

Question 20: Retail and Other Town Centre Uses

50103

Consultee

Title

First Name Melanie

Surname Atwell

Position

Organisation

Agent

Title

Name

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Position

Organisation

50103-44 **20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?**

Yes definitely

20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?

Existing shops should be protected but leisure should also be encouraged

50103-45 **20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?**

Not sure

20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?

50103-46 **20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?**

Not sure

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50039

Consultee

Title

First Name Hilary

Surname Bailey

Position

Organisation

Agent

Title

Name

Surname

Position

Organisation

50039-36 **20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?**

Yes, although it's also worth considering changes of use to provide housing in disused shop buildings – an alternative community?

My proposal for Wenny Meadow to be transformed into a nature reserve/country park (see question 25) would bring visitors to the town and boost the local economy.

50039-37 **20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?**

See above, and yes, recreational facilities in the town centres would also help to rejuvenate them.

20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?

50039-38 **20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?**

Realistically, they should be reduced, since the need is smaller. A more focussed, fully used centre would give a better sense of community than an array of empty shops.

20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?

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50007

Consultee

Title

First Name Serena

Surname Bailey

Position

Organisation

Agent

Title

Name

Surname

Position

Organisation

50007-47 **20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?**

I am not informed enough on this issue to offer valuable feedback.

50007-48 **20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?**

I am not informed enough on this issue to offer valuable feedback.

50007-49 **20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?**

I am not informed enough on this issue to offer valuable feedback.

50007-50 **20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?**

I am not informed enough on this issue to offer valuable feedback.

50007-51 **20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?**

I am not informed enough on this issue to offer valuable feedback.

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50046

Consultee

Title

First Name Bryan

Surname Baker

Position

Organisation

Agent

Title

Name

Surname

Position

Organisation

50046-48 **20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?**

Yes

50046-49 **20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?**

Protect shopping i.e. make parking easy, provide more disabled spaces.

50046-50 **20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?**

No change is needed.

50046-51 **20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?**

Market forces dictate this.

50046-52 **20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?**

Yes, but the 500 sqm is correct.

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50111

Consultee

Title

First Name Kris

Surname Baxter

Position

Organisation Studio 11 Architecture

Agent

Title

Name

Surname

Position

Organisation

50111-37 **20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?**

Yes

20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?

20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?

20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?

20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?

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50086

Consultee

Title Mr
First Name Lee
Surname Bevens
Position
Organisation L Bevens Associates Architects Ltd

Agent

Title
Name
Surname
Position
Organisation

50086-45

20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?

Yes. Reduce business rates and stop charity shops and fast food chains from dominating the centres.

20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?

It needs to be flexible to suit the national picture.

20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?

20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?

20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?

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50122

Consultee

Title

First Name Robert

Surname Boddington

Position

Organisation

Agent

Title

Name

Surname

Position

Organisation

50122-49 **20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?**

Yes

50122-50 **20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?**

Yes, both.

50122-51 **20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?**

Larger shops for larger towns i.e. Whittlesey.

50122-52 **20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?**

Extended to a certain degree, but within the confines of land availability.

50122-53 **20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?**

Yes, 500 sq m.

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50092

Consultee

Title

First Name Jane

Surname Bolingbroke

Position

Organisation

Agent

Title

Name

Surname

Position

Organisation

50092-1 **20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?**

Yes

50092-2 **20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?**

Existing shops within the High street of Chatteris should be protected and supported. I do think that leisure and recreation facilities should be provided and encouraged and the ideal location for this would be where Jacks and PoundStretcher is situated. Ample parking and space and this will bring jobs into the town and more business in general and residents from Chatteris will not have to travel to other Towns. A Cinema and chain sit down food place would be an excellent and welcomed addition to the town.

20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?

50092-3 **20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?**

Extended, as per my answer to question 29b

20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?

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50106

Consultee

Title Councillor
First Name Gavin
Surname Booth
Position
Organisation Parson Drove Parish Council

Agent

Title
Name
Surname
Position
Organisation

50106-42 **20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?**

Yes

20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?

Protect shops.

20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?

20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?

50106-43 **20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?**

Yes, 250 sq m.

