

Nurturing Growth: Consultation feedback

What they said?	What we did?
1. Little appetite for focus on policies around intensive farming and the glasshouse industry.	1. We removed this section.
2. It was felt that there was not enough rural focused policymaking.	2. A key agreed action is that we will create a rural strategy for this District. The development of a rural strategy is now a key priority in this document.
3. Key concern was expressed around climate change and how this should be more thoroughly integrated into the vision and key priorities of this strategy. Respondents also indicated there were environmental issues to be addressed around the sustainable growth of Stansted Airport.	3. References to Climate Change and sustainability have been increased throughout the document from the vision to key actions and comment around Stansted expansion amended.
4. Improving transport infrastructure is a key concern of residents, across the consultation and was cited around a diversity of challenges including climate change, housing growth, rural employment and also High Streets.	4. There are several actions which have been introduced to support the development of more integrated transport networks across the district.
5. Concerns were raised about town centres and their long term sustainability.	5. An action has been now been introduced around supporting the Overview and Scrutiny Task and Finish Panels ongoing investigation into the sustainability and success of town centres in the district.
6. Respondents stated that improving digital infrastructure in the area was an important issue around future proofing economic success	6. The strategy confirms that the council will continue the rollout of the Superfast Broadband to rural areas and will continue focus in this priority. Epping Forest is also a member of the 'DIZ' a partnership body which looks at improving digital policymaking across district boundaries.
7. Better partnership working needed to deal with key economic issues facing the district.	7. The document states that an Economic Board involving key leaders from the public, private and voluntary sectors in the district will be established to help oversee a detailed work programme around implementing the actions of this strategy.