and location for future growth and development.

Option B:
Create a new vision specifically for the Local Plan and the plan period it will cover.

Question 1 - Please indicate which option you think should be used as the basis for preparing the Local Plan.
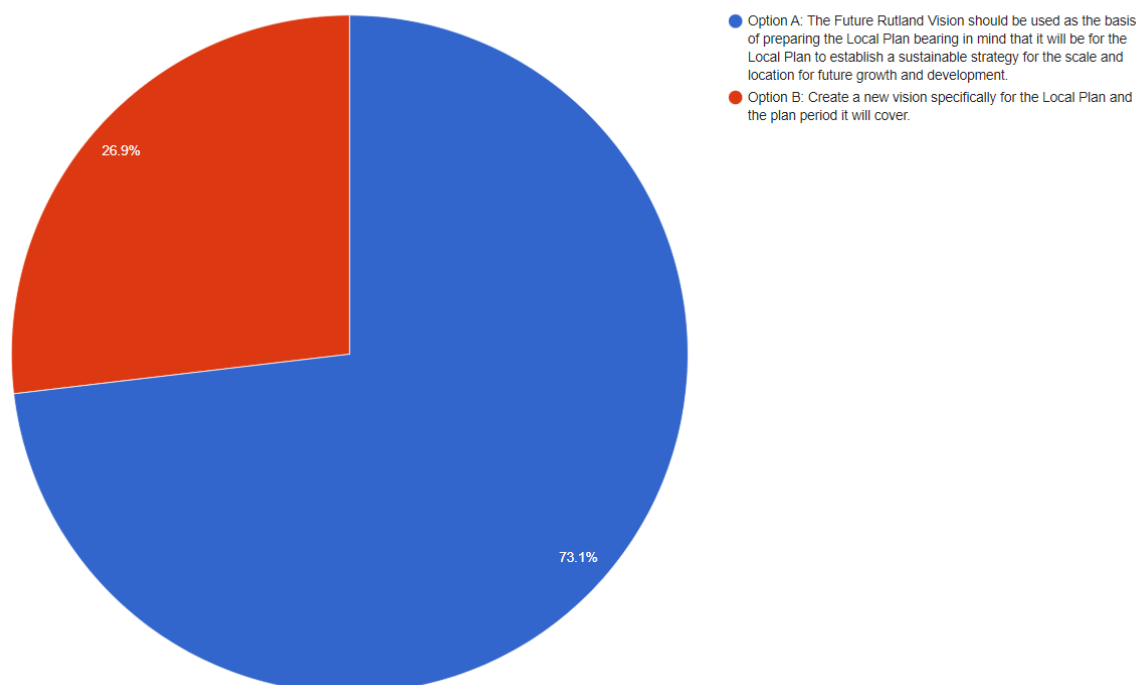

- Option A: The Future Rutland Vision should be used as the basis of preparing the Local Plan bearing in mind that it will be for the Local Plan to establish a sustainable strategy for the scale and location for future growth and development.
- Option B: Create a new vision specifically for the Local Plan and the plan period it will cover.

- There were 134 responses to this question.
- 98 responses (73%) supporting the proposal to use the Future Rutland Vision as the basis or preparing the Local Plan;
- 36 responses (27%) supporting the creation of a new vision specifically for the Local plan.

There were a number of comments received about the proposed vision and the key suggestions for inclusion in the vision are summarised as follows:

- Local Plan vision needs to be simpler than Future Rutland vision and targeted
- aspirational but realistic,
- Address climate crisis and recognise the role of net zero carbon development in Rutland
- encompass green/blue infrastructure, natural environment and biodiversity
- encompass heritage assets and their settings
- support health and wellbeing

- Greater emphasis on sustainable development and provide a definition of what is considered "Sustainable" and how it can be tested
- Must be up to date with government objectives and flexible to respond to national policy changes
- Locally distinctive
- Focus on ensuring the rural nature of the county, its towns and village communities are maintained and enhanced to ensure the continued sustainability of the communities.

- Include a detailed vision on renewable energy installations, such as nuclear, solar and wind
- Give certainty over what development and infrastructure will come forward over plan period and where
- Need an appropriate spatial strategy to realise the vision
- Reference to the plan period
- Delivery of all 3 objectives of sustainable development
- meeting development needs for housing, employment and other uses
- areas to be protected from development.

Next steps

It is recommended that a new Local Plan vision is prepared to sit within the context of the Future Rutland Vision.

The Local Plan vision should cover the timeframe covered by the Local Plan (see Question 4 below) it must be ambitious but realistic, focused on the things which the Local Plan can affect and ensure that it delivers sustainable development and addresses the issues of climate change. A local plan vision should also be locally distinctive and provide a spatial strategy. Overall, the vision needs to respond positively to the challenges facing Rutland over the plan period.

Strategic Objectives – as suggested in the consultation document

Draft Proposed Strategic Objectives	
Strategic Objective 1	**Ensuring new development takes a proactive approach to carbon reduction and that environments and communities in Rutland are adaptable and resilient to climate change, including managing flood risks**
Strategic Objective 2	**Delivering sustainable development by determining an appropriate level and location of housing growth in Rutland, sited in locations where people can access jobs and services, and in delivering wider social and economic outcomes, taking account of environmental considerations**
Strategic Objective 3	**Meeting Rutland's identified current and future diverse housing needs, including the affordability of housing, through the provision of high-quality new homes**

Strategic Objective 4	**Supporting business investment and job creation in ways which are compatible with environmental considerations in order to maintain a prosperous and resilient economy in Rutland**
Strategic Objective 5	**Enabling Rutland's market towns, and their centres in particular, to be places for economic and cultural activity with good access to services; seeking to sustain a network of larger villages that serve local needs; and enabling the viability and sustainability of smaller villages and countryside – in ways which protect the County's heritage, character and identity**
Strategic Objective 6	**Supporting all communities across the County to make them safer, more resilient to change and enhance community cohesion**
Strategic Objective 7	**Encouraging new development to deliver a high standard of design that reflects local character, contributes to local distinctiveness, contributing to cleaner, greener and safer places**
Strategic Objective 8	**Ensuring new development and open spaces support health and wellbeing for all, reduce health inequalities and encourage active and healthy lifestyles**
Strategic Objective 9	**Protecting and enhancing Rutland's varied and high-quality environment, including its natural landscapes, green infrastructure and biodiversity, as well as its rich historic built environment and cultural assets**
Strategic Objective 10	**Encouraging the effective and prudent use of previously developed land and natural resources, including the efficient use of land and buildings and the use of sustainable construction techniques within new developments, as well as providing for waste management and disposal**
Strategic Objective 11	**Ensuring a steady and adequate supply of minerals to meet national, regional and local needs whilst taking account of impacts on environments and local communities**
Strategic Objective 12	**Ensuring development is supported by essential infrastructure and services (most notably: roads, schools, health facilities and utility provision) and promotes safe movement and more sustainable modes of travel by enhancing greener travel networks for walking, cycling and public transport**

Local Plan Strategic Objectives

Question 2 Local Plan Strategic Objectives

Do you agree with these proposed objectives for the Local Plan Review?

Question 3

Please let us have additional suggestions you may have.

Question 2 - Do you agree with these proposed objectives for the Local Plan Review?
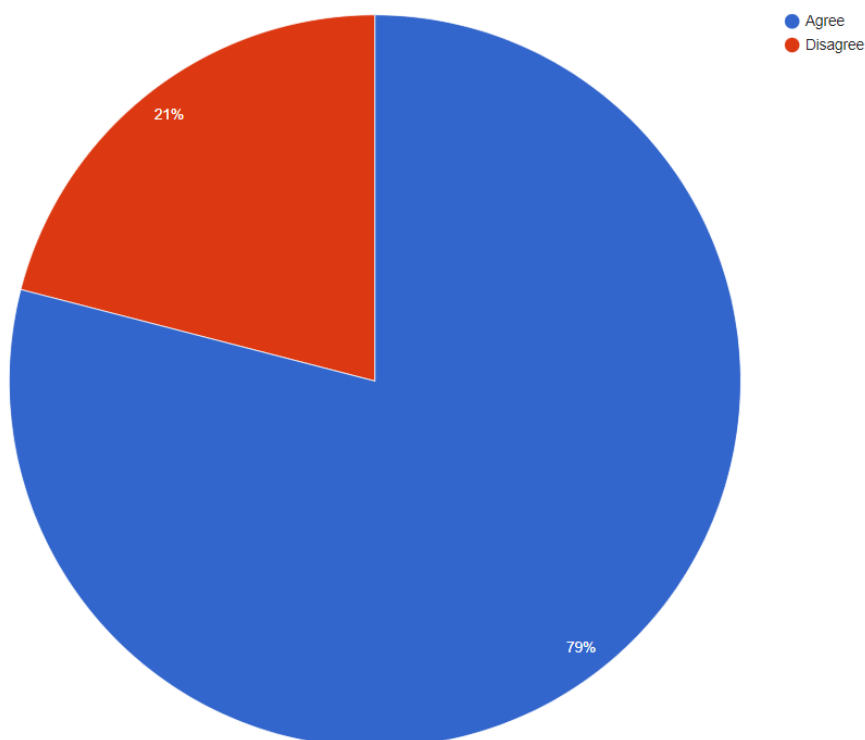
- There were 144 responses to this question;
- 113 responses (79%) supporting the proposed objectives for the local plan;
- 30 responses (21%) respondents disagreed with the proposal.

There were lots of detailed comments received about the wording of individual objectives, these are set out in detail in the separate schedule.

A number of comments agreed that the objectives should not be "set in stone" at this stage and that they would need to evolve as the plan develops.

A few respondents suggested that the objectives needed to be prioritized and suggested the order they thought most important.

A summary of the additional areas suggested to be covered by an objective is as follows:

- Reference to infrastructure in towns and villages as part of sustainability
- Acknowledge the role of low carbon and renewable energy projects to help address climate change
- Including leisure and tourism development which contributes to economic objectives.
- enhanced protection for farmland in view of the need to become more self-sufficient in food production nationally
- Need to build low carbon homes
- Emphasis on reducing the causes of climate change and therefore preventing any increase in commuting traffic
- Quantify the carbon reduction which the Council is seeking and prioritise those options which reduce capital and operational carbon
- Prioritise development which can utilize existing infrastructure to reduce carbon generation and increase viability
- Identity of villages are important and clear definition between settlements are necessary
- Reference to water sustainability arising from climate change and population growth
- development of renewable energy supply and storage facilities so that adequate diversity of supply can be maintained.
- Need to balance land uses so is sufficient land for housing, business/industry/retail, agriculture, energy generation, leisure/tourism, etc
- Consideration of longer term goals – what is the limit of development – it cannot be sustained indefinitely
- Maintaining and enhancing service for existing homes?
- Scale of new development is coherent with anticipated demographic changes and changes to lifestyles
- Infrastructure such as GP, health etc
- Local objectives for increasing local industry supported by local infrastructure this would develop in parallel with rebuilding local agriculture rather than re-wilding; this would form and employment plan, driving the need for any growth in housing with the aim of bringing economic benefit to Rutland
- Encourage local spend
- consider how suitably located residential growth can enhance the maintenance of local services in rural areas and should identify residential development sites accordingly.
- needs to have more emphasis on affordable housing provision with mixed

Next steps

It is recommended the Strategic Objectives are reviewed in light of the detailed comments received and to ensure they set out a clear strategy for the delivery of the new Local Plan Vision. However, it is not considered necessary or appropriate to prioritise the Strategic Objectives. This is because they should all be relevant an necessary and their relative importance will vary depending on the policy and/or proposal being considered.

Local Plan Period

> **Question 4a**
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> **Do you agree with the proposed 20-year plan period (2021-2041) for the Local Plan?**
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> **Question 4b**
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> **If you disagree, please suggest the timeframe you think the plan should cover:**

Question 4a- Do you agree with the proposed 20 year plan period (2021-2041) for the Local Plan?
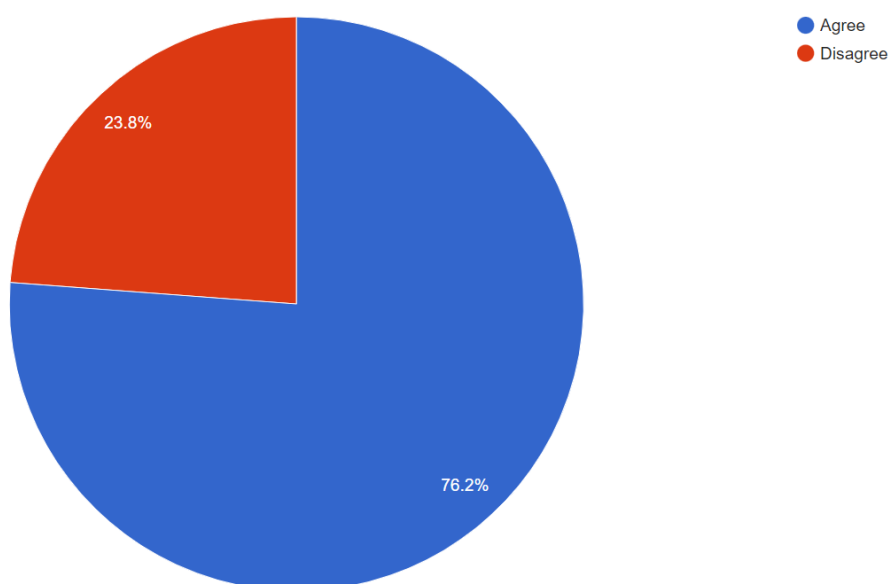
- There were 126 responses to this question;
- 96 responses (76%) agreed with the proposed 20-year plan period for the local plan;
- 30 responses (24%) disagreed with this timescale.

A range of alternative plan periods from 5 years to 30 years were suggested as alternatives to the 20-year plan period proposed.

Next steps

It is recommended that policies and proposals in the new Local Plan cover the 20-year period 2021 to 2041. However, it is recognised that depending on the scale of development proposals included within the plan, it may need to look beyond 2041 in terms of broad areas and locations for future growth.

Local Plan Issues

The following 12 Issues were identified in the consultation document.

| Identifying the Key Issues	
Issue 1	**Tackling the climate crisis**
Issue 2	**Determining the appropriate level and location of growth**
Issue 3	**Meeting identified current and future housing needs**
Issue 4	**Enabling a prosperous and resilient economy, linked to levels of housing growth**
Issue 5	**Supporting vibrant town centres and a network of local centres to serve local retail and service needs**
Issue 6	**Enabling safer and stronger communities, supported with viable and accessible community and cultural facilities**
Issue 7	**Promoting sustainable and active modes of travel**
Issue 8	**Ensuring new development is well designed to encourage active and healthy lifestyles and address health inequalities**
Issue 9	**Conserving and enhancing Rutland's historic assets**
Issue 10	**Protecting and enhancing the County's biodiversity, wildlife habitats, green and blue infrastructure, and open spaces**
Issue 11	**Addressing minerals and waste requirements alongside environmental considerations**
Issue 12	**Ensuring development is supported by essential infrastructure and services**

Question 5 Local Plan Issues

Do you agree with the proposed issues to be addressed through the Local Plan?

Question 6

Please let us know about other issues you think the plan should address?

Question 5- Do you agree with the proposed issues to be addressed through the Local Plan?
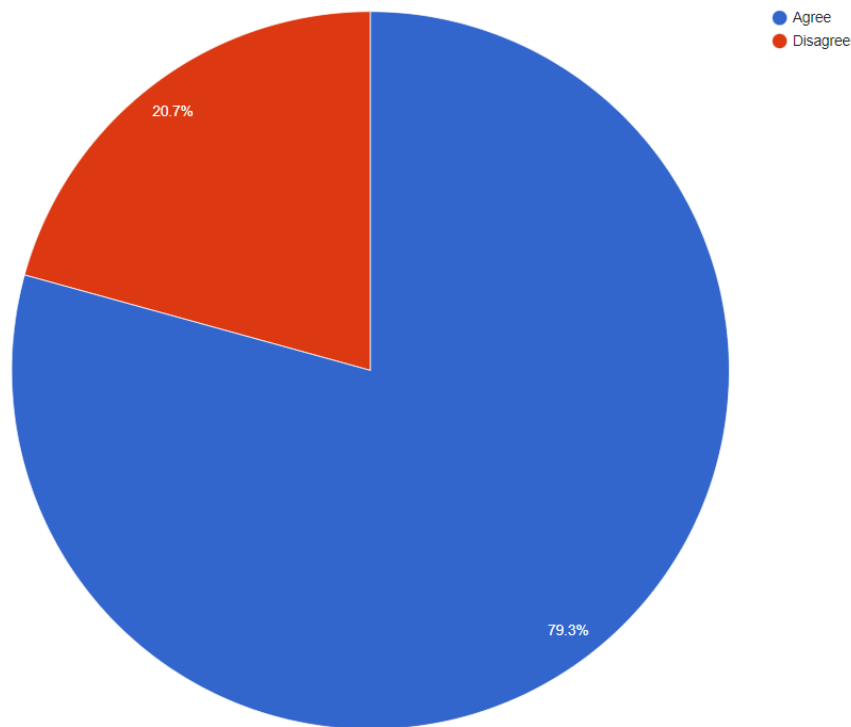
- There were 140 responses to this question;
- 111 responses (79%) supporting the proposed issues for the local plan;
- 29 responses (21%) respondents disagreed that not all issues had been covered.

Additional Issues identified as needing to be covered by the plan include:

- Access to GP and health care
- Need for SEN for secondary school children
- Job opportunities for young adults
- Complete By-pass around Oakham
- Loss of prime agricultural land for solar farms
- Prioritizing affordable housing, family homes and smaller homes for downsizer which remain available for local people
- Social housing rather than affordable homes
- Improved public transport and more frequent trains
- Energy efficient, carbon neutral and future proofed buildings

Next steps

- The suggestions above will be picked up within the context of the 12 Issues already identified.
- The Local Plan will need to be responsive to new issues and matters raised by the evidence and it is possible that new issues will need to be considered as the plan develops.
- To ensure the Sustainability Appraisal appraises the social, environmental, and economic effects of the emerging plan from the outset and through its various stages of production.

Issue 1: Tackling the climate crisis

Strategic Objective 1 - Ensuring new development takes a proactive approach to carbon reduction and that environments and communities in Rutland are adaptable and resilient to climate change, including managing flood risks.

Question 7 Reducing energy use and carbon emissions in new buildings

Please indicate which of the option(s) below you think should be included in the Local Plan?

Option A: Plan for net-zero carbon from the adoption of the plan
This would require all new development to be net-zero carbon upon adoption of the plan.
This would be at a cost and may affect viability. As a consequence, Rutland may see less affordable housing built and maybe fewer other social and community benefits from development.

Option B: Plan towards meeting net-zero carbon from a stated future date
This would require all new development to achieve net zero carbon from a future date in the plan period, and which might align with the government's timetable for introducing "zero-carbon ready" development.
This could allow time for the development industry to adjust to the higher standards and may mean Rutland secures more affordable housing and community benefits from development

Option C: Do neither of the above, and not set a local target.
This would mean that new development will only have to comply with national building regulation (Part L) requirements (and any subsequent changes to them) in respect of carbon reduction in new buildings.

Question 7 Reducing energy use and carbon emissions in new buildings

- Option A - Plan for net-zero carbon from the adoption of the plan
- Option B - Plan towards meeting net-zero carbon from a stated future date
- Option C – Do neither of the above, and not set a local target.
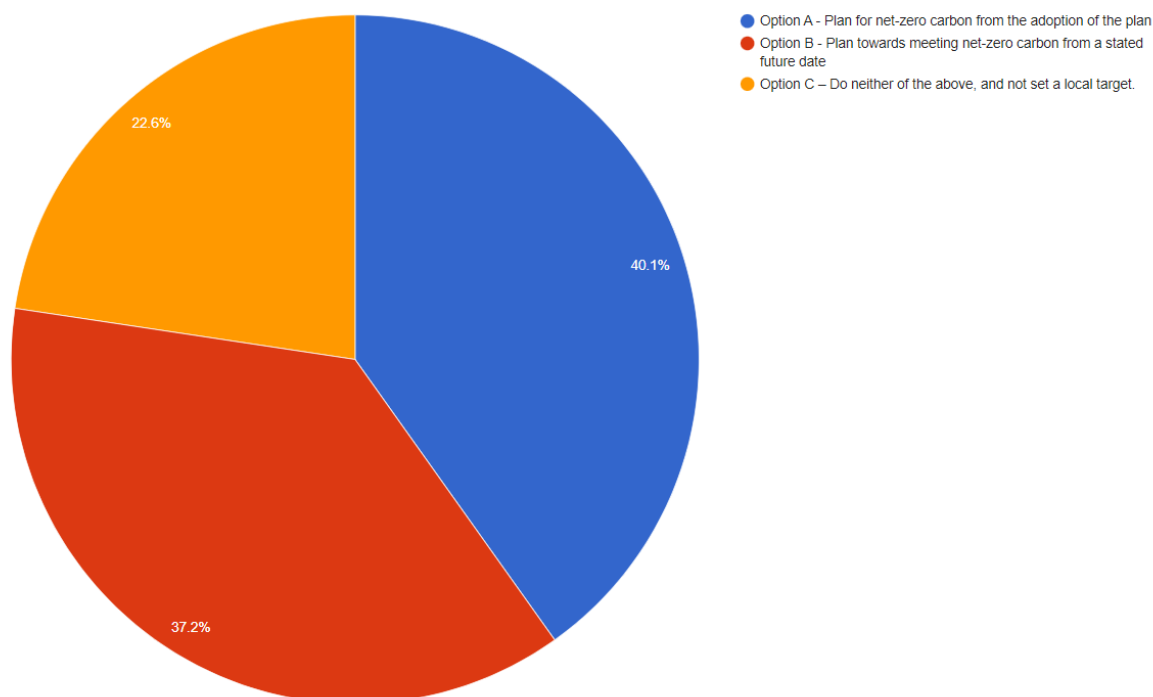
- There were 137 responses to this question;

- 55 responses (40%) supporting option A: Plan for net zero from adoption of the plan;
- 51 responses (37%) supporting option B: plan towards meeting net zero from a state future date;
- 31 responses (23%) supporting option C: Do not set a local target.

