

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AGENDA

Wednesday, 31st January 2018 at 7:15 PM

Council Chamber, Braintree District Council, Causeway House,
Bocking End, Braintree, CM7 9HB

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Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee are requested to attend this meeting to transact the business set out in the Agenda.

Councillor P Barlow (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs M Cunningham
Councillor Mrs D Garrod
Councillor J Goodman
Councillor A Hensman
Councillor P Horner

Councillor G Maclure
Councillor Mrs I Parker
Councillor R Ramage
Councillor B Rose
Councillor P Schwier
Councillor C Siddall (Vice Chairman)

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Acting Chief Executive

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1 Apologies for Absence

2 Member Declarations

1. To declare the existence and nature of any interests relating to items on the agenda having regard to the Code of Conduct for Members and having taken appropriate advice (where necessary) before the meeting.
2. To declare the existence and nature of any instruction given by or on behalf of a political group to any Councillor who is a member of that group as to how that Councillor shall speak or vote on any matter before the Committee or the application or threat to apply any sanction by the group in respect of that Councillor should he/she speak or vote on any particular matter.

3 Public Question Time
(See paragraph above)

4 Minutes of the Previous Meeting
To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 6th December 2017 (copy previously circulated).

5 Scrutiny of the Council Budget for 2018-19 Update
To receive a presentation from the Cabinet on the updated Council Budget for 2018-19.

Report and presentation slides are to follow.

Note:

1. The report for this item is prepared for the publication of the Cabinet Agenda for the meeting of 6th February 2016.
2. All Members of the Council are invited to attend for this item as part of the Member Development Programme to enable them to understand the Council's Budget for 2018-19 update.
3. Only Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee can vote on this item.

6 Seventh Evidence Gathering Session for the Scrutiny Review into Employment Sites and Premises
The seventh evidence gathering session for the Committee's Scrutiny Review will include the following business:-

- Employment Sites and Premises Survey

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7 Employment Sites and Premises Draft Report.
Members are requested to bring to this meeting the draft report on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's Scrutiny Review into Employment Sites and Premises, previously circulated.

8 Decision Planner
To consider the Decision Planner for the period 1st February 2018 to 31st May 2018 (previously circulated).

9 Urgent Business - Public Session
To consider any matter which, in the opinion of the Chairman should be considered in public by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) as a matter of urgency.

10 Exclusion of the Public and Press
To agree the exclusion of the public and press for the consideration of any items for the reasons set out in Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of the Local Government Act 1972.

At the time of compiling this agenda there were none.

PRIVATE SESSION

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11 Urgent Business - Private Session
To consider any matter which, in the opinion of the Chairman, should be considered in private by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) as a matter of urgency.

Seventh Evidence Gathering Session for the Scrutiny Review - Employment Sites and Premises Survey		Agenda No: 6
Portfolio	Economic Development	
Corporate Outcome:	A sustainable environment and a great place to live, work and play A well connected and growing district with high quality homes and infrastructure A prosperous district that attracts business growth and provides high quality employment opportunities A high performing organisation that delivers excellent and value for money services Delivering better outcomes for residents and businesses and reducing costs to taxpayers	
Report presented by:	Emma Wisbey, Governance and Member Manager	
Report prepared by:	Chloe Glock, Governance Business Officer	
Background Papers:	Public Report	
<u>Minutes of Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 20th December 2017 and 6th December 2017</u>	Key Decision: No	
Executive Summary:		
<p>At its meeting held on 20th September 2017 the Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed to develop a survey to be circulated to businesses in the District to discover the local needs and development plans going forward. Members felt this was an opportunity to engage with local businesses and gain an insight into the difficulties faced by growing businesses.</p> <p>Authority was delegated to Councillor Rose to collect potential questions from the Committee and collate these prior to submission the Governance Team. Once these had been received by the Governance Team, Members' questions, together with additional questions put forward by Officers were assembled into an online survey.</p> <p>The survey was circulated by email to Businesses across the District in November 2017 and 16 responses were by the survey deadline of 17th January 2018. The details of these responses can be found in the body of this report.</p>		
Recommended Decision:		
To note the results of the Employment Sites and Premises Survey.		

Purpose of Decision:

To assist the Committee in delivering the Terms of Reference and identify where the evidence would best be gathered from.

Any Corporate implications in relation to the following should be explained in detail.

