

spelthorne a question of vision

have your say



This is your chance to get involved in the preparation of two important plans for the future of Spelthorne.

1 COMMUNITY PLAN

The Spelthorne Community Plan will deal with every aspect of life in the Borough from community safety and young people to issues affecting the environment and health.

2 DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The new Spelthorne Development Plan will set out planning policy for the future and show where new development can take place.

We believe that by involving you in the preparation of these plans, there will be plenty of time to resolve any difficult matters. **The plans will be better as a result.**



THE FOLLOWING FEATURE EXPLAINS, IN DETAIL, WHAT EACH PLAN WILL CONTAIN AND HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED AND EXPRESS YOUR VIEWS.

If, having read this, you want to be included on our contact list and get more information and invitations to comment on both the Spelthorne Community Plan and the Spelthorne Development Plan at various stages, please contact us - details on the following pages.



1 What is the Spelthorne Community Plan?

The plan is about how to promote the **economic, social and environmental well-being** in the Borough as a whole so everyone's quality of life is improved over the next 10 years.

The key themes of the present plan are young people and community safety as these are the two main things that emerged from public consultation a year ago.

The present plan also covers the following issues: **integrated transport; a healthy community; communicating and learning together; making Spelthorne a better place.**

The present plan is now being updated by the Council in partnership with local organisations from the public, private, voluntary and community sectors and will influence the content of the new Spelthorne Development Plan.

In November, the Council will be consulting on the content of the new plan and specific actions that should be taken.

Timetable for preparing the Community Plan

November / December 2004
Consultation on Draft Plan

February 2005
Adoption of Plan by Spelthorne Borough Council

April 2005
Publication of the Plan

If you would like to be consulted on the revised Community Plan or have comments to make or simply want more information please contact **Joy Willshire**, Council Offices, Knowle Green, Staines TW18 1XB or on **01784 446421** or email **j.willshire@spelthorne.gov.uk** or **Brian Harris** on **01784 446249** or email **b.harris@spelthorne.gov.uk**

The Community Plan has a website: **www.Spelweb.com**



The vision:

"...to make Spelthorne a place where people are fully engaged, and both respected and respectful, promoting an environment that is healthy, safe, inclusive, prosperous and sustainable...."

The aim:

To provide the wide range of services required while also protecting our environment and improving everyone's quality of life and well-being.

This can be done if local people and organisations in the Borough work together and do things that will make a real difference.

2 What is the Spelthorne Development Plan?

This plan will set out **the best way to meet Spelthorne's development needs up to 2017** and how proposals from the new Community Plan involving the use of land will be achieved.

It will look at, for example:

- identifying sites for additional housing
- ensuring employment needs are met
- providing enough affordable housing
- meeting future shopping needs
- providing quality public open space

All of this needs to be done while looking after and improving the environment and preserving its unique nature for the future – that is being sustainable.

The new plan will replace the Council's existing Local Plan and follow the style of new development plans being introduced countrywide – they are called Local Development Frameworks.

These new plans provide a more flexible approach to creating development plans and make the process quicker and more efficient.

All local authorities must produce these new style Local Development Frameworks by the end of March 2007. At an early stage in the process the Council has to produce a formal statement of how it will be involving the community.

The new plan will continue to reflect some of the important existing policies. For example:

- protection of the Green Belt
- continued provision of new shops in existing town centres
- requiring all new developments to be well designed and in character with the local environment.

Timetable for preparing the Spelthorne Development plan

Spring 2005
Consultation on options for the new plan

Dec 2005 – Jan 2006
Consultation on the Draft Plan

July-August 2006
Inquiry into objections

March 2007
Adoption of the Plan

We need your help

A key part of the new plan is the early involvement of local people. At this stage we need your help on three very important matters:

1. What issues most concern you?

- Are there new land uses we should be providing for?*
- How can we balance the need for housing and employment?*
- How could the environment be better protected and improved?*
- How can we tackle congestion?*

2. Getting involved

- We need to identify all those who would like to be involved in shaping this plan and ensure that their views are considered this includes individuals, organisations and businesses.*

3. How would you like to be consulted?

- The Council will be considering how best to consult local people on the subsequent stages of the new Plan and on major planning applications. We would like your views on this and the easiest way for you to contact us. **Please see the reply panel overleaf which includes space for other comments.***



For more information you can contact **Sarah Oliver** on **01784 446449** or e-mail **s.oliver@spelthorne.gov.uk** or **John Brooks** on **01784 446346** or e-mail **j.brooks@spelthorne.gov.uk**

More information about the new plan can be found on the Council's web site **www.spelthorne.gov.uk** on the Spelthorne Development Plan page.



Your views on the Spelthorne Development Plan

Please use this form to let us know if you would like to be added to our contacts list; how you would like to be consulted and what you think the new plan should include.

1. Contact Details

Please include my name on your contact list

Name: _____

Organisation *(as appropriate)*: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

e-mail: _____

In the future I would prefer to be contacted by *(please tick box)*:

letter e-mail

2. How do you want to be involved in the future?

Please indicate in priority order the top two means of contact you prefer and any other suggestions you may have. *(1 for top priority and 2 for second priority).*

Spelthorne Development Plan	
1	Letter
2	E-mail
	Borough Bulletin
	Council's web site
	local meetings
	Other

Major Planning Applications	
1	Letter
2	Notice in the local newspaper
	Information on the Council's web site
	Site notice
	local meetings
	Other

Your views - I have the following suggestions about the issues I would like the new Spelthorne Development Plan to consider *(if necessary please continue on a separate piece of paper)*:

Please return this form to:

Sarah Oliver, Planning Policy Section, Spelthorne Borough Council, Council Offices, Knowle Green, Staines TW18 1XB by 15 November 2004.

You can also respond online by going to: www.spelthorne.gov.uk/bulletin

