



Central Bedfordshire Council has set out its ambitions and approach to managing and maintaining its farms over the next 10 years in a draft Farms Estate Plan. The council wants to hear your views about the proposed approach.

Please send us your response by Sunday 19 August 2018.

**Q1** The Council wants to continue to maintain a network of farms across Central Bedfordshire for the following reasons, please prioritise the below where 1 is most important and 4 is least important.

	1	2	3	4
Enable people to get into farming	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maintain an income from the estate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Promote access to the countryside	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Biodiversity and environmental benefits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q2** The proposed Farms Estate Plan sets out the following approach, please tell us how far you agree or disagree with each objective:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Maintain a farms estate of no less than 2,000ha	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Consolidate and merge farms when tenancy arrangements end to approximately 30 well-equipped and financially attractive farms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Encourage farm diversification (eg encouraging other rural businesses alongside traditional farming)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Support farmers to promote biodiversity (to have a variety of wildlife and/or plant life on farms)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Support farmers to encourage access to the countryside for health and wellbeing (via rights of way, access to Green Wheels, etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sell, retain and acquire land that meets the council's objectives, such as influencing the pace of development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q3 Do you have any comments about the Council's Farms Estate Plan?

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## About You

This section is about you. The following information will help us when considering your opinions and to make sure that we're getting views of all members of the community. The answers will not be used to identify any individual. You can read more about why we ask these questions on our website.

Q4 Are you responding as: (please select one)

- ☐ A resident
- ☐ A tenant farmer
- ☐ A farm employee
- ☐ Town or Parish Council
- ☐ Local Business
- ☐ Voluntary or Community Organisation
- ☐ Other

Please specify:

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Q5 Are you: (please select one)

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female

Q6 What is your age? (please select one)

- ☐ Under 16 yrs
- ☐ 16-19 yrs
- ☐ 20-29 yrs
- ☐ 30-44 yrs
- ☐ 45-59 yrs
- ☐ 60- 64 yrs
- ☐ 65-74 yrs
- ☐ 75+ yrs

Q7 Do you consider yourself disabled? (please select one)

Under the Equality Act 2010 a person is considered to have a disability if they have a physical or mental impairment which has a sustained and long-term adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day to day activities.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Q8 To which of these groups do you consider you belong? (please select one)

☐ White British

☐ Mixed ethnicity

☐ Black or Black British

☐ Other ethnic group

☐ Asian or Asian British

If other, please specify:

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Q9 What is your home or organisation's postcode?

This will only be used for analysis purposes and will not be used to identify you in any way.

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Q10 If you would like to receive alerts for any new consultations, please provide your email address below to be added our database, this will not be used or shared in any other capacity:

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**Thank you.**

**Please return your completed form by 19 August 2018 to:  
Freepost RSJS GBBZ SRZT (you do not need a stamp)  
Farms Estate Consultation  
Central Bedfordshire Council  
Priory House, Monks Walk  
Chicksands, Shefford  
SG17 5TQ**

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