Financial:	None arising out of this report
Legal:	None arising out of this report
Safeguarding:	None arising out of this report
Equalities/Diversity:	None arising out of this report
Customer Impact:	None arising out of this report
Environment and Climate Change:	None arising out of this report
Consultation/Community Engagement:	Evidence will be gathered as part of the Committee's considerations which will be explored in greater detail at a later date.
Risks:	None arising out of this report
Officer Contact:	Chloe Glock
Designation:	Governance Business Officer
Ext. No:	2615
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Background

A survey looking at local business needs and development requirements had been developed and circulated to over 3000 businesses across the District. The survey had been completed by a total of 16 businesses from a variety of different sectors including:

- Trade Association,
- Care of the Elderly,
- Development and Transport,
- Health and Safety,
- Office Furniture,
- Agriculture,
- Retail,
- Training,
- Education and Charity,
- Temporary Traffic Management and Road Safety Services,
- Childcare,
- Design,
- Manufacturing,
- Construction and Wholesale.

Survey Results

From the 16 responses received the following data was collected;

- Of those who responded 7 out of 16 were smaller businesses, employing no more than 6 people, whilst the remaining business had a wider range of employee numbers, hiring between 10 and 180.
- 9 of the business who had responded had been at their current site for less than 10 years, 6 had been there for more than 10 years, and one of the businesses had been at their current location for 250 years.
- Of those surveyed, only three businesses indicated that their staff did not have sufficient parking at their business location and only four had indicated that non business parking was causing detriment to the business at their location.
- 11 out of the 16 responses received considered that the infrastructure at their business location was unacceptable and 10 out of the 16 could not accommodate large vehicles or lorries on their business estate.
- 50% of businesses surveyed considered that there were no premises available in the District to enable their business to grow and 9 out of the 16 surveyed indicated that if new business premises or office space was constructed in the Braintree District they would consider a move or business expansion. Of the 16 businesses surveyed, 13 felt that more grow on premises should be considered by the Council.
- The responses had indicated that 75% of the businesses provided employees with an area away from the workplace to consume food and drink; however

75% of business did not have any food or refreshment outlets accessible to employees at their business location.

- 75% of businesses surveyed believed that the expansion of the Witham to Braintree Railway Line to Stansted would benefit the District.

The survey included a question referring to the responsibility of Braintree District Council and what could be done under its capacity as the Local Authority to help increase investment into the District. Some of the areas for improvement indicated are as follows;

- Improve broadband and postal services in rural areas.
- Support local community groups.
- Improve access to Business Parks and availability of food and drink facilities.
- Improve infrastructure, roads, signage and traffic flows.
- Support rural business development in terms of facilitating housing development, supporting and developing services, planning and business rates.
- Improve roads and property for business enterprises with reasonable charges.
- Encourage the Highway Authorities (ECC & Highways England) to improve transport links in the District, in particular the A120 Braintree to A12.
- Improve rail links to the District by lobbying the extension of the Braintree branch line to Stansted.
- Invest in high quality, accessible and well serviced business premises, making the District an attractive place to work.
- Increase availability of affordable rentable premises suitable for business use.
- Improve and simplify planning procedure to become more efficient and transparent.
- Reduction of business rates.
- Accessibility to Superfast Fibre Broadband throughout the District.

The completed responses from the survey can be found at Appendix A of this report.

Scrutiny Review into Employment Sites and Premises in the Braintree District

Survey Results

Question	Response
<i>What is the primary sector you would say your business is in?:</i>	Trade Association
<i>How many people are employed by your business?:</i>	1
<i>How long have you been at this location?:</i>	21
<i>What could Braintree District Council do to help increase investment into the District?:</i>	Get better broadband and postal services in rural areas
<i>Has your landlord refurbished, redecorated or modernized your business premises?:</i>	
<i>How easily can employees access your business location ?</i>	Very Easily
<i>Are there any food or refreshment outlets that your employees visit at your business location?:</i>	Yes
<i>Are your employees provided with an area away from the workplace to consume food and drink?:</i>	Yes
<i>Do staff have sufficient parking at your business location?:</i>	Yes
<i>Is non business parking causing any detriment to your business at your location?:</i>	No
<i>Do you consider that there are premises available in the District to enable you to grow your business?:</i>	Yes
<i>If there were new business premises or office space constructed in the Braintree District, would you consider a move or business expansion?:</i>	No
<i>Do you feel that more growth on premises should be considered by the Council?:</i>	Yes
<i>Is the road infrastructure in your business area acceptable?:</i>	No
<i>Is there sufficient road provision on your business estate to accommodate large lorries?:</i>	No
<i>Do you think that the expansion of the Witham to Braintree Railway Line to Stansted would benefit the District? :</i>	No
<i>If you would like to expand upon any of your answers or have any additional comments use the box below:</i>	
<i>Are you happy for us to contact you in the future ?:</i>	Yes
<i>Email Address:</i>	Email provided
<i>Address</i>	Church Road, Braintree

