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1. Introduction

1.1 This document sets out how Braintree District Council has undertaken consultation during the preparation of its Local Plan. It provides an overview of the consultation process, a summary of the issues raised and changes made to the local plan in response. It includes complete lists of consultees who were specifically contacted, how they were invited to make a representation and a summary of all responses and how the main issues were addressed.

1.2 The Braintree Local Plan 2016 - 2033 has been prepared in accordance with the requirements set out in Regulation 22(1)(c), (d) and (e) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and complies with the adopted Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). The consultation statement describes the processes undertaken under Regulations 18, 19 and 20.

1.3 As at submission, the currently adopted Local Plan consists the 2005 Local Plan Review (as saved), produced as a stand-alone Local Plan, and the 2012 Core Strategy, adopted within the Local Development Framework (LDF). A Site Allocations DPD (SADPD) was planned to complete the suite of documents in the LDF by adding site allocation, development boundary and development management policies to the Core Strategy. Many of these policies were reviewed and updated Local Plan Review policies, which were consulted upon as part of reg18 and reg19 consultations for the SADPD, and then carried over to the Local Plan when the SADPD was cancelled. The following diagram shows the relevant documents which influenced the Local Plan as a predecessor:

Stages prior to the commencement of the Braintree Local Plan 2033



Stages in the Braintree Local Plan 2033

1.4 In accordance with the Local Development Scheme, consultations at the following Key Stages were undertaken over the drafting of the Local Plan. Issues and Scoping Document is an issue and options consultation, the Draft Local Plan complies with regulation 18 and the Publication Draft Local Plan is a regulation 19 consultation. All Local Plan consultations were held for a

minimum of 6 weeks as the timing of consultation period outlined in the table below shows:



Development Plan Stage	Consultation period
Local Plan Issues and Scoping January 2015	26 th January to 6 th March 2015
Local Plan Draft for Consultation 2016	27 th June to 19 th August 2016
Local Plan Publication Draft Local Plan 2017	16 th June to 28 th July 2017

Issues and scoping

1.5 Issues and Scoping sets the scene for planning issues faced by the District and asks open ended questions to allow a wider range of responses from the community. This is a relatively brief document that summarises key issues such as economic opportunities and constraints, town centre shopping, estimated housing target and transport and infrastructure. This document established the division of policies into the three themes of A Prosperous District, Creating Better Places and Protecting the Environment.

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1.6 This Local Plan contained a shared strategic plan as part 1 with local policies and development management policies as part 2. Relevant policies were drawn on a proposals map. All policies had alternatives for consultation, including maps of alternative sites to proposed allocations.

Publication Draft Local Plan

1.7 Part 1 and Part 2 of the Local Plan was split for submission and renamed Section 1 and Section 2. Section 1, containing the joint strategic policies will be examined before Section 2 involving all three North Essex Authorities, i.e. Braintree, Colchester and Tendring. A regulation 19 joint consultation for Section 1 was held by the North Essex Authorities in the summer of 2017. Representations submitted to this consultation will be collated and submitted together

1.8 A consultation for Section 2 of the Braintree Publication Draft Local Plan was held at the same time however comments submitted for this document will be considered separately for a later examination.

What the consultation document will cover?

1.9 For each Local Plan stage, this consultation statement will describe the following issues:

- Title of the consultation, consultation period, and the relevant planning regulations;

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- Key aspects of the consultation and where appropriate main changes arising from the previous consultation;
- Which bodies and persons the local planning authority invited to make representations;
- How those bodies and persons were invited to make representations;
- The number of representations made and a summary of the main issues raised by the representations made; and
- How any representations made have been taken into account in the plan preparation process.

1.10 In shaping the policies of the Local Plan, the Council will also undertake its obligation under the Duty-to-cooperate (DTC) by performing the following throughout the preparation of the Local Plan:

- Commissioning joint evidence base documents as required.
- Hold joint meetings with relevant authorities as and when required; Meetings were held with all relevant stakeholders to inform and discuss the Local Plan preparation. These meetings sought to resolve any issues under discussion.
- Pre-consult with relevant authorities during the production of the new Local Plan and other relevant evidence base documents.
- Memorandums of understanding will be drafted between authorities where significant strategic issues need to be resolved; MOUs will ensure strategic cross border matters are dealt with efficiently and effectively and that all sides have a clear understanding of the processes involved and the key issues.
- Reciprocal Responses to Duty to Cooperate requests.
- Maintaining a record of all correspondence with relevant bodies.

More details of this can be found in the Duty-to-Cooperate statement.

Documents comprising the Development Plan

1.11 On adoption of this plan, the statutory development plan for Braintree will comprise of:

- Section one North Essex Authorities Strategic Section one for Local Plans
- Section two Braintree Local Plan
- Essex Minerals Local Plan - Adopted July 2014
- Essex and Southend-on-Sea Waste Local Plan – Adopted July 2017

2. Issues and Scoping

Title of the consultation, consultation period, and the relevant planning regulations.

2.1 Issues and Scoping is the name for the Local Plan document otherwise known as Issues and Options. This consultation is the first one in the preparation of a new Local Plan and took place over a 6 week period between 26th January and 6th March 2015.

Key aspects of the consultation and where appropriate main changes arising from the previous consultation.

2.2 The Issues and Scoping Document is structured around the three sustainable development themes and was written within the aims of NPPF paragraph 155 at its heart. To further engage as many communities as possible, a 3-page summary version of Issues and Scoping Document was also produced.

2.3 Issues and Scoping sets the scene for planning issues faced by the District under a set of 10 topics. It guided responses using a set of 23 questions under a heading for issues, and a separate heading for options. A Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report, incorporating sustainability commentary on the Issues and Scoping Document was subject to a separate consultation carried out at the same time.

Which bodies and persons the local planning authority invited to make representations

2.4 For the inaugural Local Plan consultation, emails and letters announcing the publication of the Issues and Scoping Document informing consultees of consultation dates, consultation material, how to view and how to respond. 2,500 individuals or organisations were contacted including:

- All statutory consultees (see Annex 1)
- Consultees on the Local Plan consultation list
- All Parish Councils, who were also sent posters.

2.5 General public and interested parties were alerted through:

- Advertising - a public notice in the local press, namely the Braintree & Witham Times, Halstead Gazette and Haverhill Echo. Adverts appeared on numerous occasions throughout the consultation period.
- A Press release was issued.
- The Council's website.
- Posters displayed throughout the district via Parish and Town Councils
- Site notices were posted at the location for every proposed new residential or employment allocation.
- Postcard sized adverts were distributed at commuter stations – 700 were distributed.

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- Stakeholder workshop, SA workshop, Duty-to-cooperate meetings (see Duty to Cooperate statement).
- A 4 page summary booklet was published and distributed at exhibitions and at the Council offices.

2.6 A copy of each of the above items is replicated in the Annex. During the consultation period, three exhibitions were held in the main towns of Braintree, Witham and Halstead with at least 3 officers in attendance at each event. Exhibitions boards, maps, copies of the Issues and Scoping Document and the Sustainability Appraisal were available for inspection. The Witham exhibitions included a workshop and briefing session for the SA. All events were open between 4 and 8pm. Around 250 people in total attended these events.

Details of the manned consultation exhibitions.

Exhibition	Date (4:00 – 8:00pm)
Braintree Town Hall	11 th February
Halstead Queens Hall	5 th February
Witham Public Hall	3 rd February

2.7 The Issues and Options Document could be downloaded as a PDF from the website and hard copies were available to view at the Council's offices at Causeway House and at exhibition events. An electronic copy was hosted on the Council's consultation portal, Objective, where comments could also be left. Copies of the Document and Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report on CD was distributed to all libraries in the District, and to Sudbury Library.

How those bodies and persons were invited to make representations

2.8 A letter or email was sent to statutory and non-statutory individuals and organisations using the Council's database of registered interested parties. Where an email address is available, this was used as the preferred method. Letters were sent to consultees without an email address or where the attempts to send an email failed.

2.9 Potential respondents were encouraged to use the consultation portal accessible on the Council's website (based on the Objective platform), however comments in any format were acceptable through email or post. Any non-electronic responses were entered into Objective by the Council. The deadline for responses was Friday 6th March 2015 at 5pm.

2.10 A list of statutory consultees contacted by email or letter are reproduced as Annex 1.

The number of representations made and a summary of the main issues raised by the representations made

- 2.11 The total number of representations made to the Issues and Scoping Document was 1,442 by 308 individuals.
- 2.12 A petition was signed by 574 people and submitted by Kelvedon and Feering Heritage Society which asked Braintree District Council to not allocate housing to the villages of Kelvedon and Feering, and to not co-operate on the Marks Tey new settlement.
- 2.13 Summaries of the main issues were reported to LPSC on 11th June 2015 (Agenda) and an expanded summary organised according to theme and topic. Summaries of representations to the Sustainability Appraisal were reported to members at the LPSC meeting on 8th July 2015. Full consultation responses to the Issues and Scoping Document and the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report are transcribed and published through the Council's consultation portal at www.braintree.gov.uk/consultLP
- 2.14 Summaries of main issues arising from the Issues and Scoping Document (as reported to LPSC on 11th June) are as follows:
- A Strong Economy - Comments mainly related to the best location for employment and business uses in the District, that housing, jobs and infrastructure should be considered in a wholesale way and the availability of school places and training was very important. There was generally support for businesses in more rural areas providing there were minimal highway impacts.
 - Shops and Services - Parking concerns and the health of main town centres were the main issues raised by respondents. A preference for locating new retail development within the main town centres was shown. Rural shops and services should also be protected and expanded to serve local need.
 - Homes - Concern was raised over the level of housing growth in the District and that existing services and the transport network would be unable to cope with any further development. No consensus for where housing should be located was apparent with support for and against all options.
 - Transport and Infrastructure – Transport infrastructure and in particular the congestion on both the strategic and local road network was one of the key themes in the responses that were received. Issues around congestion and availability of rail services were also mentioned, alongside the availability of broadband.
 - Community Facilities - The focus of the responses was split between how existing facilities need to receive ongoing support/funding and that new development must be supported by the appropriate facilities that need to be provided in a timely manner, and that promises to provide them must be kept.
 - Creating high quality spaces - Support for the protection of the historic assets and the landscape of the District was clearly evident, along with the protection of existing open

spaces within the urban areas. Support for good design which reflects local vernacular style was also mentioned frequently.

- A Healthy and Active District – Many comments in this section related to the pressing need to ensure sufficient health facilities for both new and existing residents. Comments also related to ensuring that existing and new open space was usable and that appropriate housing was provided for an aging population.
- Climate Change and Renewable Energy - There is widespread support for the aim of improving the sustainability of development, increasing renewable energy generation and flood prevention measures. However, differences in opinion arise in how to achieve these aims together with concerns about possible harmful impacts.
- Nature conservation and landscape character – Comments were concerned about the loss of open space, countryside and habitat which can support wildlife. Many comments were related to specific sites that had been submitted in the Call for Sites.

How any representations made have been taken into account in the plan preparation process.

- 2.15 An officer's comment for each topic was included within the expanded summary of the 11th June LPSC report. All comments were used to inform the next stage of the Local Plan and considered within decision making.
- 2.16 One of the Issues to have received a strong response was the Homes topic which attracted a number of site submissions from developers. Another Key Issue was the overall number of houses to be built and the spatial distribution of growth. The Council needed to explore all options available and assess the impacts of different spatial strategies in terms of Sustainable Development.
- 2.17 A Call for Sites consultation was undertaken in the three months up to 28th October 2015 and expanded the number of potential allocations for the Council to consider. Following the Call for Sites, the SHLAA was also updated with submissions received in the Issues and Scoping consultation and updated to remove unsuitable sites, alterations and corrections. An officer's report detailing the methodology and outcome of the SHLAA was considered by LPSC on the 11th November 2015.
- 2.18 Table 1 shows how the 'main issues raised by the representations' were addressed during the drafting of the Local Plan. A series of Local Plan Sub-Committee meetings were held between the 2nd December 2015 and 9th May 2016 to consider officer's recommended policies and allocations to the Draft Local Plan.

Table 1 Main issues and how they were addressed

Main Issues	How they were addressed in the Local Plan
A Strong Economy	
The best location for employment and business uses is Braintree Town/in the District/out the District/Brownfield Land. Reference needed for Haverhill/Bury St Edmunds/M11 corridor/rural businesses.	The Braintree District ELNA was commissioned in May (reported to LPSC on September 7 th 2015) to assess existing employment allocations and evaluate options to meet employment land needs.
Housing, jobs and infrastructure should be considered in a wholesale way.	<p>The Draft Local Plan added new employment land allocations in agreement with the ELNA recommendations at locations contiguous with the Spatial Strategy of growth on the Main Towns, A12 corridor and Garden Communities, thereby aligning new employment allocations with new home allocations.</p> <p>Policies for rural enterprise and tourism were included at Policy LPP5 and LPP6.</p> <p>At duty-to-cooperate meetings St. Edmundsbury Council did not indicate that employment growth at Haverhill (within Braintree District) should be a strategic priority.</p>
The availability of school places and training was very important.	Although the Draft Local Plan did not set policies for education places, the retention and growth of educational establishments was supported by LPP54. Reference to the importance of a well trained workforce is made at para 6.9 and 6.10 in the supporting text.
There was generally support for businesses in more rural areas providing there were minimal highway impacts.	Policies for rural enterprise were included in LPP5. The ELNA recommended the deallocation of rural employment sites with poor access to the strategic highway network.
Shops and Services	
Parking concerns and the health of main town centres were the main issues raised by respondents.	<p>Comments on the regulation of Town Centre parking and Town Centre layout was passed onto the relevant Council departments.</p> <p>Comments on this topic led to some work to assess future demand for parking spaces and the protection of existing carparking by allocation under policy LPP37. To help tackle the generation of future parking demand, there were policies to allocate homes near Town Centres and to encourage sustainable transport (LPP36) in the Local Plan.</p>
A preference for locating new retail	A Retail Study for Braintree was published on the 13 th of

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<p>development within the main town centres was shown.</p>	<p>November and reported to LPSC on the 2nd of December 2015. It considered the impact of new trends for internet shopping and regionalisation of Comparison stores. The retail study found a small capacity for comparison and convenience in Braintree which resulted in four ‘retail and warehousing’ designations intensifying uses on existing car parks, while there was very limited capacity at Witham and Halstead.. Impact assessments were established in LPP7 to protect the Town Centres from out-of-town competition, while flexibility for mixed uses (including residential) was added to LPP8 to improve Town Centre vitality.</p> <p>An allocation was made for ‘Retail Warehousing’ on the carpark north of Freeport and a further warehousing designation was made near Freeport on land south of Millennium Way. Halstead and Witham were given comprehensive redevelopment areas which could include new retail space (LPP22, 23 and unpolicied allocations on the proposals map).</p> <p>No changes to the boundary of the town centre or shopping frontages were recommended.</p>
<p>Rural shops and services should also be protected and expanded to serve local need.</p>	<p>The NPPF does not support the direct protection of rural single shops and services through allocation, however to support shops at the Key Service Villages Local Centres were designated and in the majority of cases a substantial amount of housing allocations were made to increase the local resident population.</p>
<p>Homes</p>	

