

# SHAPING YOUR COMMUNITY

## Local Plan Engagement



# AGENDA

- Welcome

Natalie Wigman, Corporate Director, Eastleigh Borough Council

- Local Plan

Sam Fox, Planning Policy Advisor

- Shaping Your Community

Helen Owens, Engagement Specialist

- Questions & Discussion



# Questions

We want to gain a better understanding of local needs and constraints

**ROADS OPEN SPACE**

local identity **HOUSING**

**POLLUTION SHOPS**

**SCHOOL PLACES**

**GP surgeries**



- The Local Plan is a priority for the Council
- Delivery mechanism
  - Housing
  - Employment land
  - Infrastructure
  - Community facilities
  - Schools & Medical services



- Why have a Local Plan?
  - To ensure all is delivered in a coordinated way
  - Ensure necessary infrastructure is in place, not just housing
  - Impacts and risks are fully assessed, mitigation in place as required





- Without a local plan....

development may go ahead in a way, and in places that are not best for the area, but they get support from government as they are delivering necessary new housing.....

.....sites are assessed independently and all the connections and the wider community and economic benefits are not always identified which means these benefits may not be delivered



- Who we work with
  - Duty to co-operate
  - Town and Parish Councils
  - Experts
  - Residents
  - Businesses
  - Other Stakeholders



# What we are working on:

- Transport modelling
- Air quality modelling
- Countryside gaps, landscape appraisal and greenfield site selection
- Ecology surveys, Conservation Strategy and Habitats Regulations assessment
- Hydrology and flood risk study
- Masterplan
- Viability and deliverability





- Significant Issues: Housing

*Question asked: “Why do we need so much and where is it going to go?”*

- National housing shortage
- Government targets: long & short term
- Previous Local Plan
- Affordability



- Significant Issues: Traffic

*Question asked: “Roads are already congested so more housing will make matters worse”*

- Connectivity

- Addressing congestion as part of the plan



- Significant issues: Quality environment

*Question asked: “Why are you looking to build on large greenfield sites, near ancient woodland and a national park?”*

- Greenfield
- Ancient woodland
- Protected species
- Itchen valley
- South Downs National Park



- Timescales
  - December 2015: Issues & options
  - December 2016: Council agree principles
  - July 2017: Council note Emerging Local Plan
  - Autumn 2017: Engagement
  - December 2017: Council to consider Local Plan



- Engagement...not consultation
  - Not part of the formal planning process
  - Two way: messages out and information in
  - Not inviting general comment on the plan itself





- Information out..
  - Local Plan too technical & complex
  - Doesn't seem relevant to many, so they don't engage in the process



- Information in....
  - Views from a broader range of local people
  - Using a range of channels
  - Insights about respondents
  - Are they representative of the local population?
  - Targeting gaps



- What are we asking?
  - What matters most, from a range of issues that were raised during the previous consultation
  - More about residents and businesses