Question	Response
<i>What is the primary sector you would say your business is in?:</i>	Care of the Elderly
<i>How many people are employed by your business?:</i>	45
<i>How long have you been at this location?:</i>	20 years
<i>What could Braintree District Council do to help increase investment into the District?:</i>	Support community groups
<i>Has your landlord refurbished, redecorated or modernized your business premises?:</i>	Yes
<i>How easily can employees access your business location ?</i>	Very Easily
<i>Are there any food or refreshment outlets that your employees visit at your business location?:</i>	No
<i>Are your employees provided with an area away from the workplace to consume food and drink?:</i>	Yes
<i>Do staff have sufficient parking at your business location ?:</i>	Yes
<i>Is non business parking causing any detriment to your business at your location?:</i>	No
<i>Do you consider that there are premises available in the District to enable you to grow your business?:</i>	No
<i>If there were new business premises or office space constructed in the Braintree District, would you consider a move or business expansion?:</i>	No
<i>Do you feel that more growth on premises should be considered by the Council?:</i>	Yes
<i>Is the road infrastructure in your business area acceptable?:</i>	Yes
<i>Is there sufficient road provision on your business estate to accommodate large lorries?:</i>	Yes
<i>Do you think that the expansion of the Witham to Braintree Railway Line to Stansted would benefit the District? :</i>	Yes
<i>If you would like to expand upon any of your answers or have any additional comments use the box below:</i>	
<i>Are you happy for us to contact you in the future ?:</i>	Yes
<i>Email Address:</i>	Email provided
<i>Address</i>	Boars Tye Road, Witham

Question	Response
<i>What is the primary sector you would say your business is in?:</i>	Development / Transport
<i>How many people are employed by your business?:</i>	6
<i>How long have you been at this location?:</i>	18 years
<i>What could Braintree District Council do to help increase investment into the District?:</i>	Improve access to Threshelfords Business Park - it suffers from congestion at peak times due to queuing on the approach to the Blue Anchor junction in Feering. A quality coffee shop or cart or similar would be welcomed.
<i>Has your landlord refurbished, redecorated or modernized your business premises?:</i>	No - we have a full repairing lease so undertake all maintenance ourselves.
<i>How easily can employees access you businesses location ?</i>	Very Difficultly
<i>Are there any food or refreshment outlets that your employees visit at your business location?:</i>	No
<i>Are your employees provided with an area away from the workplace to consume food and drink?:</i>	Yes
<i>Do staff have sufficient parking at your business location ?:</i>	Yes
<i>Is non business parking causing any detriment to your business at your location?:</i>	No
<i>Do you consider that there are premises available in the District to enable you to grow your business?:</i>	Yes
<i>If there were new business premises or office space constructed in the Braintree District, would you consider a move or business expansion?:</i>	No
<i>Do you feel that more grow on premises should be considered by the Council?:</i>	Yes
<i>Is the road infrastructure in your business area acceptable?:</i>	No
<i>Is there sufficient road provision on your business estate to accommodate large lorries?:</i>	No
<i>Do you think that the expansion of the Witham to Braintree Railway Line to Stansted would benefit the District? :</i>	Yes
<i>If you would like to expand upon any of your answers or have any additional comments use the box below:</i>	Traffic congestion in Feering at the Blue Anchor junction is a serious issue morning and evening - a signal junction is required. Exiting Threshelfords is also

Question	Response
	a serious issue with poor visibility - better street lighting is required. A good quality coffee shop at Threshelfords Business Park would be welcomed.
<i>Are you happy for us to contact you in the future ?:</i>	Yes
<i>Email Address:</i>	Email provided
<i>Address</i>	THRESHELFORDS BUSINESS PARK, Inworth Road, Colchester