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50029

Consultee

Title

First Name

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Surname

Brand

Position

Organisation

Brand Associates Architects

Agent

Title

Name

Surname

Position

Organisation

50029-34

20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?

Yes

20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?

Other types of development should be encouraged, including housing

20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?

20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?

20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?

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50090

Consultee

Title

First Name Fiona

Surname Bryan

Position

Organisation

Agent

Title

Name

Surname

Position

Organisation

50090-49 **20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?**

Yes

50090-50 **20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?**

No. Leisure and recreation are the future of town centres. Existing shops must move if necessary. In my view, the garage, fixing cars and a car wash, are not necessary businesses in the centre of Chatteris high street. The very nature of these businesses suggests that people can drive to use them. We could turn this space into more interesting retail or a much needed car park for the High Street's shops. This would also solve the problem with cars parking down the High Street, obstructing traffic flow.

50090-51 **20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?**

I think business should be allocated to different hubs around a town or village, not congested in one area. The business should be as big as it needs to be. There shouldn't be restrictions on size. High street shops should not be prioritised, in my view. They are dying and would be more appropriately turned into small cafes, boutiques or housing.

50090-52 **20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?**

Chatteris needs hubs of shops around the town, preferably ones you can drive to and park, until the cycle lanes are established and the heavy vehicle traffic is diverted.

50090-53 **20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?**

No threshold

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50070

Consultee

Title

First Name C

Surname Burrell

Position

Organisation

Agent

Title

Name

Surname

Position

Organisation

50070-28

20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?

Yes

20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?

20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?

20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?

20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?

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50083

Consultee

Title

First Name Andrew

Surname Burrell

Position

Organisation

Agent

Title

Name

Surname

Position

Organisation

50083-42 20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?

Yes

50083-43 20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?

Protect shops but no leisure or recreation in town centres

20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?

50083-44 20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?

no

20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?

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50027

Consultee

Title

First Name

Surname Cannon Kirk

Position

Organisation

Agent

Title

Name Andrew

Surname Hodgson

Position

Organisation Pegasus Group

50027-48 **20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?**

No comment

50027-49 **20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?**

No comment

50027-50 **20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?**

No comment

50027-51 **20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?**

No comment

50027-52 **20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?**

No comment

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50066

Consultee

Title

First Name James

Surname Carney

Position

Organisation

Agent

Title

Name

Surname

Position

Organisation

50066-46 **20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?**

Yes - definitely.

50066-47 **20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?**

I think a mixture of both scenarios would be preferable as they may well compliment one another.

50066-48 **20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?**

Would be nice to see some quality national brands have shops in the district alongside the independents

50066-49 **20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?**

Think its best to try revive and help what we have at the moment before changing the boundaries.

20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?

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50004

Consultee

Title

First Name Matthew

Surname Carpenter

Position

Organisation

Agent

Title

Name

Surname

Position

Organisation

50004-21 **20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?**

I think that if the plan's retail policy is to be considered fit for purpose over the next 5 years, let alone over the next 20 years then careful thought needs to be given to town centres. Traditional policies in plans from the previous 20 years should not be repeated. Significant consultation on where people want to see their town centres in 5 years time needs to be taken into account. With internet retailing passing 20% in recent weeks, town centres are about to undergo the most radical change of the last 50 years. Policy needs to keep up with the changes to high streets and embrace and plan for that change, not repeated policies from the last plan that will not address problems over the next few years. A bold and decisive approach is needed otherwise all retail will be lost to Peterborough and Cambridge.

20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?

See above. Protection of shops over the next 20 years will lead to vacant high streets.

50004-22 **20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?**

A new approach to "retail" needs to be taken, looking at town centres, rather than retail on its own.

20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?

50004-23 **20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?**

The threshold for A1/A2 uses should be set to 50m2 in order to constrain retail into town centres. This is justified by the increasing online retail sales, and needs to support a wider town centre strategy.

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50053

Consultee

Title

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Surname Clarke

Position National Planning Adviser

Organisation Theatres Trust

Agent

Title

Name

Surname

Position

Organisation

50053-2 **20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?**

Yes

20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?

We would encourage the plan to promote a variety of uses within town centres in order to add to diversity and promote activity at different times of day and night. Leisure and cultural uses in particular help bring people into town centres which increases footfall and supports other businesses. Therefore the plan might explore opportunities to enhance existing facilities such as Angles Theatre.

