

Runnymede Local Development Framework

Key Issues – Draft Questionnaire 12/05/04

1. Long-Term Vision – what should Runnymede be like in future – beyond 2016? Please number up to three preferred options with one being most preferred, two second and three third.
 - In general, we should continue existing patterns of development
 - We should provide for additional housing by developing our reserve sites, and other green belt land if required.
 - We should meet our development needs by increasing the density of development throughout the urban (non-green belt) part of the Borough).
 - We should concentrate new development in our town centres.
 - We should provide for our development requirements through the growth of new or existing settlements within the green belt.
 - We should try provide the bulk of residential development through the redevelopment or change of use of commercial / employment sites for housing.
 - We should concentrate new development in locations that are well served by public transport and other facilities.

 - We should adopt a different approach to those listed above.
Please specify:.....
 - New development should be encouraged in the following location(s)
Please specify:.....

2. Sustainability - maintaining and improving the quality of the local environment and reducing impacts on the global environment
 - policies should be introduced to encourage energy efficient developments / use of renewable energy
strongly agree / agree / neither agree nor disagree / disagree / strongly disagree
 - policies should be included that encourage bio-diversity (the range of plants and animals supported by our environment).
strongly agree / agree / neither agree nor disagree / disagree / strongly disagree
 - policies should be included to reduce the loss of good quality agricultural land and the sub-division of farms.
strongly agree / agree / neither agree nor disagree / disagree / strongly disagree

3. Green Belt – the removal of any land from the green belt is almost certain to result in its development.

- there should be a full review of the green belt boundary (note: this is likely to be restricted by government)

strongly agree / agree / neither agree nor disagree / disagree / strongly disagree

- only small-scale amendments should be made where there are currently anomalies

strongly agree / agree / neither agree nor disagree / disagree / strongly disagree

- no changes should be made to the green belt boundary

strongly agree / agree / neither agree nor disagree / disagree / strongly disagree

- something else (please specify).....

4. Ensuring that proposals for the existing major developed sites in the green belt are appropriate and do not harm the green belt.

- master plans should be agreed with the occupiers of major developed sites in the green belt to ensure that their operational development requirements do not adversely affect the green belt

strongly agree / agree / neither agree nor disagree / disagree / strongly disagree

- planning briefs should be prepared for major developed sites that become available for redevelopment and are identified as being appropriate for redevelopment

strongly agree / agree / neither agree nor disagree / disagree / strongly disagree

5. Providing land for housing within the urban area as required by the Surrey Structure Plan Options

General Approach - Please identify your order of preference with one being most preferred, two second and three third.

- specific sites should be identified to provide the necessary housing
- we should rely on smaller/unidentified sites coming forward as they have in the past
- some specific sites should be identified and an allowance made for smaller/unidentified sites

Location for Development - Please identify your order of preference with one being most preferred, two second and three third.

- development should be concentrated in the town centres of Addlestone, Chertsey and Egham

- residential development should be spread throughout the built up areas of the Borough including smaller centres and suburban areas
- residential development should be concentrated on sites along bus routes and near railway stations

Available Sites

- Do you know of any vacant or under-used sites (not in the green belt) that might be capable of development for residential purposes? Please specify.....

6. It is important that new housing provides for the community's known and predicted housing needs including affordable and key worker housing and an appropriate mix of dwelling types and sizes

- Runnymede should adopt the Surrey Structure Plan target of 40% of total housing provision to be affordable

strongly agree / agree / neither agree nor disagree / disagree / strongly disagree

- specific sites should be identified for affordable/key worker housing

strongly agree / agree / neither agree nor disagree / disagree / strongly disagree

- a greater proportion of housing should be provided as smaller units to reflect anticipated demand

strongly agree / agree / neither agree nor disagree / disagree / strongly disagree

7. To reduce the need to travel long distances to work it is desirable to achieve a better balance between jobs and housing

- employment sites in appropriate locations should be developed for housing

strongly agree / agree / neither agree nor disagree / disagree / strongly disagree

- the conversion of existing employment buildings to residential use should be encouraged

strongly agree / agree / neither agree nor disagree / disagree / strongly disagree

8. The Local Development Framework should establish an appropriate future role for our reserve housing sites. The emerging Structure Plan states that the reserve housing sites identified in the current Local Plan are unlikely to be required to meet our housing requirement to 2016. Development should only go ahead on them if it is established that they are in sustainable locations when compared with other available sites.

- the existing long-term reserve sites should be maintained against future needs

strongly agree / agree / neither agree nor disagree / disagree / strongly disagree

- **the existing reserve sites adjoining the green belt should be designated as green belt**

strongly agree / agree / neither agree nor disagree / disagree / strongly disagree

- **existing and potential reserve sites should be reassessed according to sustainability criteria**

strongly agree / agree / neither agree nor disagree / disagree / strongly disagree

- **something else should be done with the reserve sites – please specify**

strongly agree / agree / neither agree nor disagree / disagree / strongly disagree

9. **In order to tackle the problems of congestion and pollution the Council should promote the use of non-car transport**

- **give greater priority to improving public transport, walking and cycling facilities**

strongly agree / agree / neither agree nor disagree / disagree / strongly disagree