Question	Response
<i>What is the primary sector you would say your business is in?:</i>	Health & Safety
<i>How many people are employed by your business?:</i>	6
<i>How long have you been at this location?:</i>	1year
<i>What could Braintree District Council do to help increase investment into the District?:</i>	Improve infrastructure, roads and traffic is horrendous
<i>Has your landlord refurbished, redecorated or modernized your business premises?:</i>	NO
<i>How easily can employees access you businesses location ? :</i>	Easily
<i>Are there any food or refreshment outlets that your employees visit at your business location?:</i>	No
<i>Are your employees provided with an area away from the workplace to consume food and drink?:</i>	Yes
<i>Do staff have sufficient parking at your business location ?:</i>	No
<i>Is non business parking causing any detriment to your business at your location?:</i>	Yes
<i>Do you consider that there are premises available in the District to enable you to grow your business?:</i>	Yes
<i>If there were new business premises or office space constructed in the Braintree District, would you consider a move or business expansion?:</i>	Yes
<i>Do you feel that more grow on premises should be considered by the Council?:</i>	Yes
<i>Is the road infrastructure in your business area acceptable?:</i>	No
<i>Is there sufficient road provision on your business estate to accommodate large lorries?:</i>	No
<i>Do you think that the expansion of the Witham to Braintree Railway Line to Stansted would benefit the District? :</i>	Yes
<i>If you would like to expand upon any of your answers or have any additional comments use the box below:</i>	Traffic off of Springwood Drive at the end of the day is horrific sometimes with traffic backed up to Bannatynes gym. Braintree has become a bottleneck on the A120 and through the town at peak hours. The infrastructure is sorely lacking and things will only get worse with the introduction of new homes.

Question	Response
<i>Are you happy for us to contact you in the future ?:</i>	Yes
<i>Email Address:</i>	Email provided
<i>Address</i> :	BRAintree ENTERPRISE CENTRE, Springwood Drive, Braintree

Question	Response
<i>What is the primary sector you would say your business is in?:</i>	Office Furniture
<i>How many people are employed by your business?:</i>	180
<i>How long have you been at this location?:</i>	2 years
<i>What could Braintree District Council do to help increase investment into the District?:</i>	Improve traffic flows.
<i>Has your landlord refurbished, redecorated or modernized your business premises?:</i>	No
<i>How easily can employees access your businesses location ? :</i>	Easily
<i>Are there any food or refreshment outlets that your employees visit at your business location?:</i>	No
<i>Are your employees provided with an area away from the workplace to consume food and drink?:</i>	Yes
<i>Do staff have sufficient parking at your business location ?:</i>	No
<i>Is non business parking causing any detriment to your business at your location?:</i>	No
<i>Do you consider that there are premises available in the District to enable you to grow your business?:</i>	No
<i>If there were new business premises or office space constructed in the Braintree District, would you consider a move or business expansion?:</i>	No
<i>Do you feel that more grow on premises should be considered by the Council?:</i>	No
<i>Is the road infrastructure in your business area acceptable?:</i>	No
<i>Is there sufficient road provision on your business estate to accommodate large lorries?:</i>	No
<i>Do you think that the expansion of the Witham to Braintree Railway Line to Stansted would benefit the District? :</i>	No
<i>If you would like to expand upon any of your answers or have any additional comments use the box below:</i>	
<i>Are you happy for us to contact you in the future ?:</i>	Yes
<i>Email Address:</i>	Email provided
<i>Address :</i>	Elliot Drive, Braintree,

Question	Response
<i>What is the primary sector you would say your business is in?:</i>	Agriculture
<i>How many people are employed by your business?:</i>	5
<i>How long have you been at this location?:</i>	250 years
<i>What could Braintree District Council do to help increase investment into the District?:</i>	Support rural business development in terms of facilitating housing development, supporting and developing services (including ensuring there is demand in rural villages form existing and improved services - ie.e that ratherthan stopping development wholesale taking a conserded and case-by-case approach to small developments that will bring more people into the area), planning and business rates.
<i>Has your landlord refurbished, redecorated or modernized your business premises?:</i>	n/a
<i>How easily can employees access you businesses location ?</i>	Difficultly
<i>Are there any food or refreshment outlets that your employees visit at your business location?:</i>	No
<i>Are your employees provided with an area away from the workplace to consume food and drink?:</i>	No
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<i>Do you feel that more grow on premises should be considered by the Council?:</i>	Yes
<i>Is the road infrastructure in your business area acceptable?:</i>	No
<i>Is there sufficient road provision on your business estate to accommodate large lorries?:</i>	Yes

