



# Babergh District Council

## PUBLIC CONSULTATION 2003

Questionnaires circulated	
Number of Responses received	23
Response Rate:	

Questionnaires were handed out “on the street” during the week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> 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:- Hadleigh**

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

Absolute Respondents	
Base	23
Is Babergh contributing to making the area...	
Yes	16
No	2
Don't know	5

- 2. Does Babergh provide its services efficiently and effectively?**

Absolute Respondents	
Base	23
Does Babergh provide its services efficien...	
Yes	20
No	2
Don't know	1

*If no, which services are not provided efficiently and effectively*

- Roads - water drainage - Whatfield Road
- Refuse collections/Re-cycling

**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	
<b>Base</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Council services are paid for by Governmen...</b>	
<b>Charges on those users?</b>	6
<b>Council Tax on all residents?</b>	11
<b>Combination of both?</b>	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	
<b>Base</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Your Council Tax bill covers the services ...</b>	
<b>10% of that bill?</b>	8
<b>20% of that bill?</b>	4
<b>30% of that bill?</b>	5
<b>More than 30% of that bill?</b>	4

- 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	
<b>Base</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Bearing in mind that just to maintain serv...</b>	
<b>Reduce services to keep the increase to the rate of inflation?</b>	1
<b>Maintain services at their current level?</b>	17
<b>Make some improvements to services?</b>	5

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	23
Village facilities, including shops	
More	10
Same	9
Less	4

Absolute Respondents	
Base	23
Facilities and opportunities for young people	
More	17
Same	6
Less	-

Absolute Respondents	
Base	22
Facilities and opportunities for older people	
More	5
Same	16
Less	1

Absolute Respondents	
Base	22
Community safety	
More	9
Same	13
Less	-

Absolute Respondents	
Base	21
Employment opportunities	
More	10
Same	11
Less	-

Absolute Respondents	
Base	22
Leisure facilities	
More	12
Same	10
Less	-

Absolute Respondents	
Base	22
Refuse collection and recycling	
More	6
Same	16
Less	-

Absolute Respondents	
Base	22
Affordable housing	
More	16
Same	5
Less	1

Absolute Respondents	
Base	22
Local environment and conservation	
More	6
Same	15
Less	1

Absolute Respondents	
Base	20
Town centres	
More	4
Same	16
Less	-

**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:**

- Pest control
- Environmental issues
- grass verges and visibility
- More for Post Offices
- More consideration from Traffic Wardens
- Feeder buses to towns from rural areas
- Land on the site of the Brett
- Affordable housing
- Traffic control/cameras
- More for pre school children
- Brown bins free for OAPs

**The SAME to be spent on:**

- Nil responses

**LESS to be spent on:**

- Red Tape & Government Dictates

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

- 9 respondents are **IN FAVOUR** of a local lottery
- 2 respondents are **AGAINST** a local lottery
- 6 respondents are **IN FAVOUR** of Tesco
- 1 respondent is **AGAINST** Tesco
- Not happy with all development in Hadleigh. No footpaths.
- Car parking in High St
- Refuse collection OK
- Traffic calming
- Better communications and relocation of services
- More power to Babergh DC to handle local issues
- Fly tipping
- Generally satisfied with good services
- Generally happy

**28 July 2003**