<p>The level of housing growth in the District.</p>	<p>The starting point was DCLG’s 2012 based household projections which calculated need at 686 dpa.</p> <p>Demographic modelling work was already being undertaken to establish ‘policy off’ unconstrained forecasts through EPOA’s Greater Essex Demographic Forecasts. This led to OAN work being undertaken on the basis of a North Essex Housing Market Area with partners Chelmsford, Colchester and Tendring. This recommended that Braintree has an OAN of 845. This evidence was reported to Council on 7th September 2015.</p> <p>The Draft Local Plan did not identify any policy constraints to housing delivery however it does propose a strategic cross-boundary Garden Community with Colchester BC at the Marks Tey.</p>
<p>Ability of existing services and the transport network to be able to cope with any further development.</p>	<p>Issue addressed in Transport and Infrastructure chapter.</p>
<p>No consensus for where housing should be located was apparent with support for and against all options.</p>	<p>Further evidence gathering work for housing allocations was undertaken as referred at para 2.17 of this Consultation Statement. All relevant sites were assessed by officers according to the SHLAA methodology which included qualifying alternative sites being assessed by the SA consultants. Officer level workshops were held to consider deliverable options capable of meeting housing need which took into account representation to the Issues and Scoping Document and site submissions to the SHLAA. Discussions evolved into consideration of the merits of sites surrounding Halstead, Witham, Andrewsfield, Marks Tey and Braintree.</p> <p>Taking into account the spatial portrait of the District, a broad Spatial Strategy of growth on the Main Towns, A12 corridor and Garden Communities was recommended by officers along with the housing target of 845 dpa at the LPSC on 14th March 2016. In recommending this Spatial Strategy, officers considered and discounted alternatives in the SHLAA.</p>
<p>Transport and Infrastructure</p>	
<p>Congestion on both the strategic and</p>	<p>The Braintree Local Plan Highways Interim Assessment was</p>

<p>local road network.</p>	<p>completed in time for the publication of the Draft Local Plan and published in June 2016. The chapter on studies and projects identified a number of junction improvements to mitigate traffic arising from draft allocations.</p> <p>Policy LPP36 supports sustainable transport and policy LPP40 lists road infrastructure which are to be delivered as part of the proposed allocations in the Local Plan or to be safeguarded. ECC recommended that it was not appropriate to identify junction improvements identified in the Highways Interim Assessment as part of policy LPP40 however the evidence base supports these improvements as part of developer’s contributions. Officers accounted for the ability of larger allocations to deliver local road infrastructure in recommending sites to the LPSC.</p> <p>Improvements to the strategic road network, particularly the A12 widening project and the A120 dueling was integrated into the Policy SP4.</p>
<p>Issues around congestion and availability of rail services.</p>	<p>Encouraging sustainable transport that reduces car dependency heavily influenced the spatial strategy and site allocations of new development. Achieving Local Plan key objectives for transport infrastructure requires a step change in rail usage which means support for increasing public transport investment.</p> <p>However these Main Issues cannot be directly addressed in the Local Plan as these services are provided by the rail franchisee. Network Rail have proposed a number of projects to improve rail capacity in the Greater Anglia Route Study, they have not requested the safeguarding of any land or contributions in the Local Plan.</p> <p>The Council was in regular contact with Network Rail regarding rail infrastructure within the District.</p>
<p>Community Facilities</p>	
<p>Existing facilities need to receive ongoing support/funding</p>	<p>A study was commissioned following these comments to benchmark the condition of existing village and community halls in the district. This study was undertaken by RCCE who have strong links working with parish and town councils. One of the key outcomes was a list of maintenance and</p>

	<p>improvement works which could be undertaken.</p> <p>LPP65 seeks the retention of existing facilities and supports new facilities through safeguarding land at Halstead, Great Yeldham and Maltings Lane, Witham. Smaller scale expansions and much of the works identified in the Community Halls Study will be supported through bespoke S.106 agreements and, when adopted, CIL payments.</p>
<p>New development must be supported by the appropriate facilities that need to be provided in a timely manner.</p>	<p>Where allocations are large enough to require new facilities, a Strategic Growth Location policy was created to guide development, which includes specific requirements of community facilities, schools and other infrastructure. Phasing of the infrastructure will be agreed with the Council at planning application stage and endorsed through the S.106 agreement.</p>
<p>Creating high quality spaces</p>	
<p>Support for the protection of the historic assets.</p>	<p>The draft Local Plan has included policies for the management of development in the historic environment, including conservation area, archeology sites and protection for designated and undesignated historic assets. Many of these policies will consistently maintain much of the policy framework from the Core Strategy and Local Plan Review. Policies will give appropriate protection as required in the NPPF.</p>
<p>Support for the protection of the landscape of the District.</p>	<p>A Landscape Character Assessment and Landscape Capacity Analysis was reported to LPSC on 8th July 2015 and adopted by members as part of the evidence base. Landscape impact is a key consideration within the assessment of sites for allocation during the decision making process.</p>
<p>Support for the protection of existing open spaces within the urban areas.</p>	<p>Policy LPP44 protects in principle existing open spaces in the district as identified on the proposals map, and sets a framework for development proposals.</p>
<p>Support for good design which reflects local vernacular style.</p>	<p>Good quality design is a Key Objective of the Local Plan. The draft Local Plan proposes using the Essex Design Guide (and its successor).</p>
<p>A Healthy and Active District</p>	
<p>Ensure sufficient health facilities for both new and existing residents.</p>	<p>Some strategic Growth Locations and both Garden Communities are expected to deliver integrated health facilities as part of a larger development.</p>

	<p>In most cases this Main Issue cannot be directly addressed in the Local Plan as these services are provided by the NHS. Contributions to public healthcare expansion will be agreed at planning application stage.</p> <p>The Council was in regular in contact with NHS England, Mid and North Essex CCG and NHS properties regarding health infrastructure within the District.</p>
<p>Ensuring that existing and new open space was usable</p>	
<p>Ensure appropriate housing was provided for an aging population.</p>	<p>A SHMA update was commissioned for the strategic housing market area to understand in detail the housing needs of the area. This evidence was considered along with population projections in the drafting of draft Local Plan policies.</p> <p>LPP28 sets a minimum level of homes which meet category 2 or 3 of part M building regulations for 10+ developments to increase the number of adaptable homes.</p> <p>LPP26 recognises that there will be growing demand for specialist housing and allocates sites to meet some of this. Additional developments of specialist housing was expected on strategic growth locations and at garden communities.</p>
<p>Climate Change and Renewable Energy</p>	
<p>Support for the aim of improving the sustainability of development</p>	<p>Sustainability is a Key Objective and a golden thread that runs throughout the draft Local Plan and it has heavily influenced the allocation of sites.</p> <p>In drafting the Climate Change policy, officers have taken into account the views submitted during the consultation as well as the supporting evidence. Policy LPP36 seeks to ensure that developments include facilities for charging plug-in vehicles. Policy LPP62 Energy Efficiency was developed to reduce energy use. Policies LPP63 and LPP64 support renewable energy generation.</p> <p>Policy LPP56 requires protection for the natural environment to take into account climate change</p>
<p>Support for increasing renewable energy generation</p>	<p>Industrial renewable energy schemes are encouraged by policy LPP63 and domestic renewable energy generation is supported by LPP64 which sets minimum levels of</p>

	renewable within developments.
Support for flood prevention measures.	<p>The draft Local Plan incorporates local policy framework for implementing Sustainable Drainage Systems in new developments. Policies LPP65 SWMP, LPP66 SuDS and LPP67 Run-off Rates were developed with the Lead Local Flood Authority at ECC to manage the risk of surface water flooding.</p> <p>Fluvial flooding was addressed in later iterations of the Local Plan.</p> <p>Flooding is a key consideration within the assessment of sites for allocation during the decision making process.</p>
Nature conservation and landscape character	
Concern about the loss of open space, countryside and habitat which can support wildlife	Designated areas of importance to the District’s natural environment and biodiversity are protected under policies LPP56 Natural Environment, LPP57 Protected Species, LPP58 Biodiversity. These policy requires development to protect and enhance areas of habitats, biodiversity and geodiversity.
Site allocations	
Many comments were related to specific sites that had been submitted in the Call for Sites.	These are addressed through LPSC reports.

Table 2 Modifications to the Draft Local Plan

Local Plan Sub Committee Meeting	Subject of report and recommendations
2 nd December 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supporting text for Employment allocations. - Development management policies for new and existing employment areas. - Supporting text and policy for identifying the quantum of retail need. - Requirement for a sequential approach. - Establishment of retail hierarchy for town/district/local centers, primary and secondary shopping areas. - Separate retail impact assessment policy (later combined with Retailing and regeneration). - A policy for district centers and supporting text for out-of-town retail. - Development management policies for the historic environment and encouraging good design. - Control of advertisements. - Enabling development for historic assets.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Policy for supporting archeological conditions.
14 th January 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Policies for Affordable Housing, Specialist Housing and Gypsy and Traveler and Travelling Showpersons Accommodation. - A policy to encourage the right mix and types of housing to meet the District’s needs. - Development management policies for extensions, garden extensions and replacement dwellings. - Exceptions to development boundary constraints for rural areas such as rural workers dwellings, infill, PDL and building conversions. - Transport and Infrastructure provision policy (changed to SP5: Infrastructure and Connectivity). - A policy for the protection and integration of sustainable transport options and requirements for Travel Plans, Transport Assessment and Statements, and s.106 improvements. - Development management policies for parking, protected lanes and broadband. - Economic development policies for tourism and equestrian facilities. - Guidance for Infrastructure provision – schools and community facilities. - Protection for the natural environment, protected species, biodiversity, landscape character. - Development management policies for pollution. - Climate change policies, including energy efficiency and renewable energy schemes. - Policies for managing all types of flood risk. - Development management policies for light pollution. - Updates following first draft in December for Rural Enterprise, Retailing and Regeneration, Primary shopping Areas, District Centers and Layout and Design of development.
14 th March 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agreement for the OAN at an annual average of 845dpa for 2016-2033. - Recommendation for the broad spatial strategy and supporting text. Establish spatial hierarchy. - Formal allocation of all 8 historic parks and gardens.
16 th March 2016	<p>Recommendations for the allocation or amendment to development boundaries for residential sites within the following villages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alphamstone: no development boundary (2 sites rejected). - Audley End: development boundary unchanged and 3 sites rejected. - Belchamp Otten: development boundary unchanged and 3 sites rejected. - Belchamp St. Paul: development boundary unchanged and 2 sites