Question	Response
<i>Do you think that the expansion of the Witham to Braintree Railway Line to Stansted would benefit the District? :</i>	Yes
<i>If you would like to expand upon any of your answers or have any additional comments use the box below:</i>	
<i>Are you happy for us to contact you in the future ?:</i>	Yes
<i>Email Address:</i>	Email provided
<i>Address</i> :	Spains Hall Road, Braintree

Question	Response
<i>What is the primary sector you would say your business is in?:</i>	Retail
<i>How many people are employed by your business?:</i>	10
<i>How long have you been at this location?:</i>	22 years
<i>What could Braintree District Council do to help increase investment into the District?:</i>	Let people have shops I'm town at lower rent and rate
<i>Has your landlord refurbished, redecorated or modernized your business premises?:</i>	No
<i>How easily can employees access you businesses location ? :</i>	Very Easily
<i>Are there any food or refreshment outlets that your employees visit at your business location?:</i>	Yes
<i>Are your employees provided with an area away from the workplace to consume food and drink?:</i>	No
<i>Do staff have sufficient parking at your business location ?:</i>	No
<i>Is non business parking causing any detriment to your business at your location?:</i>	Yes
<i>Do you consider that there are premises available in the District to enable you to grow your business?:</i>	No
<i>If there were new business premises or office space constructed in the Braintree District, would you consider a move or business expansion?:</i>	No
<i>Do you feel that more grow on premises should be considered by the Council?:</i>	Yes
<i>Is the road infrastructure in your business area acceptable?:</i>	No
<i>Is there sufficient road provision on your business estate to accommodate large lorries?:</i>	No
<i>Do you think that the expansion of the Witham to Braintree Railway Line to Stansted would benefit the District? :</i>	Yes
<i>If you would like to expand upon any of your answers or have any additional comments use the box below:</i>	Council are happy taking the rent but do nothing to help small business
<i>Are you happy for us to contact you in the future ?:</i>	Yes
<i>Email Address:</i>	Email provided
<i>Address:</i>	Queens Road, Braintree,

Question	Response
<i>What is the primary sector you would say your business is in?:</i>	Training, Education and charity
<i>How many people are employed by your business?:</i>	1
<i>How long have you been at this location?:</i>	8 years
<i>What could Braintree District Council do to help increase investment into the District?:</i>	Improve roads and property for business enterprise with reasonable charges.
<i>Has your landlord refurbished, redecorated or modernized your business premises?:</i>	I do it myself.
<i>How easily can employees access your businesses location ? :</i>	Very Easily
<i>Are there any food or refreshment outlets that your employees visit at your business location?:</i>	No
<i>Are your employees provided with an area away from the workplace to consume food and drink?:</i>	Yes
<i>Do staff have sufficient parking at your business location ?:</i>	Yes
<i>Is non business parking causing any detriment to your business at your location?:</i>	No
<i>Do you consider that there are premises available in the District to enable you to grow your business?:</i>	No
<i>If there were new business premises or office space constructed in the Braintree District, would you consider a move or business expansion?:</i>	Yes
<i>Do you feel that more grow on premises should be considered by the Council?:</i>	Yes
<i>Is the road infrastructure in your business area acceptable?:</i>	No
<i>Is there sufficient road provision on your business estate to accommodate large lorries?:</i>	No
<i>Do you think that the expansion of the Witham to Braintree Railway Line to Stansted would benefit the District? :</i>	No
<i>If you would like to expand upon any of your answers or have any additional comments use the box below:</i>	
<i>Are you happy for us to contact you in the future ?:</i>	Yes
<i>Email Address:</i>	Email provided

