



Babergh District Council

PUBLIC CONSULTATION 2003

Questionnaires circulated	
Number of Responses received	15
Response Rate:	

Questionnaires were handed out “on the street” during the week commencing 22nd July 2003. Surveys were carried out in the parishes of Sudbury, Lavenham, Holbrook and Hadleigh.

The findings of the consultation are:-

This consultation was carried out at:- Holbrook

1. Is Babergh contributing to making the area a better place to live and work for everyone?

Absolute Respondents	
Base	15
Is Babergh contributing to making the area...	
Yes	11
No	1
Don't know	3

2. Does Babergh provide its services efficiently and effectively?

Absolute Respondents	
Base	15
Does Babergh provide its services efficien...	
Yes	13
No	1
Don't know	1

If no, which services are not provided efficiently and effectively

- Street sweeping/grass cut. Tip people are helpful

Council services are paid for by Government grant, charges and Council Tax. The level of Government grant is fixed by the Government.

- 3. Do you think that services used only by some residents, such as leisure and car parking, should be paid for by charges on those users, by Council Tax on all residents, or a combination of both?**

Absolute Respondents	
Base	15
Council services are paid for by Governmen...	
Charges on those users?	7
Council Tax on all residents?	3
Combination of both?	5

- 4. Your Council Tax bill covers the services provided by Suffolk County Council, Babergh District Council, Suffolk Police Authority and your Parish/Town Council. What percentage do you consider Babergh services account for?**

Absolute Respondents	
Base	12
Your Council Tax bill covers the services ...	
10% of that bill?	6
20% of that bill?	3
30% of that bill?	1
More than 30% of that bill?	2

- 5. Bearing in mind that just to maintain services at their current level could result in Babergh's Council Tax increase being more than the rate of inflation would you want the Council to:-**

Absolute Respondents	
Base	14
Bearing in mind that just to maintain serv...	
Reduce services to keep the increase to the rate of inflation?	-
Maintain services at their current level?	13
Make some improvements to services?	1

6. I will now go through a list of some of the areas on which Babergh spend money. Please tell me whether you think that the Council should spend more, the same or less in these areas:-

Absolute Respondents	
Base	15
Village facilities, including shops	
More	4
Same	11
Less	-

Absolute Respondents	
Base	14
Facilities and opportunities for young people	
More	12
Same	2
Less	-

Absolute Respondents	
Base	13
Facilities and opportunities for older people	
More	8
Same	5
Less	-

Absolute Respondents	
Base	12
Community safety	
More	2
Same	10
Less	-

Absolute Respondents	
Base	13
Employment opportunities	
More	7
Same	5
Less	1

Absolute Respondents	
Base	14
Leisure facilities	
More	5
Same	8
Less	1

Absolute Respondents	
Base	14
Refuse collection and recycling	
More	2
Same	11
Less	1

Absolute Respondents	
Base	13
Affordable housing	
More	12
Same	1
Less	-

Absolute Respondents	
Base	14
Local environment and conservation	
More	4
Same	10
Less	-

Absolute Respondents	
Base	12
Town centres	
More	-
Same	8
Less	4

7. Are there any areas that you would like to suggest that more, the same, or less should be spent?

MORE to be spent on:

- Safety for elderly - more
- Facilities for families
- Swimming pool at high school
- more safe play equipment for young people

The SAME to be spent on:

- Nil responses

LESS to be spent on:

- Nil responses

8. Are there any other comments that you would like to make about Babergh and its services?

- 7 respondents are **IN FAVOUR** of a local lottery
- 1 respondent is **AGAINST** a local lottery
- OAP's homes too close to road - rail needed - objection ignored
- Problem with composting in county
- Always helpful and understanding
- More to educate people not to leave litter
- Good experience of blue bins
- Very good - no complaints
- What services do Babergh provide? Glossy publications go in bin.
- Like blue bins.
- Tip should allow in vans
- Road access at end of Clench Road - Mirror.
- Do pretty well - quite happy with Babergh

Pretty good, Need for traffic calming in Holbrook village, pavements too narrow

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