	<p>rejected.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Birdbrook: no development boundary (No sites proposed). - Borley: no development boundary (4 sites rejected). - Lamarsh: no development boundary (No sites proposed). - Middleton: development boundary unchanged and no sites proposed. - Ovington: no development boundary (1 site rejected). - Pentlow: no development boundary (2 sites rejected). - Stambourne Chapel End Way: development boundary unchanged and no sites proposed. - Stambourne Dyers End: development boundary unchanged and no sites proposed. - The Henny: development boundary unchanged and no sites proposed. - Tilbury Juxta Clare: new development boundary, no new sites proposed. - Twinstead: development boundary unchanged and no sites proposed. - Wickham St Paul: development boundary unchanged and 1 site rejected. - Great Bardfield: development boundary unchanged and no sites proposed. - Finchingfield: development boundary unchanged and no sites allocated (2 rejected). - Cornish Hall End: amendment to development boundary (1 site rejected). - Panfield: development boundary unchanged, 9 adjacent sites rejected and one site adjoining Braintree (BOCN137) allocated. - Ridgewell: amendment to development boundary to include two sites and one allocation (RIDG359) (2 sites rejected) - Steeple Bumpstead: amendment to development boundary for one allocation (STEB395) and inclusion of one site (3 sites rejected). - White Notley: development boundary unchanged and 1 site rejected.
<p>13th April 2016</p>	<p>Recommendations for the allocation or amendment to development boundaries for residential sites or other within the following towns and villages.</p> <p>At Witham:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - new allocation for Gimsoms (WITC421), - retain employment for Collingwood Road (WITC424), - new allocation for Chipping Hill (WITN425) - new allocation at Teign Drive (WITN431) - reject Land north west of Conrad Road (WITN428)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - new allocations for Land at Conrad Road (WITN426 and WITN427) - retention of comprehensive development area at Rickstones Neighbourhood Centre (WITN429), also retain SPD for redevelopment. - retention of comprehensive development area at Newlands Precinct. - retention of other extant allocations (para 4.43-4.45 refers) from the core strategy. - Sites RIVE361 and RIVE366A/B within Rivenhall parish were also considered on page 21 but were rejected. - Sites HATF315 and HATF316 within Hatfield Peverel parish were considered on page 28 and recommended for allocation (this was deferred for consideration on 25th May 2016). <p>Rivenhall and Rivenhall End:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - development boundary unchanged and 6 sites rejected. - new designation for Kelvedon Park site (RIVE364) as Special Employment Area. - For employment land, two sites were allocated (RIVE362 and RIVE363) and one rejected. <p>Hatfield Peverel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - development boundary amended and 6 sites rejected. - new allocation at Sorrells Field (saved from SADPD). - Arla Dairy deallocated <p>Nounsley:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - development boundary unchanged and 5 sites rejected. <p>Belchamp Walter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - development boundary unchanged and no sites proposed. <p>Bures Hamlet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Officer recommendation was for development boundary unchanged and 4 sites are unallocated, but LPSC allocated 2 sites (BURE165 and BURE166). <p>Gestingthorpe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - three amendments to the development boundary but 4 sites rejected (excluding GEST241 which will be considered at Little Yeldham). <p>Helions Bumpstead and Pale Green:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - development boundary amended to include 3 sites (HELI324, HELI327 and HELI328) with 5 sites rejected. - employment site at Slate Hall Farm deallocated. <p>Great Maplestead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - development boundary amended to include one site (saved amendment from SADPD) and 2 sites rejected. <p>Little Maplestead:</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - development boundary unchanged and 3 sites rejected. <p>Little Yeldham and North End:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - development boundary for Little Yeldham unchanged and two sites rejected (one site withdrawn). - retain proposals to remove the development boundary for North End (saved from SADPD). <p>Pebmarsh:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - development boundary unchanged and 5 sites rejected. <p>Sturmer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - development boundary unchanged and 3 sites rejected. - allocate employment land at North of Phoenix Road, Haverhill (STUR407). <p>Topplesfield:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - development boundary unchanged and 7 sites rejected.
<p>09th May 2016</p>	<p>Recommendations for the allocation or amendment to development boundaries for residential sites or other within Braintree, Black Notley and Cressing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - site allocations rejected (30): BOCN124, BOCN125, BOCN126, BOCN128, BOCN131, BOCN133, BOCN135, BOCN502, BOCN139, BCBG144, BCBG145, BCBG147, BCBG148, BCBG151, BRAW154, GNBN265, GNBN266, GNBN267, GRNO260, GNBN261, GNBN262, GNBN263, BLAN111, BLAN112, BLAN118, BLAN119, BLAN120, BLAN121, BLAN122, BLAN501. - PANF136 was rejected for employment land use. - deallocate site for employment land, do not allocated and leave as white land (BOCN129). - new residential allocation for High Garrett Road (BOCN130). - new mixed use growth location (Strategic Growth Location) at Land East of Broad Road (BOCN132), Land rear of Highfield Stile Road (BOCN123) and Land east of Elizabeth Lockhart Way (BOCN127). - retain allocation at Polly’s Field (BOCN 143) for specialist housing (saved from SADPD).. - part of Towerlands is allocated as a mixed use growth location (BOCN137) - retain site (BOCS138) as allocation for employment policy area (saved from SADPD). - new allocation for Rayne Lodge Farm (BOCS140). - retain site (BOCS141) as allocation for employment policy area (saved from SADPD). - retain site (BCBG146) as allocation for comparison goods retail (saved from SADPD).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - retain residential allocation at Braintree Football Club (BCBG149) (saved from SADPD). - new allocation for Stubbs Lane (BCBG150) - retain residential allocation at Land off Millennium Way (BCBG550) (saved from SADPD). - remove allocation for employment policy area on Broomhill's Estate (BRAW153), allocate for residential. - new allocation for Land adj. Braintree Railway Station (BRSO125) - retain residential allocation on Land at London Road (GNBN264) (saved from SADPD). - New employment policy area allocation on Lynderswood Farm (BLAN113) - new mixed use growth location (Strategic Growth Location) at Land east of Great Notley (sites BLAN110, BLAN114, BLAN115, BLAN116 and BLAN117). <p>Crossing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - development boundary unchanged and 20 sites rejected. - a proposed urban extension to Braintree (CRESS202, CRESS203, CRESS204, CRESS205, CRESS206, CRESS207, CRESS208 and CRESS209) was rejected. - new allocation for Appletree farm, subject to technical work to be reported to LPSC. <p>Rayne:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - development boundary unchanged and 8 sites rejected. - garden community proposal (GRSA269) to be considered on 25th May. <p>Retail Allocations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - retail allocations for Braintree Town are considered on pages 56/60 - Land south of Millennium way allocated for comparison goods retail (CRESS202). <p>Wethersfield and Blackmore End:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - development boundary unchanged and 9 sites rejected. - Site WETH414 allocated <p>Bradwell and Pattiswick</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - development boundary for Bradwell unchanged and 3 sites rejected. - no development boundary for Pattiswick. <p>Sible Headingham</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - development boundary amended and 6 sites rejected. - new allocation at Former Tanners Dairy (SIBH378) - site retained for employment land (SIB522) <p>Castle Headingham</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - development boundary unchanged and 7 sites rejected.
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	<p>Stinstead</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - development boundary unchanged and 8 sites rejected. - Sites within the garden communities (STIS398, STIS 397 and CRESS212) to be considered on 25th May. <p>Shalford and Church End</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - development boundary amended and 6 sites rejected. <p>Coggeshall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - development boundary amended and 26 sites rejected. - allocation of comprehensive development area at Dutch Nursery. - garden community proposal (Feer231) to be considered on 25th May. <p>Surrex Hamlet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - new development boundary established (saved from SADPD)
<p>25th May 2016</p>	<p>Halstead</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - development boundary amended and 17 sites rejected. - new allocation of HASA289 Land at Cherry Tree Close for residential. - allocation of HASA295 Land off corner of Fenn Road and Brook Street for residential (saved from SADPD). - allocation of COLE188 Bluebridge Industrial Estate as Employment land however sites HASA288 and GGHR282 are rejected. - new allocation at HASA513 Central Park for residential (saved from SADPD). - allocation at HASA286 Greenways for residential (saved from SADPD). - allocation of education land at GGHR284 Raven’s Avenue. - allocation at GGHR307 Land off Oak Road for residential, site already has planning permission. - site HASA287 Land east of High Street is allocated as a comprehensive development area. - sites HATR298 and HATR299 are allocated as regeneration areas (later comprehensive development area). - employment land allocation at Halstead football club is retained. <p>Greenstead Village</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - development boundary amended and 2 sites rejected. <p>Kelvedon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - development boundary amended and 5 sites rejected. - allocate KELV331 for specialist housing, reject site KELV332. - allocate KELV334 the former polish campsite (now Allshot’s Farm) (saved from SADPD). - new allocation KELV335 Monks Farm for residential. - allocate the Deals site as employment and carparking. <p>Feering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - development boundary amended and 3 sites rejected.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - new mixed use growth location (Strategic Growth Location) at Land to the south of Feering (FEER232, FEER233 and FEER230). <p>Earls Colne and Earls Colne Airfield</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - development boundary amended and 11 sites rejected. - allocation at EARC255 south of Halstead Road for residential (saved from SADPD). - allocation at EARC226 land west of Earls Colne airfield for employment. - Allocate site EAR3H Station Road for residential, site already has planning permission. <p>White Colne</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - development boundary unchanged and 2 sites rejected. <p>Ashen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - development boundary unchanged and 4 sites rejected (changes to development boundary in SADPD reverted). <p>Bulmer and Bulmer Tye</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - development boundary unchanged and 9 sites rejected. <p>Colne Engaine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - development boundary unchanged and 5 sites rejected. <p>Gosfield</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - development boundary unchanged and 11 sites rejected. - allocate part of GOSF249 as employment policy area. <p>Silver End</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - development boundary amended and 8 sites rejected. - allocate SILV385 Boars Tye Road for residential, site already has planning permission. - allocate SILV387 Former Crittal Works for residential (retained from Local Plan Review). - allocate SIL7H Carpark at Sheepcoats Lane for residential development. <p>Great Yeldham</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - development boundary amended and 6 sites rejected. - allocate GRYE275 for residential development, site already has planning permission. - allocate GRYE274 for residential. <p>Terling and Fairstead</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - development boundary unchanged and 2 sites rejected. <p>Foxearth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - development boundary unchanged and 1 site rejected. <p>Liston</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - no development boundary and 1 site rejected.
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	<p>Hatfield Peverel (review)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- HATF314 Stonepath drive rejected.- HATF312 The Vineyards rejected. <p>Toppesfield (review)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- development boundary amended to include TOPP412 and TOPP413. <p>Pebmarsh (review)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- development unchanged and no site allocated <p>Great Maplestead (review)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- development boundary amended. <p>Stistead (review)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- development boundary unchanged and 2 sites rejected. <p>Garden Communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- sites GRSA268, GRSA269 and GRSA270 are allocated within the West of Braintree Garden Community.- Cress212 and FEER231 are allocated as part of Marks Tey Garden community.
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3. Local Plan Draft Document for Consultation

Title of the consultation, consultation period, and the relevant planning regulations.

- 3.1 A regulation 18 consultation for the Local Plan Draft Document for Consultation 2016 (henceforth draft Local Plan) was undertaken between 27th June to 19th August 2016. The Development Plan Document was published accompanied by a consultation on the Braintree District Draft Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal.

Key aspects of the consultation and where appropriate main changes arising from the previous consultation.

- 3.2 This is the first version of the Local Plan to incorporate shared strategic policies for all three of North Essex authorities, Braintree, Colchester and Tendring. Part one was jointly written following close working to prepare housing evidence and develop proposals for new garden communities however each authority held a separate consultation for part one. The key aspects and issues for part one and part two are discussed in further detail below.
- 3.3 The Draft Local Plan is the Council's first preferred policy position for a post-NPPF Local Plan. It follows responses received from the Issues and Scoping document which sets out planning challenges across eight broad subject areas. These responses, the evidence base, along with a call-for-sites exercise which concluded on 28th October 2015 (SHLAA) and the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) exercise. This assessment work undertaken contributed to a draft set of Local Plan policies and allocations which were recommended by Local Plan Sub Committee to Full Council as LPSC report 26th May 2016 refers. The draft Local Plan is therefore a consolidation of allocations and policies from the Core Strategy, plus the discontinued Site Allocations Development Plan Document, plus work undertaken to allocate new sites and update policies.
- 3.4 Recommendations by LPSC to full council for part two policies or allocations are detailed in the minutes of the LPSC meetings in Table 2 above. These agendas include an officer's report and recommendation with relevant maps attached as appendices. Policies proposed alternative options where appropriate and the SHLAA was used to set out alternatives to the proposed allocations.

Which bodies and persons the local planning authority invited to make representations

- 3.5 An email or letter informing consultees of consultation dates, consultation material, how to view and how to respond was sent to:
- All statutory consultees (see Annex 1)
 - Consultees on the Local Plan consultation list (over 3,000 individuals or organisations)
 - All Parish Councils, who were also sent maps, posters and response forms.

3.6 General public and interested parties were alerted through:

- Advertising - a public notice in the local press, namely the Braintree & Witham Times, Halstead Gazette and Suffolk Folk Free Press. Public notices were published on a weekly basis throughout June, July and August (16th June to 12th August).
- A Local Plan special edition featured in the Braintree & Witham Times on 23rd June.
- The Council’s website.
- Social media was employed using a short message and link. On Facebook, there was 43,566 for local plan posts and on Twitter, there was 89,817 local plan impressions.
- Email signatures from Braintree Council employees.
- Static information points at each local library within Braintree District and an unmanned exhibition rotated between Braintree, Witham and Halstead libraries.
- Posters displayed at George Yard, Braintree Town Centre carpark and at the Council’s offices, Causeway House.
- Site notices were posted at the location for every proposed residential or employment allocation.
- Business briefs/meetings
- Stakeholder workshop, Duty-to-Cooperate
- A special edition of the Council’s magazine, “Contact” was sent to every household in the district – 65,000 copies printed and distributed.
- Local Plan Update Newsletters

3.7 A copy of the above items is replicated in Annex 1.

3.8 During the consultation period, a series of manned exhibitions were held across the district with at least 2 officers in attendance at each event. Consultation boards and copies of the Draft Local Plan and Sustainability Appraisal were available for inspection. Business cards and copies of the Contact magazine were handed out and visitors were encouraged to leave a comment using the online consultation portal. Events were held between 2:30 and 7:30pm to allow an opportunity for all to visit. Approximately 1,000 people attended these events in total over the consultation period.

3.9 Exhibitions at Braintree, Kelvedon and Feering received the most footfall while those at Sible Headingham and Silver End were the least well attended. Unmanned exhibitions were at libraries which received footfall of between 16,500 and 20,500 a month in Braintree, 6,000-7,000 in Halstead and around 12,500 users in Witham.

Details of the manned consultation exhibitions.

Exhibition	Date (14:30 – 19:30 unless indicated)
Sible Headingham	27 th June
Earls Colne	28 th June
Witham	29 th and 30 th June

Halstead	4 th July
Kelvedon	6 th July
Great Sailing	7 th July
Silver End	12 th July
Braintree	13 th and 14 th July
Coggeshall	18 th July
Hatfield Peverel	21 st July
Marks Tey (with Colchester BC)	9 th July (10:00 – 14:00)

- 3.10 To accord with the Council’s SCI, the consultation length was at least 6 weeks. The DPD was published electronically on the website and hard copies were available to view at the Council’s offices at Causeway House and at exhibition events, and a CD containing an electronic copy of the DPD was distributed to all libraries within Braintree District.
- 3.11 All Local Plan and evidence base documents were published on the Council’s website in PDF format. An online consultation portal presented an interactive version of the Local Plan and Proposals Map, and allowed representations to be made by registered users.
- 3.12 The consultation letters and emails also made consultees aware of the Sustainability appraisal which was also available on the Council’s website in PDF format.

How those bodies and persons were invited to make representations

- 3.13 A letter or email was sent to statutory and non-statutory individuals and organisations using the Council’s database of registered interested parties. Where an email address is available, this was used as the preferred method. Letters were sent to consultees without an email address or where the attempts to send an email failed.
- 3.14 A consultation response form was produced which guided representations to accord with a standard format. These were available at the Council’s offices and were distributed to libraries and manned exhibitions. Potential respondents were encouraged to use the consultation portal accessible on the Council’s website (based on the Objective platform), however comments in any format were acceptable through email or post. Any non-electronic responses were entered into Objective by the Council. The deadline for responses was Friday 19th August at 5pm.
- 3.15 A list of statutory undertakers contacted is reproduced in Annex 1.

The number of representations made and a summary of the main issues raised by the representations made

3.16 The total number of representations made to the draft Local Plan was 3,056 from 1,243 individuals. 8 Local Plan sub-committee agendas between 5th October and 16th May included expanded summaries of the main issues within the officer's reports. Full consultation responses to the draft Local Plan are transcribed and published on the Council's consultation portal at www.braintree.gov.uk/consultLP

3.17 Responses were also received by Colchester and Tendring Councils for part 1 and were considered when making changes to part 1 policies.

3.18 Summaries of key issues arising from the draft Local Plan consultation are divided into Key Issues for Part 1, Part 2: Sites and Part 2: Policies as detailed under the headings below:

Summary of Key Issues Part 1

- Broad support for sustainable development principles but concern that presumption in favour of sustainable development has led to too much growth and 'sustainable development' is not well defined.
- Housing needs calculations are too high, that they don't account for Brexit, are above demographic trends or should account for 2014 DCLG projections.
- Housing needs calculations are too low, that they do not consider unmet need, young people living at home or account for impact from Chelmsford and London.
- Housing needs should be have a base date of 2013.
- Housing need should be expressed as a minimum.
- Employment strategy was supported but also criticised for not including a strategy for attracting potential employers, the financial industry or knowledge gateway businesses.
- Employment representations were concerned with transport – particularly the A120, links to Cambridge and Haverhill, parking, lack of rapid transit services and lack of capacity for out-commuting.
- Employment strategy does not identify an appropriate scale for the Garden Communities.
- Employment policy only refers to B-class uses while omitting employment provided by the retail sector.
- Not enough priority for provision of employment on brownfield land, although employment land needs will vary according to type.
- Many representations concerned the delivery of the A12 and A120 and lack of emphasis within this policy on how these roads will be delivered. There was concern about the timing of infrastructure delivery with many expressions of infrastructure before homes.
- Place shaping principles received a limited response and primarily related to detailed matters.
- The spatial strategy for North Essex received representations concerned that Uttlesford was not in the group.