Next Steps

- Continue to work with the Climate Change Advisory Group and learn from good practice and experience of other areas where policy is developing
- Commission robust evidence base to help develop a local standard and appropriate policy approach
- Commission whole plan viability evidence to cover the impact of a local requirement on viability and deliverability
- To use appropriate evidence and take account of all comments made through the Issues and Options consultation to prepare policies and proposals for the "Preferred Options" Local Plan, which will be subject to public consultation.
- To ensure the Sustainability Appraisal appraise the social, environmental, and economic effects of the emerging plan from the outset and through its various stages of production.

Question 8 Low Carbon and Renewable Energy Proposals

Please indicate which of the option(s) below you think should be included in the Local Plan?

Option A: Identify areas which might be suitable for development of commercial scale renewable /low carbon energy proposals such as wind turbines, solar farms, or biomass plants. This will need to consider technology requirements, impacts on the local environment, landscape, and heritage assets (Note: Government policy requires sites for large scale wind farms to be identified in the Local Plan)

Option B: Set out policy criteria to assess planning applications for renewable and low carbon energy schemes. This will mean determining relevant applications on a case-by-case basis against the criteria instead of providing greater clarity to communities and developers by identifying potentially suitable areas.

8. Please indicate which of the option(s) below you think should be included in the Local Plan?

- Option A: Identify areas which might be suitable for development of commercial scale renewable /low carbon energy proposals such as wind turbines, solar farms or biomass plants.
- Option B: Set out policy criteria to assess planning applications for renewable and low carbon energy schemes.
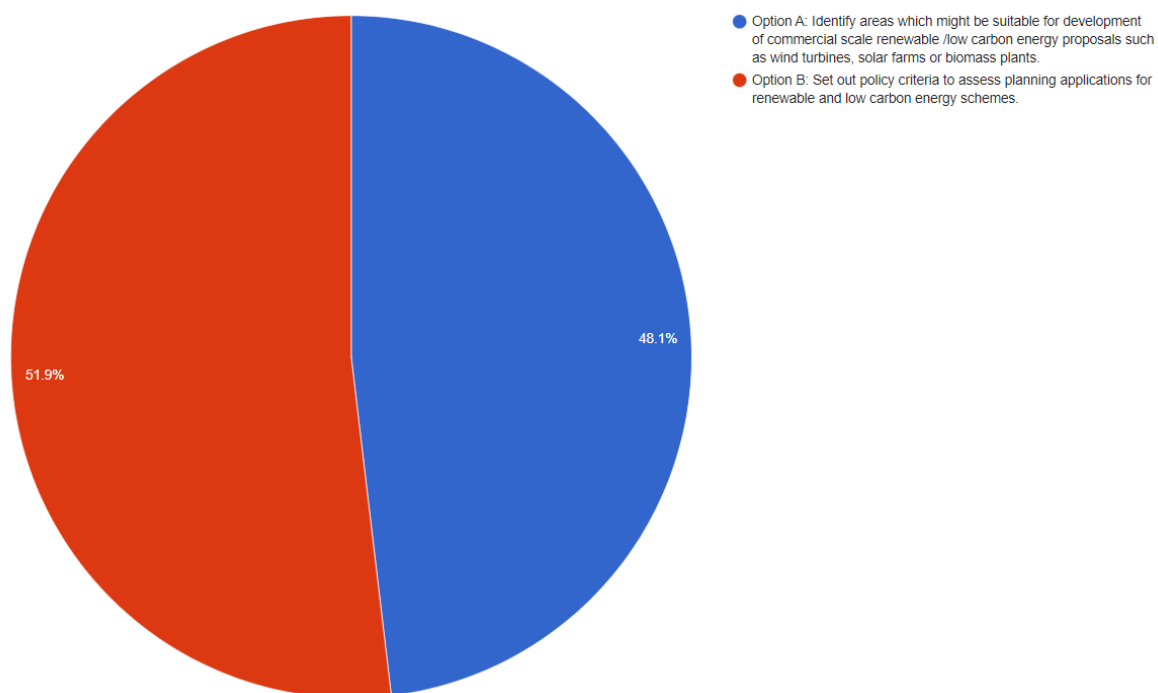
- There were 133 responses to this question.
- 64 responses (48%) supporting option A to identify areas suitable for large scale renewable energy proposals;
- 69 responses (52%) supporting option B set policy criteria to assess applications for renewable energy generation schemes.

A number of respondents pointed out that these options should not be mutually exclusive as a criteria-based policy would also be needed to support an area-based approach.

Reference was made to the need to develop the policy approach with the context of a renewable energy strategy for Rutland.

Next Steps

- Use new Renewable Energy evidence (commissioned) to determine the most appropriate approach and draft policies accordingly
- To use appropriate evidence and take account of all comments made through the Issues and Options consultation to prepare policies and proposals for the "Preferred Options" Local Plan, which will be subject to public consultation.

Question 9 Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems
Do you agree that the Local Plan should require the provision of Sustainable urban Drainage Systems (SuDS) in all new built development unless it is demonstrated to be technically unfeasible?

Question 10 Carbon saving and climate change suggestions
Are there other carbon saving measures or climate change related policy areas the Council should be considering in the new Local Plan?

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9. Do you agree that the Local Plan should require the provision of Sustainable urban Drainage Systems (SuDS) in all new built development unless it is demonstrated to be technically unfeasible?

- There were 128 responses to this question;
- 121 (95%) respondents agreed that Suds should be required in all new built development;
- 7 (5%) disagreed with the proposal.

Next Steps

- Consultation indicates clear support for this approach

- Will need to use appropriate evidence and take account of all comments made through the Issues and Options consultation to prepare policies and proposals for the "Preferred Options" Local Plan, which will be subject to public consultation.
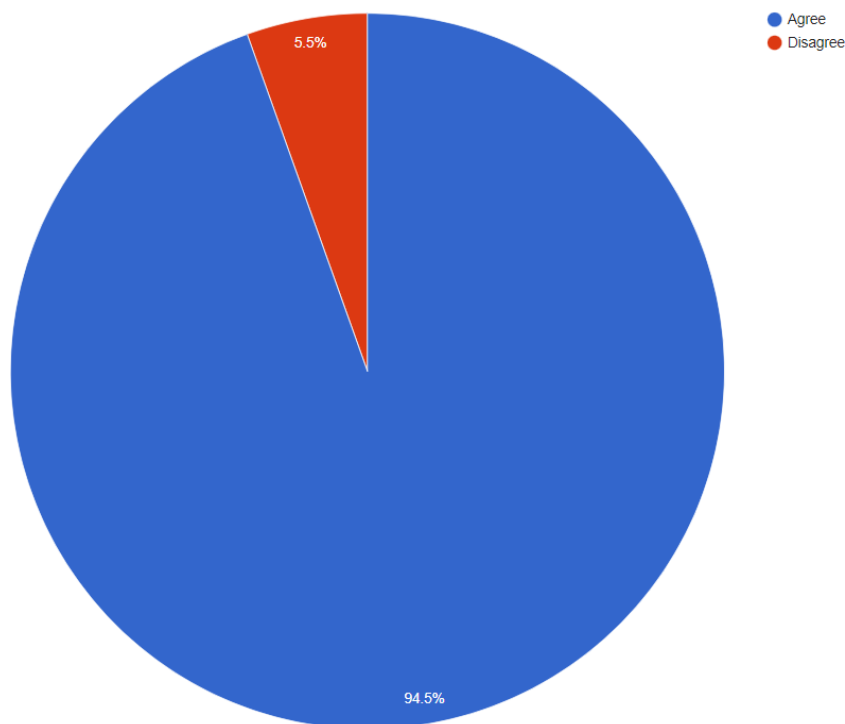- Particular reference to advice and policy guidance from statutory water and environment consultees
- Reference will be given to emerging Water Cycle Study and SFRA updating planned for early 2023

Question 10
Are there other carbon saving measures or climate change related policy areas the Council should be considering in the new Local Plan?

Lots of suggestions were submitted in response to this question. These have been grouped together and summarised below:

- **Nature based solutions to address multiple benefits** such as tree planting, rewilding, wildlife and habitat biodiversity net gain, carbon capture and sequestration, hedgerows rather than fencing, hedgehog holes in fencing, additional allotments, planted buffers, flood management, water efficiency, soil and water quality, health and well-being benefits
- Sustainable spatial growth strategy – concentrating development in places where existing infrastructure and jobs are already located to minimize carbon miles
- **Future proof buildings to meet Carbon zero objective** by adopting a "Fabric first" approach to new homes ensuring they can adapt to future carbon zero technologies, supporting heat retention proposal for listed buildings, supporting solar panels on existing buildings, insulating new buildings better, no gas heating solutions, orientation to maximise solar gain, air/ground source heat pumps, water efficiency targets, better internet speeds
- **Develop a renewable energy generation strategy and promote the use of renewable energy technologies** such as community renewable schemes and rainwater harvesting schemes, PV panels on all new buildings and make easier to retrofitted in conservation areas and on listed buildings, battery storage for green energy, washing lines for all new homes, nuclear reactor, wind and solar schemes in appropriate locations, biomass (green) gas, district heating / onsite renewable energy generation for larger developments.
- **Green travel solutions** including cycleways connecting people and places; electric car charging points on all new homes and businesses, better internet to support home working (and therefore not travelling), electric vehicles for public transport, promote health and wellbeing

Next Steps

- Consultation indicates clear support for increasing requirements for new development and change to address carbon net zero objectives and targets and for there to be a focus on policies which address the impact of development on the climate
- Will need to use appropriate evidence and take account of all comments made through the Issues and Options consultation to prepare policies and proposals for the "Preferred Options" Local Plan, which will be subject to public consultation.

Issue 2a: Determining the appropriate level of housing growth

Strategic Objective 2: Delivering sustainable development by determining an appropriate level and location of growth in Rutland, sited in locations where people can access jobs and services, and in delivering wider social and economic outcomes, taking account of environmental considerations.

Question 11 Options for the scale of housing growth

Which option do you consider to be most appropriate to include in the Rutland Local Plan as the minimum housing requirement?

Option A: Apply Government LHN of 140 dwellings per annum with a contingency of 10%
This would accommodate levels of house building that accord with current Government requirements. It may mean, however, that Rutland will fall short of meeting all affordable housing needs.

Option B: Apply the SHMA housing market analysis of 160 dwellings per annum with 10% contingency as a more detailed assessment of housing needs arising from demographic projections. This would potentially result in most affordable housing needs being met and also would be roughly equivalent to applying the Government LHN of 140 dwellings per annum with a contingency of 25%.

Option C: Apply the higher position from the 2019 SHMA housing market analysis of 190 dwellings per annum with a 10% contingency – this is likely to more fully meet the identified affordable housing needs of the county

Contingency means the additional supply of housing sites which would be required to deliver the minimum requirement as it provides flexibility and choice and allows for the "non-delivery" of some allocated sites.

Question 12
Do you have any alternative suggestions about the housing requirement for Rutland?

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11. Which option do you consider to be most appropriate to include in the Rutland Local Plan as the minimum housing requirement?

- Option A: Apply Government LHN of 140 dwellings per annum with a contingency of 10%
- Option B: Apply the SHMA housing market analysis of 160 dwellings per annum with 10% contingency
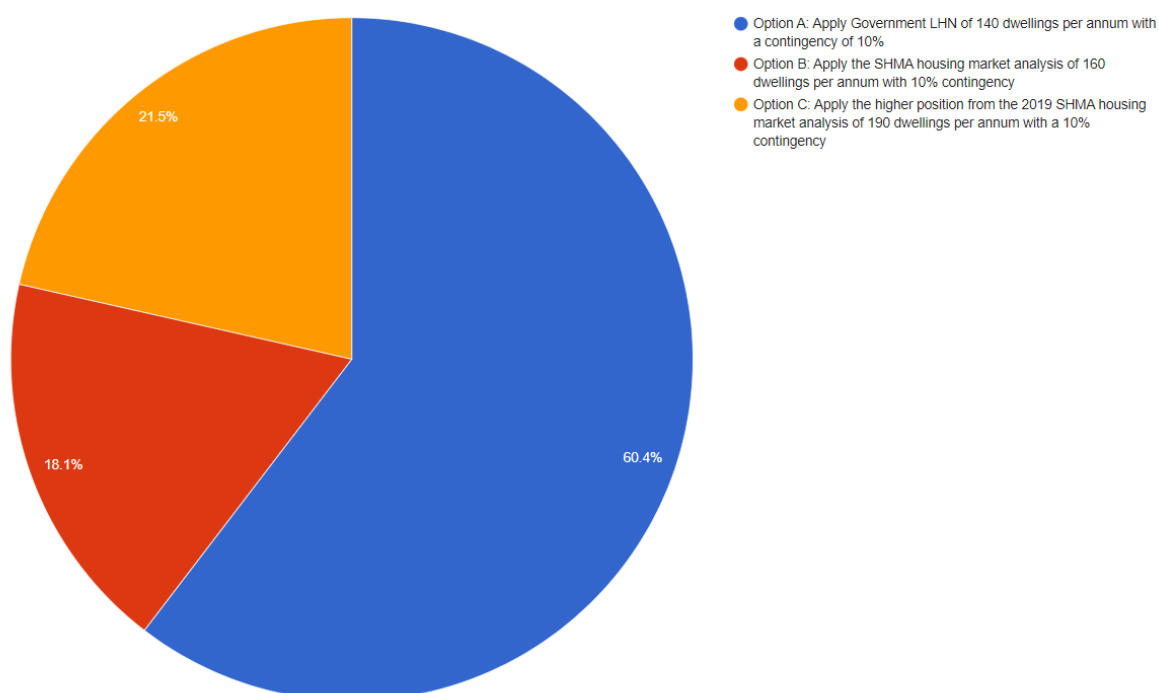- Option C: Apply the higher position from the 2019 SHMA housing market analysis of 190 dwellings per annum with a 10% contingency

- There were 149 responses to this question;
- 90 responses (60%) supporting option A;
- 27 responses (18%) supporting option B;
- 32 responses (22%) supporting option C.

There were a number of comments received in response to the question and the key issues can be summarised as follows:

- Concerns expressed about the impact on infrastructure from levels of housing development.
- Recognition of issues of housing affordability in Rutland and the importance of balancing housing needs against impact on environment and infrastructure.
- Comments made about making the best use of brownfield land to minimise amount of greenfield development.
- Comments made that whatever spatial strategy for housing is pursued in the emerging Local Plan, it should provide sufficient opportunities for growth at all tiers of the settlement hierarchy.
- The need to provide for employment alongside housing.
- Comments made about the importance of having an up to date evidence base.

Next steps

- To review housing needs taking account of more detailed information arising from the 2021 census and other sources.
- To take account of any changes to the Government's calculation of Local Housing Need.
- To respond to the Government consultation on Local Housing Need.

- To use appropriate evidence and take account of all comments made through the Issues and Options consultation to prepare policies and proposals for the "Preferred Options" Local Plan, which will be subject to public consultation.
- To prepare an Infrastructure Delivery Plan to assess the impact of future development on infrastructure and to develop proposals to mitigate such impacts.

Issue 2b Determining the appropriate location of housing growth

Strategic Objective 2: Delivering sustainable development by determining an appropriate level and location of growth in Rutland, sited in locations where people can access jobs and services, and in delivering wider social and economic outcomes, taking account of environmental considerations.

Question 13 Options for the spatial strategy for new housing development

Which option(s) do you consider to be most appropriate to include in the Rutland Local Plan?

Option A: Continuation of the Core Strategy apportionment of growth between the towns (70%) and villages (30%) This would spread planned growth in line with the past spatial strategy.

Option B: Provide a higher proportion of growth in Oakham. This would concentrate more development in the main centre of population in Rutland but would put additional pressure on infrastructure and the local environment.

Option C: Provide a higher proportion of growth at Uppingham This would concentrate more development on the second largest settlement in Rutland but would put additional pressure on infrastructure and the local environment.

Option D: Provide a higher level of growth at Local Service Centres This would propose more development in the larger villages with a range of services and facilities but would put additional pressure on infrastructure and the local environment.

Option E: Provide for meeting growth through a new sustainable community (or communities) This would be dependent on sustainable, viable and deliverable proposals coming forward through the Local Plan. This would ease the pressure of growth for Oakham, Uppingham and Local Service Centres but would put additional pressure on the infrastructure and local environment on the areas surrounding any new settlement(s).

Question 13 Options for the spatial strategy for new housing development

- Option A: Continuation of the Core Strategy apportionment of growth between the towns (70%) and villages (30%)
- Option B: Provide a higher proportion of growth in Oakham
- Option C: Provide a higher proportion of growth at Uppingham
- Option D: Provide a higher level of growth at Local Service Centres
- Option E: Provide for meeting growth through a new sustainable community (or communities)
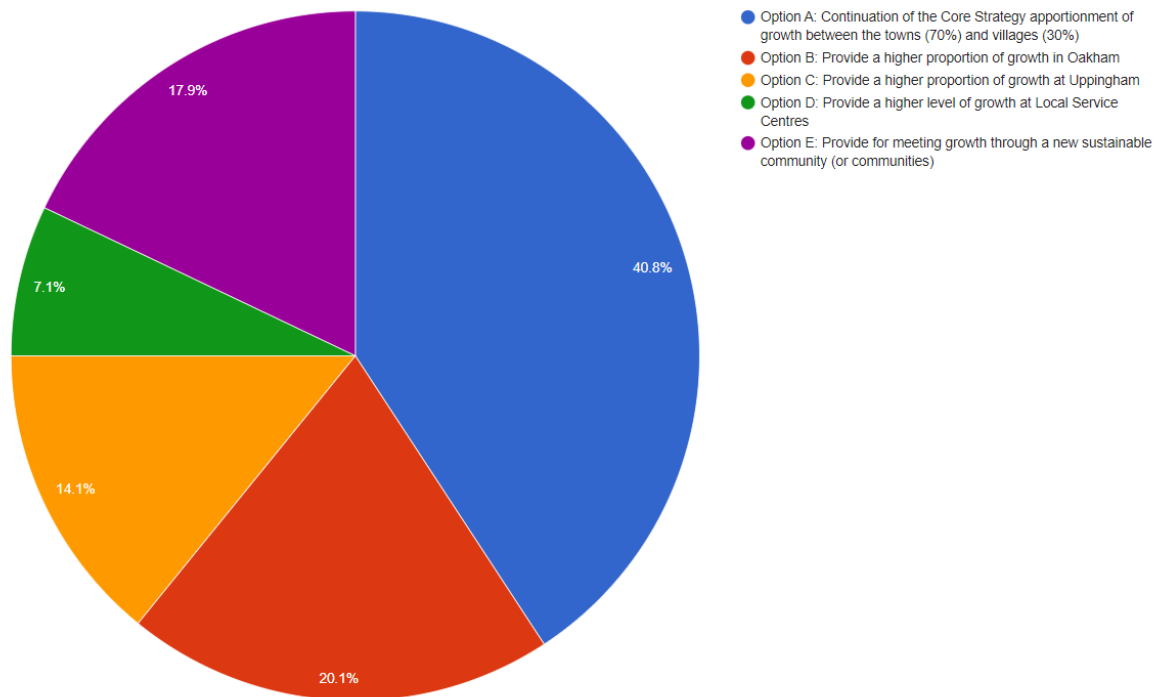
- There were 184 responses to this question;
- 75 responses (41%) supporting option A;
- 37 responses (20%) supporting option B;
- 26 responses (14%) supporting option C;
- 13 responses (7%) supporting option D;
- 33 responses (18%) supporting option E.

There were a number of comments received in response to the question and the key issues can be summarised as follows:

- Comments made about making the best use of brownfield land to minimise amount of greenfield development.
- Comments made that whatever spatial strategy for housing is pursued in the emerging Local Plan, it should provide sufficient opportunities for growth at all tiers of the settlement hierarchy.
- Various comments made about specific sites for development.
- Concerns expressed about the importance of early delivery of infrastructure if proposals emerge for a new community.

Next Steps

- To update the settlement hierarchy methodology.
- To sift and assess sites submitted through the Call for Sites in order to allocate the right amount of development in the right places to meet identified needs.
- To ensure the Sustainability Appraisal appraise the social, environmental, and economic effects of the emerging plan from the outset and through its various stages of production.

Question 14 If development in Rutland is proposed as part of a sustainable urban extension to Stamford should this count towards Rutland's housing needs and so reduce the requirement for new housing elsewhere in Rutland?

Agree /disagree

Question 15 Do you have any alternative suggestions for the location of housing growth in Rutland?

