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Issues and options consultation document

Our priorities and process

This document outlines the strategic priorities for our area and invites your participation in shaping policies to address these needs. As a local council, we are committed to fostering a successful and sustainable future for our community. This consultation is designed to share our priorities and potential policies, seeking input from residents and stakeholders to ensure a collaborative approach.

Understanding our area:

Our local area boasts unique characteristics and faces specific challenges that must be addressed in our Local Plan. These characteristics include [insert relevant characteristics such as geographical features, demographic composition, economic activities, cultural heritage, etc.]. However, development in our area is constrained by [mention major constraints such as environmental sensitivities, infrastructure limitations, protected areas, etc.]. These factors shape the context in which our Local Plan must operate.

Local needs:

Identifying and addressing the needs of our community is paramount in shaping effective policies. Through extensive research and consultation, we have identified key local needs, including [outline local needs such as affordable housing, employment opportunities, infrastructure improvements, environmental conservation, etc.]. These needs reflect the aspirations and challenges of our residents and stakeholders.

Main issues to address:

Our Local Plan will seek to address several main issues crucial to the well-being and development of our area. These issues include, but are not limited to:

1. **Housing Affordability:** Ensuring adequate provision of affordable housing to meet the diverse needs of our community, addressing issues of affordability and accessibility.
2. **Economic Development:** Fostering sustainable economic growth and diversification, creating opportunities for employment and entrepreneurship while preserving our local character and

heritage.

3. **Infrastructure:** Improving and expanding infrastructure to support current and future development, including transportation, utilities, healthcare, education, and digital connectivity.
4. **Environmental Sustainability:** Protecting and enhancing our natural environment, biodiversity, and green spaces, mitigating climate change impacts, and promoting sustainable practices in all aspects of development.
5. **Community Well-being:** Enhancing the quality of life for all residents, promoting social inclusion, community cohesion, and access to essential services and amenities.
6. **Heritage and Culture:** Preserving and celebrating our cultural heritage, historic buildings, and landmarks, ensuring they remain integral parts of our community identity.
7. **Spatial Planning:** Managing land use and development in a strategic and coordinated manner, balancing competing demands and safeguarding valuable resources for future generations.

Strategic objectives

The strategic objectives outlined below serve as a crucial link between the envisioned future of Arlen Hill and the spatial strategy devised to achieve it. These objectives are carefully crafted within the framework of understanding the key challenges facing our Borough both presently and in the long term. They encapsulate the primary outcomes we aim to achieve through the effective implementation of Arlen Hill's Local Plan.

1. An Open Arlen Hill

Arlen Hill prides itself on its openness, inclusivity, and accessibility. We aspire to foster an environment where community engagement thrives, ensuring that residents have opportunities to actively participate in decision-making processes that shape the future of our borough.

2. Housing Tailored to the Community with Genuinely Affordable Homes

Arlen Hill recognises the pressing need for housing that meets the diverse needs of our community. Our objective is to prioritise the development of homes that are not only affordable but also reflect the social and economic diversity of our residents, thereby fostering cohesive and sustainable neighbourhoods.

3. A Thriving Local Economy that Tackles Inequalities

We aim to cultivate a vibrant local economy that promotes entrepreneurship, innovation, and equitable opportunities for all residents. Our objective is to address systemic inequalities by supporting local businesses, creating job opportunities, and fostering economic growth that benefits every member of our community.

4. A Greener Borough

Arlen Hill is committed to environmental sustainability and the preservation of our natural resources. Our objective is to implement policies and initiatives that promote responsible environmental

stewardship, including sustainable land use practices, biodiversity conservation, and the reduction of carbon emissions.

5. Responding to the Climate Emergency

Recognising the urgent need to address climate change, Arlen Hill is dedicated to taking decisive action to mitigate its impact and build resilience within our community. Our objective is to implement strategies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, adapt to changing climatic conditions, and transition towards a low-carbon future.

6. Celebrating Our Local Identity

Arlen Hill takes pride in its rich cultural heritage and diverse communities. Our objective is to celebrate and preserve our local identity through the promotion of cultural events, heritage conservation, and initiatives that foster a sense of belonging and pride among residents.

7. Healthy and Safe Communities

The health and safety of our residents are paramount concerns for Arlen Hill. Our objective is to create environments that promote physical and mental well-being, prioritise public safety, and provide access to essential services and facilities that support healthy lifestyles.

8. Securing the Timely Delivery of Infrastructure

To support sustainable growth and development, Arlen Hill is committed to ensuring the timely delivery of essential infrastructure projects. Our objective is to invest in critical infrastructure such as transportation networks, utilities, and public services to meet the evolving needs of our community.

9. Ensuring High-Quality Education, Health, and Social Care

Arlen Hill recognises the importance of access to quality education, healthcare, and social services in fostering individual well-being and societal progress. Our objective is to work collaboratively with stakeholders to improve access to essential services, address disparities, and enhance the overall quality of life for our residents.

These strategic objectives serve as guiding principles that underpin the development and implementation of Arlen Hill's Local Plan. Through concerted effort and collective engagement, we aspire to realise our vision of a vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable borough that thrives now and for generations to come.

(this is an example document)