Question	Response
<i>What is the primary sector you would say your business is in?:</i>	Temporary Traffic Management & Road Safety Services
<i>How many people are employed by your business?:</i>	20
<i>How long have you been at this location?:</i>	7 years
<i>What could Braintree District Council do to help increase investment into the District?:</i>	Lobby the Highway Authorities (ECC & Highways England) to improve transport links in the district, particularly the A120 Braintree to A12 improvement. Improve rail links to the district by lobbying the extension of the Braintree branch line to Stansted. Do all you can to make the district an attractive place to do business by investing in high quality, accessible and well serviced business premises.
<i>Has your landlord refurbished, redecorated or modernized your business premises?:</i>	Yes, BDC is our landlord and improvements were undertaken in 2016 to the site.
<i>How easily can employees access your business location ?</i>	Easily
<i>Are there any food or refreshment outlets that your employees visit at your business location?:</i>	No
<i>Are your employees provided with an area away from the workplace to consume food and drink?:</i>	Yes
<i>Do staff have sufficient parking at your business location ?:</i>	Yes
<i>Is non business parking causing any detriment to your business at your location?:</i>	No
<i>Do you consider that there are premises available in the District to enable you to grow your business?:</i>	Yes
<i>If there were new business premises or office space constructed in the Braintree District, would you consider a move or business expansion?:</i>	Yes
<i>Do you feel that more growth on premises should be considered by the Council?:</i>	Yes
<i>Is the road infrastructure in your business area acceptable?:</i>	No
<i>Is there sufficient road provision on your business estate to accommodate large lorries?:</i>	Yes

Question	Response
<i>Do you think that the expansion of the Witham to Braintree Railway Line to Stansted would benefit the District? :</i>	Yes
<i>If you would like to expand upon any of your answers or have any additional comments use the box below:</i>	Very interested in questions 12 and 13. A direct rail link from the district to Stansted would be of great benefit, as would the construction of the much mooted A120 improvement from Braintree to the A12
<i>Are you happy for us to contact you in the future ?:</i>	Yes
<i>Email Address:</i>	Email provided
<i>Address:</i>	Hedingham Road, Halstead,

Question	Response
<i>What is the primary sector you would say your business is in?:</i>	childcare
<i>How many people are employed by your business?:</i>	50
<i>How long have you been at this location?:</i>	9 years
<i>What could Braintree District Council do to help increase investment into the District?:</i>	more availability of rent-able buildings suitable for our business
<i>Has your landlord refurbished, redecorated or modernized your business premises?:</i>	no
<i>How easily can employees access you businesses location ? :</i>	Difficultly
<i>Are there any food or refreshment outlets that your employees visit at your business location?:</i>	No
<i>Are your employees provided with an area away from the workplace to consume food and drink?:</i>	Yes
<i>Do staff have sufficient parking at your business location ?:</i>	Yes
<i>Is non business parking causing any detriment to your business at your location?:</i>	No
<i>Do you consider that there are premises available in the District to enable you to grow your business?:</i>	No
<i>If there were new business premises or office space constructed in the Braintree District, would you consider a move or business expansion?:</i>	Yes
<i>Do you feel that more grow on premises should be considered by the Council?:</i>	No
<i>Is the road infrastructure in your business area acceptable?:</i>	Yes
<i>Is there sufficient road provision on your business estate to accommodate large lorries?:</i>	Yes
<i>Do you think that the expansion of the Witham to Braintree Railway Line to Stansted would benefit the District? :</i>	No
<i>If you would like to expand upon any of your answers or have any additional comments use the box below:</i>	we would like to see an expansion of a bus route to our business park.
<i>Are you happy for us to contact you in the future ?:</i>	Yes
<i>Email Address:</i>	Email provided
<i>Address :</i>	Earls Colne Business Park

Question	Response
<i>What is the primary sector you would say your business is in?:</i>	Design
<i>How many people are employed by your business?:</i>	2
<i>How long have you been at this location?:</i>	7 Years
<i>What could Braintree District Council do to help increase investment into the District?:</i>	Improve and simplify planning procedure to become more efficient and transparent.
<i>Has your landlord refurbished, redecorated or modernized your business premises?:</i>	YES
<i>How easily can employees access your business location ? :</i>	Difficultly
<i>Are there any food or refreshment outlets that your employees visit at your business location?:</i>	No
<i>Are your employees provided with an area away from the workplace to consume food and drink?:</i>	Yes
<i>Do staff have sufficient parking at your business location ?:</i>	Yes
<i>Is non business parking causing any detriment to your business at your location?:</i>	No
<i>Do you consider that there are premises available in the District to enable you to grow your business?:</i>	No
<i>If there were new business premises or office space constructed in the Braintree District, would you consider a move or business expansion?:</i>	Yes
<i>Do you feel that more growth on premises should be considered by the Council?:</i>	Yes
<i>Is the road infrastructure in your business area acceptable?:</i>	No
<i>Is there sufficient road provision on your business estate to accommodate large lorries?:</i>	No
<i>Do you think that the expansion of the Witham to Braintree Railway Line to Stansted would benefit the District? :</i>	Yes
<i>If you would like to expand upon any of your answers or have any additional comments use the box below:</i>	
<i>Are you happy for us to contact you in the future ?:</i>	Yes
<i>Email Address:</i>	Email provided
<i>Address :</i>	Gosfield Road, Blackmore End, Braintree