14 If development in Rutland is proposed as part of a sustainable urban extension to Stamford should this count towards Rutland's housing needs and so reduce the requirement for new housing elsewhere in Rutland?
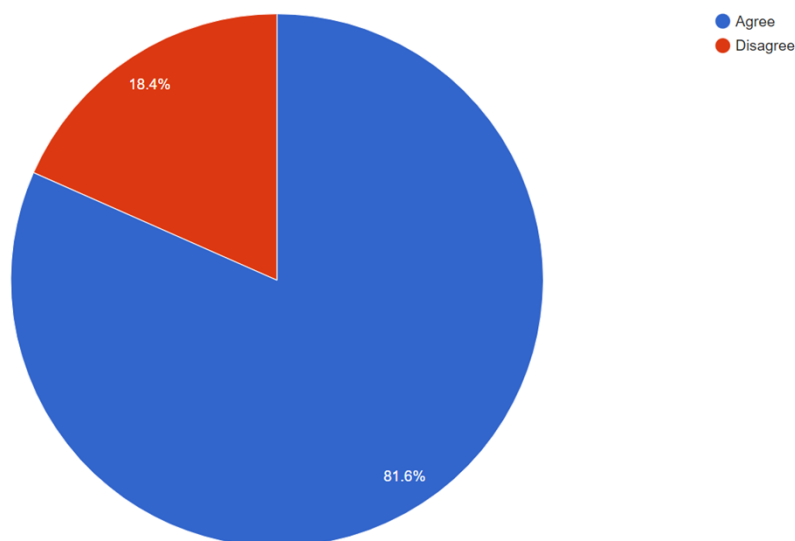
- There were 136 responses to this question;
- 111 (82%) responses agreed with this;
- 25 (18%) responses disagreed.

There were a number of comments received in response to the question and the key issues can be summarised as follows:

- Generally, residents and local community organisations were supportive of Option A
- Generally, those disagreeing with this option highlighted that growth on the edge of Stamford is likely to be meeting needs in Stamford, which is in SKDC and the SKDC Local Plan had been adopted on the basis of this site contributing to their housing needs.

Next Steps

To continue to work closely with SKDC to resolve this issue through respective development plans.

Issue 3 Meeting the identified current and future housing needs

Strategic Objective 3: Meeting Rutland's identified current and future diverse housing needs, including the affordability of housing, through the provision of high-quality new homes.

Question 16 Options for Housing Mix Which option do you consider to be most appropriate to include in the Rutland Local Plan?

Option A: Maintain the current flexibility on the different house types/sizes that should be provided by developers and encourage the mix to reflect local needs.

Option B: Set specific requirements for the types and mix of homes that should be provided on development sites, to ensure that new housing more closely matches need.

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16 Which option do you consider to be most appropriate to include in the Rutland Local Plan?

- Option A: Maintain the current flexibility on the different house types/sizes that should be provided by developers and encourage the mix to reflect local needs.
- Option B: Set specific requirements for the types and mix of homes that should be provided on development sites, to ensure that new housing more closely matches need.
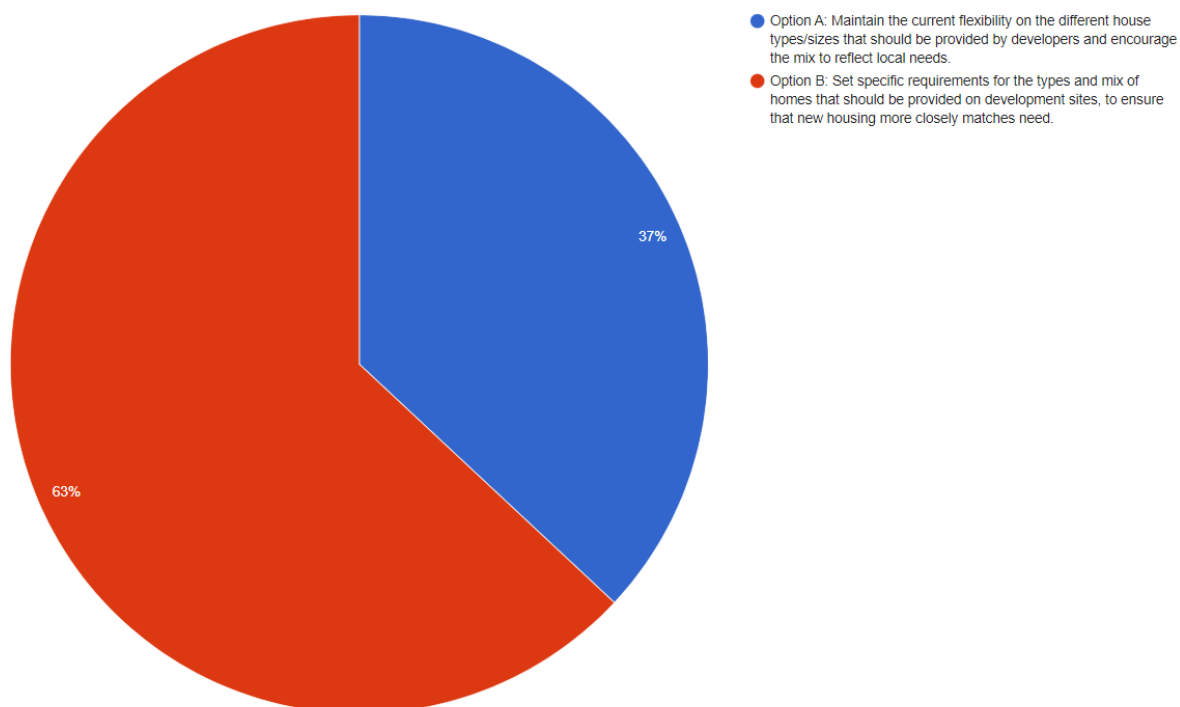
- There were 138 responses to this question;
- 51 responses (37%) supporting option A;
- 87 responses (63%) supporting option B.

There were a number of comments received in response to the question and the key issues can be summarised as follows:

- Comments made about the importance of having an up to date evidence base.
- Comments made that site-specific characteristics, viability and market information also need to be taken into account.

Next steps

- To review housing needs taking account of more detailed information arising from the 2021 census and other sources.
- To use appropriate evidence and take account of all comments made through the Issues and Options consultation to prepare policies and proposals for the "Preferred Options" Local Plan, which will be subject to public consultation.

Question 17 Options for Affordable Housing

Which option do you consider to be most appropriate to include in the Rutland Local Plan?

Option A: Maintain current 67%/33% split between affordable rental and affordable home ownership on development sites and embed this within Local Plan policy.
This option would be supported by the 2019 SHMA which concluded overall that this split between rented and low-cost home ownership is appropriate.

Option B: Increase the proportion of affordable home ownership properties required within the affordable provision on development sites.
This option would recognise the government's strong push to increase levels of home ownership but would not support the Council's strong local priority to increase affordable rent provision nor the level of need outlined in the SHMA.

Option C: Increase the proportion of affordable rent properties required within the affordable provision on development sites.
This option would increase the proportion of affordable homes that would be required to be for affordable rent above the current ratios, and so provide more homes for those most in need.

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17 Which option do you consider to be most appropriate to include in the Rutland Local Plan?

- ● Option A: Maintain current 67%/33% split between affordable rental and affordable home ownership on development sites and embed this within Local Plan policy.
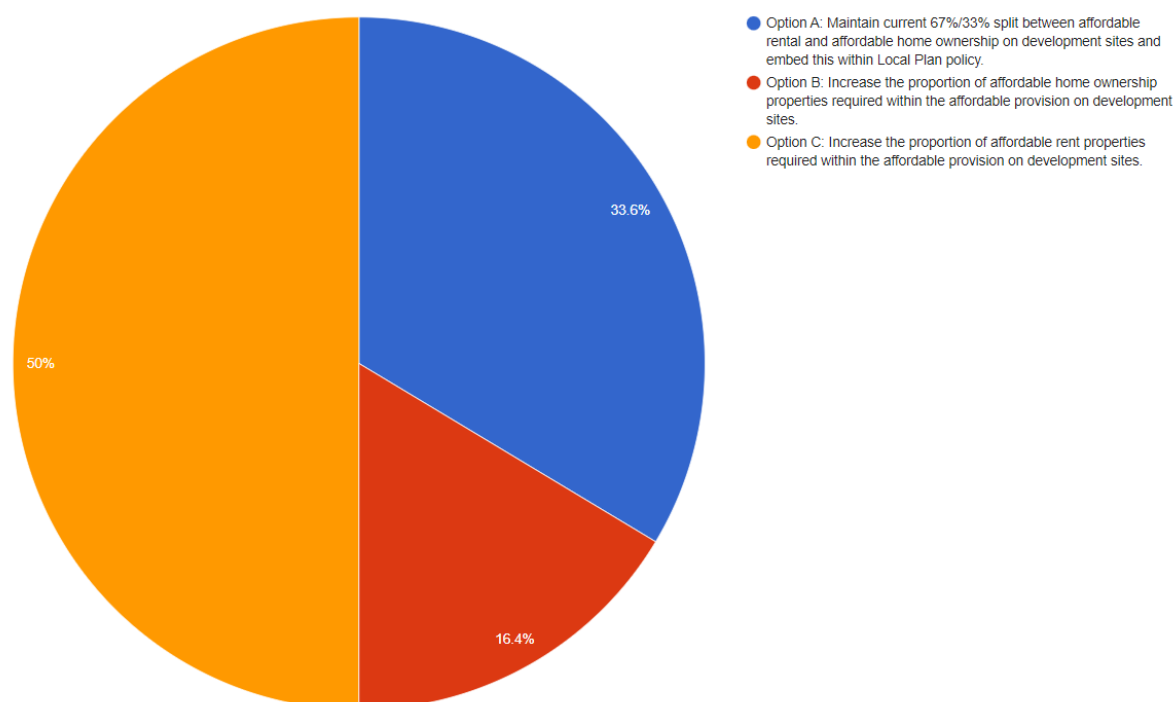- ● Option B: Increase the proportion of affordable home ownership properties required within the affordable provision on development sites.
- ● Option C: Increase the proportion of affordable rent properties required within the affordable provision on development sites.

- There were 122 responses to this question
- 41 responses (34%) supporting option A;
- 20 responses (16%) supporting option B;
- 61 responses (50%) supporting option C.

There were a number of comments received in response to the question and the key issues can be summarised as follows:

- Comments made about the importance of having an up to date evidence base.

- Comments made that First Homes need to be taken into account for any policies with respect to affordable housing.

- Comments made that site-specific characteristics, viability and market information also need to be taken into account.

- Comments made about the importance that requirements for a specific mix are not set out in policy as this prevents the most up to date evidence being used to inform the appropriate mix, and a flexible approach should be adopted which supports the deliverability of development and uses the evidence in relation to housing mix to guide development over the course of the plan period.

Next steps

- To review housing needs taking account of more detailed information arising from the 2021 census and other sources.

- To use appropriate evidence and take account of all comments made through the Issues and Options consultation to prepare policies and proposals for the "Preferred Options" Local Plan, which will be subject to public consultation.

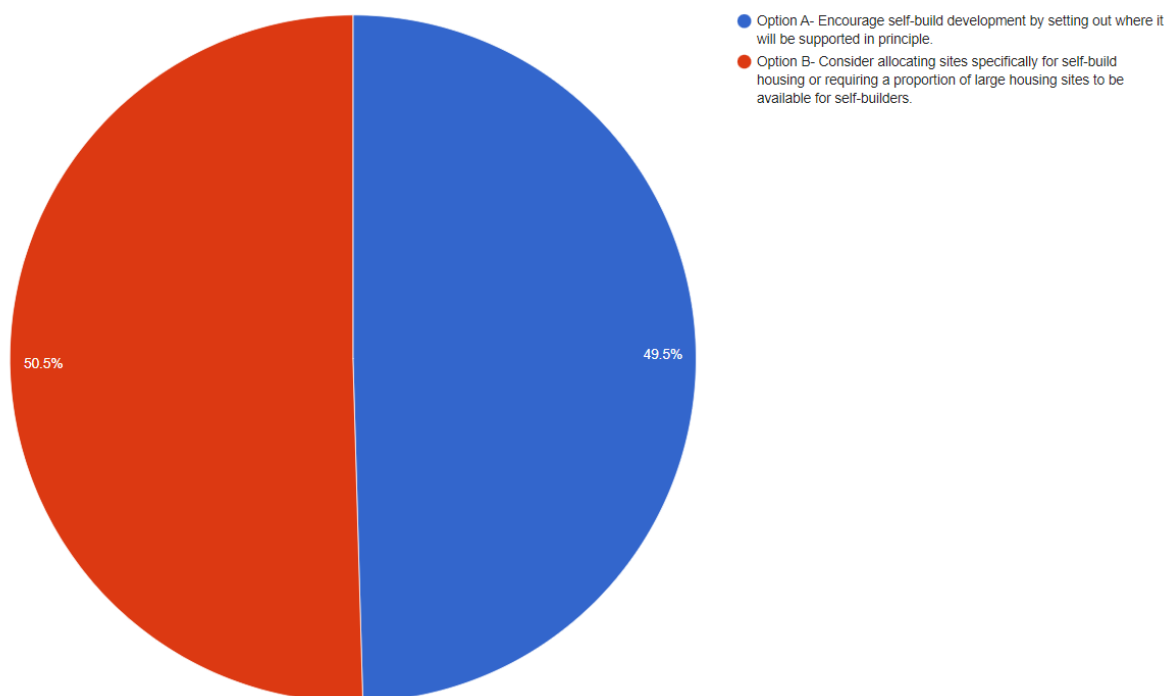**Question 18 Options for Self and Custom Build**

Which option do you consider to be most appropriate to include in the Rutland Local Plan?

Option A: Encourage self-build development by setting out where it will be supported in principle.

Option B: Consider allocating sites specifically for self-build housing or requiring a proportion of large housing sites to be available for self-builders. This option would ensure more land and plots are available to self-builders. By identifying sites in the Local Plan solely for self-build housing we could help prospective self-builders obtain suitable land. This could potentially be an option for groups of individuals looking to self-build as the Local Plan will only allocate sites capable of delivering a minimum of 10 homes. This would require community groups to help identify potential sites of interest and for landowners to be willing to make sites available for selfbuilders, potentially at a lower cost than they would achieve on the open market. some Councils require developers to provide a proportion of plots on their development sites as serviced plots and to make them available to self-builders. This could involve specifying a site size threshold at which developers would be expected to make serviced self-build plots available and

would likely require the p production of further planning guidance to explain how the policy might work in practice.

● Option A- Encourage self-build development by setting out where it will be supported in principle.
● Option B- Consider allocating sites specifically for self-build housing or requiring a proportion of large housing sites to be available for self-builders.

- There were 109 responses to this question;
- 54 responses (50%) supporting option A;
- 55 responses (51%) supporting option B.

There were a number of comments received in response to the question and the key issues can be summarised as follows:

- Comments made about the importance of having an up to date evidence base.

- Comments made that it is the Council's responsibility, not landowners or developers, to ensure sufficient permissions for selfbuild and custom build housing are granted to meet demand

- Concern expressed that whilst the Self-Build and Custom Build Register may indicate an interest in this type of housing, it was not clear how this evidence translated into actual demand, with potential issues of double counting where individuals register with more than one Council.

Next steps

- To review housing needs taking account of more detailed information arising from the 2021 census and other sources such as the Self-Build Register.

- Maintain a dialogue with developers regarding the demand for self build housing in Rutland.

- To use appropriate evidence and take account of all comments made through the Issues and Options consultation to prepare policies and proposals for the "Preferred Options" Local Plan, which will be subject to public consultation.

**Question 19 Options for Older Person's Housing**

Which option do you consider to be most appropriate to include in the Rutland Local Plan?

Option A: To require all or a proportion of new homes to be built to higher Building Regulations for accessibility and future adaptation.

Option B: To identify sites specifically for specialist housing for older people such as support housing or extra care schemes; this policy approach could also consider requiring certain types of housing to be provided on development sites as part of the mix, such as bungalows.

Option C – both of the above requirements

Question 19 Options for Older Person's Housing

- Option A – To require all or a proportion of new homes to be built to higher Building Regulations for accessibility and future adaptation.
- Option B: To identify sites specifically for specialist housing for older people such as support housing or extra care schemes
- Option C: both of the above requirements
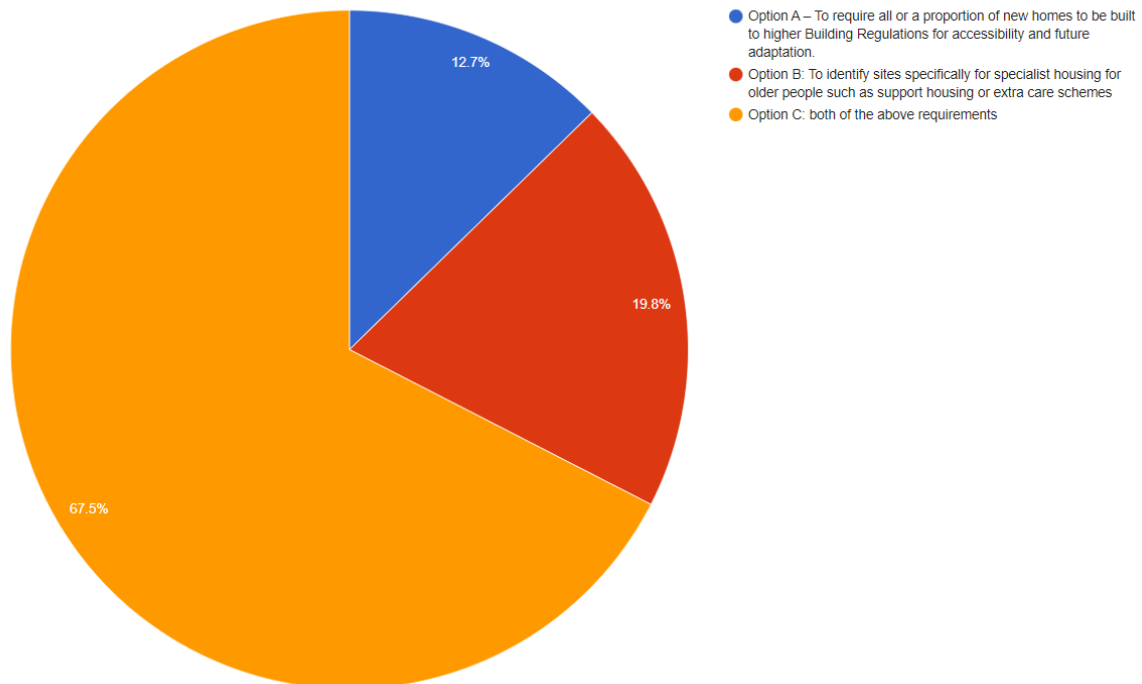
- There were 126 responses to this question;
- 16 responses (13%) supporting option A;
- 25 responses (20%) supporting option B;
- 85 responses (68%) supporting option C.

There were a number of comments received in response to the question and the key issues can be summarised as follows:

- Comments made about the importance of having an up to date evidence base, including the likely future need; the size, location, type and quality of dwellings needed; the accessibility and adaptability of the existing stock; how the needs vary across different housing tenures; and the overall viability.

- Comments made if the Council wishes to adopt the higher optional standards for accessible, adaptable and wheelchair homes the Council should only do so by applying the criteria set out in national planning guidance.

- Comments made that it is incumbent on the Council to provide a local assessment evidencing the specific case for Rutland which justifies the inclusion of optional higher standards for accessible and adaptable homes in its Local Plan policy.

Next steps

- To review the evidence base with respect to older person's housing, taking account of more detailed information arising from the 2021 census and other sources.

- Maintain a dialogue with developers regarding the demand for older persons housing in Rutland.

- To use appropriate evidence and take account of all comments made through the Issues and Options consultation to prepare policies and proposals for the "Preferred Options" Local Plan, which will be subject to public consultation.

Question 20 Policy Approach for Gypsy & Travellers and Travelling Show People Accommodation

The proposed policy approach in the Rutland Local Plan is to review the findings of the forthcoming Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA), and then if necessary:
• set a new pitch requirement and
• identify sites to meet need identified in the study.

Do you support this approach to planning for the housing needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Show People?

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20 Do you support this approach to planning for the housing needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Show People?
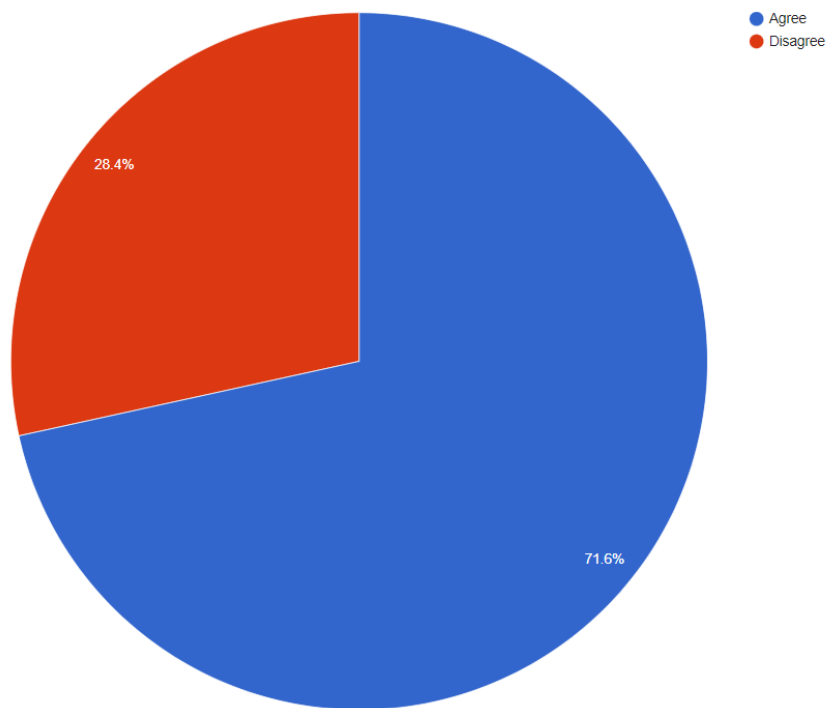
- There were 126 responses to this question;
- 73 responses (72%) respondents agreed with the approach proposed;
- 25 responses (28%) respondents disagreed with the approach proposed.

There were a number of comments received in response to the question and the key issues can be summarised as follows:

- Comments made about the importance of having an up to date evidence base.

- Suggestion made that the Rutland County Council should consider a CPO of one acre of land which would probably meet identified needs for the Plan Period.

- Some questioning of the need to provide for Gypsies and Travellers.

