



Babergh District Council

PUBLIC CONSULTATION 2003

Questionnaires circulated	
Number of Responses received	21
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:- Sudbury

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

Absolute Respondents	
Base	21
Is Babergh contributing to making the area...	
Yes	13
No	5
Don't know	3

2. Does Babergh provide its services efficiently and effectively?

Absolute Respondents	
Base	20
Does Babergh provide its services efficien...	
Yes	13
No	4
Don't know	3

If no, which services are not provided efficiently and effectively

- Street cleaning, emptying of dust bins

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	21
Council services are paid for by Governmen...	
Charges on those users?	9
Council Tax on all residents?	9
Combination of both?	3

- 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	19
Your Council Tax bill covers the services ...	
10% of that bill?	6
20% of that bill?	6
30% of that bill?	3
More than 30% of that bill?	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	
Base	21
Bearing in mind that just to maintain serv...	
Reduce services to keep the increase to the rate of inflation?	9
Maintain services at their current level?	9
Make some improvements to services?	3

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	17
Village facilities, including shops	
More	2
Same	14
Less	1

Absolute Respondents	
Base	18
Facilities and opportunities for young people	
More	5
Same	8
Less	5

Absolute Respondents	
Base	18
Facilities and opportunities for older people	
More	8
Same	8
Less	2

Absolute Respondents	
Base	17
Community safety	
More	7
Same	8
Less	2

Absolute Respondents	
Base	15
Employment opportunities	
More	2
Same	11
Less	2

Absolute Respondents	
Base	18
Leisure facilities	
More	7
Same	10
Less	1

Absolute Respondents	
Base	17
Refuse collection and recycling	
More	4
Same	12
Less	1

Absolute Respondents	
Base	18
Affordable housing	
More	12
Same	4
Less	2

Absolute Respondents	
Base	18
Local environment and conservation	
More	1
Same	14
Less	3

Absolute Respondents	
Base	16
Town centres	
More	4
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:

- Play areas for young children
- Litter
- Litter (river area)
- Crime prevention
- Council workers
- Street cleaning

The SAME to be spent on:

- Crime
- Officers wages
- CCTV - same
-

LESS to be spent on:

- Administration
- Members Allowance
- Council employees
- Council officials
- Minorities

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

- Try to improve what we have
- Dial a ride?
- Prices at Kingfisher high - over 50's swim reduced at school holidays
- Quite satisfied but concerned over twin bin collection
- Great Cornard speed cameras - Sycamore Rd - speeding traffic calming measures in Sycamore Road. Lindsey Court - unmarried mothers - families living there
- Should be more done for local housing needs - affordable housing. The policy on extending small houses is against the needs of FT buyers
- Why are the Council spending money on a speed gun - which is useless and a waste of money
- Greater efficiency
- Babergh is not effective. Services should be organised locally
- Don't know what services Babergh is responsible for
- Toilet in North Street car park

28 July 2003