Question	Response
<i>What is the primary sector you would say your business is in?:</i>	manufacturing
<i>How many people are employed by your business?:</i>	10
<i>How long have you been at this location?:</i>	8 years
<i>What could Braintree District Council do to help increase investment into the District?:</i>	reduce business rates,
<i>Has your landlord refurbished, redecorated or modernized your business premises?:</i>	no
<i>How easily can employees access your businesses location ? :</i>	Very Easily
<i>Are there any food or refreshment outlets that your employees visit at your business location?:</i>	Yes
<i>Are your employees provided with an area away from the workplace to consume food and drink?:</i>	Yes
<i>Do staff have sufficient parking at your business location ?:</i>	Yes
<i>Is non business parking causing any detriment to your business at your location?:</i>	Yes
<i>Do you consider that there are premises available in the District to enable you to grow your business?:</i>	Yes
<i>If there were new business premises or office space constructed in the Braintree District, would you consider a move or business expansion?:</i>	No
<i>Do you feel that more grow on premises should be considered by the Council?:</i>	Yes
<i>Is the road infrastructure in your business area acceptable?:</i>	Yes
<i>Is there sufficient road provision on your business estate to accommodate large lorries?:</i>	No
<i>Do you think that the expansion of the Witham to Braintree Railway Line to Stansted would benefit the District? :</i>	Yes
<i>If you would like to expand upon any of your answers or have any additional comments use the box below:</i>	
<i>Are you happy for us to contact you in the future ?:</i>	Yes
<i>Email Address:</i>	Email provided
<i>Address:</i>	Anglia Way, Braintree

Question	Response
<i>What is the primary sector you would say your business is in?:</i>	MOTOR FACTOR
<i>How many people are employed by your business?:</i>	6
<i>How long have you been at this location?:</i>	13 YEARS
<i>What could Braintree District Council do to help increase investment into the District?:</i>	IMPROVE AND MAINTANCE INFRASTRUCTURE, SIGNAGE.
<i>Has your landlord refurbished, redecorated or modernized your business premises?:</i>	NA
<i>How easily can employees access you businesses location ? :</i>	Very Easily
<i>Are there any food or refreshment outlets that your employees visit at your business location?:</i>	No
<i>Are your employees provided with an area away from the workplace to consume food and drink?:</i>	No
<i>Do staff have sufficient parking at your business location ?:</i>	Yes
<i>Is non business parking causing any detriment to your business at your location?:</i>	Yes
<i>Do you consider that there are premises available in the District to enable you to grow your business?:</i>	Yes
<i>If there were new business premises or office space constructed in the Braintree District, would you consider a move or business expansion?:</i>	No
<i>Do you feel that more grow on premises should be considered by the Council?:</i>	Yes
<i>Is the road infrastructure in your business area acceptable?:</i>	Yes
<i>Is there sufficient road provision on your business estate to accommodate large lorries?:</i>	No
<i>Do you think that the expansion of the Witham to Braintree Railway Line to Stansted would benefit the District? :</i>	Yes
<i>If you would like to expand upon any of your answers or have any additional comments use the box below:</i>	
<i>Are you happy for us to contact you in the future ?:</i>	No
<i>Email Address:</i>	
<i>Address:</i>	CROMWELL CENTRE, Witham,

