Publication Draft Braintree, Colchester and Tendring Local Plans: Section One Shared Strategic Plan

Statement of Common Ground with Galliard Homes

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Statement of Common Ground

Between The Promoters and Braintree District Council, Colchester Borough Council and Tendring District Council (collectively the North Essex Authorities)

1. Introduction

This Statement of Common Ground has been prepared to identify the areas of agreement between Galliard Homes and Braintree District Council, Colchester Borough Council and Tendring District Council as the North Essex Authorities on matters relating to the Section 1 Shared Strategic Plan.

This Statement addresses key issues raised by Galliard Homes in representations submitted to the Section 1 Shared Strategic Plan during the Publication Draft Local Plan consultation period.

2. Background:

Galliard Homes has an option over 68.57 ha of land which is contained within the West of Braintree Garden Community area of search within Braintree District. A further 109.23 ha of land is located within Uttlesford District and is part of the wider West of Braintree Garden Community area of search which is contained within the Draft Uttlesford Local Plan 2017.

Galliard Homes have responded to the section 1 Local Plan with references S1163/65, 66 67,68, 69,

AREAS OF COMMON GROUND

There is agreement between the Promoters and the North Essex Authorities in respect of the following matters in the Section 1 Plan:

(a) That the Section 1 Strategic Local Plan is legally compliant, sound and meets the Duty to Co-operate.

(b) That the quality and timing of outcomes for the garden Communities as a whole, and West of Braintree in particular, is an important objective which can be met through the exploration of other models of delivery (reference S1163/68).

(c) Support the spatial strategy set out in the Plan and that close working with developers will be important to ensure that this is delivered. (reference S1163/65)
(d) That the total number of homes over the Plan period and the total number of homes over the life of the Garden Community at West of Braintree, set out in the Section 1 Shared Strategic Local Plan can be met. Galliard Homes believes that there is the opportunity to bring forward homes in the garden community in advance of this trajectory (reference S1163/66).

The parties will continue to maintain a regular dialogue, including with Uttlesford Council, throughout the local planning process and the preparation of the West of Braintree Garden Community Plan DPD.

Areas of Uncommon Ground

None

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