- Representations stated that Garden Communities is the least sustainable option and that the evidence base for garden communities was not sufficiently robust.
- While some made representations to enhance protection for the countryside, others said rural areas are not inherently unsustainable.
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Table 3 Summary of Key Issues Part 2: Site Allocations

3.19 Allocations and strategic growth locations in the Draft Local Plan resulted in many representations made on development proposals. These were summarised and reported to Local Plan Sub Committee, with the majority of comments focused on the following sites and villages:

Village/Town	Sites affected	Local Plan Sub Committee report
Braintree (including Great Notley, Bocking, Black Notley, High Garret and Cressing)	Various Allocations and Strategic Growth Locations inc. BOCN132 BLAN114/115/116	<u>Braintree</u> 15 th December – p19 261 comments <u>Great Notley</u> 28 th November - p24 50 comments
Witham	Various particularly: 'Bellfields' WITC412 WITW431	15 th December – p53 100 comments
Halstead	Various particularly: HASA287 HATR308/309	15 th February – p30 35 comments
Ashen	ASHE104	31 st October – p8 11 comments
Bulmer		31 st October – p8 2 comments
Bures	BURE166 BURE165	15 th December – p9 115 comments
Castle Headingham	CASH553	9 th March – p7
Coggeshall	COGG506.	28 th November – p8 23 comments
Cole Engaine	Cole638 / Cole612	2 nd October – p56 21 comments

Cressing /Cressing Tye Green	CRESS201	15 th December – p46 43 comments
Earls Colne / Earls Colne Airfield	EARC221 EARC226	28 th November – p13 87 comments
Feering	FEER230/232	12 th April – p8 120 comments
Great Yeldham	GRYE644 GRYE625	31 st October – p22 50 letters Multiple comments
Gosfield/Gosfield Airfield	GOSF249	31 st October – p14 2 comments
Hatfield Peverel	HATF314 HATF317 HATF321 HATF313 HATF608	15 th December – p78 53 comments
Kevedon	KELV337 KELV335	12 th April – p30 74 comments
Ridgewell	RIDG359	31 st October – p37 4 comments 49 in petition
Silver End	SILV386	31 st October – p40 5 comments
Steeple Bumpstead	STEB395	31 st October – p43 17 comments

3.20 In other villages, there were no significant allocations and therefore few comments were received. Detailed summaries on these issues can be found in the Local Plan sub-Committee reports for 5th October, 31st October, 28th November and 15th December 2016.

Summary of Key Issues Part 2: Policies

- There were 26 comments on the Local Plan Part 2 Vision and Key Objectives, and there were 32 comments for the Introduction, Background and Next Steps covering a wide range of issues and topics related to the Spatial Strategy and Objectives. There were objections to the lack of broadband investment, inadequate regard for biodiversity in the vision and need for genuine empowerment for people. (31st October, p.48).
- There were 19 comments on the Spatial Hierarchy. Many of these were objections to the proposed spatial strategy with a view that rural areas of the District and Halstead are suitable for growth. Comments were made for and against Key Service Village status at Coggeshall, Hatfield Peverel and Earls Colne. (28th November, p 51)

- Many representations were submitted to the Plan's housing target. A range of comments suggested changes to the methodology, the base date, housing affordability and affordable housing need (as a proportion of the OAHN) (10th November 2016).
- The policy for the Layout and Design of Development received 26 comments particularly where it references the Essex Design Guide 2005. The Environment Agency, Essex Wildlife Trust, Natural England, ECC, Historic England and Sport England all commented to clarify the policy (31st October, p55).
- The policy for Housing Mix and Density received 26 comments, particularly in relation to the minimum space standards – which should be removed, and density requirements – which should be higher, set out within the policy (15th December 2016, p 107).
- The policy for Health and Wellbeing received 24 comments on the requirements of the policy for health impact assessments where there are hot food takeaway proposals (9th March, p12).
- Affordable housing policy received 25 comments most of such were in support, issues referring to Starter Homes, level of services to qualify for rural exceptions were raised (lower services, less affordable), as was site specific viability (12th April, p67).
- There were 5 representations on the Gypsy and Travelling Showpersons policy including a representation from Basildon Borough Council advising that they are unable to meet their GTAA 2014 pitch needs (16th May p48).
- The policy for Retailing and Regeneration received 35 comments on various issues. There was concern expressed for the health of Braintree Town centre, particularly with regard to competition from Braintree Freeport. In this context, a number of representations suggested various restrictions on new shop units. Likewise, Babergh District Council requested a smaller impact threshold to protect Sudbury. (12th April, p78).
- The introduction to the District's Natural Environment policies received 37 representations, in addition, the policy for the Natural Environment (DLP Policy LPP56) received 17 representations. Both viability (12th April p96).
- The policies for Climate Change and Energy received 33 representations. There were statutory consultation responses for LPP61 and LPP62 but the bulk of responses related to Renewable Energy generation. Many responses supported energy efficiency over renewable energy generation (12 April, p 131).
- 32 representations were received for the policy on Sustainable Access for All.
- The policy on Road Infrastructure received positive and negative comments from 15 representations. Proposals for the Panfield road links and safeguarding the A131 Sudbury Bypass was generally supported however the A131 Halstead Bypass was more contested (16th May p52).
- Local Plan part 2 policy for Open Space, Sport and Recreation received 20 representations, including from Sport England, Natural England, ECC and the NHS, which suggested a variety of changes.
- A total of 32 representations were made for the three economic policies under A Strong Economy. The strategy received objections as being unsound and the policies for allocating employment land received a mixture of support and objections for site, objections were related

to Bluebridge Industrial Estate, Halstead (COLE188 and others), PAN136, Springwood Drive and Four Elm Mills (16th May p72).

- A total of 101 representations were made on the policy for Housing Provision and Delivery. Comments were related to specific sites, the spatial strategy, level of provision (OAN), size of allocations and trajectory. Many comments on specific sites are considered under the relevant village/town.

How any representations made have been taken into account in the plan preparation process.

Table 4 Main issues and how they were addressed

Main Issues	How they were addressed for the Publication Draft Local Plan
Local Plan Part 2 Vision and Key	<p>The key objectives were amended to strengthen the Council’s ambition for better broadband, improving biodiversity and supporting community care.</p> <p>A need for genuine empowerment for people was acknowledged.</p>
Spatial Hierarchy including objections to the Spatial Strategy	<p>Comments that rural areas of the District and Halstead are suitable for growth were addressed as follows: The spatial strategy of concentrating growth on the main towns, A12 and garden communities is retained as the most sustainable strategy for development. These developments need to be allocated at a scale that can support appropriate levels of infrastructure delivery. There will be a limited amount of development proposed in rural areas, particularly at Key Service Villages.</p> <p>To further refine the status of some villages, the spatial hierarchy was revised to differentiate between smaller and larger villages which were previously one category. This work was partly influence by recent appeals and informed by the sustainability appraisal and the rural services survey.</p> <p>Coggeshall, Hatfield Peverel and Earls Colne remained as Key Service Villages however Silver End was downgraded to a Secondary Village following a review of the Rural Services Survey.</p>

<p>Housing target - comments on the methodology, the base date, housing affordability and affordable housing need</p>	<p>A key change in response to consultation comments, particularly from other NEAs, was addressed through revisions to the Housing Target which set the base date back from 2016 to 2013. Although this increases the housing delivery target for these three years, the overall housing target for the plan period did not need to substantially change because the OAHN update showed that assessed need had fallen from 845 to 716.</p>
<p>A Strong Economy</p>	<p>Following a consolidation of employment land allocations no new allocations were deemed necessary. Some employment allocations were reduced to account for site specific issues at Panfield Lane and Bluebridge industrial estate.</p>
<p>Housing Provision and Delivery</p>	<p>New and existing proposals for housing allocations were considered and reported to members with recommendations as detailed in Local Plan Sub Committee reports from October 2016 to May 2017.</p>
<p>Layout and Design of Development</p>	<p>Most of the policy suggestions from statutory consultees were integrated into the Publication Draft version of the Local Plan.</p>
<p>Housing Mix and Density - including minimum space standards and density of development.</p>	<p>There was support for a housing mix that addressed housing needs for younger/older people, expressed as bungalows, not executive homes. Applicants on the other hand, wanted the policy to refer to the SHMA or successor and wanted more flexibility in the policy wording. Given the opposing views and NPPF requirements to meet housing need, housing mix in the policy remained unchanged.</p> <p>Space standards received an objection on the proviso that the Council needs to produce evidence to justify a requirement. The Council considers that minimum space standards set at national technical housing standards are viable, applicable, no evidence was received to show that standards were otherwise, and were retained.</p> <p>Changes in national policy led to modifications which require 2% of development sites over 500 to provide self-build.</p>
<p>Health and Wellbeing - health impact assessments where there are hot food takeaway proposals</p>	<p>Requirements placing restrictions on hot-food takeaways near schools.</p>

<p>Affordable housing policy – Starter homes, level of services in village to qualify for rural exceptions were raised, as was viability</p>	<p>A criterion for Starter Homes was added to the policy in light of responses received which accords with national policy.</p> <p>The proposal to for proportionate levels of affordable according to service provision was not compliant with national policy and was not adopted, however the requirements for housing to be kept in perpetuity was limited to villages of less than 3,000.</p> <p>The Council’s viability assessment showed that the level of affordable housing in the Local Plan was achievable across a range of modelled developments.</p>
<p>Gypsy and Travelling Showpersons policy</p>	<p>The draft Local Plan sought to meet GTTS need according with the Essex GTAA which uses the methodology as at 2014, which was 41 pitches. The requirements for pitches were reduced resulting from applying the new traveler definition however the Council seeks to allocate up to 36 pitches in recognition of the housing need of Gypsies and Travelers who do not meet the definition.</p> <p>Both Basildon and Braintree continued to participate within EPOA on gypsy and traveler issues to produce an update to the Essex GTAA based on the new definition. Ongoing Duty to Cooperate discussions were held in 2017 and a statement of common ground is being agreed between the two authorities. See Duty to Cooperate statement for further details.</p>
<p>Retailing and Regeneration</p>	<p>This policy was updated to set new floorspace requirements for convenience and comparison retail which reflected the latest objective assessment for retail need. This led to a slight increase in requirement.</p> <p>Given the background of national retail trends, including regionalisation, click and collect and internet shopping, there are limited planning functions which could be exercised to directly address some representations. Representations which called for Town Centres diversify their function were heeded and the policy was clarified to support diverse uses.</p> <p>In response to the consultation, a reference was added to</p>

	<p>the supporting text to fully accord with requests from Babergh to apply an impact threshold for Sudbury.</p>
<p>Natural Environment</p>	<p>The Natural Environment was expanded address representations Natural England, ECC and EWT. There was general support for enhancing protection for the natural environment. Amendments to supporting text for green infrastructure was introduced to establish a strategic context to elements of the natural environment and add a policy mechanism to enhance connections.</p> <p>Many representations regarding the loss of countryside could not be addressed as these policies are focused on protecting and enhancing biodiversity and geodiversity assets.</p> <p>The policy for protected species was rewritten and a hierarchy of protected sites strengthened to address Natural England objections. Similarly, the supporting text for Biodiversity was rewritten to respond to Environment Agency objections on the Water Framework Directive and the Anglian River Basin Management Plan.</p> <p>Landscape policies were generally supported and only small amendments were made.</p> <p>There were representations advocating the protection of Agricultural Land however no changes were made in response as national policy was deemed adequate.</p>
<p>Climate Change</p>	<p>Although many responses supported greater energy efficiency or zero-carbon buildings, local policies are restricted in their scope for higher standards due to the incorporation of energy efficiency standards into building regulations. Energy efficiency policy only received minor modifications.</p> <p>The policy for 20% reduction in energy requirements received support and objections, with objectors stating that the target is arbitrary or unjustified. Following this consultation additional work was undertaken to show that such schemes would be viable and therefore no changes were made.</p>

Sustainable Access for All	<p>To clarify the purpose of this policy, it was renamed sustainable transport.</p> <p>There was general support for footpaths and cycleways and integrated transport. Policies include measures to design new developments that facilitate sustainable transport. Policies for pedestrian and cycle routes were strengthened to improve networks. An update for the cycling strategy was incorporated into the supporting text.</p> <p>There were objections to the requirement for plug-in for electric vehicles and contributions towards off-site car parking. A viability clause was added however these policies were retained as effective measures to mitigate the traffic and pollution impacts of development.</p> <p>Many of the representations which concerned specific inadequacies of road or rail could not be addressed within the scope of the Local Plan.</p>
New Road Infrastructure Concerning the A131 Halstead bypass.	<p>ECC as the highways authority had requested the removal of the A131 route due to a lack of identified funding, as per their consultation to the draft Local Plan, however the authority were persuaded to retain the safeguarding for the route. ECC support the policy in the Publication Draft Local Plan.</p>
Open Space, Sport and Recreation	<p>This policy was amended to refer to new evidence for Braintree Open Spaces, this responded to comments from statutory consultees including from Sport England, Natural England, ECC and the NHS.</p>

Table 5 Modifications to the Publication Draft Local Plan (Policies)

Policy	LPSC meeting(s)	Main Changes Arising
Part 1	16th May 2017	Description needs to be in sync with other NEA
Glossary	28th November 2016	New additions and amendments
District Profile	28th November 2016	No changes.
Introduction and Background	28th November 2016	Reordering, more information on housing issues.

Vision and Objectives	31st October 2016	Vision amended to condense paragraph on Garden Communities and to refer to the natural and historic environment. Key objectives for broadband and protection of the environment were amended to include new ideas futureproofing access to the internet and raising the standard for environmental mitigation. Transport, design, education and healthy communities received minor tweaks.
Spatial Strategy	28th November 2016	Revision of policy text Revision of 'other villages' to divide between secondary and tertiary villages Change to the ranking of Silver End Garden Communities assigned Key Service Village category
New Policy: Development Boundaries	28th November 2016	New policy and supporting text
CDA - Arla Dairy	15th December 2016	New policy to guide development
CDA - Former Dutch Nursery	28th November 2016	New policy to guide development
CDA - Gimsons	15th December 2016	New policy to guide development
CDA - Kings Chase	15th December 2016	New policy to guide development
LPP1 Location of Employment Land	16th May 2017	Insert reference in supporting text to the findings of the ELNA Policy clarification Update policy to reflect recent losses of employment land Reduce allocation at Springwood Drive from 15ha to 10ha Reduce allocation at Bluebell industrial estate from up to 11ha to 2ha Identifies allocations at strategic growth locations (not new allocations)
LPP10 Freeport Outlet Centre	12th April 2017	Insert reference in supporting text that support additional parking
LPP11 Leisure and Entertainment	12th April 2017	No change
LPP12 Retail Warehouse Development	12th April 2017	Policy clarification
LPP13 Retail Site Allocations	12th April 2017	Removal of retail designation on Land West of George Yard Policy clarification

LPP14 CDA - Newlands Precinct	15th December 2016	Additional guidance for SUDS Amend requirements for development brief
LPP15 CDA - Rickstones Neighbourhood Centre	15th December 2016	Minor amendment to title
LPP16 Housing Provision and Delivery	10th November 2017 16th May 2017	In response to the key findings of the updated OAHN (November 2016), the annual target was reduced from 845dpa to 716dpa. The base date was adjusted from 2016 to 2013. A revised housing target of 14,646 for period 2013 - 2033 was adopted. Insert reference in supporting text to OAN Insert reference in supporting text to clarify delivery flexibility Policy clarification Remove table for delivery in Main Towns, Service Villages and Villages Insert reference in policy to strategic sites with outstanding planning permission
LPP17 SGL - Land East of Great Notley, South of Braintree	28th November 2016	Insert additional criteria for education Insert requirement for holistic planning and development Policy clarification Allocation reduced to reflect amount deliverable within the plan period
LPP18 SGL - Land East of Broad Road	15th December 2016	Insert additional criteria for education Policy clarification for public right of way
LPP2 Employment Policy Areas	16th May 2017	Policy clarification
LPP20 SGL - Land at Feering	12th April 2017	Policy clarification Allocation reduced to reflect amount deliverable within the plan period Insert reference in supporting text that development should coincide with an all movements access junction onto the A12 Insert reference to Feering Neighbourhood Plan Insert additional criteria for comprehensive development Insert additional criteria for education Insert additional criteria to secure contributions towards all movements access junction Criteria for link road moved to New Road Infrastructure policy Add requirement to protect heritage assets
LPP21 SGL - Wood End	15th December	Policy clarification

