

# 2021

# The Year of the Local Plan

Thurrock Local Plan Project Timeline and Deliverables

# Purpose of the Presentation

- To set out the key evidence by thematic area being prepared in 2021
- To identify the key deliverables from this work and to illustrate how it will inform the plan-making process
- To set out how Members will be engaged in the preparation of the Local Plan
- To set out the overall timeline for producing the Local Plan (the Thurrock Plan).

# Housing

- **KEY STUDIES AND TECHNICAL WORK**

- Government review of the Standard Housing Methodology
- South Essex Strategic Housing Market Assessment – Local Housing Needs Review
- Thurrock Housing Strategy Update
- Thurrock Urban Capacity Study
- Thurrock Housing Sites Assessment Study/Site Selection Study
- Thurrock Local Plan Housing Delivery Strategy
- Thurrock Gypsy and Travelers Needs Assessment & Sites Assessment

- **KEY OUTPUTS**

- The number of homes we must plan for, including the identification of affordable and specialist housing needs
- An assessment of the capacity of brownfield and Town Centre sites to meet future housing needs and reduce the need for Green Belt development
- The assessment and identification of sites to meet the Boroughs future housing needs
- Member and public consultation on the Boroughs emerging housing supply
- The identification and development of a housing delivery strategy to ensure the phased development of sites and supporting infrastructure to meet future housing needs, including specialist and affordable housing requirements



# Economy

- **KEY STUDIES AND TECHNICAL WORK**

- Thurrock Economic Development Strategy
- Employment Land Availability Assessment Update
- Thurrock Economic Developments Needs Assessment update
- Employment Land Delivery Strategy
- Thurrock Retail and Town Centres Study
- Grays and Tilbury Towns Fund Bids

- **KEY OUTPUTS**

- The number of jobs we must plan for by economic sector
- The capacity of existing employment sites to meet future needs and/or the need for additional allocations to support economic growth and diversify the Borough's economic base.
- The development of an Employment Land delivery strategy which identifies the need for infrastructure, accessibility or other improvements required to bring sites for development.
- An assessment of the potential for pursuing the development of a 'lift and shift' strategy to remove bad-neighbour uses from established residential areas.
- The amount of future retail, leisure and other town centre uses to be provided over the plan period and the development of a Borough-wide strategy for accommodating these needs.



# Transport

- **KEY STUDIES AND TECHNICAL WORK**

- Transport Baseline Study and Vision for Movement
- Thurrock Freight Strategy and HGV Parking Study
- Interim Transport Strategy
- Thurrock Transport Strategy
- Thurrock Strategic Transport Model
- Growth Area Transport Access Strategies/Local Area Transport Models

- **KEY OUTPUTS**

- An assessment of current and future transport needs, capacity constraints and opportunities
- The development of a Borough-wide Transport Strategy which sets out a range of policy and infrastructure interventions to support growth, and meet the Council's other key policy priorities in respect of Climate Change, Air Quality and Health and Well-Being
- Costed transport delivery strategies to support the future development of the Boroughs strategic growth areas and the promotion of sustainable transport modes such as walking, cycling and rail freight as a means of reducing car use and freight movements by road
- The development of a range of transport models to test the effectiveness of a range of transport interventions in terms of capacity, safety and air quality considerations.



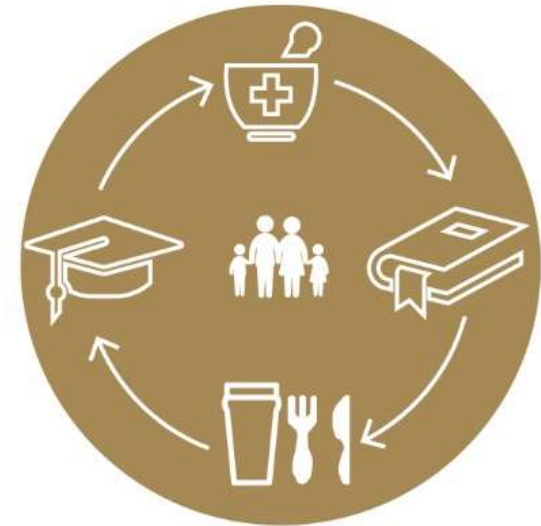
# Community Infrastructure

- **KEY STUDIES AND TECHNICAL WORK**

- Thurrock Infrastructure Baseline Study
- Thurrock Strategic Growth Locations Infrastructure Delivery Plans
- Thurrock Borough-wide Infrastructure Delivery Plan
- Thurrock Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule
- Whole of Plan Viability Study