20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?

20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?

20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?

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50110

Consultee

Title

First Name

Steve

Surname

Count

Position

Organisation

Agent

Title

Name

Surname

Position

Organisation

50110-35

20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?

Strengthen yes, shopping is not the only answer. Leisure activities also key.

20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?

Yes.

20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?

20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?

20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?

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50121

Consultee

Title

First Name Anne

Surname Dew

Position Development Planning Manager - East

Organisation Persimmon Homes

Agent

Title

Name

Surname

Position

Organisation

50121-41 **20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?**

Yes

20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?

20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?

20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?

20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?

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50009

Consultee

Title

First Name Lesley

Surname Dorling

Position

Organisation

Agent

Title

Name

Surname

Position

Organisation

50009-43 **20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?**

Yes

20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?

Leisure should be encouraged.

20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?

20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?

50009-44 **20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?**

Yes

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50010

Consultee

Title

First Name Eamonn

Surname Dorling

Position

Organisation

Agent

Title

Name

Surname

Position

Organisation

50010-49 **20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?**

Shopping habits are changing, we need to attract other facilities that people want.

50010-50 **20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?**

They should not be artificially protected. Market forces will prevail.

50010-51 **20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?**

Leave it for businesses to regulate itself.

50010-52 **20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?**

No

50010-53 **20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?**

NO

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50018

Consultee

Title Councillor
First Name James
Surname Downes
Position
Organisation Leverington Parish Council

Agent

Title
Name
Surname
Position
Organisation

50018-49 **20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?**

Yes

50018-50 **20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?**

Protect shops by encouraging other uses of buildings.

50018-51 **20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?**

Greater research into market forces.

50018-52 **20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?**

Market forces will dictate.

50018-53 **20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?**

Should use impact assessment to determine required size.

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50127

Consultee

Title

First Name Valerie

Surname Emmons

Position

Organisation

Agent

Title

Name

Surname

Position

Organisation

50127-35 **20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?**

Yes

20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?

Shops plus other types of development.

50127-36 **20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?**

Shops should be encouraged and supported – they not only provide goods but have a social function. Business rates are too high, particularly in small towns, and this has been a factor in the closure of so many shops – not just internet shopping.

20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?

50127-37 **20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?**

Large out-of-centre retail developments are yet another reason for the demise of the high street – which should be given priority. So Yes, Impact Assessment, but preferably just refuse them.

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50119

Consultee

Title

First Name Maxim

Surname Emmons

Position

Organisation

Agent

Title

Name

Surname

Position

Organisation

50119-24 **20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?**

Very much so.

20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?

Existing shops should be protected. Leisure and recreation is ok, but more retailers and new shops would be good.

50119-25 **20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?**

All the supermarkets sell basic commodities. That's why half the time they don't stock what you want. A decent bakery selling proper bread would be good. Most supermarket 'soft' bread is inedible.

20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?

20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?

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50100

Consultee

Title

First Name Susanah

Surname Farmer

Position

Organisation

Agent

Title

Name

Surname

Position

Organisation

50100-48 **20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?**

What is a town centre these days? This is why (to me) a new town is preferable for retail therapy and old town centres become a more mixed area of small shops and residential (as they were originally), retaining their heritage for the current age.

50100-49 **20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?**

Protected? See answer to 20a.

50100-50 **20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?**

Residents want amenities, should be flexibility and schemes taken on merit wherever they are proposed.

50100-51 **20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?**

See previous answers - what is a town centre? Local residents often call for large retail chains but also complain that out of town development damages the High Street - in a Georgian town such as Wisbech it is difficult to balance. Complete reassessment of town as a whole needed.

50100-52 **20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?**

Have been told that all new supermarkets in Wisbech will 'ruin' the town centre. No evidence so far.

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50091

Consultee

Title

First Name

Sian

Surname

Gemine

Position

Organisation

Agent

Title

Name

Surname

Position

Organisation

50091-9 **20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?**

Yes

50091-10 **20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?**

Yes

50091-11 **20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?**

Yes

50091-12 **20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?**

No

20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?