Farm	2016	
LPP22 CDA - Land East of High Street	15th February 2017	No changes
LPP23 CDA - Halstead Business Park	15th February 2017	Policy deleted and site deallocated following advice from EA
LPP24 Affordable Housing	12th April 2017	Policy clarification Insert reference in supporting text to starter homes
LPP24 Housing Mix and Density	15th December 2016	Policy clarification Additional requirements for certain homes to meet building standards
LPP26 Specialist Housing	15th December 2016	Supporting text updated for context
LPP27 Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpersons' Accommodation	12th April 2017 16th May 2017	Amendments to policy to reflect latest evidence (decision deferred from April 2017 to May) Policy clarification
LPP29 Residential Alterations, Extensions and Outbuildings within Development Boundaries	15th December 2016	Combined with LPP30
LPP2A Emergency Services Headquarters	16th May 2017	Policy clarification Add criteria for 3.3ha extension
LPP3 Business Parks	16th May 2017	Remove criteria to prevent other uses Policy clarification
LPP30 Residential Alterations, Extensions and Outbuildings in the Countryside	15th December 2016	Combined with LPP29
LPP31 Replacement Dwellings in the Countryside	15th December 2016	Additional requirements to consider the setting of heritage assets Additional criteria to require use of a design review panel
LPP33 Infill Development in Hamlets	15th December 2016	Policy clarification
LPP34 Residential Conversion of Buildings in the Countryside	15th December 2016	Policy clarification
LPP35 Garden Extensions	15th December 2016	Additional requirements to consider the setting of heritage assets

LPP36 Sustainable Access for All	10th November 2016	Renamed Sustainable Transport Updated for Essex Cycling Strategy Expanded scope for PROW network Policy clarification
LPP37 Parking Provision	10th November 2016	Reference to SUDS Policy clarification
LPP38 Protected Lanes	10th November 2016	Policy clarification
LPP4 Design and Layout of Employment Land	14th February 2017	Insert reference in supporting text to add context Remove requirement for overspill parking provision
LPP40 New Road Infrastructure	16th May	Insert reference in supporting text for Halstead Bypass Policy clarification
LPP41 Broadband	15th December 2016	Policy clarification Requirement for next generation access contributions and ducting added Viability caveats added
LPP42 Built and Historic Environment	31st October 2016	Insert additional criterion to encourage local lists Policy clarification.
LPP43 Health and Wellbeing Impact Assessment	14th February 2017	Policy requirements expanded from 200m to 400m Policy clarification
LPP44 Provision for Open Space, Sport and Recreation	16th May	Remove open space standards from the supporting text Insert reference in supporting text for Open Space SPD Insert reference in supporting text for sports and open space delivery body Insert criteria for smaller developments Insert policy hook for Visually Important Spaces Insert policy hook for play areas, sport and recreation Policy clarification
LPP45 Equestrian Facilities	14th February 2017	Add policy requirement to ensure that equestrian facilities are well located Add requirement to protect heritage assets Policy clarification
LPP46 Layout and Design of Development	31st October 2016	b) Inset additional criteria for design and architectural quality m) Delete climate change requirements o) Delete criteria for heritage assets r) Inset additional criteria for noise Other clarifications to the policy.
LPP47 Preservation and Enhancement of	31 st October 2016	Policy clarification

Conservation Areas, and Demolition within Conservation Areas		
LPP48 Shop fronts, fascias and signs in Conservation Areas	31st October 2016	Unchanged
LPP49 Illuminated Signs in Conservation Areas	31st October 2016	Policy amended to resist internal illumination
LPP5 Rural Enterprise	14th February 2017	Remove requirement for site to be well related to existing settlement pattern Amend paragraph 6.29 delete “no longer fit for purpose” replace with “redundant and disused” Policy clarification Add requirement to protect heritage assets
LPP50 Heritage Assets and their Settings	31st October 2016	Policy and supporting text clarification
LPP51 Demolition of Listed Buildings or Structures	31st October 2016	Policy clarification
LPP53 Archaeological Evaluation, Excavation and Recording	31st October 2016	Insert additional criteria to clarify implementation of the policy
LPP54 Educational Establishment	14th February 2017	Policy clarification
LPP54 Enabling Development	31st October 2016	Policy clarification
LPP55 Retention of Local Community Services and Facilities	14th February	Policy clarification
LPP56 Natural Environment	12th April 2017	Insert reference in supporting text for Green Infrastructure Insert criteria for green infrastructure contributions
LPP57 Protected Species	12th April 2017	Policy rewritten Insert criteria to establish a hierarchy of international, national and locally designated sites
LPP58 Enhancement, management and monitoring of Biodiversity	12th April 2017	Insert criteria for compliance with Anglian River Basin Management Plan Insert criteria for biodiversity issues on brownfield Insert criteria for biodiversity conservation and enhancement principles Insert reference in supporting text for Water Framework Directive

		Insert reference in supporting text for Anglian River Basin Management Plan Policy clarification
LPP59 Landscape character and features	12th April 2017	Policy clarification Insert criteria for the protection of AONBs
LPP5A Former Polish Campsite Employment Area	10th November 2016	Renamed Allshot's Farm Minor policy clarification
LPP6 Tourist Development within the Countryside	14th February 2017	Add requirement in policy and supporting text to require submission of a business plan to demonstrate viability Add requirement to protect heritage assets Policy clarification
LPP61 Protecting and Enhancing Natural Resources, Minimising Pollution and Safeguarding them from Hazards	14th February 2017	Policy clarification
LPP62 Energy Efficiency	12th April 2017	Policy clarification
LPP63 Renewable Energy Schemes	12th April 2017	Policy clarification
LPP64 Renewable Energy within New Developments	12th April 2017	No change
LPP65 Surface Water Management Plan	15th December 2016	Policy clarification
LPP66 Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems	15th December 2016	Amendment to update policy to comply with national policy Policy Clarification Remove reference to 'excessive use of water and resources'
LPP67 Run off rates	15th December 2016	Combined with LPP66
LPP68 External Lighting	15th December 2016	Amendment to clarify adoption requirements
LPP7 Retailing and Regeneration	12th April 2017	Retail floorspace requirements updated Additional Impact assessment threshold for Sudbury Policy clarification
LPP8 Primary Shopping Areas	12th April 2017	Policy clarification Removal of criteria referencing C3 Residential Development
LPP9 District Centre	12th April 2017	Policy clarification Removal of criteria referencing C3 Residential Development

New Policy: An Inclusive Environment	14th February	New policy to improve accessibility of development
New Policy: Cemeteries and Churchyards	14th February	New policy to protect and guide development proposals of new burial grounds
New Policy: Climate Change	12th April 2017	New policy to guide development in relation to climate change
New Policy: Green Buffers	12th April 2017	New policy to allocate protected areas
New Policy: Infrastructure delivery and impact mitigation policy	16th May	New policy for the provision of infrastructure delivery
New Policy: SGL - North West Braintree	15th December 2016	New policy to guide development (allocation retained from the core strategy).
New Policy: SGL - Towerlands Park Site	15th December 2016	Insert additional criteria for education
New Policy: Strategic Flood Risk	15th December 2016	New Policy
New Policy: Tree Protection	12th April 2017	New policy to guide development in relation to TPOS

Table 6 Modifications to the Publication Draft Local Plan (Settlements)

Village/Town	LPSC meeting(s)	Main Changes Arising
Bardfield Sailing	10th November	No change
Black Notley	10th November	No change
Blackmore End	28th November	No change
Bradwell	10th November	No change
Braintree and Bocking	15th December 2016	Amendment to include site BOCS140 which was granted planning permission. Amendment to include site BCBG144 which was granted planning permission. Removal of allocation at BOCN123 Amendment to include Land at Braintree College as a residential allocation.
Bulmer and Bumer Tye	31st October 2016	No change
Bures Hamlet	15th December 2016	Removal of allocation at BURE165 and BURE166
Castle Hedingham	10th November 2016	An informal recreation designation was removed from site CASH553

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Coggeshall	28th November 2016	No change
Colne Engaine	2nd October 2016	Two sites included within via development boundary amendment.
Cornish Hall End	28th November	No change
Cressing	15th December 2016	Amendment to include site (Mill Lane) which was granted planning permission.
Earls Colne Airfield	28th November 2016	No change
Earls Colne and White Colne	28th November 2016	New allocation at EARC221 for Remove allocation at Harold Simm Court
Fairstead	15th December 2016	No change
Faulkbourne	28th November	No change
Feering	15 February 2017	No change (excluding SGL for Land at Feering)
Finchingfield	28th November	No change
Great Bardfield	28th November	Amendment to include part of site GRBA255 which was granted planning permission.
Great Notley	28th November	New allocation at BLAN633 for 10 dwellings New allocation at Bakers Lane (included within BLAN114)
Great Sailing	15th December 2016	No change
Great Yeldham	31st October	Removal of the informal recreation designation from Site GRYE625 (land east on GRYE275).
Greenstead Green	28th November	No change
Halstead	15th February 2017 12th April 2017 5th June 2017	GGHR283 allocation for recreation ground removed HATR308 allocated by Full Council on 5th June Cole188 amended to reduce extent due to highways and landscape constraints
Hatfield Peverel	15th December 2016	No change (excluding CDA for Land between GEM/L/A12)
Kelvedon	12th April 2017 5th June	No change (LPSC recommendations for KELV337 London Road reversed by Full Council)
Nounsley	15th December 2016	No change
Pattiswick	10th November	No change
Rayne	10th November	No change
Rivenhall and Rivenhall End	10th November	No change
Shalford Church End	31st October 2016	Small amendment to development boundary while SHAL373 remains a visually important space.

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Sible Hedingham	10th November 2016	New allocation at SIBH617 for 10 dwellings
Silver End	16th May 2017	Amendment to include site SILV389 which was granted planning permission.
Stisted	10th November 2016	No change
Terling	31st October 2016	designation of formal recreation space at The Dismals and land shown as allotments
Wethersfield	28th November 2016	New allocations at WETH624 for 23 dwellings and WETH636 for 5 dwellings (boundary amendment)
White Notley	28th November 2016	No change
Whole Plan	16th May 2017	Edits for consistency
Wickham St Paul	31st October 2016	0.6 hectares at Site WISP619 was included within the development boundary
Witham	15th December 2016	New allocation at WITC424 to reflect Prior Approval

4. Publication Draft Local Plan

Title of the consultation, consultation period, and the relevant planning regulations.

4.1 A year after the Draft Local Plan, the Council approved the Regulation 19 Publication Draft Local Plan Document for consultation between 16th June to 27th July 2017. An update to the Braintree District Publication Draft Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal was included as part of the consultation.

Key aspects of the consultation and where appropriate main changes arising from the previous consultation.

4.2 Work started soon after the closure of the Draft Local Plan consultation to consider responses, report to members and make decisions to amend the Plan. The Publication Draft Local Plan in relation to the Draft Local Plan is an evolution of the former. Draft Local Plan responses and new site submissions, the evidence base and an updated Sustainability Appraisal (SA) formed the foundation of officer's reports.

4.3 A series of LPSC meetings between October 2016 and May 2017 recommended changes which were later laid before Full Council for consideration. Recommendations by LPSC to Full Council for Section Two policies or allocations, including a description of the changes, are detailed in the minutes of the LPSC meetings. A report to LPSC on 16th May 2017 also considered Section One responses and recommended changes. The agenda for each meeting included an officer's report and recommendation with relevant maps attached as appendices.

Which bodies and persons the local planning authority invited to make representations

4.4 An email or letter informing consultees of consultation dates, consultation material, how to view and how to respond was sent to:

- All statutory consultees (see Annex 1)
- Parish councils were also sent maps for their areas.
- Consultees on the Local Plan consultation list (now over 4,000 individuals or organisations)

4.5 General public and interested parties were alerted through:

- Advertising – Braintree and Witham Times and The Halstead Gazette.
- The Council's website.
- Email signatures from Braintree Council employees.
- Static information point at the Council's offices at Causeway House and an unmanned exhibition rotated between Braintree, Witham and Halstead libraries.

- Libraries at Braintree, Witham, Halstead, Coggeshall, Earls Colne, Hatfield Peverel, Kelvedon, Sible Hedingham and Silver End were supplied with a copy of the document on CD, a poster and business cards.
- Site notices at all residential sites of 10 or more, if not already with planning permission. All new employment allocations warranted a site notice.
- Parish Councils were sent A5 and A4 posters and asked to advertise details of the Local Plan on their websites, parish magazines and public notice boards.
- Notification of local businesses through the Essex chamber of commerce (and other groups).
- A business event, people’s panel.
- Planning news and Stay in the Know e-bulletins distributed via email.
- The Council’s Twitter and Facebook pages.
- Circa 62,000 Local Plan leaflets (in the format of ‘Contact’ magazine) was distributed to every household.
- Local Plan Update Newsletters

4.6 Over the duration of the consultation, 30 Local Plan tweets were sent gathering 25,800 impressions. 37 Facebook posts were made which gained 26,439 impressions. Planning news has 256 subscribers with a 65% opening rate while Stay in the Know has 11,500 recipients with a 32% opening rate.

4.7 Again, manned exhibitions were held across the district with at least 2 officers in attendance at each event. Consultations were also attended by ECC highways officers and Colchester Borough Council officers at Coggeshall.

4.8 Consultation boards and copies of the Publication Draft Local Plan and the Sustainability Appraisal were available for inspection. Business cards, the Local Plan leaflet and response forms were handed out and officers could assist with the technical requirements on the response form. Events were held between 2 and 8pm to ensure that as many people as possible are able to attend. Approximately 700 people in total visited the 7 events in Braintree, averaging 100 per event.

4.9 People wishing to submit a representation were encouraged to add their responses directly to the online consultation portal.

Details of the manned consultation exhibitions:

Exhibition	Date (Time 2:00 – 8:00 unless stated)
Braintree Town Hall	20 June
Halstead - The Queens Hall	22 June
Coggeshall – St Peters Church	26 June

Kelvedon Institute	28 June
Witham Public Hall	29 June
Braintree Town Hall	5 July
Great Sailing – Millennium Hall	6 July
Marks Tey Village Hall (with Colchester BC)	1 July (9:30 – 2:30)

4.10 In

accordance with the Council’s SCI, the consultation length was set at 6 weeks for Section Two. The DPD was published electronically on the website and hard copies were available to view at the Council’s offices at Causeway House and at exhibition events, and a CD containing an electronic copy of the DPD was distributed to libraries within Braintree District.

