

# BLETSOE PARISH COUNCIL

August 2020

Dear Parishioner

## **Bedford Borough Local Plan Review**

<https://www.bedford.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy-its-purpose/local-plan/>

The Parish Council is currently compiling a response to Bedford Borough Council on their Issues and Options for the Local Plan Review. Alongside an individual response there will also be a joint **submission** from other North Bedfordshire Parish Councils. **This response** is being drawn up by an official planner in coordination with Councillors.

As well as the Parish Council responding to the Borough it would be extremely advantageous if residents could respond individually as well. **CPRE Bedford has** already made a response and this might be useful to you in compiling your **own**. You can find it on the following link <https://www.cprebeds.org.uk/news/issues-and-options/>

The link to the Borough consultation response which you can complete or write an email / letter can be found **here:** <https://bedford.oc2.uk/document/1>

Please support your Parish Council by making your views known.

The issues and Options Consultation and Call for Sites published by the Borough requested for potential development to be submitted by August 14th 2020 and for the Issues and Options Consultation responses to be submitted by [4th September 2020](#).

This document contains suggestions for significant growth in the North Bedfordshire area which will have a significant impact on all of our residents. The current proposal includes:

- Three 'garden villages' at Twinwoods, Thurleigh and Colworth, with 4,500 - 6,000 houses each
- There is an additional urban development site at Wymington which we understand the Borough considers may have the scope for a potential new station.
- All of these sites will be adding to the already busy A6
- The Mayor and his team are looking to build up to c. 20,000 homes in the Borough during the period up to 2040/45 and only a relatively small number of 1,000 is proposed at the old Stewartby brickworks south of Bedford.
- It would appear that they are intending to put the majority of the new homes in our area.

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<https://bedford.oc2.uk/document/1>. **Deadline date is 4 September.**