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50101

Consultee

Title

First Name Roger

Surname George

Position

Organisation

Agent

Title

Name

Surname

Position

Organisation

50101-49 **20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?**

No, I think FDC and people should be more flexible about how town centres are used. Society is changing, we do not all want to travel to town centres to do shopping.

50101-50 **20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?**

A flexible approach needs to be considered.

50101-51 **20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?**

D/K.

50101-52 **20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?**

I see no reason why town edge retail developments should not be allowed. I have no specific thoughts on these.

50101-53 **20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?**

D/K.

Question 20: Retail and Other Town Centre Uses

50061

Consultee

Title

First Name Dave

Surname Gibbs

Position

Organisation

Agent

Title

Name

Surname

Position

Organisation

50061-30

20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?

Yes

20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?

If there are too many shops, there is no point in protecting them.

20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?

20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?

20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?

Question 20: Retail and Other Town Centre Uses

50032

Consultee		Agent	
Title	Mr	Title	
First Name	Iain	Name	
Surname	Green	Surname	
Position	Senior Public Health Officer	Position	
Organisation	Cambridgeshire County Council (Publi	Organisation	

50032-49 **20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?**

Strong town Centres are not just about shops, there needs to be a balance between other attractions such as services, green space, community venues etc. Public Health would support a policy which creates/supports thriving mixed use local/town centres.

50032-50 **20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?**

There needs to be a balance between other attractions such as services, green space, community venues etc. Public Health would support a policy which creates/supports thriving mixed use local/town centres.

50032-51 **20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?**

Public health have no views on the retail hierarchy.

50032-52 **20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?**

Public health have no views on the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas

50032-53 **20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?**

Public health have no views on setting a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required.

Question 20: Retail and Other Town Centre Uses

50077

Consultee

Title

First Name M J

Surname Hawkins

Position

Organisation

Agent

Title

Name

Surname

Position

Organisation

50077-15 **20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?**

Yes

20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?

These other types of development would help to strengthen town centres.

50077-16 **20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?**

No

20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?

50077-17 **20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?**

The existing figure seems about right.

Question 20: Retail and Other Town Centre Uses

50033

Consultee

Title Mr
First Name Mark
Surname Hemment
Position
Organisation

Agent

Title
Name
Surname
Position
Organisation

50033-23

20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?

People should be encouraged to visit town centres through a variety of schemes. Increasing local attractions, such as nature reserves, will increase visitor numbers. Chatteris town centre has had a number of recent closures (Budgens and two banks). Visitors will need a reason to visit Chatteris other than shops. Many people regularly visit the nature reserve at Somersham. A nature reserve in Chatteris would encourage visitors. Those passing by, would also be encouraged to stop and so help the local economy.

20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?

Leisure and recreation are good methods of attracting visitors to a town. But they do not need to be based in the centre to help the town centres. King's Dyke, on the outer edge of Whittlesey, helps the town's pubs and cafes. A nature reserve at Chatteris would have similar benefits.

20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?

20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?

20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?

Question 20: Retail and Other Town Centre Uses

50128

Consultee

Title

First Name Stephen

Surname Hodson

Position

Organisation Hodsons

Agent

Title

Name

Surname

Position

Organisation

50128-41 **20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?**

Yes, most certainly.

50128-42 **20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?**

No to protection, yes to leisure etc etc be encouraged to town centre and increase in residential uses.

50128-43 **20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?**

Remove all restrictions to allow maximum occupation of shop units.

50128-44 **20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?**

Keep as are.

50128-45 **20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?**

Cannot say.

Question 20: Retail and Other Town Centre Uses

50112

Consultee

Title Cllr
First Name Samantha
Surname Hoy
Position
Organisation FDC/WTC

Agent

Title
Name
Surname
Position
Organisation

50112-42

20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?

yes

20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?

encourage other types

20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?

20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?

20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?

Question 20: Retail and Other Town Centre Uses

50003

Consultee

Title Ms
First Name Ruth
Surname Hufton
Position
Organisation Doddington Parish Council

Agent

Title
Name
Surname
Position
Organisation

50003-46 **20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?**

Yes

50003-47 **20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?**

Unable to see how existing shops could be protected other than by reducing business rates, but do believe that leisure and recreational facilities should be encouraged

50003-48 **20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?**

Encourage more one off shops, lower business rates to encourage more people to try retail
And ensure that people are aware of the opportunities within these areas for shopping, relaxation and recreation.

