



Marshalswick North - Spring 2018

ST ALBANS DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN

You have recently had the opportunity to have your say about the Local Plan going forward to 2036 for housing in this district. We hope you have taken up this chance to influence our stark choices.

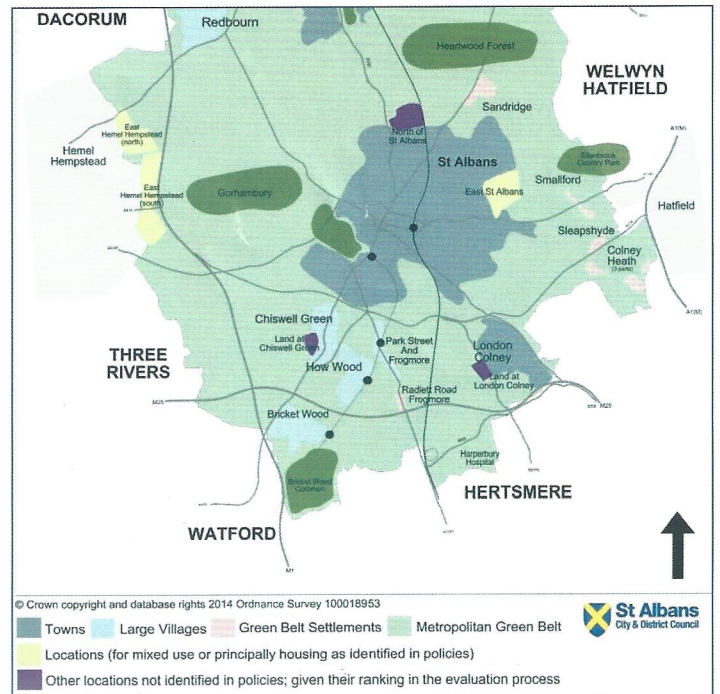
■ Inevitably the numbers in the Government proposals for 913 houses per year will mean that some houses will be built near you (or somebody else) Our new local plan determines where development for both homes and jobs will be and what infrastructure will be needed.

Our young people need access to affordable homes to buy or rent and the ageing population need houses to which to downsize; or sheltered housing. The waiting list for social housing is long. 81% of our district is Green Belt and we must recognise that the

protection of all of this will be impossible if we are to meet the set targets.

The Secretary of State has approved the Oaklands College planning appeal and 350 houses will be built in the Green Belt off Sandpit Lane. By 2036 the whole district will grow by about 25%. Everyone's view on development is important and will shape the future of the district.

We must accept the futility of the idea that not building is the answer: It is not an option with our with our burgeoning population.



Your local councillors making a difference.

PARKING ON GRASS VERGES

■ Parking on grass verges in this ward (and others) is ruining the look of the neighbourhoods. Your local Conservative Councillors are still campaigning for action to protect our verges and footpaths from damage caused by inconsiderate parking, builder's vehicles and delivery vehicles. This parking is unacceptable behaviour and requires help from residents to caution tradesmen and neighbours to refrain from this practice.

We need an enforceable by-law, followed by enforcement action and prosecution of drivers who damage verges and footpaths in our district.



Cllrs Claudio Duran and Neil Harris assessing the damage

WE WANT YOUR VIEWS ON LOCAL ISSUES

■ We have recently undertaken a limited survey seeking your views on local issues.

We have included a survey form and a return envelope for more households with this "In Touch" to get a comprehensive result. We will analyse the information obtained and give you the results next time.

Your views are important to help us shape the way forward for our ward, the district council and to give the County Councillor a heads up on problems needing resolution.

If you have a survey form PLEASE fill it in and post to us.