

Appendix 6: Summary of Public Consultation

In February and March 2016 the Council carried out a public consultation on the Grays Towns Centre Framework which was reported to Cabinet in March 2016.

In total 69% of responses received stated that they either 'support' or 'strongly support' the overall approach set out in the Framework. There was support for the proposed approach to each of the five main areas as well: the approach to the town centre and station (85%), Orsett Road (80%); Grays Riverside (83%); London Road/Hogg Lane (72%); and Clarence Road (75%).

Respondents were asked about their level of support for key projects proposed in the Framework. Support was again strong: a) Underpass: 72% support or strongly support the proposals; b) Removal of the one way system: 69% support or strongly support this; c) Re-provision of the theatre at the riverfront: 65% support or strongly support the proposal; and d) Aspirations for a pier: 75% support or strongly support the proposal.

Respondents were also asked for their views about using Council owned land to support delivery of regeneration projects, 70% of respondents support or strongly support the use of the Council's land for this purpose.

A further public consultation on the emerging design approach for the underpass was carried out in February to March 2020, the report on this consultation is attached.

Further Public Consultation is planned in the next design phases to inform the design and a further consultation will also be included as part of the process of considering planning applications.