Next steps

- To review the evidence base with respect to Gypsy and Traveller accommodation needs.

- To use appropriate evidence and take account of all comments made through the Issues and Options consultation to prepare policies and proposals for the "Preferred Options" Local Plan, which will be subject to public consultation.

Question 21 Do you have any additional suggestions or comments about how the Local Plan can meet current and future housing needs?

As the responses received to this question covered a range of topics regarding the questions above, they have been grouped and responded under the relevant question. All comments made will be taken into account in preparing policies and proposals for the "Preferred Options" Local Plan, which will be subject to public consultation.

Issue 4 Enabling a prosperous and resilient economy

Objective 4: Supporting business investment and job creation in ways which are compatible with environmental considerations to maintain a prosperous and resilient economy in Rutland.
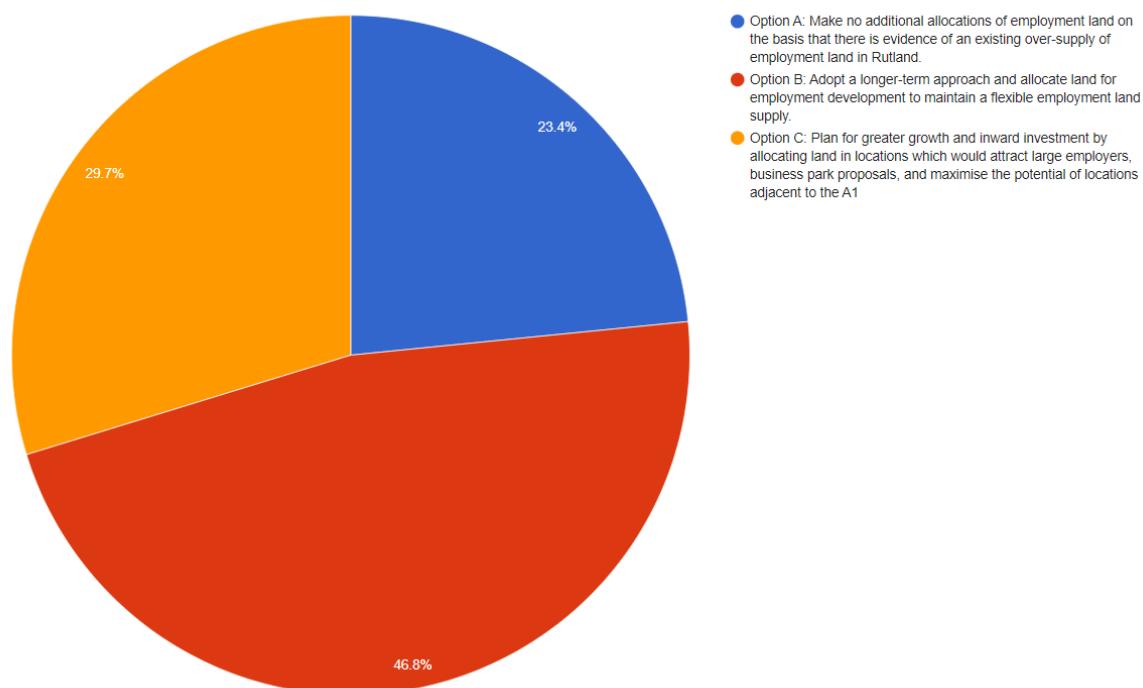

Question 22 Options for economic development Which option do you consider to be most appropriate to include in the Rutland Local Plan?

Option A: Make no additional allocations of employment land on the basis that there is evidence of an existing over-supply of employment land in Rutland.

Option B: Adopt a longer-term approach and allocate land for employment development to maintain a flexible employment land supply. This would allow the Local Plan to meet the full range of needs, provide choice and flexibility in supply, and help support the recovery of the local economy following the impact of the Covid 19 pandemic.

Options C: Plan for greater growth and inward investment by allocating land in locations which would attract large employers, business park proposals, and maximise the potential of locations adjacent to the A1 to attract new employment to Rutland to enhance the prosperity and resilience of the local economy.

Question 22 – Which option do you consider to be most appropriate to include in the Rutland Local Plan?

- Option A: Make no additional allocations of employment land on the basis that there is evidence of an existing over-supply of employment land in Rutland.
- Option B: Adopt a longer-term approach and allocate land for employment development to maintain a flexible employment land supply.
- Option C: Plan for greater growth and inward investment by allocating land in locations which would attract large employers, business park proposals, and maximise the potential of locations adjacent to the A1

- There were 111 responses to this question;
- 26 responses (24%) supporting option A;
- 52 responses (47%) supporting option B;
- 33 responses (30%) supporting option C.

There were a number of comments received in response to the question and the key issues can be summarised as follows:

- Propose a hybrid approach based on Options B and C
- Need to be able to offer choice and flexibility to the market and support the Cov19 economic recovery
- Consider a long-term approach and allocate land for a mix of employment uses to maintain a flexible supply and encourage new development

Next steps

- To review the evidence base with respect to employment needs and future employment land requirements

- To align draft policies and proposals to the emerging Economic Development Strategy for Rutland.

- To use appropriate evidence and take account of all comments made through the Issues and Options consultation to prepare policies and proposals for the "Preferred Options" Local Plan, which will be subject to public consultation

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Question 23 Options for Employment Sites within Rutland Which option(s) do you consider to be most appropriate to include in the Rutland Local Plan?

Option A: Retain all existing allocated employment sites.

Option B: Consider changing the allocation of any sites currently allocated for employment and have not been developed (by site reduction or de-allocation).

Option C: Allocate new sites for employment uses within Rutland.

Option D: Include sites for employment uses within Rutland as part of any major housing proposal or new settlement.

Option E: Allocate new sites for employment alongside the County's main transport corridor adjacent to the A1.

Question 23 – Which option(s) do you consider to be most appropriate to include in the Rutland Local Plan?

- Option A: Retain all existing allocated employment sites.
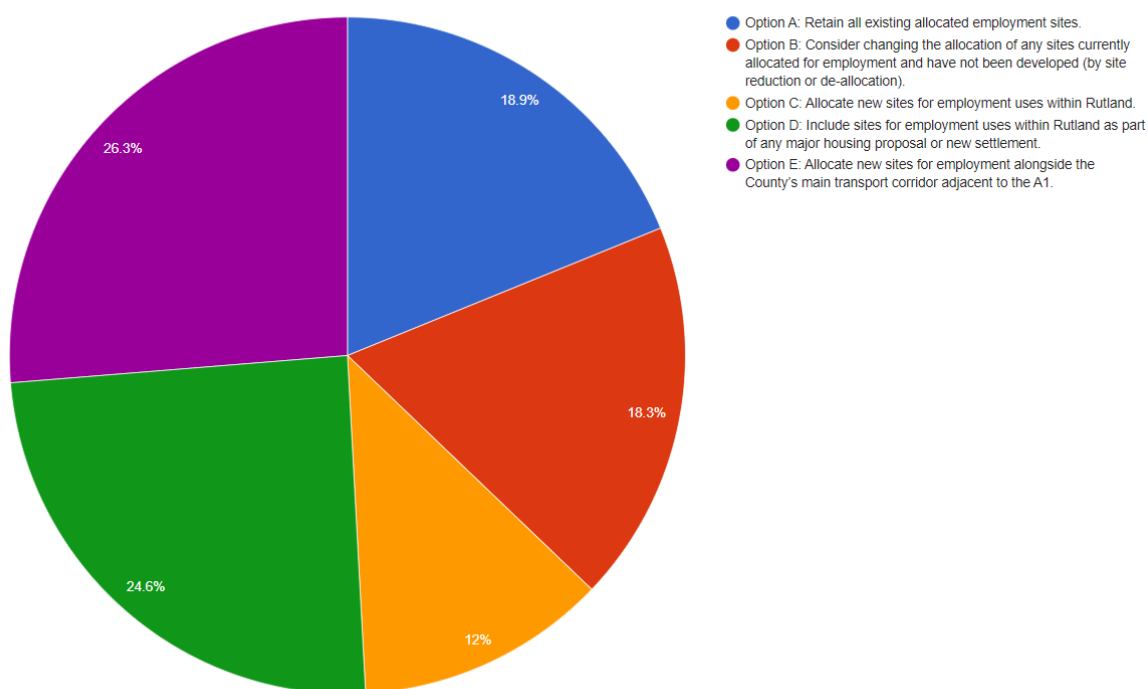- Option B: Consider changing the allocation of any sites currently allocated for employment and have not been developed (by site reduction or de-allocation).
- Option C: Allocate new sites for employment uses within Rutland.
- Option D: Include sites for employment uses within Rutland as part of any major housing proposal or new settlement.
- Option E: Allocate new sites for employment alongside the County's main transport corridor adjacent to the A1.

- There were 175 responses to this question;
- 33 responses (19%) supporting option A;
- 32 responses (18%) supporting option B;
- 21 responses (12%) supporting option C;
- 43 responses (25%) supporting option D;
- 46 responses (26%) supporting option E.

There were a number of comments received in response to the question and the key issues can be summarised as follows:

- All sites should be retained for employment only
- All sites have good connectivity and established business
- Need to consider impact on local communities and road networks

Next steps

- To review the evidence base with respect to employment needs and future employment land requirements

- To align draft policies and proposals to the emerging Economic Development Strategy for Rutland.

- To use appropriate evidence and take account of all comments made through the Issues and Options consultation to prepare policies and proposals for the "Preferred Options" Local Plan, which will be subject to public consultation

Question 24 Viability of employment sites Do you have any comments on the viability and deliverability of the employment sites listed below, which are currently allocated that would prevent them from being allocated within the new Local Plan?

• Land at Uppingham Gate, Uppingham;
• Land off Hackamore Way & Panniers Way, Oakham;
• and Land at Pit Lane, Ketton.

There were a number of comments received in response to the question and the key issues can be summarised as follows:

- Need to consider impact on local communities and road networks

- Pit Lane considered unsuitable due to transport and rural road infrastructure

- Uppingham Gate to be considered for mix-use development

- All sites have good connectivity and established business

- Need to consider impact on local communities and road networks

Next steps

- To review the evidence base with respect to employment needs and future employment land requirements

- To align draft policies and proposals to the emerging Economic Development Strategy for Rutland.

- To use appropriate evidence and take account of all comments made through the Issues and Options consultation to prepare policies and proposals for the "Preferred Options" Local Plan, which will be subject to public consultation

Question 25 Options for Rutland's Rural Economy
Which option(s) do you consider to be most appropriate to include in the Rutland Local Plan?

Option A: Support and encourage genuine proposals for rural enterprise (such as conversions of existing buildings and limited new build where required) within Rutland's rural areas.
This option would help to facilitate and encourage small-scale employment proposals and help to reduce the need to travel in rural areas.

Option B: Allocate sites for small-scale rural employment opportunities.
This option would target specific small-scale employment proposals within the rural area allowing new/established enterprises the scope to grow.
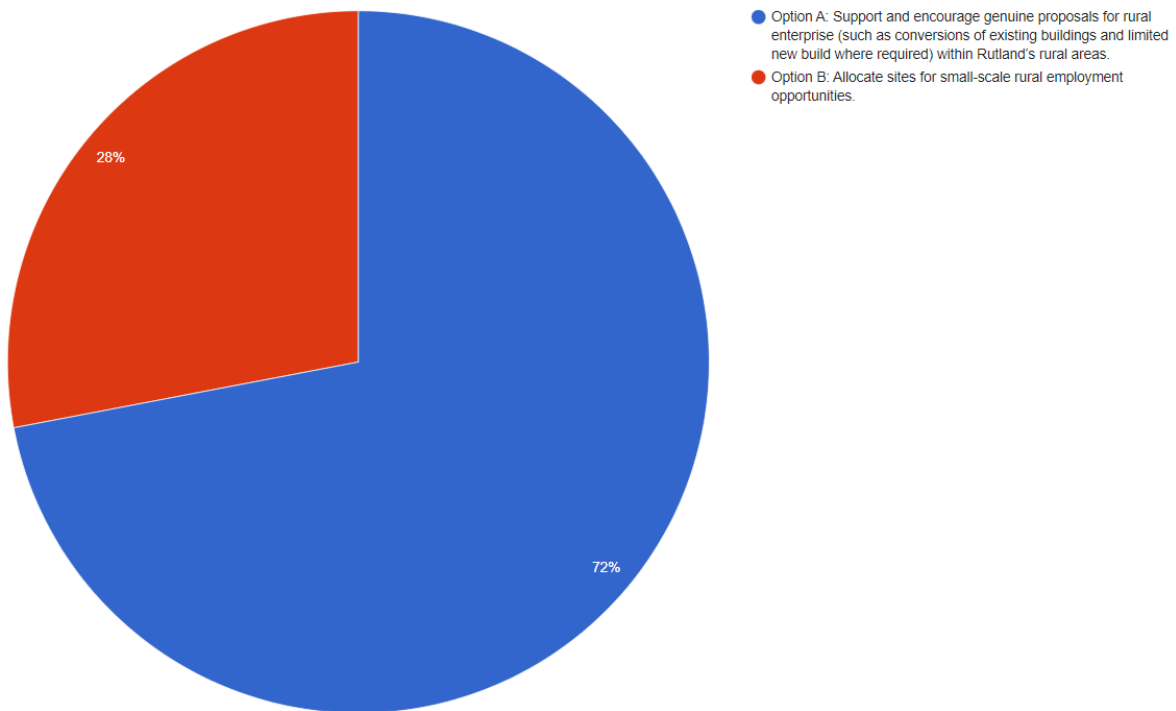
Option A: Support and encourage genuine proposals for rural enterprise (such as conversions of existing buildings and limited new build where required) within Rutland's rural areas.

Option B: Allocate sites for small-scale rural employment opportunities.

28%

72%

- There were 125 responses to this question;
- 90 responses (72%) supporting option A;
- 35 responses (28%) supporting option B.

Next steps

- To align draft policies and proposals to the emerging Economic Development Strategy for Rutland.

- To use appropriate evidence and take account of all comments made through the Issues and Options consultation to prepare policies and proposals for the "Preferred Options" Local Plan, which will be subject to public consultation

Question 26 Options for the Visitor Economy

Which options do you consider to be most appropriate to include in the Rutland Local Plan?

Option A: Concentrate on existing tourist sectors. This option would look to retain and expand existing tourist facilities in Rutland.

Option B: Develop new tourist attractions. This option would be to seek and encourage new tourist attractions into Rutland.

Question 26 – Which option(s) do you consider to be most appropriate to include in the Rutland Local Plan?
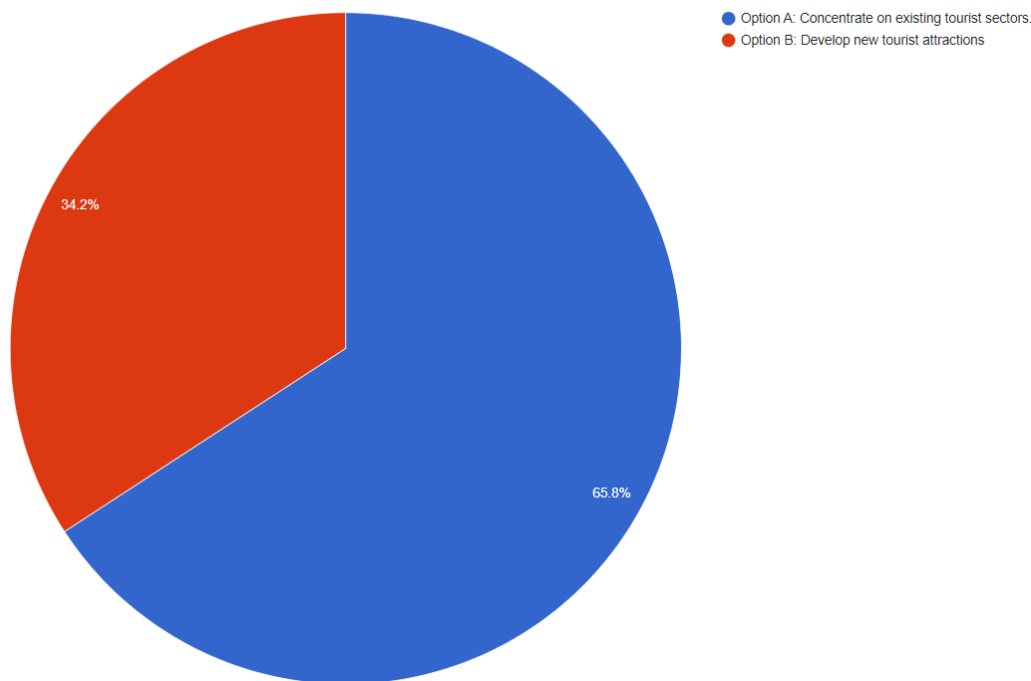
- There were 117 responses to this question;
- 77 responses (66%) supporting option A;
- 40 responses (34%) supporting option B.

There were a number of comments received in response to the question and the key issues can be summarised as follows:

- Focusing growth around existing attractions, enables a holistic approach to visitor management, and improved co-ordination of issues such as highways, car parking, sustainable transport and events
- Consider creating a new asset/attraction for the county to encourage new business, tourism, etc. This could perhaps be to do with renewable energy, leisure, sport, or academic.
- Look beyond just Rutland Water - develop the history, museum and archaeological resources in the area to attract visors to the region.
- Find a way for Oakham to profit from Rutland Water. Day visitors come and go but never visit the town & its cafes & restaurants. Signage and publicity are needed. Also, a better transport strategy to avoid the long delays we so often see in the summer
- There seems to be an assumption by Rutland Council that the Rutland Water area is the prime location for tourism but there are other beautiful areas in the county and these shouldn't be overlooked.
- Do it in a controlled way on a case-by-case basis, with local discussion where appropriate

Next steps

- To align draft policies and proposals to the emerging Economic Development Strategy for Rutland.

- To use appropriate evidence and take account of all comments made through the Issues and Options consultation to prepare policies and proposals for the "Preferred Options" Local Plan, which will be subject to public consultation

Question 27: Policy Approach for Rutland Water

Do you agree with the continuation of the current policy approach to permit small scale development within the five defined recreation areas and the wider Rutland Water area for certain specified uses related to the enjoyment of Rutland Water or for operational uses?

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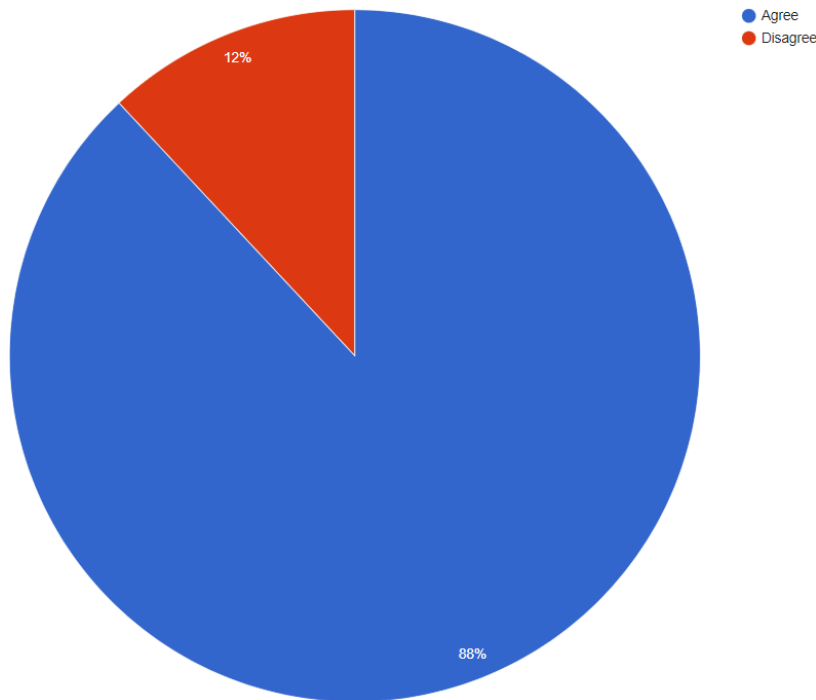
- There were 117 responses to this question;
- 103 (88%) respondents agreed with the approach proposed;
- 14 (12%) respondents disagreed with the approach proposed

There were a number of comments received in response to the question and the key issues can be summarised as follows:

- Growth of new recreation, sport and tourist uses is not limited to the defined Recreation Areas within adopted Policy SP26 only. Recreation, sport and tourist uses are important to the economy of Rutland, where these can be balanced with the careful management of the natural environment, and as such, should be considered appropriate across a wider area than just those identified as Recreation Areas.
- Anglian Water welcome the continued recognition that the Council and partners have of the importance of Rutland Water and its role in the local economy.
- There is enough development in and around Rutland water - the local villages and road network already struggles with what is available at peak times which include weekends.

Next steps

- To review the evidence base with respect to Rutland Water

- To use appropriate evidence and take account of all comments made through the Issues and Options consultation to prepare policies and proposals for the "Preferred Options" Local Plan, which will be subject to public consultation

Question 28 Do you have any additional suggestions or comments about how the Local Plan can support a prosperous and resilient economy?

There were a number of comments received in response to the question and the key issues can be summarised as follows:

- Growth is desperately needed within the County, especially in rural areas. Development, as should be supported provided that it is sustainable, and that the rural economy should be supported. While the rural economy exists at a low concentration it is highly mixed and because of its nature the Council should look to support appropriate proposals throughout the whole County where it will make a positive contribution. Not to just focus on specific locations or tourism in certain areas, as Covid has clearly demonstrated that this would represent a terribly weak local economic base.
- Economic growth will help ease house affordability issues and will leave more money to be invested on becoming Net Zero.
- Linking employment opportunities to the availability of affordable housing to create a sustainable mixed use economy.
- Better public transport would support the local economy, for example trains on Sunday mornings and more frequent bus services.
- Start a business club and offer support to help business grow - what do they need? Work on a long-term strategy to encourage business that offer jobs with prospects to retain our talent or those that will train and create talent

Next Steps

Question 21 Do you have any additional suggestions or comments about how the Local Plan can meet current and future housing needs?

