Dear Sir/Madam,

**Flintshire Local Development Plan**

**Strategic Options - Growth and Spatial Options**

I am writing to inform you that as part of the ongoing preparation of the Flintshire Local Development Plan, the Council will shortly be consulting on the above document.

This consultation follows on from, and is informed by, the recent consultation on the Key Messages document. The Key Messages document consultation enabled the Council to firm up the vision for the Plan, the issues to be faced by the Plan, the objectives for the Plan, a preferred settlement hierarchy and the key messages emerging.

The Strategic Options document considers the Growth Options for the Plan (the amount of growth to be provided) and Spatial Options (how growth is to be distributed across the County). The outcome of the consultation will help the Council to draw up a 'Preferred Strategy' for the Plan which itself will be subject of a further consultation in the form of a pre-deposit consultation draft Plan.
The 6 week consultation exercise will begin on Friday 28th October 2016 and end on Friday 9th December 2016. The documentation includes:

- A summary leaflet
- An easy read version of the main consultation document
- The main ‘Strategic Options’ consultation document
- A comments form

Documents will be available on the website www.flintshire.gov.uk/ldp and will available in hard copy at Council Offices and libraries, during normal opening hours. An exhibition will be at County Hall for the duration of the consultation period and also at the following locations, during normal opening hours:

- County Hall, Main Reception – 28/10/16 to 09/12/16
- Buckley Library, Upstairs Gallery – 28/10/16 to 18/11/16
- Deeside Leisure Centre – 28/10/16 to 18/11/16
- Holywell Library – 28/10/16 to 18/11/16
- Broughton Library – 18/11/16 to 09/12/16
- Flint Library – 18/11/16 to 09/12/16
- Mold Library – 18/11/16 to 09/12/16

This is an important stage in preparing the Plan and as part of our continuing engagement and consultation on the Plan we want to hear your views about the level of growth you think is appropriate for the County and how that growth should be distributed across the County. Comments can be made:

- By e-mailing developmentplans@flintshire.gov.uk
- By downloading or printing the comments form and returning it
- By writing a letter

Comments arising from the consultation will be reported to the Council’s Planning Strategy Group and will inform the preparation of the Preferred Strategy for the Plan. A summary of comments received during the consultation event and responses to them will be made available on website in due course.

Any queries can be directed to the LDP helpline 01352 703213 or by using the e-mail address above.

Yours sincerely,

Chief Officer (Planning and Environment)