

Local Plan Community Assembly #1

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Assembly date: 18 August 2026

Location: Congleton Town Hall

Attendees:

- 1 x Deputy Leader of the council
- 29 x Cheshire East residents
- 2 x council main facilitators
- 6 x council table facilitators



Conclusions

- This Assembly provided a strong foundation for future engagement
- Growth is accepted by attendees, but conditions apply
- Different groups of people bring different perspectives
- More work is needed on growth options for the borough
- Qualitative Assembly findings should be tested further
- The conversation is only just beginning

Key findings

- Residents value Cheshire East's environment
- Growth should be infrastructure-led
- Housing affordability remains a major concern
- Transport and connectivity matter
- Communities and local identity are important
- Brownfield development attracted strong support

