



TELL US WHAT YOU THINK AND HELP TO SHAPE THE NEW RURAL STRATEGY FOR ESSEX

In 2009 members of Essex Rural Partnership gathered together to launch the third version of the Essex Rural Strategy for the county (previous versions being dated 1998 & 2005). This strategy has helped to guide and influence work to benefit rural areas for the last 6 years, but it is now time to refresh and update it.



In February this year the Essex Rural Partnership began to look at what new issues have emerged since 2009, and what is still important. The list included:

- ✘ Access to services
- ✘ Affordable housing
- ✘ Ageing population in rural areas
- ✘ Changes in agricultural practices
- ✘ Climate change mitigation
- ✘ Communications infrastructure (including superfast broadband)
- ✘ Community and public transport
- ✘ Community safety
- ✘ Early years provision & school place demand
- ✘ Energy production
- ✘ Encouraging tourism and increasing visitor numbers
- ✘ Food security and shortening supply chains
- ✘ Healthy and resilient communities
- ✘ Housing and settlement growth
- ✘ Making the best use of community assets
- ✘ Supporting communities using Agents and volunteers
- ✘ The changing shape and vitality of the rural economy

Research into the issues continued, with a workshop attended by Parish Councillors from across the county in July. This reaffirmed the key concerns and relevant topics, and explored some of the wants and needs of people living in rural areas.

Now it is your turn to get involved and complete the Essex Rural Strategy Consultation

Please visit: <http://surveys.essexinsight.org.uk/EssexRuralStrategy>

Consultation is open from 28th September to 4th December

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HAVE YOUR SAY BY TAKING PART IN THE ESSEX RURAL STRATEGY CONSULTATION

A consultation will be launched in late September to find out what matters to people who live and work in rural Essex. It is important that we find out what matters to the people who matter – and that's you!

When you have completed the survey, please tell your friends and colleagues about it and help us to spread the word as far as possible.

The more people that answer the better! It is proposed that the consultation will stay open for 10 weeks, so if you are able to publicise it in local newsletters or on noticeboards that would also be helpful.

The questions are mainly multiple-choice and it should take approximately 20 minutes to complete if you answer all the questions. The survey responses will help to shape the strategy, which we intend to launch in early 2016.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

THE CONSULTATION WILL BE AVAILABLE ON LINE
FROM 28TH SEPTEMBER CLOSING 4TH DECEMBER AT

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The Essex Rural Strategy is a key document which highlights the priority issues for rural Essex and a vision for the future of the county. The document is written by Essex Rural Partnership, with over 80 member organisations sharing ownership. These members can refer to the guidance of the strategy to offer evidence and support for funding bids, project proposals and lobbying work to help those who live and work in rural Essex. The strategy is also used to raise the profile of rural Essex, influencing future strategic documents and encouraging joint working.



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