50003-49 **20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?**

Reduce. Use empty retail premises to house people – if they live in the town centre, they are much more likely to use the remaining retail facilities, and the blight of empty premises would be put to good use by enabling town houses.

50003-50 **20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?**

Is out of centre retail going to fare any better than High Street shopping? This is where recreational and relaxation areas could come in.

Question 20: Retail and Other Town Centre Uses

50056

Consultee

Title Ms
First Name Shanna
Surname Jackson
Position Chartered Town Planner
Organisation Swann Edwards Architecture Limited

Agent

Title
Name
Surname
Position
Organisation

50056-43 **20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?**

Yes

50056-44 **20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?**

Shops should be protected however other town centre uses such as A3 uses are also appropriate in town centres.

50056-45 **20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?**

No suggested changes.

50056-46 **20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?**

No suggested changes.

50056-47 **20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?**

No suggested changes to the current Impact Assessment threshold.

Question 20: Retail and Other Town Centre Uses

50098

Consultee

Title

First Name Raymond

Surname Jones

Position

Organisation

Agent

Title

Name

Surname

Position

Organisation

50098-7 **20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?**

Yes, Wisbech town should be prioritised for regeneration. It has a lot of history and some lovely buildings

20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?

Yes

50098-8 **20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?**

We need retail space for small producers in an indoor market setting. This would encourage people to the town centre and create employment/income opportunityâ€™s

20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?

20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?

Question 20: Retail and Other Town Centre Uses

50069

Consultee

Title Mr
First Name Simon
Surname King
Position
Organisation

Agent

Title
Name
Surname
Position
Organisation

50069-40 **20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?**

Yes

50069-41 **20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?**

Encourage other types of development where appropriate

20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?

50069-42 **20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?**

No

50069-43 **20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?**

Yes: 500sqm

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50125

Consultee

Title
 First Name
 Surname Kings Dyke Business Park Ltd
 Position
 Organisation

Agent

Title Mr
 Name Ed
 Surname Durrant
 Position
 Organisation Pegasus Group

50125-28 **20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?**

Whilst there is a need to strengthen the role of town centres there should be the acknowledgement that the retail market and people's shopping habits are changing. Therefore, retail provision should not only be restricted to land within settlements. Larger retail units and other uses with ancillary retail counters should also be planned for as part of mixed-use developments in sustainable locations.

20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?

50125-29 **20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?**

The retail hierarchy needs to take into account the role that retail uses, such as those providing food, located alongside other employment uses have on limiting travel from employment areas and creating more vibrant and secure developments with a greater range of activity throughout the day.

20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?

50125-30 **20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?**

The National Planning Policy Framework 2019 already sets a threshold for when a retail impact assessment is required. Whilst this is higher than 500sqm it still represents a positive tool for directing new retail provision to appropriate locations. Therefore, the emerging Local Plan should not seek to impose a lower limit, that could potentially act as a barrier to growth in the District.

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50079

Consultee

Title Mr
First Name Peter
Surname Lankfer
Position
Organisation

Agent

Title Mr
Name Tom
Surname Nellist
Position
Organisation Trundley Design

50079-48 **20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?**

Yes

50079-49 **20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?**

All

50079-50 **20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?**

No

50079-51 **20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?**

No

50079-52 **20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?**

No

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50095

Consultee

Title

First Name Barrie

Surname Luck

Position

Organisation

Agent

Title

Name

Surname

Position

Organisation

50095-47 **20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?**

Yes

50095-48 **20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?**

Allow other types of carefully selected development, which encourage visits to town centres

50095-49 **20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?**

To put all the focus on Wisbech and March puts other towns at risk of losing their lifeblood. Better to have 5/6/7 or so viable town centres than 2 thriving ones and a number of ghost towns. Put Wisbech and March lower in the hierarchy.

50095-50 **20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?**

d/k

50095-51 **20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?**

d/k

Question 20: Retail and Other Town Centre Uses

50089

Consultee

Title

First Name Karen

Surname Luck

Position

Organisation Romain

Agent

Title

Name

Surname

Position

Organisation

50089-41

20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?

Yes

20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?

Encourage leisure and recreation.....but not just coffee shops!