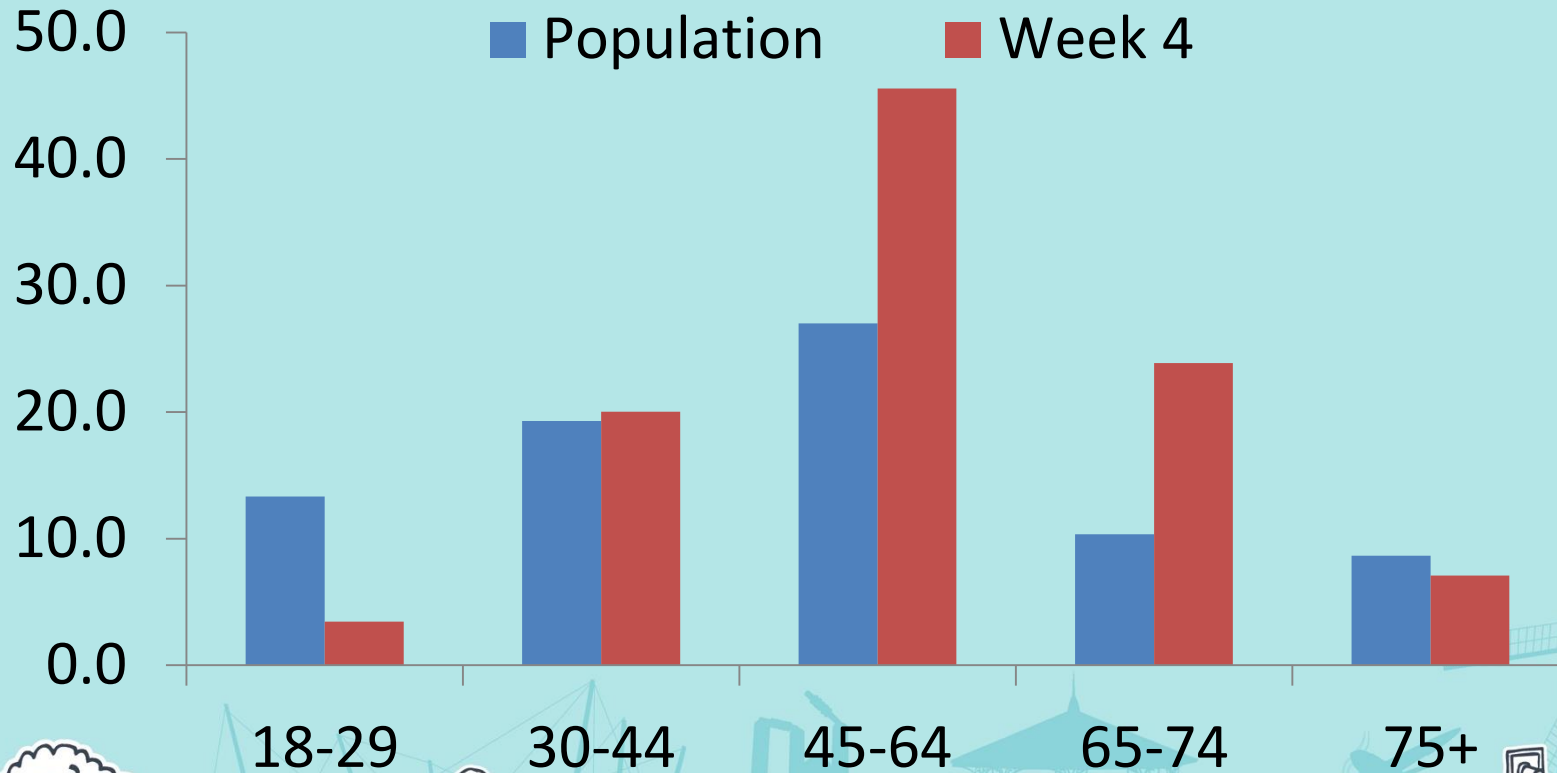


So far over 1,000 residents have completed the survey online

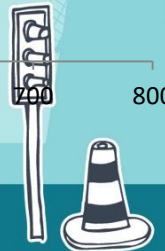
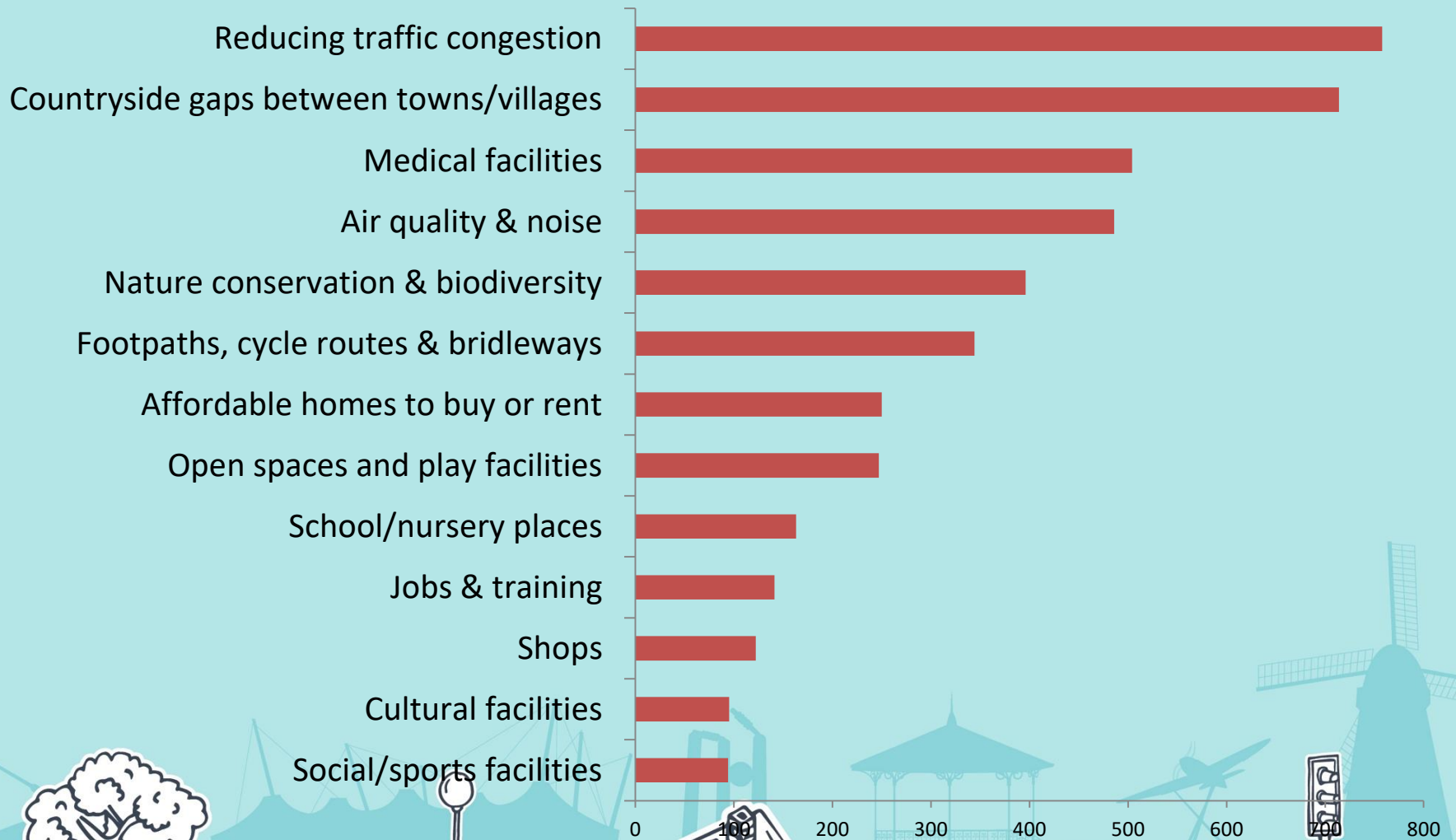
- Responses from across the Borough and outside
- Broadly even split of males and females
- Almost 90% own or have a mortgage on their home
- Fewer responses from younger people



# Age profile of respondents







# Other Priorities

Open Spaces Low Council Infrastructure Affordable Homes  
Community Air Quality Countryside Young People  
Facilities Safety Public Transport Priority  
Road Fair Oak Housing Police Traffic  
Ancient Woodland Local Quality of Life Parking Jobs  
Stop Building Chickenhall Lane Centre Green Gaps Services  
Green Spaces



- Over 700 of those who have responded have made additional comments
- Gaining a better understanding of community needs
- What would benefit your communities?



# Questions and discussions