Question	Response
<i>What is the primary sector you would say your business is in?:</i>	Construction
<i>How many people are employed by your business?:</i>	40
<i>How long have you been at this location?:</i>	6 years
<i>What could Braintree District Council do to help increase investment into the District?:</i>	Better roads. More industrial units.
<i>Has your landlord refurbished, redecorated or modernized your business premises?:</i>	No
<i>How easily can employees access your businesses location ? :</i>	Difficultly
<i>Are there any food or refreshment outlets that your employees visit at your business location?:</i>	No
<i>Are your employees provided with an area away from the workplace to consume food and drink?:</i>	Yes
<i>Do staff have sufficient parking at your business location ?:</i>	Yes
<i>Is non business parking causing any detriment to your business at your location?:</i>	No
<i>Do you consider that there are premises available in the District to enable you to grow your business?:</i>	No
<i>If there were new business premises or office space constructed in the Braintree District, would you consider a move or business expansion?:</i>	Yes
<i>Do you feel that more grow on premises should be considered by the Council?:</i>	Yes
<i>Is the road infrastructure in your business area acceptable?:</i>	No
<i>Is there sufficient road provision on your business estate to accommodate large lorries?:</i>	Yes
<i>Do you think that the expansion of the Witham to Braintree Railway Line to Stansted would benefit the District? :</i>	Yes
<i>If you would like to expand upon any of your answers or have any additional comments use the box below:</i>	
<i>Are you happy for us to contact you in the future ?:</i>	Yes
<i>Email Address:</i>	Email provided
<i>Address :</i>	EARLS COLNE INDUSTRIAL PARK

Question	Response
<i>What is the primary sector you would say your business is in?:</i>	Manufacturing
<i>How many people are employed by your business?:</i>	90
<i>How long have you been at this location?:</i>	10
<i>What could Braintree District Council do to help increase investment into the District?:</i>	Rail link from Braintree to Stansted Airport Superfast Fibre Broadband
<i>Has your landlord refurbished, redecorated or modernized your business premises?:</i>	We own the freehold
<i>How easily can employees access your business location ? :</i>	Very Easily
<i>Are there any food or refreshment outlets that your employees visit at your business location?:</i>	No
<i>Are your employees provided with an area away from the workplace to consume food and drink?:</i>	Yes
<i>Do staff have sufficient parking at your business location ?:</i>	Yes
<i>Is non business parking causing any detriment to your business at your location?:</i>	No
<i>Do you consider that there are premises available in the District to enable you to grow your business?:</i>	Yes
<i>If there were new business premises or office space constructed in the Braintree District, would you consider a move or business expansion?:</i>	Yes
<i>Do you feel that more growth on premises should be considered by the Council?:</i>	Yes
<i>Is the road infrastructure in your business area acceptable?:</i>	Yes
<i>Is there sufficient road provision on your business estate to accommodate large lorries?:</i>	Yes
<i>Do you think that the expansion of the Witham to Braintree Railway Line to Stansted would benefit the District? :</i>	Yes
<i>If you would like to expand upon any of your answers or have any additional comments use the box below:</i>	
<i>Are you happy for us to contact you in the future ?:</i>	Yes
<i>Email Address:</i>	Email provided
<i>Address:</i>	Avenue West, Braintree,

Question	Response
<i>What is the primary sector you would say your business is in?:</i>	Wholesale
<i>How many people are employed by your business?:</i>	13
<i>How long have you been at this location?:</i>	27
<i>What could Braintree District Council do to help increase investment into the District?:</i>	Don't know
<i>Has your landlord refurbished, redecorated or modernized your business premises?:</i>	Yes
<i>How easily can employees access you businesses location ? :</i>	Very Difficultly
<i>Are there any food or refreshment outlets that your employees visit at your business location?:</i>	Yes
<i>Are your employees provided with an area away from the workplace to consume food and drink?:</i>	No
<i>Do staff have sufficient parking at your business location ?:</i>	Yes
<i>Is non business parking causing any detriment to your business at your location?:</i>	No
<i>Do you consider that there are premises available in the District to enable you to grow your business?:</i>	Yes
<i>If there were new business premises or office space constructed in the Braintree District, would you consider a move or business expansion?:</i>	Yes
<i>Do you feel that more grow on premises should be considered by the Council?:</i>	No
<i>Is the road infrastructure in your business area acceptable?:</i>	No
<i>Is there sufficient road provision on your business estate to accommodate large lorries?:</i>	No
<i>Do you think that the expansion of the Witham to Braintree Railway Line to Stansted would benefit the District? :</i>	Yes
<i>If you would like to expand upon any of your answers or have any additional comments use the box below:</i>	
<i>Are you happy for us to contact you in the future ?:</i>	No