20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?

20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?

20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?

Question 20: Retail and Other Town Centre Uses

50044

Consultee

Title Ms
First Name Debbie
Surname Mack
Position Historic Environment Planning Adviser
Organisation Historic England

Agent

Title
Name
Surname
Position
Organisation

50044-11

20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?

High streets and retail in general are under considerable pressure at the present time. The Local Plan should seek opportunities to support High Streets and enhance the historic environment of these areas. The retention of original/historic or significant shopfronts elements are often integral to the character of these buildings and that of the wider street scene. The Local Plan should highlight the importance of retaining or restoring historic shopfront features. This is both in terms of the positive contribution historic shopfronts make to the character of an area, but also the economic benefit of providing traditional and bespoke shopping units to shopowners. A good example of how historic shopfronts can positively contribute to an area both aesthetically and economically is where Derby City Council teamed up with English Heritage (now Historic England) to help restore an area of Victorian and Edwardian shops, the Strand. The restoration of a number of shops within the area has meant that a previously underused section of the city provides bespoke shopping, now sees a much larger footfall and is considered to be a national success. The council have also seen a ripple effect of surrounding properties being restored.

20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?

20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?

20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?

20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?

Question 20: Retail and Other Town Centre Uses

50042

Consultee

Title

First Name Jane Ann

Surname Mason

Position

Organisation

Agent

Title

Name

Surname

Position

Organisation

50042-32

20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?

Yes. Business rates need to be lowered to encourage businesses to stay long term. Whether this is a matter for Central Government, District and Town Councillors, there is a need to actively address this issue to prevent shops closing after the first year because rates are then increased.

20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?

Chatteris already has a large leisure and sports facility within walking distance of the high street. Placing such facilities in the high street itself would destroy the character of what remains of our 18th century market town.

20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?

20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?

20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?

Question 20: Retail and Other Town Centre Uses

50038

Consultee

Title Mr
First Name Ian
Surname Mason
Position
Organisation

Agent

Title
Name
Surname
Position
Organisation

50038-29

20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?

Yes. Also to have open spaces like a country park to allow people to relax and enjoy the environment.

20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?

Yes. Recognising and making more of public assets that grow with the population and stimulate the need for a wider range of public services would re-generate the town centres. Positive support for retailers to meet the needs of less mobile residents is an essential social service. A country park would be an asset.

20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?

20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?

20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?

Question 20: Retail and Other Town Centre Uses

50073

Consultee

Title Mr
First Name John
Surname Maxey
Position
Organisation Maxey Grounds

Agent

Title
Name
Surname
Position
Organisation

50073-49 **20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?**

Shopping patterns are changing and the demand for town centre premises is as much for service provision as retail - online has taken a significant share of the retail market. A local plan can not reverse this so should encourage the use of town centres by all types of business and residential so they become busy and used throughout the day. Too many are virtually ghost towns at night

50073-50 **20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?**

See 20a above

50073-51 **20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?**

Yes - flexible use of town centre premises for business and residential alongside retail should be encouraged

50073-52 **20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?**

Increase the flexibility of use of premises within town centres. Allow a wider range of uses in primary shopping areas

50073-53 **20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?**

Some retail uses where customers require car visits to transport the goods are barely compatible with town centred locations. If you restrict these uses out of town the use will not come and shoppers travel to other towns harming the economy. I include large food stores in this. I think such assessments rarely lead to refusals because the applicants know to prepared them and they thus have little value.

Question 20: Retail and Other Town Centre Uses

50129

Consultee

Title Mrs
First Name J
Surname Melton
Position
Organisation Chatteris Town Council

Agent

Title
Name
Surname
Position
Organisation

50129-45 **20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?**

Yes

50129-46 **20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?**

Should be more flexible and opening hours of shops should be more flexible.

50129-47 **20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?**

In an ideal world yes but realistically no.

50129-48 **20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?**

Supply and demand will set the size of the town centre.

50129-49 **20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?**

The threshold should be increased to 2,500 sq m.

Question 20: Retail and Other Town Centre Uses

50126

Consultee

Title

First Name Alan

Surname Melton

Position

Organisation Manea Parish Council

Agent

Title

Name

Surname

Position

Organisation

50126-49 **20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?**

Yes

50126-50 **20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?**

Yes

50126-51 **20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?**

No

50126-52 **20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?**

Reduced. Too much capacity.

