



**Your Plans, Your Elmbridge, Your Say!**  
**Consultation on Settlement Investment and Development Plans and  
Development Management Plan – 8 April to 20 May 2013**

**Why are we consulting?**

- We want people's views - nothing is set in stone - no decisions have been made
- To embrace the Government's approach to localism and neighbourhood planning – empowering communities to get involved in decisions about their local areas
- To ensure the Plans reflect the wishes of local communities as far as possible

**What are the Settlement Investment and Development Plans?**

The Settlement Investment and Development Plans will identify:

- Key sites for the delivery of housing, commercial and community development
- Pitches for Gypsies and Travellers
- Schools and colleges where there are opportunities for expansion
- Open spaces that need to be protected and some earmarked for enhancement
- Employment land that should remain as such because of its strategic importance
- Infrastructure improvements and priorities

**What is the Development Management Plan?**

- Day-to-day policies to proactively manage development
- Policies will be used to assess planning applications and enforcement action, alongside the Core Strategy and National Planning Policy Framework

**Why is it good to plan in this way?**

A plan led approach:

- Allows the Council to take a strong leadership role that will steer and shape development;
- Supports the delivery of the Core Strategy and local housing targets and enables the Council to maintain local control over decision-making.
- Provides opportunities to protect valued open spaces, the Green Belt and direct investment in improved infrastructure where it is needed most
- Delivers development of a type and within locations that are considered to be most appropriate.
- Provides an up-to-date, locally specific policy framework to replace those in the Replacement Elmbridge Borough Local Plan 2000
- Addresses any gaps or new issues arising from the publication of the National Planning Policy Framework
- Focuses on working proactively to ensure the right development is delivered rather than needing to control poor development.

### What are the ground rules?

- Plans need to provide for growth – they can steer development and set out plans for more development than set out in the Core Strategy but not less
- No development is not an option
- Plans must accord with the National Planning Policy Framework

### What are the alternatives?

- Sit back and wait for development to come, not knowing where, when or how much - a sure way to create uncertainty and 'lag' with regards to infrastructure provision and fail to plan properly for the future of our local areas.
- Prepare a Neighbourhood Plan – remember this can steer development and plan for growth but cannot restrict development.

### How have we engaged with the community so far?

- Held workshops in each of the eight settlement areas during August and September 2012. Over 150 people attended.
- All the notes from the workshops are available on the website – [www.elmbridge.gov.uk/planning/policy](http://www.elmbridge.gov.uk/planning/policy) and have been taken into account in preparing the Plans.

### When and how are we consulting on the plans?

- Initial drafts for consultation – no decisions have been made at this stage
- Consulting for 6-week period between **8 April 2013 and 20 May 2013**.
- Roadshows in each area.
- Further details will be available on the website including dates for the roadshows – [www.elmbridge.gov.uk/planning/policy](http://www.elmbridge.gov.uk/planning/policy)

### What are we asking people to do?

- Let us know what you like, what you don't like, and where improvements can be made
  - Use our new on line consultation portal to make responses – <http://consult.elmbridge.gov.uk>

### What are we planning to do next?

- Compile all comments received and decide the best way forward. All comments will be taken into account and the Council's response will be made available in a public 'Consultation Statement'.
- Need to be mindful that plans must support and plan positively for growth and be realistic about delivery
- If a significant review is considered necessary we will re-consult – see timetable options below

Stage in the process	Dates	Re-consultation necessary - alternative dates
Publication	November 2013	Summer 2014
Submission for independent examination	December 2013	Autumn 2014
Adoption	Autumn 2014	End of 2014