4.11 Section One was a joint consultation and was held in accordance with the SCI’s of all three North Essex Authorities. Due to this, the consultation was 8 weeks and closed when Colchester, the last authority, ended their consultation.

4.12 The Local Plan, proposals maps, and all other evidence base documents were published on the Council’s website in PDF format.

4.13 The Council made available the sustainability appraisal on the CD, the website and paper copies at the Council’s Offices and at the exhibitions.

How those bodies and persons were invited to make representations

4.14 Similar to the Draft Local Plan, a letter or email was sent to statutory and non-statutory individuals and organisations using the Council’s database of registered interested parties. Where an email address is available, this was used as the preferred method. Letters were sent to consultees without an email address or where the attempts to send an email failed.

4.15 An online pdf and printed Response Form was produced with accompanying guidance notes to assist consultees in making a representation. This followed the Model Representation Form in Annex 1 of the Procedural Practice in the Examination of Local Plans. Additional forms were available at the Council’s offices, at exhibition events, at libraries or could be downloaded from the website. A response form could also be posted upon request.

4.16 Respondents were encouraged to use the consultation portal accessible on the Council’s website (based on the Objective platform), however comments in any format were acceptable through email or post. Any non-electronic responses were entered into Objective by the Council. The deadline for responses was Friday 28th July at 5pm for Part 2. Part 1 submissions could be submitted by 11th August through Colchester’s consultation.

4.17 A list of Statutory consultees contacted is reproduced as Annex 1.

The number of representations made and a summary of the main issues raised by the representations.

Summary of Key Issues Part 1

4.18 666 responses were received by BDC on section 1 from 220 individual consultees. These are combined with all the responses received on this section by Braintree, Colchester and Tendring. The total number of comments from all three authorities is 1,128 (which may include duplicates). This includes a response by the Campaign Against Urban Sprawl in Essex (CAUSE) was sent in on behalf of 1,250 individuals. A summary of the main issues which received the most comments are as follows:

Introduction

- Deliverability and viability questioned.
- Infrastructure first.
- Collaboration with existing communities to ensure appropriate integration of new communities
- Need to have secured economic success across the area to underpin growth – economic generator needed.
- Natural England – need for a high level strategic objective on protecting and enhancing natural environment.
- Historic England – need for reference to distinctive character of North Essex and protecting heritage assets/character of existing settlements.
- Sport England – need strategic objective that specifically covers creating healthier and active communities.

SP1: Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development

- Existing infrastructure deficit and impact not addressed. Insufficient capacity to support growth.
- Adverse impacts do not outweigh perceived benefits.
- Highways England – support reducing the need to travel by private car
- New development should become measurably more sustainable
- CPRE -Garden Communities might accord with theory of sustainable development principles, but scale, location and potential impact of those proposed in North Essex questioned.

SP2: Spatial Strategy for North Essex

- Need for more overall leadership and responsibility when considering cumulative impact – must include investment in local businesses and infrastructure.
- Insufficient proposals for infrastructure upgrades, lack of current infrastructure.
- North East Essex Clinical Commissioning Group – Ensure location of appropriate healthcare facilities to support Garden Communities.
- Provision to protect the existing character of the area needed.
- Clarity on location of Garden Communities needed.

- Highways England – current designs are based on previously envisaged growth rates rather than new proposals. Steep change in provision and take up of public transport needed.
- CAUSE – proposals for two of the three Garden Communities should be dropped – not supported by Sustainability Appraisal.
- Lightwood Strategic – proposals for alternative spatial strategies inadequately considered in Sustainability Appraisal. Issues raised on the selection and soundness of new settlements.
- CPRE – Council hasn't demonstrated it can implement balanced communities supported by infrastructure.
- Proposals for Garden Communities rely on future plans which may or may not demonstrate deliverability/viability.
- Greater clarity needed on what Garden Communities are intended to achieve and whether aims could be delivered by more traditional development such as urban extensions.
- Historic England – provide reference to settlements maintaining their distinctive and historic character.
- Proposals submitted for alternative locations for new settlements at Monks Wood and the Colchester Metro Plan.

SP3: Meeting Housing Needs

- North East Essex Clinical Commissioning Group – Important to ensure health facilities are positioned in suitable places to enable communities to access healthcare appropriately.
- No justification for applying a market signals uplift to the demographic projections. If these removed, that the need for two out of three garden communities is removed.
- Developer representations received supporting upward adjustments in housing numbers to reflect increased migration from London, concerns regarding affordability, inclusion of Maldon within the Strategic Housing Market Area, and Tendring population calculation uncertainties.
- Lack of housing need evidence for proposed post-2033 growth.
- Basildon District Council - Unmet need for housing may arise from the South Essex Housing Market area. Amount has not been quantified but South Essex authorities may ask authorities in other HMA's in Essex to help in meeting unmet need. Issue could be overcome by a modification that introduces a review mechanism.
- Simultaneous delivery of two Garden Communities – viability of this questioned.
- No evidence that 'step change' in sustainable transport is possible.
- Include more sites in first five year period.
- Deliverability of numbers questioned, particularly since Garden Communities not able to contribute to delivery until end of plan period.

SP4: Providing for Employment and Retail

- Address implications of commuting to London and include reference to its role.
- Delivery of high quality jobs questioned – plan doesn't provide explanation for how and where they'll be provided.
- Lack of evidence to demonstrate Garden Communities can meet target of one job per household.

- Plan over-centralises employment in large employment zones and fails to link housing to local jobs.
- No evidence for why a 'higher growth scenario' should be considered – would result in identifying land for employment that will not come forward.

SP5: Infrastructure and Connectivity

- Infrastructure hasn't kept pace with growth and insufficient infrastructure is planned to accompany new growth.
- Delivery of infrastructure questioned – more information and certainty needed on funding sources, timescales, and how new communities will attract scale of investment required.
- Wording of the policy is unclear and should be amended to require the delivery of necessary strategic infrastructure in advance of or in parallel with the specified need.
- Faster broadband required, in particular to assist with service delivery
- Viability evidence supporting policy is flawed.
- Highways England - Roads Investment Strategy (RIS1) published in 2014, which committed Highways England to commence widening of the A12 between junctions 19 to 25 to three lanes, and to prepare options for consideration in RIS- 2 (2020-25) for widening between junctions 11 to 16 and 25 to 29. Essex County Council has been examining the feasibility of upgrading the A120 between Braintree and Marks Tey to a dual carriageway, with a view to submitting this for inclusion into a future RIS-2 funding round. Until housing and employment is committed the road schemes can really only deal with existing challenges allowing for a limited amount of growth as the designs are based on previously envisaged growth rates rather the much more ambitious level proposed in these consultations. This means the need careful planning to ensure proposed development is in the most appropriate place with the necessary facilities and infrastructure available at the right time and a steep change both in the provision and take up of public transport, if this level of development is to be sustainable.
- Natural England – transport infrastructure provides an opportunity to achieve net gain in nature through biodiversity enhancement and linkage of habitat corridors.
- Historic England – A120 has archaeological potential.
- Colchester Hospital Trust - Growth in housing has implications for local hospital services. Concerns over population figures in Infrastructure Delivery Plan - growth underestimated.
- Details on how modal shift to non-car transport methods can be achieved needs to be provided before there can be confidence on lower car use in new developments.
- Introduce visionary new ideas for movement involving collaboration with transport providers.
- Sport England – Strategic infrastructure should include leisure and sport, to ensure benefits of co-location and encouraging active lifestyles.
- Developers can only provide the mechanisms to allow infrastructure

SP6: Place Shaping principles

- In view of its deterioration, allow town centre to be replaced with housing and allow edge of centre retail growth.
- Development proposals need to include green spaces to address loss of countryside.

- Large scale communities can't respond to local character. Density shouldn't exceed 60 units per hectare.
- Plan must exhibit a degree of common sense on car usage.
- Inability of location to be self-contained
- Lack of sense of community
- Infrastructure budget too low and financial model is flawed. The likely result is short-cuts in delivery of principles set out in SP6
- Location wrong for Colchester Braintree Borders GC: high commuting
- Design codes can play a part but over dependence on them can make master plans too rigid. Plan making process should be process rather than product orientated.
- Two sources of design policy in SP6 and DM15 is unhelpful and will cause ongoing confusion.
- Needs to be greater emphasis placed on the importance of recognising and protecting the integrity of existing places.
- Each phase of development needs to be sustainable in its own right.
- Natural England – strengthen policy to ensure new development incorporates biodiversity creation.
- Require 'high' standards rather than 'highest'.
- Policy is overly prescriptive in relation to design, public realm, parking and green/blue infrastructure. Blue infrastructure not defined.

SP7: Development and delivery of New Garden Communities in North Essex

- Infrastructure needs to be guaranteed to be delivered before housing
- Delivery of Garden Communities must be in context of meeting housing delivery targets for plan period
- Provision for places of worship should be included
- Allowances for infrastructure and contingency are too low. No evidence of sound financial risk assessment.
- No evidence that policy of promoting sustainable travel will work
- No housing need evidence for post-2033 period.
- Objectively Assessed Housing Need not properly assessed.
- CAUSE summary of points covered in their submission:
 1. Detailed amendments required
 2. Comments on Sustainability Appraisal
 3. New towns: learning from the past
 4. Positive vision for north Essex
 5. OAN - unnecessary uplifts applied
 6. Providing for employment
 7. Rail constraints
 8. Connectivity & infrastructure
 9. Viability: West Tey's business case
 10. West Tey: Costs & Risks
 11. The deal for land-owners
 12. Community engagement

- Not certain necessary infrastructure including road and rail improvements, health, schools, etc., can be secured ahead of development.
- Lack of rationale on choice of sites.
- Highways England - Strong interdependence between these proposals and the improvements to the A12 and A120 and it will be essential that we work together to achieve our strategic objectives and ensure the evidence base is robust. Cumulative impact assessment should be carried out on the impact of development of growth in villages and in the early part of the plan period.
- No economic base
- Start with East Colchester first to gain expertise
- Use low quality agricultural land at Middlewick before high quality at West Tey.
- South Colchester should be developed to release funds for necessary transport infrastructure before greenfield land to the west of Colchester.
- Delivery mechanism needs to be established before garden communities included in the plan.
- Concerns regarding proposed Local Delivery Vehicles. Alternative models and funding option should be explored, i.e. collaborative tenure with developer or strategic finance partner.
- LDVs provide for tighter control over development, but scale of proposals for three concurrent garden communities raises concern about ability and capacity of LDV to deliver all Section 1 proposals.
- Insufficient community engagement
- Affordable housing target of 30% queried for its deliverability and effect on viability.
- Consideration required of impacts and relationship with adjoining communities.
- Natural England – Green infrastructure should be delivered according to defined standards. Need to identify how net gain in local biodiversity is to be achieved.
- More guidance needed on ancillary facilities including retail and leisure uses.
- Historic England – Need demonstrable consideration of impact of Garden Communities on the historic environment. Plan should contain a framework to guide how boundaries and extent of garden communities are determined. Consideration of impacts and relationship with adjoining communities.
- Scale should be reduced – too big in relation to existing communities

SP8: Tendering/Colchester Borders Garden Community

- Guarantee infrastructure is provided before housing is built.
- Provide good quality link road from A120 to A133 as an early part of development.
- North East Essex Clinical Commissioning Group – Primary healthcare facilities to be provided as appropriate.
- All new development should be over the brow of the hill and out-of-sight of existing residents.
- Public transport and Park and Ride aspirations are unrealistic
- Anglian Water - Reference welcomed to an upgrade to Colchester waste water treatment plant and off-site improvements to the foul sewerage network. Refer to the phasing of

improvements to align the scale and timing of the proposed garden community given that development is expected to come forward after 2033.

- Loss of excellent agricultural land opposed.
- Potential impact on European designated sites
- Affordable housing not well located for Tendring residents nor will it help foster economic growth in Tendring.
- Lack of detail on proposed Salary Brook County Park, therefore insufficient protection of endangered species and distinctive sense of place. Essential that Salary Brook valley and adjacent woodland is safeguarded.
- Lack of mention of existing flooding issues in area – specific mitigation needed to prevent exacerbating the problem.
- Need to adhere to a 1.5 km buffer between Greenstead/Longridge and the new settlement. Housing must be beyond tree line at top of hill to the east of Greenstead/Longridge.
- No building south of A133.
- Rapid transport links need to include cycle lanes.
- Concerns about traffic on existing country lanes.
- Noise shielding for new roads needed.
- Historic England – concerned that new settlements will be housing led rather than considering the landscape and heritage assets.

SP9: Colchester/Braintree Borders Garden Community

- Concerns over rail capacity, parking capacity at stations, and potential changes to location of Marks Tey station
- Objections to loss of Grade 2 agricultural land, poorer quality land should be considered first.
- Current infrastructure inadequate.
- Infrastructure, including upgraded A120 and A12, health and schools needs to be in place before houses built, but high levels of uncertainty regarding timings and likelihood of critical transport infrastructure improvements required in advance.
- Green buffers for existing settlements should be designated and shown on proposals maps.
- Policy should be more positive and precise as to integration with Marks Tey by reference to built environment, traffic, enhancements and retention of village identity and access to countryside.
- Proposal would create a commuter town following on from its location on rail line to London.
- Economic basis for proposal has not been made- unclear where jobs would come from.
- Extent of proposed Garden Community unclear – lack of consistent mapping between authorities.
- Provision of places of worship should be specifically mentioned.
- Anglian Water – agree that upgrade to waste water treatment plant and off-site improvements to foul sewerage network. Refer to phasing of improvements to align scale and timing beyond plan period.
- Begin with East Colchester Garden Community before starting on West. Inclusion of West Colchester is premature.

- Massive Government subsidies would be required.
- Negative effect on rural setting and character of existing villages.
- No meaningful public transport provided until 2030.
- CAUSE - CBBGC not deliverable, viable or sustainable option, nor will it meet infrastructure requirements of its own population or current local population of Braintree and Colchester.
- Scale is too large
- Natural England. Adequate water treatment infrastructure should be included as a safeguard to ensure that phasing of development doesn't exceed capacity. Concerns about strength of protection and enhancement of natural environment.
- Historic England – No indication as to how extent of garden communities will be determined. Concern that new settlements will be housing led rather than considering landscape and heritage assets. Potential for significant archaeological interest in the A12 and A120 area, along with listed buildings.
- Public transport aspirations are unrealistic.
- No Plan B if Garden Community is not located by proposed A120/A12.
- Clearer reference to Garden Community principles should be included.
- Potential location for Tiptree spur road on/off the A12 needs to be defined.
- Developer concerns over affordable housing viability.