50126-53 **20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?**

As before

Question 20: Retail and Other Town Centre Uses

50015

Consultee

Title Mr
First Name Geoff
Surname Newham
Position
Organisation

Agent

Title
Name
Surname
Position
Organisation

50015-42

20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?

It would seem that town centres do need to reinvent themselves.
Shopping is more convenient in major supermarkets and on line.
So banging on with more shops to replace failed ones seems doomed to more failure.
As a nation, are we becoming more isolated? Less inclined towards the social side of shopping?
How do town centres in France or Germany work?
What's different? Or are they failing the same way?
Reduce Costs for High Street businesses (business rates, local taxes etc) and encourage small businesses/artisan businesses to populate retail areas of our towns.

20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?

Protectionism doesn't work.
Anything else might!
Guard against unhealthy options.

20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?

20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?

20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?

Question 20: Retail and Other Town Centre Uses

50040

Consultee

Title Mrs
First Name J
Surname Richardson
Position
Organisation Benwick Parish Council

Agent

Title
Name
Surname
Position
Organisation

50040-47 **20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?**

Yes

50040-48 **20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?**

Shops are either profitable or not but creating out of town retail centres would impact on town centres. And we should be supporting leisure if it helps the shops.

50040-49 **20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?**

Not enough information to comment.

50040-50 **20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?**

Not enough information to comment.

50040-51 **20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?**

Yes, needs to be an impact assessment but can not comment on what size should be.

Question 20: Retail and Other Town Centre Uses

50082

Consultee

Title

First Name Bryan

Surname Rose

Position

Organisation

Agent

Title

Name

Surname

Position

Organisation

50082-49 **20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?**

yes

50082-50 **20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?**

yes

50082-51 **20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?**

yes

50082-52 **20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?**

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20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?

Question 20: Retail and Other Town Centre Uses

50094

Consultee

Title

First Name Gerald

Surname Seabrook

Position

Organisation

Agent

Title

Name

Surname

Position

Organisation

50094-26

20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?

Yes

20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?

Yes

20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?

20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?

20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?

Question 20: Retail and Other Town Centre Uses

50026

Consultee

Title Mr
First Name Jonathan
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Position
Organisation

Agent

Title
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Position
Organisation

50026-49 **20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?**

The CCG does not have a view on this.

50026-50 **20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?**

The CCG believes access to leisure and recreation facilities are important for healthy lifestyles and so should be encouraged,

50026-51 **20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?**

The CCG does not have a view on this.

50026-52 **20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?**

The CCG does not have a view on this.

50026-53 **20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?**

The CCG does not have a view on this.

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50088

Consultee

Title

First Name Richard

Surname Tester

Position

Organisation

Agent

Title

Name

Surname

Position

Organisation

50088-48 **20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?**

Yes, definitely.

50088-49 **20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?**

Both

50088-50 **20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?**

No. It is fine as it is.

50088-51 **20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?**

no

50088-52 **20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?**

yes 500 sqm

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50034

Consultee		Agent	
Title		Title	
First Name	Katie	Name	
Surname	Thornley	Surname	
Position	Senior Finance Manager	Position	
Organisation	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Sus	Organisation	

50034-47 **20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?**

We do not have a view on this.

50034-48 **20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?**

We believe access to leisure and recreation facilities are important for healthy lifestyles and so should be encouraged.

50034-49 **20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?**

We do not have a view on this.

50034-50 **20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?**

We do not have a view on this.

50034-51 **20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?**

We do not have a view on this.

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50096

Consultee

Title

First Name Reg Tibbitts

Surname Tibbitts

Position

Organisation

Agent

Title

Name

Surname

Position

Organisation

50096-1 **20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?**

Yes

20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?

20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?

20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?

20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?

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50084

Consultee

Title

First Name

Surname

Position

Organisation

Triman Developments (UK) Limited an

Agent

Title

Name

Surname

Position

Organisation

Mr

Simon

Machen

Barmach Ltd

50084-46

20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?

Yes

20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?

The high street has to change to meet consumer patterns of spending and demand. Other types of development should be encouraged.

20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?