As the responses received to this question covered a range of topics regarding the questions above, they have been grouped and responded under the relevant question. All comments made will be taken into account in preparing policies and proposals for the "Preferred Options" Local Plan, which will be subject to public consultation.

Issue 5: Supporting vibrant town centres and a network of local centres

Strategic Objective 5 Enabling Rutland's market towns and, their centres in particular, to be places for economic and cultural activity with good access to services; seeking to sustain a network of larger villages that serve local needs; and enabling the viability and sustainability of smaller villages and countryside – in ways which protect the County's heritage, character and identity.


Question 29 - Potential policy approaches for the viability of Oakham and Uppingham Town Centres

Which option do you consider to be most appropriate to include in the Rutland Local Plan?

Option A: Continue with the existing policy approach and update the Council's evidence base where necessary. The existing approach is well established but requires an updated Retail Study to fully support it. Updating the evidence will also allow an opportunity for recent changes to national policy and guidance and retail trends to be considered.

Option B: Develop a wider strategy to support a range of activity in town centres and take account of the changes in their use.

Question 29 – Which option do you consider to be most appropriate to include in the Rutland Local Plan

- Option A: Continue with the existing policy approach and update the Council's evidence base where necessary
- Option B: Develop a wider strategy to support a range of activity in town centres and take account of the changes in their use.
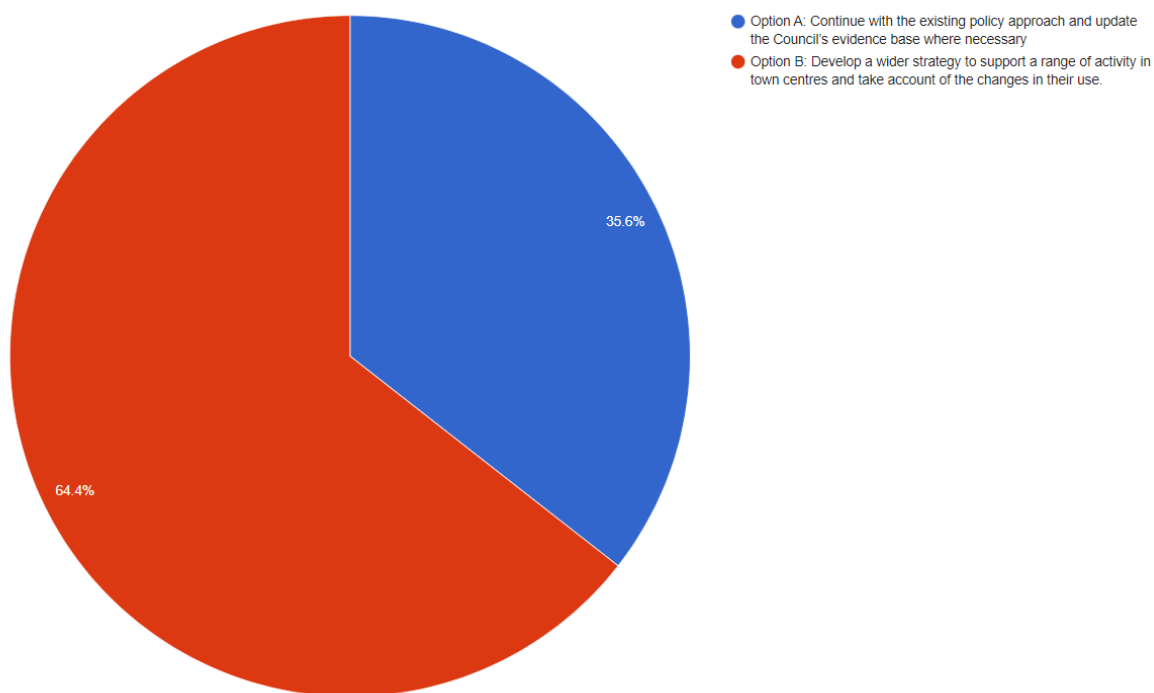
- There were 90 responses to this question;
- 32 responses (36%) supporting option A;
- 58 responses (64%) supporting option B.

There were a number of comments received in response to the question and the key issues can be summarised as follows:

- Greater flexibility in encouraging vital uses within town centres will be necessary to support vitality
- Move away from thinking that town centres are finance transaction based locations but should be more about social interaction in the future otherwise they will continue to decline with home working and online shopping.
- Move away from the selling of goods, include some services on our High Streets
- Support new and local business encourage and make it easy for people to come into their local towns.

Next steps

- To review the evidence base with respect to town centres and retailing

- To align draft policies and proposals to the emerging Economic Development Strategy for Rutland.

- To use appropriate evidence and take account of all comments made through the Issues and Options consultation to prepare policies and proposals for the "Preferred Options" Local Plan, which will be subject to public consultation

Question 30 Primary Shopping Areas

Should the Council seek to develop a policy that encourages Class E uses to be located within a defined town centre or primary shopping area (with the inclusion of residential on upper floors if considered acceptable), with a requirement to provide active street frontages ?

- There were 87 responses to this question;
- 76 (87%) respondents agreed with the approach proposed;
- 11 (13%) respondents disagreed with the approach proposed.

There were a number of comments received in response to the question and the key issues can be summarised as follows:

- It is desirable to retain some identified area which can be seen as retail/social interaction within the centre of the two towns and not just have retail converted to houses or offices.
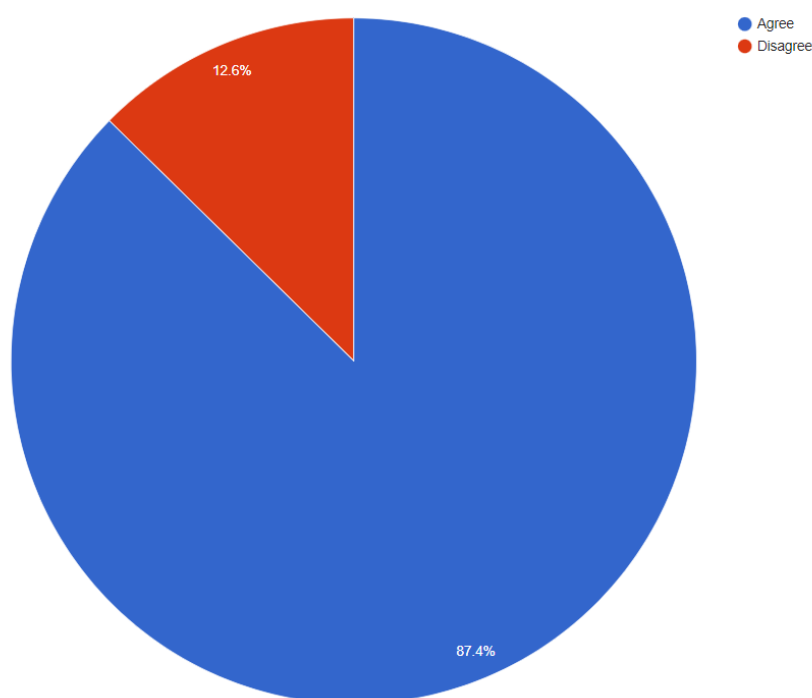
Next steps

- To review the evidence base with respect to town centres and retailing

- To align draft policies and proposals to the emerging Economic Development Strategy for Rutland.

- To use appropriate evidence and take account of all comments made through the Issues and Options consultation to prepare policies and proposals for the "Preferred Options" Local Plan, which will be subject to public consultation

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Question 31

Do you have any additional suggestions or comments about how the Local Plan can help to support vibrant town centres and a network of local centres ?

There were a number of comments received in response to the question and the key issues can be summarised as follows:

- Have sufficient parking spaces.
- Do not introduce one-way streets or pedestrian precincts in current centres - there is not enough room for them. Support new and local business encourage and make it easy for people to come into their local towns.
- The new plan policies should seek to encourage traditional trades and crafts with perhaps preferential treatment for heritage trades.

Next Steps

All comments made will be taken into account in preparing policies and proposals for the "Preferred Options" Local Plan, which will be subject to public consultation.

Issue 6: Enabling safer and stronger communities, supported with viable and accessible community and cultural facilities

Strategic Objective 6: Supporting all communities across the County to make them safer and stronger.

Strategic Objective 5: Enabling Rutland's market towns and, their centres in particular, to be places for economic and cultural activity with good access to services; seeking to sustain a network of larger villages that serve local needs; and enabling the viability and sustainability of smaller villages and countryside – in ways which protect the County's heritage, character and identity.

Planned Limits of Development

Question 32
Do you agree with the approach to defining the limits of development for settlements should be Retained?

Question 32 – Do you agree with the approach to defining the limits of development for settlements should be retained?

- Agree
- Disagree

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82.5%
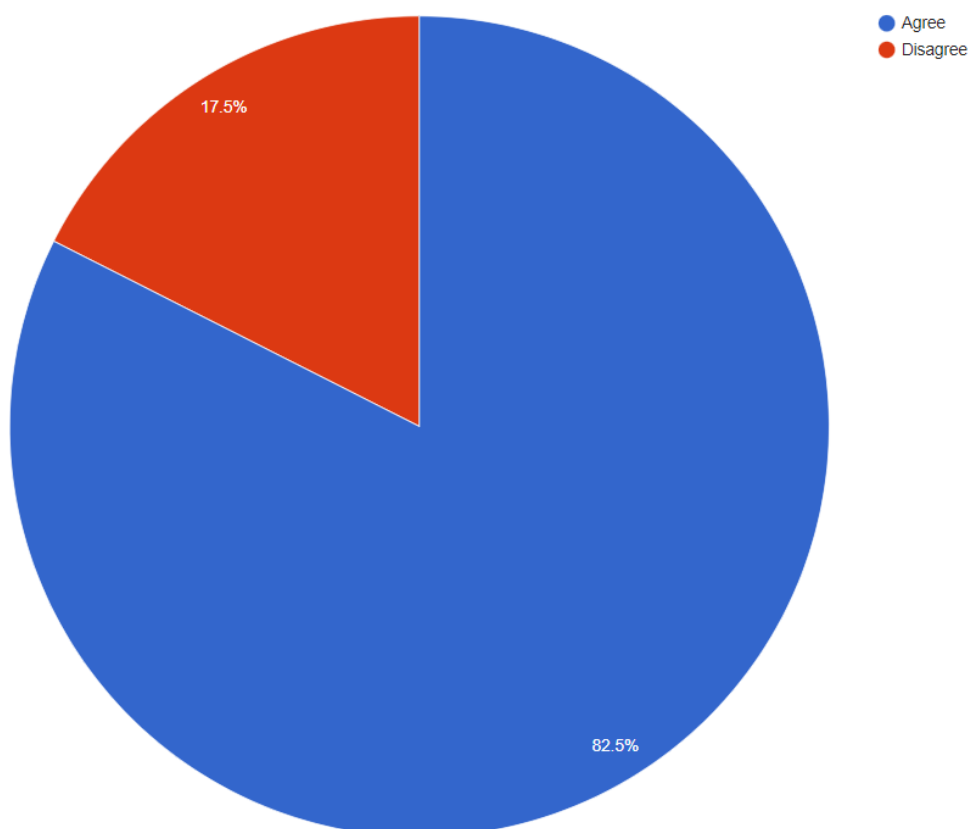
- There were 114 responses to this question;
- 94 (82%) respondents agreed with the approach proposed;
- 20 (18%) respondents disagreed with the approach proposed.

Question 33
Do you agree that the current PLDs need to be reviewed?

Question 34
If so, can you identify specific areas where the boundary should be changed and set out your reasons why?

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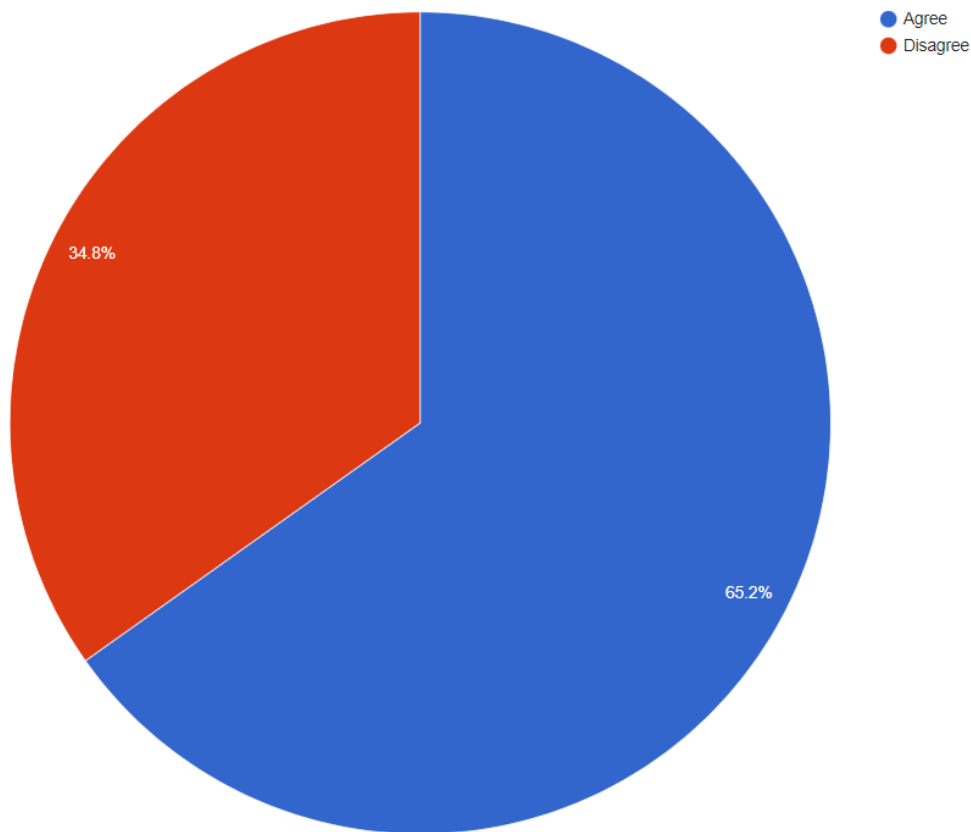
- There were 112 responses to this question;
- 73 (65%) respondents agreed with the approach proposed;
- 39 (35%) respondents disagreed with the approach proposed.

There were a number of suggestions about areas where boundaries should be reviewed as follows:

- Neighbourhood Plan to determine in accordance with NPPF
- Oakham to include Barleythorpe and south out to the bypass
- To allow sufficient land to meet housing needs, allow organic growth and to include new allocations
- Cottesmore
- Barrowden
- Edith Weston to include St George's Barracks, the Officers Mess and land north of Pennine Drive within PLD
- Whissendine to include site with planning permission
- Ask Town and Parish Council's to suggest their changes
- Ensure consistent with Neighbouhood Plans

Next Steps

- Determine the Council's preferred approach and define a methodology for reviewing Planned Limits of Development
- To use appropriate evidence, such as new landscape character and sensitivity evidence, and take account of all comments made through the Issues and Options consultation to prepare policies and proposals for the "Preferred Options" Local Plan, which will be subject to public consultation
- Undertake a full review of PLDs

Neighbourhood Plans

> **Question 35**
> **How best do you think the Council can advise and guide the development of Neighbourhood Plans in Rutland?**

There were a number of comments received in response to the question and the key issues can be summarised as follows:

- Continue current approach of providing prompt guidance and assistance to NP Groups
- Defined in an SLA which is adhered to by RCC and the NP group
- Employ a specialist Neighbourhood Plans Officer
- Ensure Development Management and Planning Committee refer to NP policies in making decisions
- Use and fund independent consultants to support groups
- Establish a Rutland NP Group to share experiences and training
- RCC sponsored Neighbourhood Plan Champion
- RCC provide a dedicated officer to support each group and attend key meetings
- Encourage communities to create Neighbourhood Plans
- Control the expectations of Neighbourhood Plan groups
- Align NP policies to national and local policies
- Use Neighbourhood plans to inform the Local Plan
- Create flow charts and use different formats such as pictures, videos and audio to guide people through the options
- Apply a lighter touch to those areas where an NP has been made
- Work with neighboring counties to guide the development of plans

Next Steps

The County Council will continue to meet its duty to advise/guide Neighbourhood Plans and liaise with Town/Parish Councils and Neighbourhood Plan groups. Neighbourhood Plan policies will be taken into account in preparing policies and proposals for the "Preferred Options" Local Plan, which will be subject to public consultation.

Community Facilities

Question 36 Community Facilities

Do you agree/disagree that the Local Plan should protect community facilities in sustainable locations and support the provision of new local community services and facilities alongside new development?

Question 36 – Do you agree/disagree that the Local Plan should protect community facilities in sustainable locations and support the provision of new local community services and facilities alongside new development?
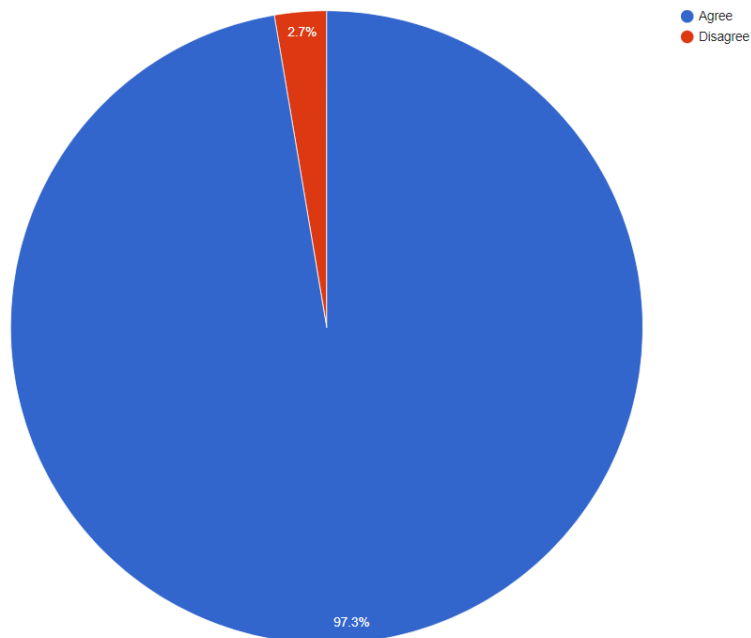
- There were 113 responses to this question;
- 110 (97%) respondents agreed with the approach proposed;
- 3 (3%) respondents disagreed with the approach proposed.

Question 37

Which of the following community facilities should be protected for community use?

- **General store/convenience store**
- **Post Office**
- **Public House**
- **Community hall**
- **GP surgery**
- **Other (please specify)**

Question 37 – Which of the following community facilities should be protected for community use?
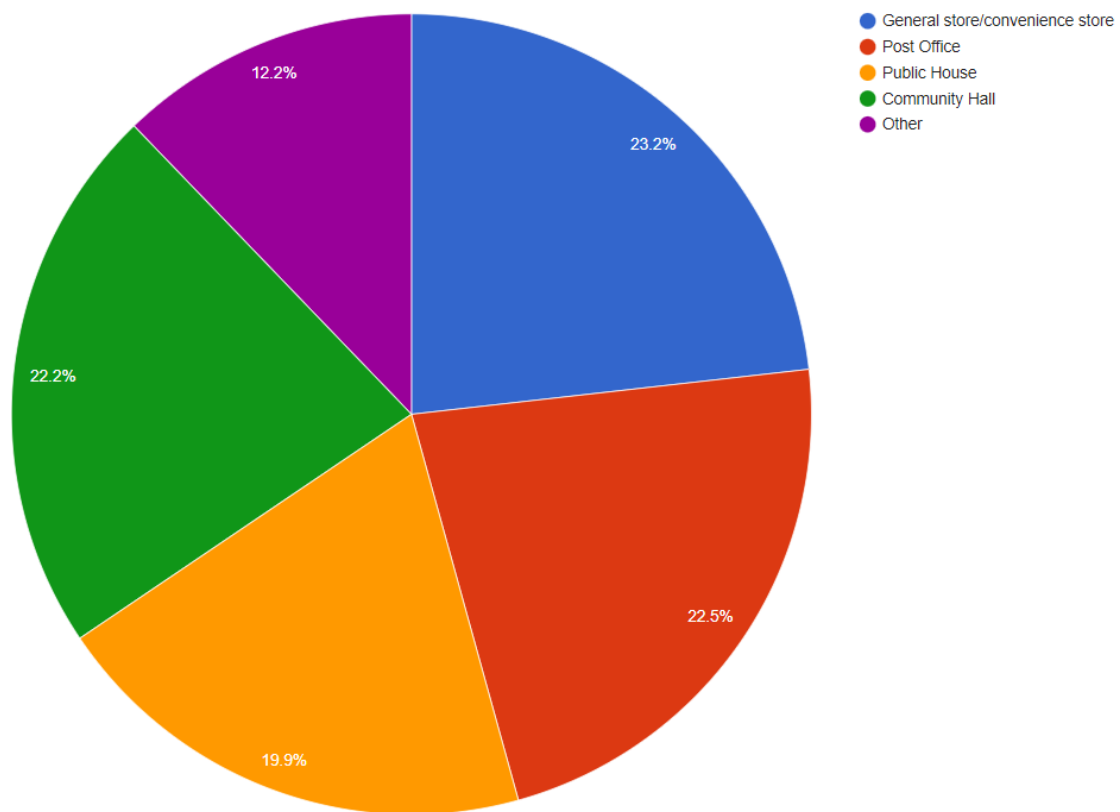
Respondents could select more than one option and so the data shows the perceived importance of each service to the individuals that responded.