SP10: West of Braintree Garden Community

- Guarantee infrastructure is provided before housing is built.
- Anglian Water – Refer to phasing of improvements to align scale and timing of garden community given that development is expected to come forward after 2033.
- Places of worship should be allocated.
- Integrity of existing settlements such as Rayne and Stebbing would be under threat from proximity of proposals.
- Financial viability questioned
- Lack of attention to safeguarding natural and historic amenities such as historic airfield at Andrewsfield.
- Developer concerns over affordable housing viability.
- Historic England – proposed garden community could have significant impact of setting of Saling Grove listed building and garden. No indication as to how extent of garden communities will be determined. Stronger references to heritage asset safeguarding needed.
- Infrastructure needs to be delivered prior to development.

Summary of Key Issues Part 2

These are the key issues arising from the Publication Draft Local Plan which remain unresolved.

Plan making

- The consultation process was confusing.

- Consultation form was complicated and discouraged responses to the presubmission stage.
- Sites have been given planning permission before the Local Plan has been examined.
- The Council isn't listening or has already decided.

Duty to Cooperate

- There are no outstanding duty-to-cooperate issues, a full outline of issues which were raised and resolved in the production of the Local Plan is detailed in the Duty to Cooperate statement.

Spatial Strategy

- There should be more development in rural areas/north of the district/at key service villages.
- Too many homes are directed towards Garden Communities.

Strategic Sites not in the Plan

- Land at South East Braintree CRESS204, CRESS205 and CRESS208 - Williams group land. Various schemes promoted for mixed use including up to 1,000 houses.
- Land at East of Braintree (Temple Border) CRESS212. 3,000 houses being promoted by Gateway 120.
- Land South East of Halstead GGHR639 - Ptarmigan land are promoting various options.
- Land at Cressing Road, Witham WITN428 – various proposals up to 1,500 homes on fields north of the extant allocation Land at Conrad Road.
- Land south west of Braintree BRAW154 and GNBM266 - Near Brook Green, between Rayne and Braintree – 1,500 homes.
- Land at East of Dorewards Hall, Bocking BOCN126. A site North East of Braintree being promoted for 500 to 800 homes
- Monks Wood/Patterswick Garden Community – up to 3,000 homes

Village Housing Sites

- Alternatives for site allocations at Kelvedon included KEL337 London Road. LPSC recommended the allocation of KELV337 (in lieu of KELV335) in the 12th April committee. Full council considered this recommendation and reinstated KELV335. An outline planning application is resolved to grant subject to s.106 for KELV335. An application for KELV337 is pending.
- Hatfield Peverel has one allocation in the Local Plan at Land between A12 and GEML, subject to policy LPP31, however two other sites (Land at Gleneagles Way and Land south of Stone Path Drive) were resolved to grant outline permission, both of which have been called in by the Secretary of State.
- Coggeshall does not have a proportionate allocation of housing and should be able to accommodate more.
- A total of 9 representations were made on Earls Colne which were from landowners proposing additional land for allocation around the village. There was also a concern from

local residents regarding the impacts of infrastructure, primarily from a site which already has full planning permission.

- There were only 3 representations made to Sible Hedingham. One support and one objection to the development of the Tanners Dairy site and one proposing an additional allocation should be made at Alderford Maltings.

A Strong Economy

- The employment evidence is out of date.
- There is too little employment land being allocated.
- Four Elm Mills – this is being promoted at a special policy area for the redevelopment of land currently in use for employment in the countryside for residential. This will enable the relocation of this employment function on an alternative site however the exiting site is not suitable or sustainable for residential use.
- Bluebridge Industrial Estate – COLE188 Allocation of employment land here was reduced from circa 12ha to 2ha due to landscape impact, highways impact of a larger allocation and implications for the Halstead Bypass. Consequently the landowner is also objecting to the bypass.
- HASA654A and HASA654B at Bluebridge industrial estate was promoted for extensions onto adjacent land one part of which is protected as structural landscaping.
- Objections to employment policy due to inflexibility to allow the variation of use class on employment policy areas to include recreational use for gymnastics or boxing. Sport England have also objected on this lack of flexibility.
- Land East of London Road, Great Notley - BLAN 114 Allocation of 3ha of employment land here is objected to as unjustified. Provision of land in small parcels (as opposed to focused employment centres) is considered unsustainable and with respect there are employment generating uses within the local centre.
- Highways England have asked for significant amendment to the policy at Kelvedon Park.

Shops and Services

- The Retail Evidence base is not sufficiently up to date.
- Have sufficient sites for retail been allocated, and should more sites be allocated?
- Retail allocation north of Freeport. Site is currently allocated for retail warehouse uses but the landowner is promoting flexibility with a view to an extension to Freeport.
- Are the retail impact thresholds across the district are appropriate?
- Whether retail areas identified in town centres should make specific reference to residential uses.

Homes

- Objecting that the Plan does not identify a 5 year supply of deliverable and developable land for the first 5 years/a rolling 5 year supply across the Plan Period.
- Seeking to use the Sedgfield approach (making up the shortfall from 2013 within the first 5 years) rather than the Liverpool approach.

- Alleging persistent under-delivery (a 20% buffer rather than a 5% buffer for the 5 year supply target).
- Seeking a greater range of size of sites.
- Seeking specified sub-district housing provisions (e.g. a target for Halstead, for the Rural Areas, for Key Service Villages), and linked to this seeking increased housing allocations in the Rural Areas, in Key Service Villages, in Halstead, in specified villages.
- Delivery rates over-optimistic, in particular in relation to the larger sites (New Garden Communities and Strategic Growth Locations).
- Housing provision too high in relation to infrastructure and services/too low to meet demand/need.
- Lapse rates too low.
- Land east of Great Notley – main objections were on traffic, landscape impact and access to services.
- Land east of Broad Road - main objections were on traffic, landscape impact and access to services.
- The main objections to the Former Towerlands Park site was highways and the proximity of the site to neighbouring properties.
- Land at Feering – the Country Park allocated in the Local Plan has received representations regarding its allocation, the description of its proposed location and the longer term stewardship of the openspace.
- Witham – the main issue is the allocation of WITC423 and the allocation of two houses on the road frontage at WITC425.

Transport and Infrastructure

- Proposals for sustainable transport do not relieve and will further congest key junctions at Galley's Corner on the A120.
- The retention of Halstead Bypass is supported as a safeguarding route by ECC but objected to by one landowner on its proposed route.
- The viability and practicality of charging plug-ins for electric vehicles was questioned, as was the viability for financial contributions to off-site parking.

Creating better Places

- Should the Essex Design Guide still be referred to as it is pre NPPF?
- Is the use of Health and Well Being impact assessments appropriate and sufficiently robust?
- Is it appropriate and necessary to control A5 fast food takeaways within 400m of schools?
- Are the Local Plan policies and evidence base for sport and recreation robust and credible?
- Is the marketing period for the advertising community facilities appropriate?

Natural Environment

- Green Buffers – objections to 'gaps' in the Green Buffers between its extent and existing development boundaries have been raised by supporters of the policy who would like the Green Buffer to be extended. Support for additional Green Buffers to be designated.

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- Natural Environment Policies place inappropriate requirements on developers
- These policies provide insufficient protection for the natural environment.
- There is insufficient regard to the impact of the plan on National/International nature designations in neighbouring districts.
- The plan should specify the lower technical standard for Building Regulations in relation to water to reduce demand.
- The avoid, mitigate, compensate hierarchy approach to protecting biodiversity and habitats is insufficiently clear.
- Greater protection required for the Dedham Vale AONB and its setting, including its proposed extension.
- Stronger measures to protect against climate change are required.
- LPP77 is unnecessary, unjustified and places too much emphasis on energy generation .
- Insufficient protection for watercourses and aquifers.
- SUDS are not always an appropriate form of drainage.

How any representations made have been taken into account in the plan preparation process.

Following on from the consultation of the Publication Draft Local Plan, the Council is proposing a table of minor modifications in response to some of the representations received. The Publication Draft Local Plan and the minor modifications are formally submitted to the Secretary of State for examination.

Annex 1. List of consultees

In accordance with the Town and Country planning 2012 regulations and the SCI (para 6.3), the following statutory consultees were contacted regarding the Local Plan:

Consultation Type	Name of Organisation (Statutory Consultee)	How were they contacted?
County Council	Essex County Council	Email
Parish and Town Councils	Braintree Association of Local Councils (All Braintree Parish and Town Councils)	Email
Parish and Town Councils	Castle Camps Parish Council	Post
Parish and Town Councils	Castle Hedingham Parish Council	Email
Parish and Town Councils	Cavendish Parish Council	Email
Parish and Town Councils	Chappel Parish Council	Email
Parish and Town Councils	Chelmsford City Council	Email
Parish and Town Councils	Clare Parish Council	Email
Parish and Town Councils	Felsted Parish Council	No Preference
Parish and Town Councils	Glemsford Parish Council	No Preference
Parish and Town Councils	Great & Little Leighs Parish Council	No Preference
Parish and Town Councils	Great Braxted Parish Council	Email
Parish and Town Councils	Great Cornard Parish Council	Email
Parish and Town Councils	Great Sampford & Little Parish Council	Email
Parish and Town Councils	Great Waltham Parish Council	Email
Parish and Town Councils	Haverhill Town Council	No Preference
Parish and Town Councils	Hempstead Parish Council	Email
Parish and Town Councils	Kedington Parish Council	Email
Parish and Town Councils	Langford & Ulting Parish Council	No Preference
Parish and Town Councils	Lindsell Parish Council	Email
Parish and Town Councils	Little Baddow Parish Council	No Preference
Parish and Town Councils	Little Bardfield Parish Council	Email
Parish and Town Councils	Little Braxted Parish Council	Email
Parish and Town Councils	Little Cornard Parish Council	Post
Parish and Town Councils	Little Waltham Parish Council	Email
Parish and Town Councils	Long Melford Parish Council	Email
Parish and Town Councils	Marks Tey Parish Council	Email
Parish and Town Councils	Mount Bures Parish Council	Email
Parish and Town Councils	Steeple Bumpstead Parish Council	Email
Parish and Town Councils	Stoke by Clare Parish Council	Email

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Parish and Town Councils	Tiptree Parish Council	Email
Parish and Town Councils	Wakes Colne Parish Council	Email
Parish and Town Councils	Wixoe Parish Council	Email
Adjoining District Councils	South Cambridgeshire District Council	Email
Adjoining District Councils	Uttlesford District Council	Email
Adjoining District Councils	St Edmundsbury Borough Council	Email
Adjoining District Councils	Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Council	Email
Adjoining District Councils	Chelmsford City Council	Email
Adjoining District Councils	Colchester Borough Council	Email
Adjoining District Councils	Maldon District Council	Email
Adjoining County Councils	Cambridgeshire County Council	Email
Adjoining County Councils	Suffolk County Council	Email
The Coal Authority	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
The Environment Agency	Environment Agency	Email
Historic Buildings commission	Historic England	Email
Marine Management Organisation	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Natural England	Natural England	Email
Network Rail	Network Rail	Email
The Highways Agency	Highways England	Email
The Strategic Rail Authority	Does not exist	Does not exist
Organisations under section 106 (3)(a) of the Communications Act 2003 (Comms Act)	Arqiva	Post
Comms Act	BT	Post
Comms Act	Atkins Telecom	Post
Comms Act	EE	Email
Comms Act	EMF	Post
Comms Act	Hutchinson 3G	Post
Comms Act	Orange	Post
Comms Act	Three	Email
Comms Act	T-Mobile (UK) Ltd	Post
Comms Act	Virgin Media	Post
Comms Act	Vodafone	Post
Organisations under section 18 of the National Health Service Act 2006	NHS Property Services Ltd	Email
Organisations under section 18 of the National Health Service Act 2006	NHS England	Email

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Organisations under section 18 of the National Health Service Act 2006	North East Essex Clinical Commissioning Group	Email
Organisations under section 18 of the National Health Service Act 2006	Mid Essex Clinical Commissioning Group	Email
Organisations for section 6 (1) (b) or (c) of the Electricity Act 1989	National Grid	Email
Organisations for section 6 (1) (b) or (c) of the Electricity Act 1989	UK Power Networks	Email
Organisations for section 7(2) of the Gas Act 1986	Connect (Quadrant Pipelines Ltd & Independent Pipelines Ltd)	Post
Organisations for section 7(2) of the Gas Act 1986	British Gas Connections Ltd	Post
Sewage Undertakers	Anglian Water Services Ltd	Email
Water Undertakers	Essex & Suffolk Water	Email
Water Undertakers	Anglian Water Services Ltd	Email
The Homes and Communities Agency	Homes and Communities Agency	Post

Non Statutory Consultees – List A

Lists of private individuals have not been included.

Consultation Group	Non-Statutory Consultee	How were they contacted?
Government organisation	Department for Education & Skills	Post
Government organisation	Department for Transport	Post
Government organisation	Homes and Communities Agency	Email
Government organisation	Sport England	Email
Government organisation	The National Trust	Post
Government organisation	The Planning Inspectorate	Post
Utilities	GTC	Email
Utilities	Mowlem Energy Ltd	Post
Utilities	ES Pipelines Ltd	Post
Local business groups	Braintree Business Group	Email
Local business groups	Ignite	
Local business groups	Witham Town Centre Strategy Group	Email
Emergency Services	Braintree Fire Station	Post
Emergency Services	Essex Ambulance Service	Post
Emergency Services	Essex Fire & Rescue Service	Email
Emergency Services	Essex Police	Email
Emergency Services	Police and Crime Commissioner for Essex	Email
Wildlife groups	Essex Wildlife Trust	Email
Local interest groups	FFT Planning (Travelers)	Post
Local interest groups	National Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups	Email
Local interest groups	The National Gypsy Council	Post
Housebuilder interests	Greenfields Community Housing	Email
Housebuilder interests	Home Builders Federation	Email

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Non Statutory Consultees – List B

Lists of private individuals have not been included.

