

# Felsted Neighbourhood Plan Review

## Result of the Public Consultation 11/12<sup>th</sup> July 2025

### Token Vote

Total tokens issued: **142** (One per *household* attending)

Water Tower site: **60**

Bloor Homes Site: **65**

No preference expressed: **17**

### Analysis of Comments

In addition to the token count, as shown above, we have very carefully read and considered the 83 comments left over the two days on the 'Comments' boards by the 190 (Friday 86 and Saturday 104) *individuals* who attended. (Where more than one post -it appears to have been used to express a view by the same contributor, the additional note has been counted as a single comment.).

We have given a categorisation code to each comment.

There is a degree of subjectivity in the categorisation of the responses, but we have tried to ensure the code matches the intent of the contributor.

The majority (35 notes) are assessed (GC) as providing general comments about development in and the pressure on infrastructure, urging resistance to any further development but without offering specific comment on the two major sites on display.

Following the event the Partish clerk also received six emails from residents who were unable to attend but asked for their views to be considered.

- (SBH) Seven (7+2) offered comments clearly in SUPPORT of the Bloor Homes site.
- (ABH) Nineteen (19+1) offered comments clearly AGAINST the Bloor Homes site.
- (SWT) Two (2) offered comments clearly in SUPPORT of the Water Tower site.
- (AWT) Twenty (20 +3) offered comments clearly AGAINST the Water Tower site.

Neither the token vote nor the 'comments' at the consultation event have provided an overwhelmingly clear result.

The distribution of the tokens shows greater support for the Bloor Homes site (65) over the Water Tower site (60). The notes on the 'Comments' boards and the emails are also evenly balanced, with similar numbers rejecting both sites (20 and 23) and a slightly greater number (7+2) offering specific support for the Bloor Homes site as opposed to (2) offering support for the Water Tower site.

As we have consistently said, this is NOT a simple 'numbers game'.

In further developing the Review we will also now carefully consider the result of the Strategic Environmental Assessment, (which we are increasingly hopeful will be funded) and will be an important factor in determining how we proceed to producing a DRAFT plan for assessment in accord with Reg 14, when parishioners will have a further opportunity to comment on the plan before it is submitted to a Planning Inspector.

The Inspector will decide whether the plan is compliant with the Neighbourhood Plan Regulations, if further work is required or if we can proceed to a Referendum, when parishioners will finally be able to decide whether to support the plan.

***The Review Group***