- 97 (23%) respondents selected General store/convenience
- 94 (23%) respondents selected Post Office
- 83 (20%) respondents selected Public House
- 93 (22%) respondents selected Community Hall
- 51 (12%) respondents selected Other which will be specified below.

Other suggestions include:

- Local sports and leisure facilities
- Activities ad facilities for children and young people
- Better public transport
- Safe access by foot and cycle
- Social housing
- Public toilets and changing places
- Multi-purpose community facilities
- Green/blue assets
- Built sport and leisure facilities

Next Steps

All comments made will be taken into account in preparing policies and proposals for the "Preferred Options" Local Plan, which will be subject to public consultation

Question 38
Do you have any additional suggestions or comments about how the Local Plan can help create safer and stronger communities and support viable and accessible community and cultural facilities?

There were a number of comments received in response to the question and the key issues can be summarised as follows:

- Follow suggestions included in Neighbourhood Plans
- Safeguard land on strategic sites for future community uses
- Provide facilities and activities for children and young people as part of new development
- Better public transport to outlying areas
- New development should only be allowed where it has significant local support
- Funding should be provided for communities to run facilities
- Focus on the social values when making planning and procurement decisions
- Look and all parish/town council and RCC owned fields for development first
- Support Right to Build and Right to Acquire community facilities
- Allow development in all villages
- Travelling post offices
- Community should run an "online" grocery ordering service for those without broadband /internet
- Developers should build community facilities rather than make S106/CIL payments
- Retain Rutland memorial Hospital and reinstate care beds on the wards
- Community owned shops and pubs
- Multi-functional facilities (such as a shop in a pub)
- Resolve on street parking by ensuring new development has minimum 2 parking spaces each house
- Use S106/CIL money for facilities as the needs arise
- Use redundant and underused churches as community facilities

Next Steps

- To use appropriate evidence and take account of all comments made through the Issues and Options consultation to prepare policies and proposals for the "Preferred Options" Local Plan, which will be subject to public consultation
- To prepare an Infrastructure Delivery Plan to assess the impact of future development on infrastructure and to develop proposals to mitigate such impacts
- Undertake Health Impact Assessment and Sustainability Appraisal appraise the social, environmental, and economic effects of the emerging plan from the outset and through its various stages of production

Issue 7: Promoting sustainable and active modes of travel

Strategic Objective 12: Ensuring development is supported by essential infrastructure and services and promotes safe movement and more sustainable modes of travel by enhancing greener travel networks for walking, cycling and public transport.

Question 39 Options for promoting sustainable modes of travel

Which option(s) do you consider to be most appropriate to include in the Rutland Local Plan?

Option A: Continue with existing approach to direct development to the most sustainable locations and encourage the use of a range of sustainable travel options. (This would need to be updated to reflect national policy and guidance)

Option B: Include policies which actively discourage the use of private cars.
This might include requiring traffic calming measures in new developments, reducing maximum car parking standards and accepting that the capacity of junctions and routes may be exceeded. As a rural County, there are high levels of car dependency which might make this option difficult to implement.

Option C: Include policies which actively promote sustainable travel (this might include requiring new developments to connect to existing centres and services by high quality walking and cycling network and where practical public transport services or establishing maximum walking distances from new homes to a range of identified services (including stops on operational bus routes).

Option D: Consider the use of a specific policy which looks to improve walking and cycling connections. This policy could be used to promote walking and cycling routes within new development sites and ensure there are safe walking and cycling links to the nearest services and facilities. It would set out that streets must be designed to be attractive, safe and prioritise pedestrians and cyclists making this a more attractive way to travel.

Option E: Revise parking standards for new developments to reduce the availability of car parking spaces, increase the availability of racks and secure storage for bicycles and increase the availability of electric vehicle charging points. This would also include requirements for electric charging for both vehicles and bicycles.

Question 39 – Which option(s) do you consider to be most appropriate to include in the Rutland Local Plan?

- Option A: Continue with existing approach to direct development to the most sustainable locations and encourage the use of a range of sustainable travel options.
- Option B: Include policies which actively discourage the use of private cars.
- Option C: Include policies which actively promote sustainable travel
- Option D: Consider the use of a specific policy which looks to improve walking and cycling connections.
- Option E: Revise parking standards for new developments to reduce the availability of car parking spaces, increase the availability of racks and secure storage for bicycles and increase the availability of electric vehicle charging points.

- 84 (33.6%) respondents supported option A;
- 13 (5.2%) respondents supported option B;
- 70(28%) respondents supported option C;
- 58 (23.2%) respondents supported option D;
- 25 (10%) respondents supported option E.

Question 40

Do you have any alternative suggestions for promoting sustainable modes of travel?

There were a number of comments received in response to the question and the key issues can be summarised as follows:

- New development should be directed to sustainable locations which offer good access to key services and facilities as well as employment opportunities. It can support the further provision of new infrastructure where this is required.
- Directing development to the main towns will ensure public transport systems can be more viable and walking and cycling is a more reliable option.
- Include other modes of travel such as horse riding.
- Rutland is a rural county and so there is a dependance on the car. Suggesting policies that actively discourage the use of the private car is not supported
- Limiting parking space available and actively discouraging the use of the private car by imposing traffic calming measures is more likely to create poor designed developments with high levels of on street parking.

- The Local Plan should make provision for improving and extending walking and cycling networks and ensure that priority it given first to pedestrian and cycling movements and make this safer with wider pavements or physically separated paths.
- As a predominantly rural authority, it is critical that RCC ensures that its rural villages are well-connected if it is to promote sustainable and active travel
- Strong link should be made to Green Infrastructure, for example cycle and pedestrian routes should incorporate verges or boundaries of natural habitat and street trees to connect to other natural habitats and green spaces.
- Rutland has an ageing population, and their transport needs should be considered as they are more dependent on the car.
- Improve bus links, make more regular and reliable.

Next Steps

- Work with the Highways team and National Highways to ensure that site selection and policy formulation meets objectives for sustainable travel
- To use appropriate evidence and take account of all comments made through the Issues and Options consultation to prepare policies and proposals for the "Preferred Options" Local Plan, which will be subject to public consultation.
- To prepare an Infrastructure Delivery Plan to assess the impact of future development on infrastructure and to develop proposals to mitigate such impacts
- To ensure the Sustainability Appraisal appraise the social, environmental, and economic effects of the emerging plan from the outset and through its various stages of production

Issue 8: Ensuring new development is well designed and encourages active and healthy lifestyles

Strategic Objective 8: Ensuring new development and open spaces support health and wellbeing and encourage active and healthy lifestyles.

Health and Wellbeing

Question 41 Options for Health and Wellbeing

Which option(s) do you consider to be most appropriate to include in the Rutland Local Plan?

Option A: Require new development to demonstrate how health and wellbeing principles are incorporated within the proposal.

Option B: Require a Health Impact Assessments to be provided by applicants for specific development, depending on the scale and type of proposal.

Question 41 – Which option(s) do you consider to be most appropriate to include in the Rutland Local Plan?

● Option A: Require new development to demonstrate how health and wellbeing principles are incorporated within the proposal
● Option B: Require a Health Impact Assessments to be provided by applicants for specific development, depending on the scale and type of proposal.
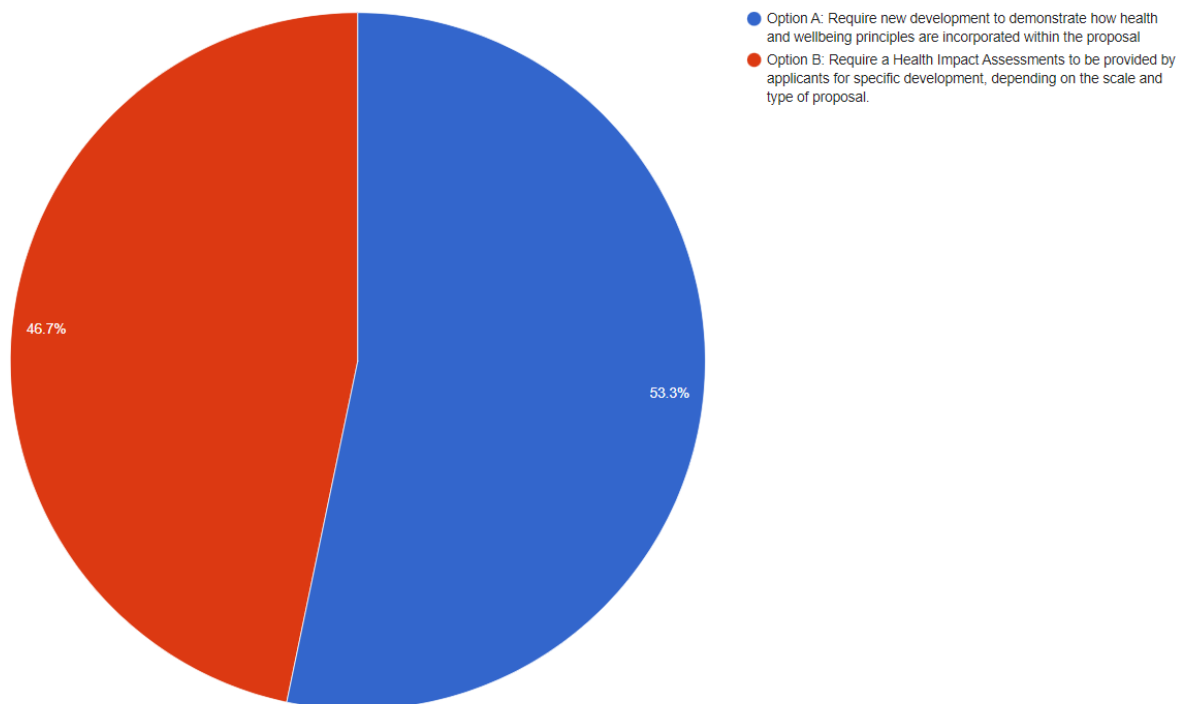
- There were 122 responses to this question.
- 65 (53.3%) respondents agreed with the approach proposed.
- 57 (46.7%) respondents disagreed with the approach proposed.

Question 42 Health Impact Assessment

What factors (including scale and type of development) should be considered when deciding whether a Health Impact Assessment is required?

There were a number of comments received in response to the question and the key issues can be summarised as follows:

- "health" is one element or creating a place and therefore should not be considered in isolation but as part of the overall design of a scheme
- Factors to be considered should include green space/infrastructure and plot layout
- There were lots of different views regarding the scale of development which would require a HIA. One view is that only larger developments should require a HIA as it is not necessary or viable on small developments. The other view held by respondents was that new development should be required to demonstrate how health and wellbeing principles are incorporated.
- The requirement for a Health Impact Assessment should be determined by the scale and type of development. Clear thresholds relating to number of dwellings, size of development and type of land being built on. There is evidence and best practice to support determining the scale.
- Consideration should also be given to including a requirement when there are proposed community facilities or workplaces, covering all 'Use Class' categories. This includes proposals for quarrying, minerals and waste collection as well as road building.

Next Steps

- Work with Public Health colleagues to undertake Health Impact Assessment of the local plan as it develops and to develop polices relating to HIA on development proposals

Design

> **Question 43 Design**
>
> **Which option do you consider to be most appropriate to include in the Rutland Local Plan?**
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> **Option A: Reference the Rutland Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) in design policies to provide clear guidance in how to achieve high standards of design and build quality.** The SPD will be used to provide design guidance for a wide range of design related issues including those that could enhance the health and wellbeing of the future community of new developments and create places that are resilient to climate change.
>
> **Option B: Include more detailed design requirements in the design policy.**
> Going beyond the current policy approach, additional design requirements could be set out for specific policy areas and additional design criteria could be included for large developments. Policy will specify that 'Building for a healthy Life' will be used to assess the design of new development.
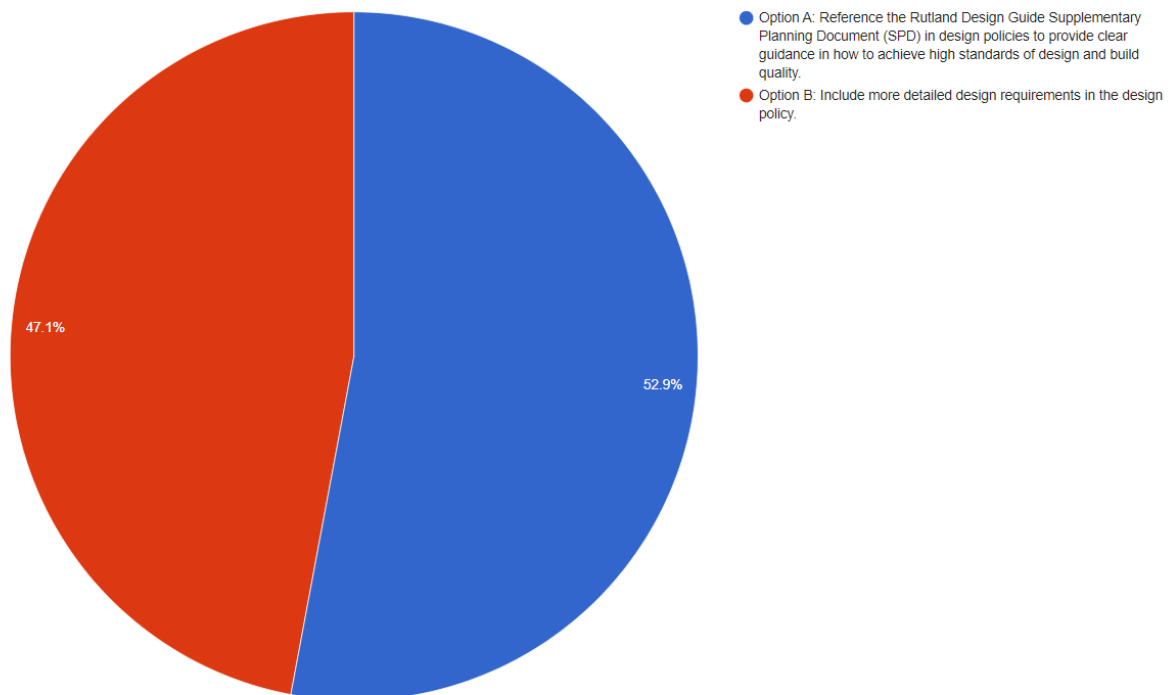
Question 43 – Which option do you consider to be most appropriate to include in the Rutland Local Plan?

● Option A: Reference the Rutland Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) in design policies to provide clear guidance in how to achieve high standards of design and build quality.
● Option B: Include more detailed design requirements in the design policy.

- There were 100 responses to this question;
- 54 (52.9%)respondents agreed with the approach proposed;
- 48 (47.1%) respondents disagreed with the approach proposed.

Question 44
Do you have any additional suggestions or comments about how the Local Plan can help to ensure that new development is well designed and encourages active and healthy lifestyles?

There were a number of comments received in response to the question and the key issues can be summarised as follows:

- Support for the aspiration to achieve high design standards in Rutland in line with objectives of the NPPF that includes design policy to support health and wellbeing of residents and ensuring new development is resilient to climate change.
- Additional design requirements could be set out for specific policy areas and additional design criteria could be included for large developments.
- More detailed matters should be set out in the Design SPD with this subject to updates and amendments as required. In principle, reliance on the SPD is a more appropriate approach to design through the Local Plan as it can be provide a degree of flexibility and is able to be updated between Plan reviews
- Design policies should not be overly prescriptive and should allow for some flexibility and innovation.
- Water efficiency policy to ensure proposals meet an appropriate water efficiency standard in new homes
- Ensure the provision of and access to green space as this vital for health and well-being.

- Suggested that a similar approach of identifying key design principles for the larger site allocations could be used like in the withdrawn Local Plan. However more detailed matters should be set out in the Design SPD.
- It should be standard that the Active Design from Sport England and Building for a Healthy Life are linked to.
- Any current Neighbourhood Plans should be referred to when an applicant is looking at design.

Next Steps

- Develop design policies which reference the Design Guide SPD to ensure it can continue to be used
- Reference emerging carbon zero development policy and proposals within design policies
- To use appropriate evidence and take account of all comments made through the Issues and Options consultation to prepare policies and proposals for the "Preferred Options" Local Plan, which will be subject to public consultation.

Issue 9: Conserving and enhancing Rutland's historic assets

Strategic Objective 6 Protecting and enhancing Rutland's varied and high-quality environment, including its natural landscapes, green infrastructure and biodiversity, as well as its rich historic built environment and cultural assets.

Question 45- Possible policy approach for the protection of historical assets

Which option(s) do you consider to be most appropriate to include in the Rutland Local Plan?

Option A: To refresh and update local policy further in line with the NPPF including a strategic policy for the conservation and enhancement of the built and historic environment.

Option B: To resource the updating of the historic environment evidence base including conservation area management plans and appraisals and identified assets of local historic importance.

Option C: To consider the wider use of Article 4 Directions (which can be used to remove some development rights) to help control the erosion of an area's heritage and character.

Question 45 – Which option(s) do you consider to be most appropriate to include in the Rutland Local Plan?

- Option A: To refresh and update local policy further in line with the NPPF including a strategic policy for the conservation and enhancement of the built and historic environment.
- Option B: To resource the updating of the historic environment evidence base including conservation area management plans and appraisals and identified assets of local historic importance.
- Option C: To consider the wider use of Article 4 Directions (which can be used to remove some development rights) to help control the erosion of an area's heritage and character.

- 66 (45.8%) respondents supported option A;
- 43 (29.9%) respondents supported option B;
- 35 (24.3%) respondents supported option C.

Question 46

Do you have any additional suggestions or comments about how the Local Plan can help conserve and enhance Rutland's historic assets?

There were a number of comments received in response to this and the previous question and the key issues can be summarised as follows:

- The future Policy needs to ensure that the wording within the NPPF and PPG's is replicated, the setting around a historic asset is also something to be protected and needs to be highlighted within the policy.
- The need to review the Conservation Areas was mentioned, as in many instances, changes to the boundary could help preserve the historic assets Rutland already has, alongside this, a review of Listed Buildings could be beneficial a there are several older buildings within Rutland that do not hold Listed status.
- Finally, the demand for support in a sympathetic upgrading of Listed Buildings and historic assets to become more energy efficient and sustainable is encouraged.

Next Steps

- To use appropriate evidence and take account of all comments made through the Issues and Options consultation to prepare policies and proposals for the "Preferred Options" Local Plan, which will be subject to public consultation.

Issue 10: Protecting and enhancing the County's biodiversity, wildlife habitats, green and blue infrastructure, and open spaces

Strategic Objective 6: Protecting and enhancing Rutland's varied and high-quality environment, including its natural landscapes, green infrastructure and biodiversity, as well as its rich historic built environment and cultural assets.

Biodiversity

Question 47 Biodiversity

Which option do you consider to be most appropriate to include in the Rutland Local Plan?

Option A: Review and update existing Local Plan policies to take full account of national planning policy and guidance, and the Environment Act, (this would include a clear statement of the mitigation hierarchy; the requirement for 10% net gain in biodiversity; and support for the development of a Local Nature Recovery Strategy covering Rutland as it relates to requirements from new development.)

Option B: Consider a mapping exercise to record a biodiversity baseline for Rutland and identify locations where there are opportunities to improve or restore existing wildlife habitat and create new habitat to strengthen the ecological network across the plan area.
This would help provide guidance on how Rutland County Council can meet the requirement of the Environment Act.

Question 47 – Which option do you consider to be most appropriate to include in the Rutland Local Plan?

- Option A: Review and update existing Local Plan policies to take full account of national planning policy and guidance, and the Environment Act
- Option B: Consider a mapping exercise to record a biodiversity baseline for Rutland and identify locations where there are opportunities to improve or restore existing wildlife habitat and create new habitat to strengthen the ecological network across the plan area.

35.2%

64.8%
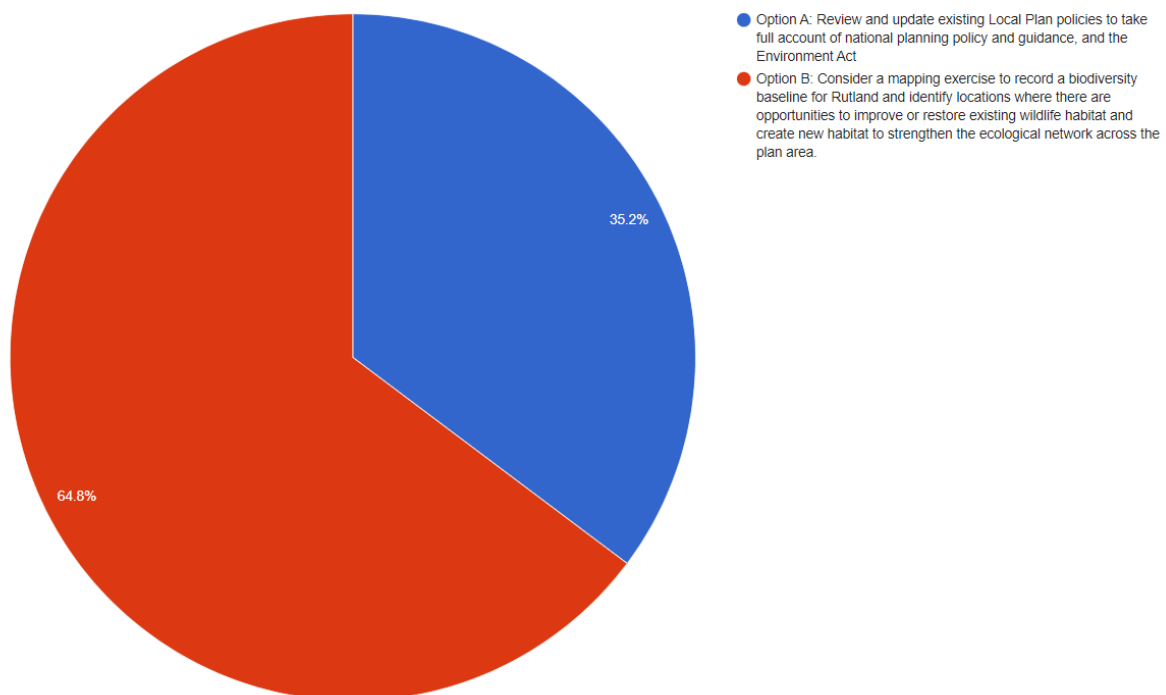
- There were 105 responses to this question;
- 37 (35%) supporting option A;
- 68 (65%) supporting option B.