- **KEY OUTPUTS**

- The identification of current and future community infrastructure needs, deficiencies and opportunities at a Borough-wide and Ward based level.
- The production of place –based Infrastructure Delivery Plans for each strategic growth location which identifies the required Community , Transport, Utilities, Green and Blue infrastructure, together with proposed funding and delivery mechanisms.
- The production of a Borough-wide Infrastructure Delivery Plan underpinned by funding agreements with key delivery partners, including Government, infrastructure providers and service providers, and land owners and developers
- A CIL Charging Schedule which sets out a strategy and priorities for delivery to be funded by landowners and developer through the capture of a CIL.



# Environment

- **KEY STUDIES AND TECHNICAL WORK**

- Thurrock Capacity Study
- Thurrock Green Belt Study Stage 2 Report
- Thurrock Landscape and Character Areas Assessment Stage 2 Report
- Thurrock Green and Blue Infrastructure Study
- Thurrock Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Stage 2 Report
- Thurrock Local Plan Climate Change Strategy
- Thurrock Energy Strategy
- Thurrock Air Quality Strategy
- Thurrock Local Plan Integrated Assessment

- **KEY OUTPUTS**

- A full and transparent assessment of the environmental, sustainability and health impacts of the emerging development plan (policies and proposals)
- The identification of required mitigation strategies and proposals across each of the study areas.



# Place making

- **KEY STUDIES AND TECHNICAL WORK**

- Design Charrettes & Report Production
- Strategic Growth Locations Master Plans/Development Frameworks  
(Housing, Town and Local Centres and key Regeneration priorities)
- Thurrock Character Area Development Frameworks (Thurrock Urban Area;  
Aveley&Ockendon; Chadwell St Mary-Tilbury and East Tilbury; Stanford-le-Hope – Corringham –  
London Gateway/TEP; and the Fens.
- Village Settlement Studies (Bulphan, Orsett, Horndon, North Stifford)
- Design Strategy Review
- Design SPDs/Codes
- Conservation Area Appraisals (consultation and review for further CAAs)
- Scheduled Ancient Monument Baseline Review (consultation)
- **KEY OUTPUTS**
- Place based Regeneration and Development Strategies for key locations across the Borough
- Local Plan Inset Plans
- A new Borough-wide Design Strategy and supporting Design Guides and Codes





# Engagement

- **Public**

- Roll out of Borough Wide Design Charrettes
- Strategic Growth Location Master Planning and Infrastructure Delivery -  
Ongoing Public Consultation via YPYV engagement and Community Forums Master Plans

- Regulation 18 Draft Plan – Public Consultation
- Regulation 19 Submission Plan – Public Consultation
- More sophisticated communications strategy – enhanced use of virtual media and proactive attendance at  
Community Forum Meetings
- Local Plan Developers Forum- Transport Infrastructure Providers Reference Group- Ports and Logistics Operators Reference Group –Other.

- **Member**

- Local Plan Engagement Programme
- Leaders Group
- All Member Briefings – Evidence and Strategy Development
- Planning, Transport and Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny
- Local Development Plan Taskforce



# Year of the Local Plan Timeline – Key Events

- 2021 – Evidence Base Development - ongoing
- Design Charrettes
  - Developer Workshops: January-March
  - Public Consultation : May –July
  - Final Reports: Autumn 2021
- Commence Local Plan Housing Sites Assessment Work – January 2021
- Complete Draft Housing Sites Assessment Report & Member Consultation – November 2021
- Housing Sites Assessment Report – Public Consultation – January/February 2022.
- Completion and Consultation on Interim Thurrock Transport Strategy – November 2021
- Completion of Local Plan Climate Change and Energy Strategies– November 2021