20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?

20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?

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50030

Consultee

Title

First Name Kate

Surname Waller

Position

Organisation Elm Parish Council

Agent

Title

Name

Surname

Position

Organisation

50030-48 **20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?**

The Council believes that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit.

50030-49 **20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?**

The Council believes that a balance of uses should be encouraged.

50030-50 **20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?**

The Council would like to see full pedestrianisation of town centres.

50030-51 **20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?**

The Council believes that full use should be made of existing vacant shops before boundaries are extended.

50030-52 **20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?**

A 500 sq m threshold would be supported by the Council.

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50024

Consultee

Title Mr
First Name Lawrence
Surname Weetman
Position Chairman
Organisation Chatteris Past, Present & Future

Agent

Title
Name
Surname
Position
Organisation

50024-41 **20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?**

Yes. We believe that the town centres are the beating heart of the community. They foster a sense of community spirit and engagement, and really help people to feel as though they “live” in the town rather than just sleep here.

We think that the town centres should be managed according to a principle of bringing people together. This could include more open spaces, more places and facilities for people to relax and spend their free time and more spaces for people to work and collaborate together.

In particular, we think that the provision of co-working spaces would give people a reason to spend more time within our towns, allowing them to further engage with their local area and create new employment opportunities here - rather than simply moving to Fenland in order to commute elsewhere.

Harvard Business Review, “Why People Thrive in Co-Working Spaces”: <https://hbr.org/2015/05/why-people-thrive-in-coworking-spaces> Forbes: “How Co-Working Spaces are Helping to Create a Sense of Community”: [https://www.forbes.com/sites/daniellebrooker/2019/07/24/how-co-working-spaces-are-helping-to-create-tru e-sense-of-community-and-why-we-need-it-right-now/#32cb304c5b53](https://www.forbes.com/sites/daniellebrooker/2019/07/24/how-co-working-spaces-are-helping-to-create-tru-e-sense-of-community-and-why-we-need-it-right-now/#32cb304c5b53)

50024-42 **20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?**

Chatteris Past, Present & Future pragmatically supports any initiatives that would help people remain in Chatteris (rather than deciding to work, shop and relax elsewhere) as we think this bolsters the sense of community and helps to avoid Chatteris from simply becoming a commuter town.

We think that adding further leisure and recreation facilities in the town centre would assist with this aim.

20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?

50024-43 **20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?**

Chatteris has a number of empty shops, so we do not see a need to expand the town’s shopping area further. Additionally, as a general principle, we believe that a small, focused shopping area is more attractive to people and is more likely to lend itself to fostering a good sense of community.

20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?

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50001

Consultee

Title

First Name Alan

Surname Wheeldon

Position

Organisation

Agent

Title

Name

Surname

Position

Organisation

50001-46 **20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?**

Yes if retail is in decline centres should be helped to reinvent themselves as centres for the community for socialising with an emphasis on entertainment cafes and restaurants.

50001-47 **20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?**

Retail is in decline other activities such as those above should be encouraged.

Yes it has been sighted in several reports that Tourism is very under used in Wisbech as a source of revenue and employment in the town. (See CPIER report for example). Day trips by coach parties would be a good steady source of tourists which would boost the local economy and create more jobs. Wisbech does not have a dedicated area for coaches to park. This becomes apparent on Rosefair day when a car park is cordoned off causing disruption to car users. Coaches throughout the rest of the year aren't catered for. This discourages coach companies from using Wisbech as a tourist destination.

50001-48 **20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?**

Retail should be left to its own devices and let market forces play out.

50001-49 **20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?**

No

50001-50 **20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?**

No

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50107

Consultee

Title Mr
First Name Ray
Surname Whitwell
Position
Organisation

Agent

Title
Name
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Position
Organisation

50107-46 **20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?**

Yes

20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?

Town Centres are changing and other development should be allowed.

50107-47 **20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?**

No

20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?

50107-48 **20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?**

No

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50047

Consultee

Title

First Name Geoff

Surname Wilkinson

Position

Organisation Wisbech St Mary Parish Council

Agent

Title

Name

Surname

Position

Organisation

50047-36 20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?

Yes

50047-37 20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?

Yes

20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?

50047-38 20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?

No need to extend.

20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?