There were a number of comments received in response to the question and the key issues can be summarised as follows:

- The Council are required to refer to the Local Nature Recovery Strategy as part of its drive for nature recovery.
- The Council's Viability Assessment should provide a sufficiently robust assessment of the impacts of biodiversity net gain on housebuilding.
- A combination of Option A and B is therefore supported to ensure existing opportunities for biodiversity net gain and ecological enhancements are optimised, whilst ensuring the Local Plan Review is kept up-to-date and consistent with the requirements of national policy
- Consider a mapping exercise to record a biodiversity baseline for Rutland and identify locations where there are opportunities to improve or restore existing wildlife habitat and create new habitat to strengthen the ecological network across the plan area

Next Steps

- New biodiversity evidence has been commissioned – this include a mapping exercise
- Continue to work with colleagues at Leicestershire County Council to progress preferred approach to delivering Biodiversity Net gain and Local Nature Recovery Strategy
- To use appropriate evidence and take account of all comments made through the Issues and Options consultation to prepare policies and proposals for the "Preferred Options" Local Plan, which will be subject to public consultation.
- To ensure the Sustainability Appraisal appraise the social, environmental, and economic effects of the emerging plan from the outset and through its various stages of production.

Open Spaces, Green and Blue Infrastructure

Question 48 Options for Open spaces

Which option(s) do you consider to be most appropriate to include in the Rutland Local Plan? Option A: Continue with existing approach which includes a standard for open space provision by large scale developments and update the evidence base. The withdrawn Local Plan set out the updated provision standards per 1000 population for each type of open space. This is a well-established approach and would be supported by updated Open Space Assessment evidence. The policy also sets out standards regarding the accessibility and quality of the open space provision. Future needs would also be derived from the latest Playing Pitch Strategy (or equivalent) for sports related facilities.

Option B: Set no specific standards but require provision to be delivered in line with the Council's most up to date evidence. This approach would help to future proof the policy throughout the life span of the Local Plan (given that Sport England recommend that open space and playing pitch evidence is updated every 3 years).

Option C: Set out additional development criteria for new green infrastructure provision. Alongside either Option A or B, additional criteria could be developed which sets out requirements of open space provision. For example, this could include making sure that it is located to maximise its accessibility for all or designed to encourage different groups of people to exercise

Question 48 – Which option(s) do you consider to be most appropriate to include in the Rutland Local Plan?
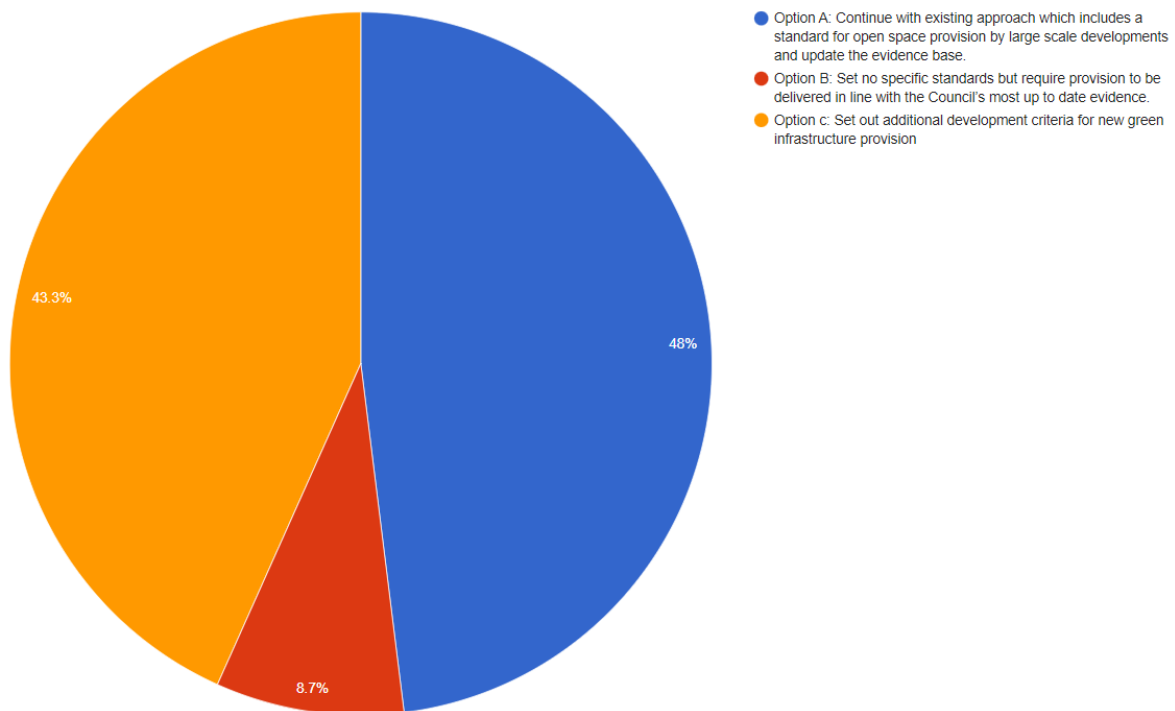

● Option A: Continue with existing approach which includes a standard for open space provision by large scale developments and update the evidence base.
● Option B: Set no specific standards but require provision to be delivered in line with the Council's most up to date evidence.
● Option c: Set out additional development criteria for new green infrastructure provision

- 61 (48%) respondents supported option A;
- 11 (9%) respondents supported option B;
- 55 (43%) respondents supported option C.

Question 49 Options for the protection of Green and Blue Infrastructure

Which option do you consider to be most appropriate to include in the Rutland Local Plan?

Option A: Continue with existing policy approach to protect identified open space and sports facilities from development.
Local Plan policy sets out that the existing green infrastructure network will be safeguarded, improved and enhanced by further provision to ensure accessible multi-functional green spaces by linking existing areas of open space identified open space and sports facilities.

Option B: Develop a Green and Blue Infrastructure (GBI) strategy for the protection, enhancement and management of the Green and Blue Infrastructure network.
Identify and map the GBI assets of Rutland. Strengthen the existing policy approach by developing a strategy to establish potential opportunities to protect and improve the management of green and blue infrastructure assets, establish a network of multi-functional green space and create new linkages between existing assets.

Question 49 – Which option do you consider to be most appropriate to include in the Rutland Local Plan?

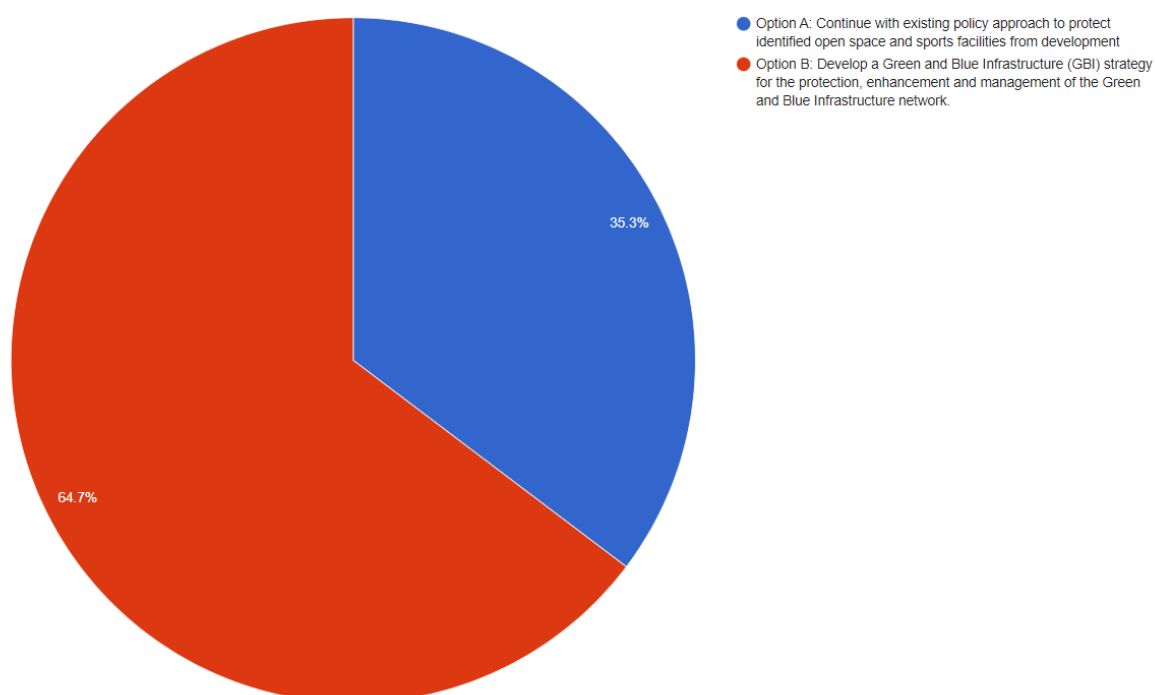- ● Option A: Continue with existing policy approach to protect identified open space and sports facilities from development
- ● Option B: Develop a Green and Blue Infrastructure (GBI) strategy for the protection, enhancement and management of the Green and Blue Infrastructure network.

- There were 102 responses to this question;
- 36 (35%) supporting option A;
- 66 (65%) supporting option B.

There were a number of comments received in response to the question and the key issues can be summarised as the principle of utilising the provision of open space and Green Infrastructure to complement each other is broadly supported. This will help to ensure that the Green Infrastructure network is improved and enhanced

Next Steps

- Green /Blue Infrastructure Strategy (including Playing Pitch Strategy has been commissioned to inform the preferred approach and policies
- Use appropriate evidence and take account of all comments made through the Issues and Options consultation to prepare policies and proposals for the "Preferred Options" Local Plan, which will be subject to public consultation.
- To prepare an Infrastructure Delivery Plan to assess the impact of future development on infrastructure and to develop proposals to mitigate such impacts
- To ensure the Sustainability Appraisal appraise the social, environmental, and economic effects of the emerging plan from the outset and through its various stages of production

Question 50
Do you have any additional suggestions or comments about how the Local Plan can help protect and enhance the County's biodiversity, wildlife habitats, green and blue infrastructure, and open spaces?

There were a number of comments received in response to the question and the key issues can be summarised as follows:

- Consider public Rights of Way and informal off road networks
- Safeguarding areas should only cover the extent of mineral deposits and not include any built up areas
- Establish buffer zones for extraction areas to protect existing housing (suggestion given of 500m or 800m)
- Limit extraction to that needed by the county only
- Policy controls over enforcement, extraction rates, future mineral extraction locations
- Environmental protection (noise, dust, traffic, residential and public amenities)
- Minimize /elimination of environmental impacts
- Restoration and biodiversity enhancement
- Transport impact
- Site security and fencing
- Look at alternatives to extraction – alternative building materials, reuse and reduction
- Importance of using local stone supply for historic buildings
- Monitoring and enforcement of mineral extraction rates
- If A1 is upgraded to motorway standard it will require large amount of limestone so local provision should be made for this to be accessed directly from the A1
- Apply national standards
- Aim for carbon neutral cement production - carbon footprint of cement industry accounts for more than flying or shipping globally
- Expand Ketton cement east and west and utilize mined area for industrial units and road infrastructure
- Transporting extracted material must not blight local communities with heavy lorries.
- Include sufficient flexibility in policies to allow for unforeseen demand over the plan period
- Continue to protect mineral reserves from development using mineral safeguarding areas

Issue 11: Addressing minerals and waste requirements alongside environmental considerations

Strategic Objective 11: Ensuring a steady and adequate supply of minerals to meet national, regional and local needs whilst taking account of impacts on environments and local communities.

Minerals

Question 51 Supply and demand for minerals
Do you have any views on factors that may impact on the supply and demand for mineral resources in Rutland that should be taken into account as part of preparing the Local Plan?

Question 52 Efficient and sustainable use of minerals
Do you have any views on how the most efficient and sustainable use of minerals resources can be secured through the Local Plan?

There were a number of comments received in response to the question and the key issues can be summarised as follows:

- Emphasis should be on reuse and recycling of aggregates and building stone (although use of such materials may require a permit or exemption (Environment Agency)
- Update Local Aggregates Assessment annually
- Cement industry to reduce use of fossil fuel by using more solar and wind power and energy storage
- Co-location of mineral extraction and construction recycling facilities
- Recognition of demolition and excavation waste
- Utilize clay overburden where minerals extracted beneath
- Employ an RCC minerals officer
- Long term (50 year) planning
- Buffer zones to built up areas/ environmental assets such as woods and SSSIs
- Safeguard processing plan at Ketton Cement
- Protecting reserves for future generations

Question 53 Safeguarding minerals resources
Do you have any comments on the approach that the Local Plan should take towards safeguarding mineral resources and infrastructure, specifically:

a. Which of Rutland's mineral resources do you consider should be safeguarded in the Local Plan?

b. Should defined Mineral Safeguarding Areas cover the full extent of the available resources or should it exclude built up areas?

c. Should buffer zones around Mineral Safeguarding Areas be used and should there be any distinction made between different mineral resources and the buffer distances that apply? Suggestions are welcomed regarding the extent of buffer zones.

d. Which, if any, mineral-related infrastructure in Rutland should be considered for safeguarding in the Local Plan?

There were a number of comments received in response to the question and the key issues can be summarised as follows:

a. Which of Rutland's mineral resources do you consider should be safeguarded in the Local Plan?

- Limestone
- Colleyweston stone
- Sand and gravel reserves
- Local materials for local use
- Rutland must not allow fracking for oil and gas reserves
- Existing quarries
- Minerals to support cement industry

b. Should defined Mineral Safeguarding Areas cover the full extent of the available resources or should it exclude built up areas?

- Protecting reserves for future generations
- exclude built up areas and an adequate buffer
- include the reserves not just for the plan period but also for future generations
- current unviable reserves should be protected
- exclude built up areas from safeguarding
- large limestone deposit available so do not need to safeguard it all

c. Should buffer zones around Mineral Safeguarding Areas be used and should there be any distinction made between different mineral resources and the buffer distances that apply? Suggestions are welcomed regarding the extent of buffer zones.

- Buffer zones to built up areas/ environmental assets such as woods and SSSIs
- 500 m buffer zones to protect human health and environment
- 800m from nearest residential properties
- 250 buffer suggested for all mineral resources
- Use buffer zones and safeguarding areas buffer zone 3 miles
- 1 mile
- Determined on case by case basis
- adequate buffer zones is vitally important in protecting human health and the environment from the adverse effects of quarrying activities
- buffer zones to avoid any other new development being carried out with the potential of the reserve failing at planning due to the impact on that new development
- no buffer zones around Mineral Safeguarding Areas

d. Which, if any, mineral-related infrastructure in Rutland should be considered for safeguarding in the Local Plan?

- Safeguard processing plan at Ketton Cement

- St George's Barracks buffered from proposed housing

Question 54 Managing the impact of mineral development
Which option do you consider to be most appropriate to include in the Rutland Local Plan?

Option A: Set out specific policies in the Local Plan for managing the impacts of mineral development on the wider environment and the restoration/after-use of mineral workings.

Option B: Set out general policies in the Local Plan for managing the impacts of all forms of development, that proposals for mineral extraction would also need to address, with separate policies to address matters such as restoration which are specific to minerals development.

Option C: Do not include specific policies on managing the impacts of mineral development on the wider environment and the restoration/after-use of mineral workings. This would result in us relying on higher-level national planning policy.
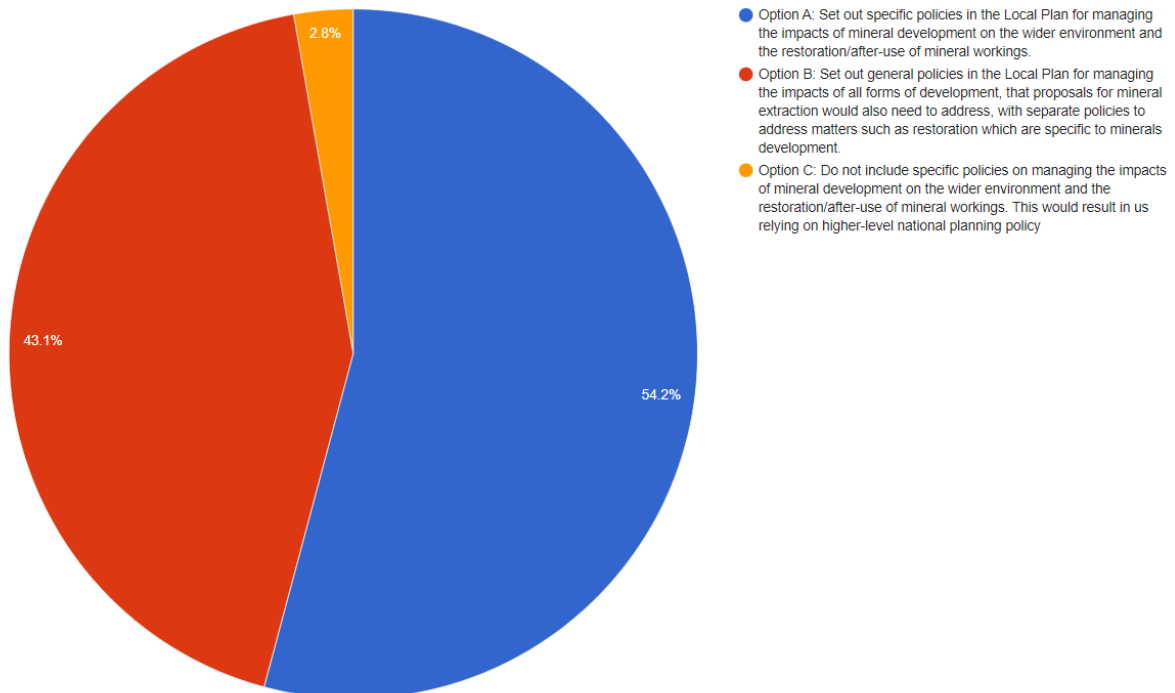

Question 54 – Which option do you consider to be most appropriate to include in the Rutland Local Plan?

- Option A: Set out specific policies in the Local Plan for managing the impacts of mineral development on the wider environment and the restoration/after-use of mineral workings.
- Option B: Set out general policies in the Local Plan for managing the impacts of all forms of development, that proposals for mineral extraction would also need to address, with separate policies to address matters such as restoration which are specific to minerals development.
- Option C: Do not include specific policies on managing the impacts of mineral development on the wider environment and the restoration/after-use of mineral workings. This would result in us relying on higher-level national planning policy

- There were 72 responses to this question;
- 39 (54%) supporting option A;
- 31 (43%) supporting option B;
- 2 (3%) supporting option C.

Waste

> **Question 55 Minimising waste**
> **Do you have any comments on how the Local Plan should seek to meet Rutland's waste management needs?**

There were a number of comments received in response to the question and the key issues can be summarised as follows:

- a framework and help to residents and businesses to gradually move as far up the hierarchy as possible, focusing on prevention and recycling
- provision of a local Waste Transfer Station
- wider range of waste should be stored at civic sites
- Rutland residents should be able to purchase for a small price some selected and re-usable waste.
- Collect food waste separately.
- Provide public bins that have separate compartments for recycling and other waste
- A bigger variety of recycling bins for private properties
- Initiate a scheme to supply composting bins to households at low cost.
- Education - rubbish roadshows/'clinics' in libraries, sports and other clubs, village halls, youth clubs' and schools etc
- Promote and support a mobile refill shop eg Refill Revolution, visiting Rutland villages.
- The costs of exporting waste (out of county) to be recycled or disposed of must also be a consideration
- Clearly reflect RCC vision to redefine its relationship with waste
- Increase the opening hours of Cottesmore Waste Recycling Centre
- Better information on policies and rules - too much is left to the individual household to decide, which leads to apathy, waste and incorrect recycling
- Continue existing policies and improve where possible
- consider ways to minimise, reuse, recycle waste and treat beneficially (e.g., anaerobic digestion and perhaps supplying heat/electricity to any neighbouring community
- using the most up to date, efficient methods
- copying the Spanish way of dealing with waste - households do not have individual bins there are rows of different category bins in each street so residents have to split/sort their waste and take it out to the bins
- alternative approach is needed to encourage and facilitate net self-sufficiency – this should be set out in Objective 10
- Adequate space on new developments for bins
- Cut plastic use as much as possible in shops and packaging and discourage use of plastic bottle
- Carry out evidence-based study to understand how much waste will need to be managed in the future
- electrical collection system
- a free large item service as travelling long distances to recycling centres is expensive and wasteful of fuel … and this would diminish fly tipping

Question 56 Options for Identifying Sites for Waste Management
Which option do you consider to be most appropriate to include in the Rutland Local Plan?

Option A: Identify specific sites or locations in the Local Plan for sustainable waste management facilities.

Option B: Use criteria-based policies to ensure that sustainable waste management facilities are developed in the most sustainable and appropriate locations.