- **reduce the amount of private car parking provided with new developments in locations with good public transport links**

strongly agree / agree / neither agree nor disagree / disagree / strongly disagree

- **encourage businesses, schools and other organisations to adopt Green Travel Plans**

strongly agree / agree / neither agree nor disagree / disagree / strongly disagree

- **developers of offices and other commercial development should be required make contributions towards local transport improvements**

strongly agree / agree / neither agree nor disagree / disagree / strongly disagree

10. **Promoting the sustainable growth of the local economy**

- **offices and other employment development should be concentrated in town centres**

strongly agree / agree / neither agree nor disagree / disagree / strongly disagree

- **new offices and other commercial development should only be permitted through the redevelopment of existing commercial sites**

strongly agree / agree / neither agree nor disagree / disagree / strongly disagree

- **development for offices and other commercial development should be restricted to sites with good access by public transport**

strongly agree / agree / neither agree nor disagree / disagree / strongly disagree

- **we should encourage the development of tourist attractions and facilities in the Borough**

strongly agree / agree / neither agree nor disagree / disagree / strongly disagree

- **there is a need for additional hotel accommodation in the Borough**

strongly agree / agree / neither agree nor disagree / disagree / strongly disagree

11. **Protecting and enhancing the community, recreational and leisure facilities that are valued by local people.**

Please indicate no more than three existing types of facility you most value and think should be preserved and their location.

- **open spaces**

Preference..... Type of Facility..... Location.....

- **medical facilities**

Preference..... Type of Facility..... Location.....

- **cultural facilities**

Preference..... Type of Facility..... Location.....

- **facilities for young people**

Preference..... Type of Facility..... Location.....

- **facilities for older people**

Preference..... Type of Facility..... Location.....

- **leisure facilities**

Preference..... Type of Facility..... Location.....

- **religious facilities**

Preference..... Type of Facility..... Location.....

- **community facilities**

Preference..... Type of Facility..... Location.....

- **other facilities – please specify**

Preference..... Type of Facility..... Location.....

Please indicate no more than three types of new facility you think are most needed and the location.

- **new open spaces**

Preference..... Type of Facility..... Location.....

- **new medical facilities**

Preference..... Type of Facility..... Location.....

- **new cultural facilities**

Preference..... Type of Facility..... Location.....

- **new facilities for young people**

Preference..... Type of Facility..... Location.....

- **new facilities for older people**

Preference..... Type of Facility..... Location.....

- **new leisure facilities**

Preference..... Type of Facility..... Location.....

- **new religious facilities**

Preference..... Type of Facility..... Location.....

- **new community facilities**

Preference..... Type of Facility..... Location.....

- **other new facilities – please specify**

Preference..... Type of Facility..... Location.....

12. The Local Development Framework needs to identify the future role and function of our town centres. It should include policies to help them fulfil their roles. We also need to ensuring that our town centres remain buoyant and attractive and continue to provide a range of retail and other services of value to the community

- **we should try and get more shops into the town centres**
strongly agree / agree / neither agree nor disagree / disagree / strongly disagree

- **the town centres should have more restaurants/cafes/pubs/takeaways**
strongly agree / agree / neither agree nor disagree / disagree / strongly disagree

- **the town centres should have improved public transport**
strongly agree / agree / neither agree nor disagree / disagree / strongly disagree
- **the environment of the town centres should be improved with better seating / landscaping etc**
strongly agree / agree / neither agree nor disagree / disagree / strongly disagree
- **we should resist proposals for major new retail developments in the Borough**
strongly agree / agree / neither agree nor disagree / disagree / strongly disagree
- **the town centres should have other facilities – please specify.....**

13. The policy framework should ensure that new development is well designed. We should make efficient use of land and new developments should be accessible to all. Our policies should ensure that proper account is taken of the local environment when new developments are proposed.

- **in accordance with government guidance we should generally build at higher densities**
strongly agree / agree / neither agree nor disagree / disagree / strongly disagree
- **we should concentrate high density development in town centres and close to public transport links**
strongly agree / agree / neither agree nor disagree / disagree / strongly disagree
- **we should maintain high design standards when higher density developments are proposed**
strongly agree / agree / neither agree nor disagree / disagree / strongly disagree
- **planning policies should ensure that new development is designed to be accessible to all, including people with disabilities**
strongly agree / agree / neither agree nor disagree / disagree / strongly disagree
- **supplementary planning documents should be adopted to give guidance on the design of development**
strongly agree / agree / neither agree nor disagree / disagree / strongly disagree
- **applications for significant developments should be accompanied by a statement setting out the design principles adopted**
strongly agree / agree / neither agree nor disagree / disagree / strongly disagree

14. Protecting the Borough from flood impacts

- **the flood plain designation should be extended**

strongly agree / agree / neither agree nor disagree / disagree / strongly disagree

- **restrictions on development in the flood plain should be increased**

strongly agree / agree / neither agree nor disagree / disagree / strongly disagree

- **new developments should be better designed to withstand flooding**

strongly agree / agree / neither agree nor disagree / disagree / strongly disagree

- **no development should be permitted in the area at risk of flooding**

strongly agree / agree / neither agree nor disagree / disagree / strongly disagree

- **do something else (please specify).....**

14. **Are there other important issues that should be covered in the Local Development Framework?**

Please specify.....