

# THE WALTON SOCIETY

## THE HEADLINES

Elmbridge Borough Council (EBC) is giving you the chance to comment on its plans for building homes in Elmbridge over the next 15 years.

- The consultation will run from August 19th to September 30th
- You will have the chance to have your say on how many homes should be built and where.
- Do you want to stop Walton being the place that takes far more than its fair share of new developments?

In the years 2011 - 16 More new homes were built in Walton than the next two highest developed areas (Weybridge & Hersham) put together.

- Are you against high density high rise development in Walton?
- Fed up seeing new homes with no parking?
- Want Elmbridge to realise most people who live in Walton need to have a car?

You can comment on all these things, but in order to do so you will need to register at <http://consult.elmbridge.gov.uk/consult.ti/system/register>

You can attend meetings to get more information and ask questions.

The Walton Society will be holding an Open meeting on Wednesday September 11th at St. Erconwald' Church Hall in Esher Avenue. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. for an 8:00 p.m. start. EBC will hold a Walton Area meeting at the Civic Centre in Esher, from 19:00 on Wednesday August 28th. The event requires a ticket There are meetings for other areas which you can attend instead if you can't make the Walton one. The meetings will also be webcast. For tickets go to <http://www.elmbridge.gov.uk/localplamtickets>

- The consultation offers a choice of 5 options (plus "other") as to where building should take place and how many units should be built.
- One decision you have to make is: "Am I against any release of Green Belt land for development?"
- Elmbridge is 57% Green Belt and the remainder is called Urban Land.
- Urban Land includes all the built up part of Walton and green spaces within it not designated as Green Belt. No release of Green Belt will mean all new development is in the Urban Area.
- If you decide, on balance, that in order to keep down the amount of development in the Urban Area some Green Belt land should be released we recommend that you use the "Other" option.
- We suggest you describe your favoured option as "Providing 5300 homes, with the release of 3 areas of Green Belt. The Green Belt land will provide 1400 hundred homes and the remaining 3,900 homes can be built in the Urban Area".
- This will give a lower figure for new homes in the Urban Area, including Walton, than any of the EBC options, whilst providing the same number of homes as Option 4.
- If you are against any release of Green Belt we recommend Option 4.

A previous consultation was held in 2017. Out of a total of 3436 responses only 91 came from Walton. If this happens again Elmbridge will draw the conclusion that Walton residents are not concerned about future developments or how planning policies affect the area.

**WE URGE ALL WALTON RESIDENTS TO RESPOND TO THE CONSULTATION AND DO THEIR BEST TO ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO DO SO TOO**

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### THE DETAILS

#### Details of the Questionnaire:

**Question 1** : It would be a good idea to read the Options Consultation Document - it can be found here - [http://consult.elmbridge.gov.uk/gf2.ti/-/1039234/54530853.1/PDF/-/Options\\_\\_Web\\_final\\_version.pdf](http://consult.elmbridge.gov.uk/gf2.ti/-/1039234/54530853.1/PDF/-/Options__Web_final_version.pdf)

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**Question 2** : Fill in as per your location.

**Question 3a** : This assumes that you live in a great place. You might like to challenge this assumption by stating a realistic view of where you live and any problems that planning policy have caused (maximum 250 words).

**Question 3b** : Here is a chance to say what you would like to see happen in terms of development in your area and, of course, the things you wouldn't want to happen (maximum 250 words).

**Question 4a** : Select the option (read our recommendations above) you think best. You can also fill in a comment up to 300 words.

**Question 4b** : Fill in an answer if you wish. If you gave a reason for choosing the "Other" option, this question is probably redundant.

**Question 5** : The answer to this question is at least partially provided by which option you chose in **Question 4a**. You may or may not wish to answer it.

**Question 6a** : Most people will have a one or more planning issues they would like to raise. If this is the case then having answered yes to question 6a, proceed to question 6b.

**Question 6b** : Select all the items that apply. If you have multiple issues, unfortunately you may only have 200 words to state your case. However, you could use the comments box provided for question 7 to continue your comments on question 6b (best to state that in the question 7 box).

For Walton residents, we know some of the top issues expressed on the doorstep are:

- Walton has taken far too high a share of development in recent years and measures need to be taken to ensure a fairer share of new homes are built elsewhere in the Borough;
- New developments should have adequate parking, Walton has little public transport and for most people a car is a necessity;
- Too many flats are being built in Walton;
- More high rise high density developments aren't wanted in Walton.

**Question 7** : An opportunity for further comment if you haven't already taken all the space as an extension to question 6.

**Question 8** : Select the appropriate option (you must provide an answer).

Click the "Save These Answers" button.

You can come back and change your answers until the end of the consultation period. All saved answers will be automatically be submitted to Elmbridge at midnight on September 30th. So even if you fill it in now, if you have any questions or want to know more, attend either the Walton Society meeting or an EBC arranged meeting (details above).

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