Option C: Do not include any specific sites/locations or criteria-based policies and rely on national policy
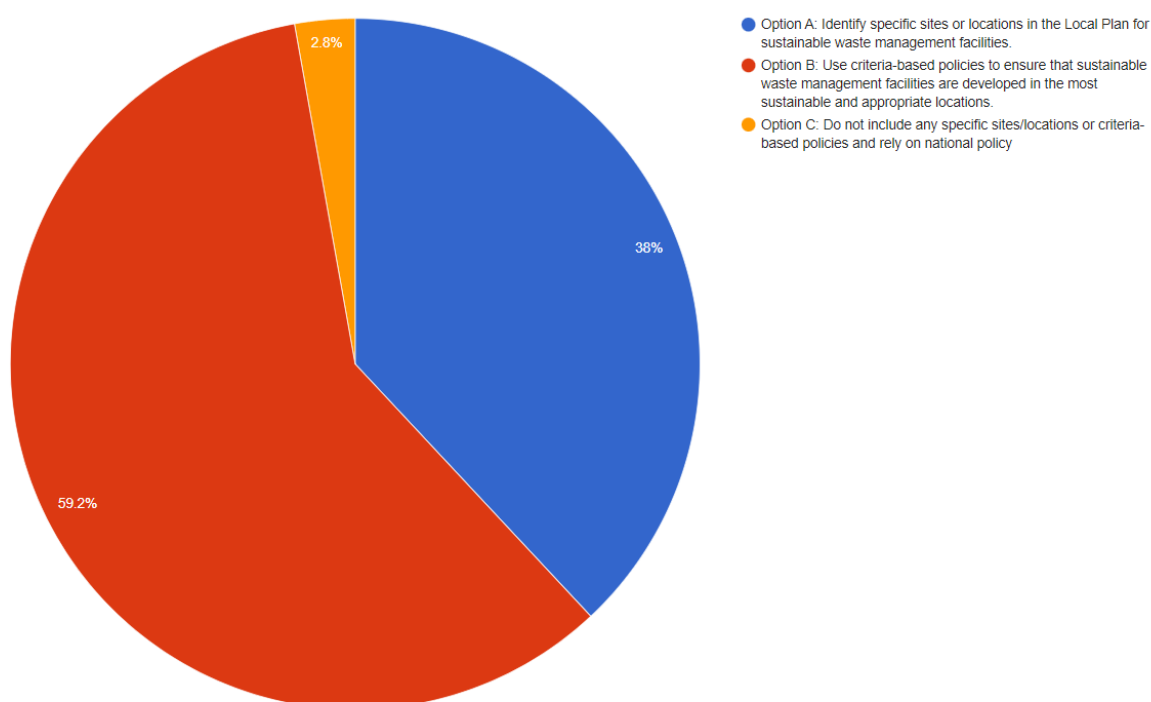
Question 56 – Which option do you consider to be most appropriate to include in the Rutland Local Plan?


- Option A: Identify specific sites or locations in the Local Plan for sustainable waste management facilities.
- Option B: Use criteria-based policies to ensure that sustainable waste management facilities are developed in the most sustainable and appropriate locations.
- Option C: Do not include any specific sites/locations or criteria-based policies and rely on national policy

- There were 71 responses to this question;
- 27 (38%) supporting option A;
- 42 (59%) supporting option B;
- 2 (3%) supporting option C.

Question 57 Options for Managing the Impact of Waste Development

Option A: Set out specific policies in the Local Plan for managing the impacts of waste development on the wider environment.

Option B: Do not include specific policies on managing the impacts of waste development on the wider environment and rely on higher-level national planning policy.

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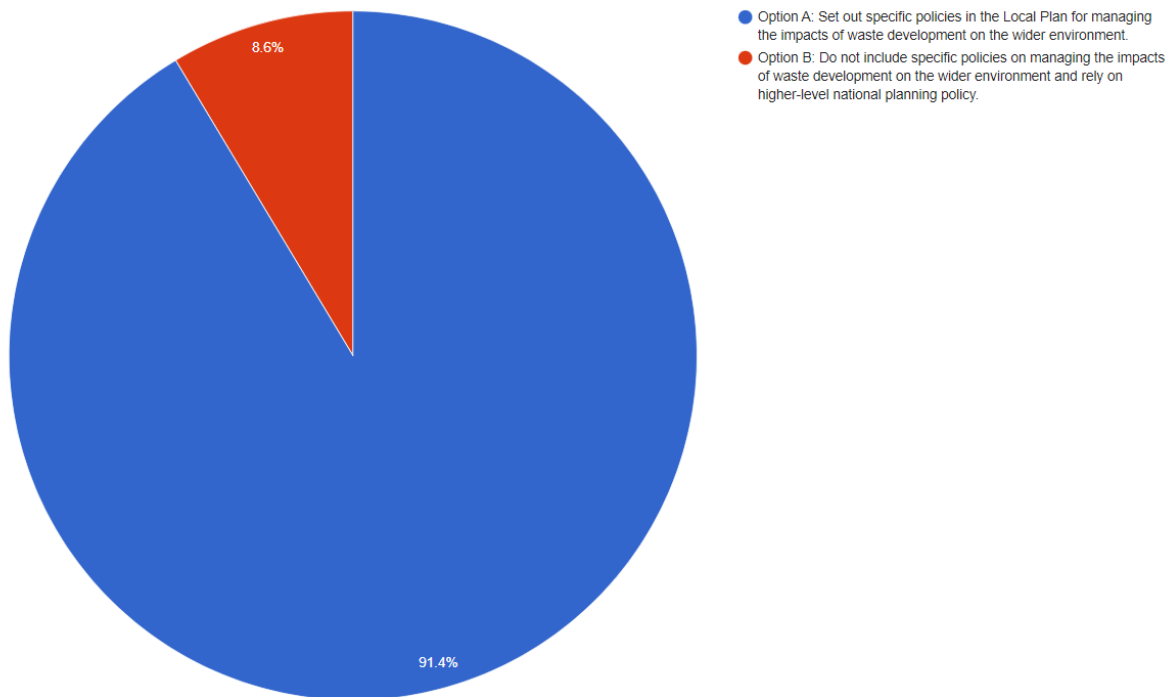
- There were 55 responses to this question;
- 53 (91.4%) supporting option A;
- 5 (8.6%) supporting option B.

Question 58
Do you have any additional suggestions or comments for addressing minerals and waste requirements in the Local Plan?

There were a number of comments received in response to the question and the key issues can be summarised as follows:

- Allocate sites with buffer zones for waste management facilities
- Sub-regional waste disposal at Woolfox
- Training the public on how to reduce waste
- Food waste scheme
- System to recycle "green" packaging
- Ensure protection of aquifers and groundwater
- Regard to land contamination and risk management
- Make landfill sites visible to promote waste reduction

Next Steps

- Working with North Northamptonshire Council Mineral Planning Team to develop the policy framework for minerals and waste

- Carry out site assessments of areas proposed for mineral and waste development through the Call for Sites
- To use appropriate evidence and take account of all comments made through the Issues and Options consultation to prepare policies and proposals for the "Preferred Options" Local Plan, which will be subject to public consultation.
- To prepare an Infrastructure Delivery Plan to assess the impact of future development on infrastructure and to develop proposals to mitigate such impacts
- To ensure the Sustainability Appraisal appraise the social, environmental, and economic effects of the emerging plan from the outset and through its various stages of production

Issue 12: Ensuring development is supported by essential infrastructure and services

Strategic Objective 12: Ensuring development is supported by essential infrastructure and services and promotes safe movement and more sustainable modes of travel by enhancing greener travel networks for walking, cycling and public transport.

Question 59 Options for funding Infrastructure improvements
Which option do you consider to be most appropriate to include in the Rutland Local Plan?

Option A: Continue with a dispersed strategy for new development and allocate CIL funding to projects across the County.
This will spread the available funding to more places but will spread it more thinly meaning that there may not be sufficient funds to fund everything. It will also make it more difficult to deliver strategic approach to infrastructure investment**.**

Option B: focus new development in a single location where the benefits of infrastructure investment can be concentrated.
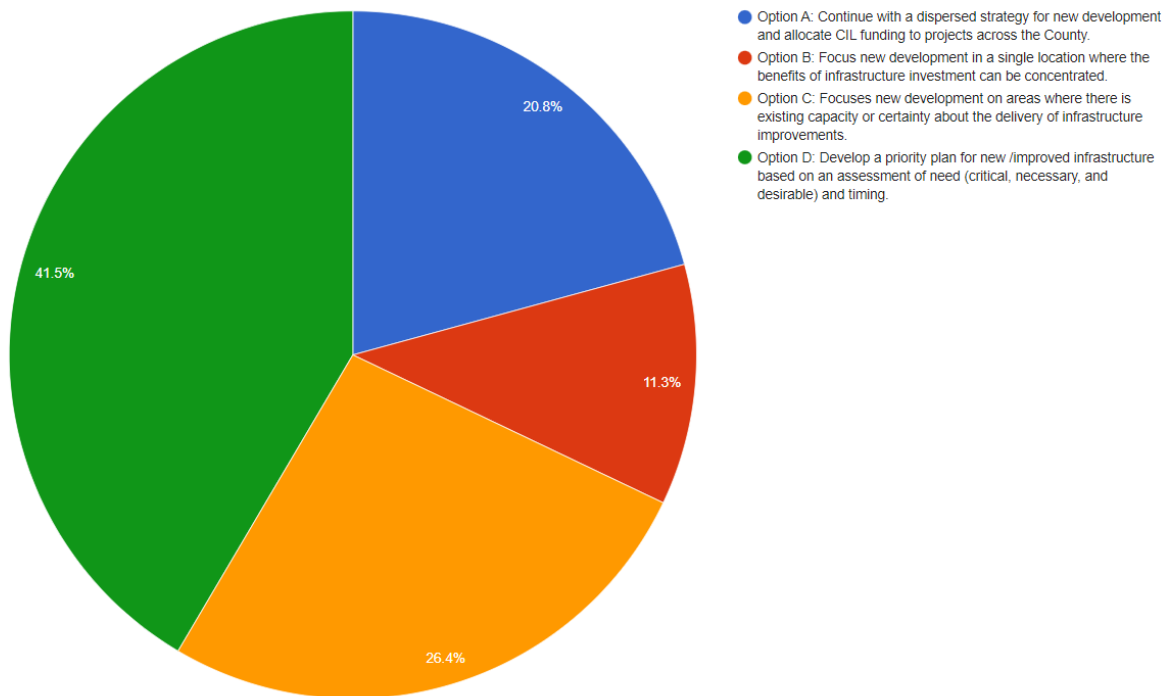Economies of scale would mean that new/improved education, healthcare and utility infrastructure could be provided as part of a major development concentrating funds in a single location and reducing pressure on existing infrastructure elsewhere in the county.

Option C: focuses new development on areas where there is existing capacity or certainty about the delivery of infrastructure improvements.
This would result in an infrastructure led approach to the selection of development sites and settlement hierarchy.

Option D: Develop a priority plan for new /improved infrastructure based on an assessment of need (critical, necessary, and desirable) and timing. This would recognise that CIL funding alone is not sufficient to deliver all infrastructure improvements and will help to focus the investment plans of other agencies and support funding bids to government and other agencies.

Question 59 – Which option do you consider to be most appropriate to include in the Rutland Local Plan?

- ● Option A: Continue with a dispersed strategy for new development and allocate CIL funding to projects across the County.
- ● Option B: Focus new development in a single location where the benefits of infrastructure investment can be concentrated.
- ● Option C: Focuses new development on areas where there is existing capacity or certainty about the delivery of infrastructure improvements.
- ● Option D: Develop a priority plan for new /improved infrastructure based on an assessment of need (critical, necessary, and desirable) and timing.

- There were 106 responses to this question;
- 22 responses (21%) supporting option A;
- 12 Responses (11%) supporting option B;
- 28 Responses (26%) supporting option C;
- 44 Responses (42%) supporting option D.

There were a number of comments received that these options are not mutually exclusive, and consideration should be given to a combined approach of B, C and D

Question 60: Prioritisation of Infrastructure

If the Council has to prioritise its spending on infrastructure which of the following requirements should be given priority?

- **Affordable Housing**
- **Schools**
- **Healthcare**
- **Open space**
- **Leisure facilities**
- **Cultural facilities**
- **Road improvements**
- **Public transport**

Question 60: If the Council has to prioritise its spending on infrastructure which of the following requirements should be given priority?

Legend:
- Public Transport
- Road Improvements
- Cultural Facilities
- Leisure Facilities
- Open Space
- Healthcare
- Schools
- Affordable Housing
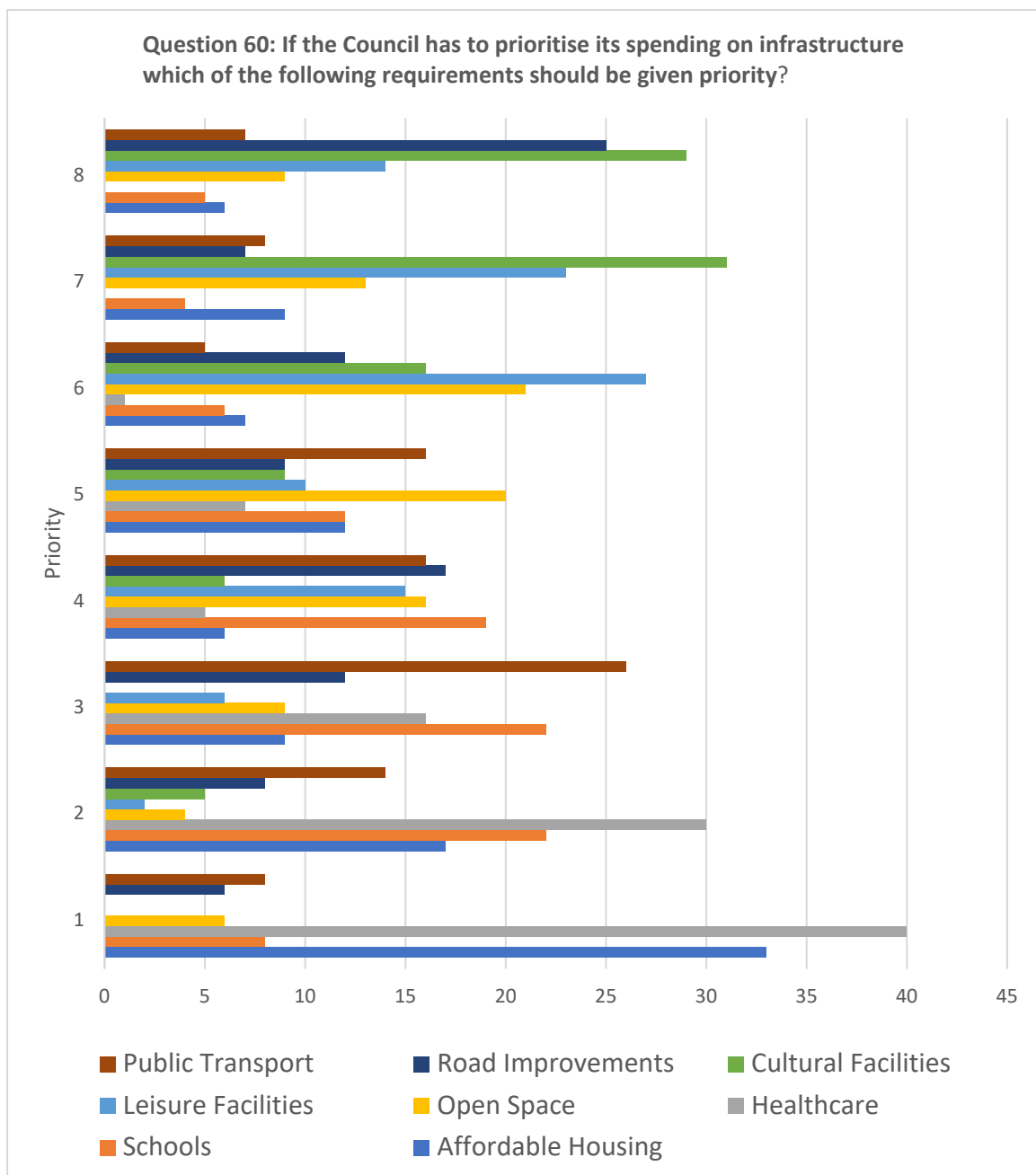
The graph above sets out how many respondents prioritized the eight facilities identified as priority 1 (from the bottom of the graph) to 8 (at the top of the graph). So, most respondents prioritized healthcare and affordable housing as priority number 1; whilst cultural facilities and road improvements were put as priority 8 by most respondents. Following this graph would imply overall the following prioritization of the eight facilities:

1. Healthcare
2. Affordable Housing
3. Schools
4. Public transport
5. Open space
6. Leisure facilities
7. Cultural facilities
8. Road improvements

Comments were also made that affordable housing should not be seen as infrastructure but as part of the housing mix. And the following were suggested should be included as infrastructure in this list:

- Water supply and wastewater
- Green/Blue infrastructure
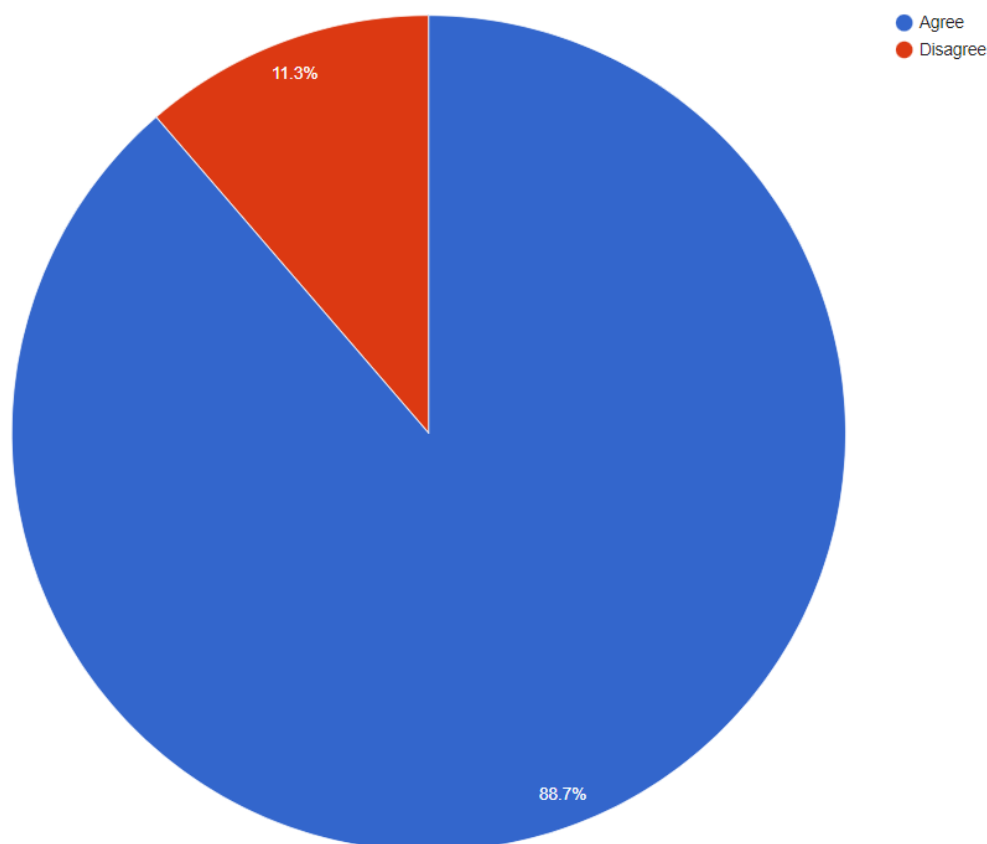- Digital infrastructure

Next Steps

- To prepare an Infrastructure Delivery Plan to assess the impact of future development on infrastructure and to develop proposals to mitigate such impacts

- To use appropriate evidence and take account of all comments made through the Issues and Options consultation to prepare policies and proposals for the "Preferred Options" Local Plan, which will be subject to public consultation.

Question 61
Ensuring new development includes on-site infrastructure and services

Do you think the new Local Plan should include development requirements for each allocated site?

Question 61 – Do you think the new Local Plan should include development requirements for each allocated site?

- There were 97 responses to this question;
- 86 (89%) respondents agreed with the approach proposed;
- 11 (11%) respondents disagreed with the approach proposed.

Next Steps

- To sift and assess sites submitted through the Call for Sites in order to allocate the right amount of development in the right places to meet identified needs.
- To ensure the Sustainability Appraisal appraise the social, environmental, and economic effects of the emerging plan from the outset and through its various stages of production.
- To prepare an Infrastructure Delivery Plan to assess the impact of future development on infrastructure and to develop proposals to mitigate such impacts

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Question 62

Do you have any additional suggestions or comments about how the Local Plan can ensure that new development is supported by essential infrastructure and services?

A large number of suggestions were made about how new development should be supported by infrastructure and services, as summarized below:

- Use multifunctional infrastructure solutions such as road improvements which are designed to provide flood storage and carbon sequestration
- Funding of multi-user network of rights of way off road.
- Development proposals to be aligned with the health and wellbeing strategy
- Proposals be required to show how meet the Local Plan Vision
- Local on-site shop for developments of 300+ houses
- Development proposals demonstrate they have adequate electric, water and sewage services in place
- Allocate site for a bus depot in Rutland
- New homes to have 2+ parking spaces, bike storage, wheelie bin storage, outdoor washing lines
- Provide social housing as well as affordable housing
- Reference Neighbourhood Plans and their priorities for infrastructure improvements
- Regular (every 30 mins) bus service to the Local Service Centres
- Infrastructure before housing
- Create local jobs
- Prompt preparation of an IDP to establish priorities and funding

Next Steps

- To use appropriate evidence and take account of all comments made through the Issues and Options consultation to prepare policies and proposals for the "Preferred Options" Local Plan, which will be subject to public consultation.

- To prepare an Infrastructure Delivery Plan to assess the impact of future development on infrastructure and to develop proposals to mitigate such impacts

- To prepare a whole Plan viability study to assess the cumulative impact of policies on the viability and deliverability of development