Non-Statutory Consultee	How were they contacted?
Action with Communities in Rural England	letter
AMEC	letter
A R Partners Limited	email
A. Westrop & Sons	email
A12 Villages Traffic Action Group	email
Acorn Avenue Residents Association	email
Adrian Buckingham	Email
Adrian Porter	Email
Advanced Childcare LTD.	email
Age UK	email
Age UK Essex	email
AGS Property Consultants	Email
AIC	No Preference
Alan Hardwick	Email
Alan Wiperman	Email
Alexander Dyke	Email
Alliance Planning	Email
Alun Design Consultancy Limited	Email
AMEC	Email
AMEC Environment & Infrastructure	Email
Amec Foster Wheeler	Email
Amec Foster Wheeler E&I UK	Email
Ancer Spa (Midlands) Ltd	letter
Andrew Hiorns Town Planning	Email
Andrew Martin Associates	Email
Andrew Stevenson Associates	Email
Anita Brown	Email
Anita Kittle	Post
Anthony G James RIBA	Email
AR Planning	Email
AR Wood Lawmowers (sales & service)	email
Arc Planning	Email
Arcus Consultancy Services Ltd	email
Armstrong Rigg Planning	Email
Arqiva	letter
Artisan Planning & Property Services	Email
ASP	Email
ASPlanning	Email
Atkins Telecom	letter
Banner Homes	email
Barratt Eastern Counties	letter
Barton Willmore Planning	Email
Barton Willmore Planning Partnership anglia	email
BC Mitchams Farms (Burwell Ltd) & Associate Compan	letter
BDC	email
Beacon Planning Ltd	Email
Beckers Green Primary School	email
Belchamp St Paul's Church of England (Voluntary Aided) Primary School	email
Bellway Homes	Email
Bennetts (SA) LLP	Email
Berkeley Community Villages	letter

Berkeley Strategic	letter
Bermac Properties Plc.	letter
Bethel Christian Fellowship	letter
Bidwells	email
Bidwells Property Consultants	letter
Birdbrook Bowls Club	letter
Black Notley Community Hall Association	letter
Blackwater Housing Association	letter
Blackwater/Anglia Housing Association	letter
Bocking Church Street Primary School	email
Bocking South Tenants & Residents Association	letter
Bovis Homes Ltd	Email
Bowergrange Estates Ltd	email
Boyer Planning Ltd	Email
Boys Brigade (2nd Witham)	email
Braintree & Bocking Civic Society	email
Braintree & Bocking Community Association	email
Braintree & District Carers Support Group for the Mentally Ill	letter
Braintree & District Society for the Mentally Handicapped	letter
Braintree & Witham Action Group	letter
Braintree and Witham Constituency Labour Party	email
Braintree Arthritis Care	letter
Braintree Association of Local Councils	email
Braintree Association of Local Councils (BALC)	letter
Braintree BID	letter
Braintree Business Group	email
Braintree Chamber of Trade and Commerce	email
Braintree College	letter
Braintree District Access Group	email
Braintree District Arts Council	letter
Braintree District Museum and Study Centre Trust	email
Braintree District Voluntary Support Agency	email
Braintree District Youth Council	email
Braintree District Youth Council (Church Street)	letter
Braintree District Youth Council (Hawthorns)	letter
Braintree District Youth Council (Rochester Close)	letter
Braintree District Youth Council (Silver Street)	letter
Braintree Foyer	letter
Braintree Hockey Club	email
Braintree Hospitals League of Friends (The)	letter
Braintree Independent Counselling Service	letter
Braintree Indian Society	letter
Braintree Lawn Tennis Club	email
Braintree Lions	letter
Braintree Mencap	letter
Braintree Pensioners Action Group	letter
Braintree Rivers Rotary Club	letter
Braintree Town FC	email
Braintree, Halstead & Witham CAB	email
Branwhite Farms Ltd	email
Brian Christian	No Preference
Brimpton House Surgery	letter
British & Continental Estates Ltd	email
British Astronomical Association	email
British Heart Foundation	letter
British Horse Society	letter
British Trust for Conservation Volunteers	letter
Buddhist Centre	letter

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Building by Design	Email
Bulmer St Andrew's Church of England (Voluntary Controlled) Primary School	email
Business Development Services (NW Essex) Ltd	letter
C/o Dudley Bros & Co.	letter
Caldecotte Consultants	Email
CAMRA (Campaign for Real Ale)	email
Capita Property and Infrastructure Ltd	Email
Capita Symonds	Email
Caroline Easton	Email
Carter Jonas LLP	Email
Castle Heddingham Parish Council and Burial Board	email
Catesby Property Group	email
CAUSE (Campaign Against Urban Sprawl in Essex)	email
CB Richard Ellis	letter
CBI East of England Office	letter
CBRE	Email
Centre for Action on Rape & Abuse	email
CHANCES	letter
Chart Plan (2004) Ltd	Email
Cheffins	Email
Chelmer Housing Partnership	email
Chelmsford & District MIND	letter
Chelmsford & Mid-Essex CAMRA	email
Chelmsford City Council	email
Chipping Hill School	email
Chris Board	Post
Chris Reynolds	Email
Christ Church Methodist & United Reform Church	letter
Christchurch	letter
Church, Clare Road, Braintree	email
Clockhouse Town Planning	Email
CMI Publishing	letter
Code Development Planners Ltd	Email
Coggeshall Heritage Society	email
Coggeshall Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	email
Coggeshall Town Football Club	email
Colchester and N E Essex Friends of the Earth	letter
Colchester Gay Switchboard	letter
Colchester Institute	email
Colchester MIND	letter
Colchester Planning Services	Email
Colliers CRE	Post
Colliers International	email
Collins & Coward Ltd	Email
Collins and Coward	Email
Colne Engaine Church of England (Voluntary Aided) Primary School	email
Colne Housing Association	letter
Colne Stour Countryside Association	email
Colne Stoves	letter
Colne Valley Railway	letter
Community Information Point/Chelmsford Library	letter
Compliant Solutions Ltd	letter
Congregational Church	letter
Copesticks Ltd	Email
Corrie Newell Historic Buildings Consultancy	Email
Countryside Properties (UK) Ltd	email
CPRE Campaign to Protect Rural England	email

CRESS	letter
Crossing Evangelical Church	letter
Crossing Good Companions (Over 60's)	letter
Crossing Primary School	email
Crest Nicholson	email
Cushman & Wakefield	Email
David Jarvis Associates Limited	No Preference
David Lock Associates	Email
David Walker Chartered Surveyors	email
David Wilson Homes Eastern Counties	email
DC Warren Farm	email
de Vere Primary School	email
Dean Jay Pearce Architectural Design	Email
Dean Lewis Estates Ltd	Email
Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Project	email
Defence Infrastructure Organisation	email
Department for Education & Skills	letter
Department for Transport	letter
Derek Scott Planning	Email
Design Council Cabe	email
DHA Group	Email
DHA Planning Limited	Email
Diabetes UK	letter
Diane Goulding Centre	letter
Diane Wallace	Email
Disabled Perstons Transport Advisory Committee	letter
DPDS Consulting Group	email
DPP	Post
Drivers Jonas Deloitte	Post
Duncan Gibson	Email
E Hobbs Farms Ltd	email
E. French & Sons	email
Earls Colne Baptist Church	letter
Earls Colne Primary School	email
East of England Ambulance Service	letter
East Thames Housing Group	letter
Edward Gittins & Associates	email
Edward Keymer	Post
Elim Pentecostal Church	letter
Elm Hall Primary School	email
Emery Planning	Email
Emery Planning Partnership	Email
Emery Planning Partnership Ltd	Email
EMF	email
English Architectural	Email
Environment Agency	email
Epic Properties Ltd	email
EPN South Highway services	email
ES Pipelines Ltd	letter
ESco Business Services Ltd	email
Essex & Suffolk Water	email
Essex Air Ambulance	letter
Essex Association of Local Councils	email
Essex Autistic Society (F.E. Dept.)	letter
Essex Bridleways Association	email
Essex County Council	email
Essex County Council Cllr	letter
Essex County Council Highways	email
Essex County Council Historic	email
Essex County Council Histroic Buildings	email
Essex County Council Property Services	letter
Essex County Council Public Realm	email

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Essex Industrial Archaeology Group	email
Essex Probation Service	letter
Essex Rail Users Federation	letter
Essex Respite Association	letter
Essex Safety Services Ltd	email
Essex Strategic Health Authority	letter
Essex Voluntary Association for the Blind	letter
Essex Waterways Ltd	email
Estuary Housing Association	letter
Ethnic Voice	letter
Evangelical Church	letter
Evolution Town Planning LLP	email
Factory Lane East Res. Assoc.	letter
Farleigh-in-Braintree	letter
Feering Church of England Primary School	email
Feering Community Association	letter
Fenn Wright	No Preference
FFT Planning	letter
Fields in Trust	email
Finchingfield Church of England Primary School	email
Finchingfield United Reform Church	letter
First City Ltd	Post
First Essex Buses Ltd	letter
FLAG	letter
Flagship Housing Group	letter
Forest Homecare Ltd	email
Forestry Commission England	email
Framptons	email
Frederick Gibberd Partnership	Email
Free Schools Capital Education and Skills Funding Agency Department For Education	email
Freight Transport Association	letter
Friends of Bocking Windmill	letter
Friends of Bradford Street	email
Friends of Braintree	letter
Garden History Society	email
Gardner Planning	email
GL Hearn Limited	email
Gladman Developments Ltd	email
Glenny	Email
Goholdings	Email
Goldev Ltd	Email
Goldingham Drive Pre-School	letter
Goldingham Family Church & Baptist Fellowship	letter
Gosfield Community Primary School	email
Great Bardfield Historical Society	letter
Great Bardfield Primary School	email
Greenbanks (Halstead) Management Company Limited	email
Greenfields Community Housing	email
Greyread Ltd	email
Grove House	letter
GTC	email
Guide Dogs for the Blind Association	letter
H P Smith & Sons	email
H. J. Rawlinson Ltd	email
Halstead 21st Century Group	letter
Halstead Baptist Church	letter
Halstead CAB	letter
Halstead Chamber of Commerce	letter
Halstead Chamber of Trade	letter

Halstead Day Centre	email
Halstead Residents Association	email
Halstead Town Council	letter
Hanover Housing Association	letter
Hastoe East	email
Hatch Properties Ltd	email
Hatfield Peverel Infant School	email
Hatfield Peverel Methodist Church	letter
Hatfield Peverel St Andrews Junior School	email
Hawkspur	Email
Health & Safety Executive (Essex)	letter
Hearing Help (Essex)	email
Heddingham Omnibuses Ltd	letter
Heddingham School	letter
Hickling & Morrell	No Preference
High Garrett Community Association	email
Hills Building Group	Email
Hilton House Surgery	email
Historic Houses Association	Email
HJL Planning	Email
Hollins Architects, Surveyors & Planning Consultants	Email
Holly Champion	Email
Holmes & Hills LLP	Email
Holmes and Hills Solicitors	email
Holy Family & All Saints RC Church	letter
Holy Family Catholic Primary School	letter
Holy Trinity CofE Primary School	email
Home Builders Federation	email
Home Start	letter
Honywood School	email
Hopkins Homes Ltd	email
Housing 21	letter
Housing Association Adults Learning Disability	letter
Howbridge CofE Primary School	email
HTA	Email
Hutchinson 3G	letter
Hyperoptic Ltd	email
Iceni Projects Ltd	Email
Ignite	email
Indigo Planning	email
Individual	email
Individual Architecture	Email
Intime Electronics Ltd	email
Irish Traveller Movement In Britain	email
J A Overton Ltd	email
J Wharton	Email
Jacobs UK Limited	email
Januaries Chartered Surveyors	letter
JB Planning Associates	email
JC and RW Crayston	letter
JCN Design	Email
JLL	Email
JobCentre Plus	letter
John Bunyan Infant School & Nursery	email
John Bunyan Junior School	email
John Finch Partnership	Email
John Grooms Housing Association	letter
John Newell	Email
John Ray Infant School	email
John Ray Junior School	email
Jon Durbin	Email
Jones Lang LaSalle	Email

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Joseph Greenhow Planning Ltd.	email
JR Consulting	Email
JS Bloor (Newbury) Ltd	email
Judith Ashton Associates	Email
Julie Barnes	Post
Kelvedon & Feering Health Centre	letter
Kelvedon & feering Heritage Society	email
Kelvedon St Mary's CofE Primary School	email
Kevin Chitty	Email
Kevin Scott Consultancy	Post
KMBC Planning	Email
Knight Frank LLP	Email
LA Jordan 1989 Rivenhall Settlement	email
Lambert Chapman	No Preference
Lambert Smith Hampton Ltd	Email
Lan Pro Services	email
Lancaster Way Christian Fellowship	letter
Land Partners	Email
Land Partners LLP	email
landbridge	Email
Lanes New Homes	email
Lanswood Ltd	email
Lawrie Winter Architecture	Email
Lawson Planning Partnership	Email
League of Friends	letter
Lichfields	email
Lightwood Strategic	Email
Limehouse Software HQ	email
Linda S Russell Solicitors and Planning Consultants	letter
Lions Club of Witham & District	letter
Liston Residents Association	email
Local & Neighbourhood Plans	email
London Gypsy and Traveller Unit	email
LSH	Email
Lucy Carpenter Planning Consultant Ltd	Email
Ludan Properties	Email
Lyons Hall School	email
M Scott Properties Ltd	email
mabbplanning	Email
Maldon Essex MIND	letter
Maltings Academy	email
Maltings Lane Forum	email
Manchester Airport (MAG) - Stanstead	email
Mark Jackson Planning	Email
Marks Farm Community Centre	letter
Martin Bridge Ltd	No Preference
Martin Robeson Planning Practice	No Preference
Master Craftsman Kitchens Ltd	email
MAZE Planning Solutions	No Preference
McLeod Wright	letter
MCS Investments Ltd	email
Melville Dunbar Associates	No Preference
melvilledunbarassociates	Email
Member of Parliament	email
Mencap Braintree & District	email
Met Office	email
Methodist Church	letter
Metropolitan	email
Michael Sales Surveyors Ltd	No Preference
Micheal Aves	Email
Mike French	Email

Milliken & Co Chartered Surveyors	Email
MJC Associates	Post
Moat Housing Group	letter
MoD Police Headquarters	letter
Montague Evans	Post
Morley, Riches and Ablewhite	Email
Morphy Lawrence Ltd	Email
Motor Neurone Disease	letter
Mount Hill Garage	letter
Mowlem Energy Ltd	letter
Mullucks Wells & Associates	letter
Multiple Sclerosis Society	letter
NACRO	letter
National Express	letter
National Grid Plant Protection	email
NATS	letter
Natural England	email
Network Rail	email
Neville Nicholson	Email
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NHS Prop Co	email
NHS Property Services Ltd	email
Nicholas Percival	Email
Nigel Chapman Associates	Email
NJL Consulting	Email
Norcros	letter
Notley Green Primary School	email
Notley High School	email
Orange	letter
OSP Architecture	Email
Oswick Ltd	Email
Over 60's Club	letter
P J Stock Building Design	Post
P Munson Planning	Email
Pallet Sales UK Ltd.	email
PARC Essex	letter
Park Stores	letter
Parkinsons Disease Society	email
Passenger Focus	letter
Paul Hales Associates	Email
Peacock & Smith	Email
Peacock and Smith	Email
Pegasus Planning Group	letter
Percival & Co	No Preference
Persimmon Homes Essex Ltd	email
Persimmon Homes Ltd	Post
Peter Brett Associates LLP	Email
Peter Codling Architects	Email
Peter Matravers	Post
Peter Messenger	Email
Pets as Therapy	letter
Phase 2 Planning and Development Ltd	Email
Philbin Champion Associates	Email
Phoenix Hockey Club	letter
Plainview Planning Ltd	Email
Plan Aware	Email
Planning Issues	email
Planning Potential	email
Plansurv Ltd	email
Pocknell Studio	Email
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Poplar Nurseries Ltd	email
Portland Planning	Email

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Princes Trust Volunteers	letter
Priory Community Association	letter
PULSE	letter
R G Newton	Post
R Stafford Charles & Son	Email
RAD Head Office	email
Ramsden Mills	letter
Rapleys LLP	email
Rayne Riding Centre	email
Rayne School	email
rCOH Ltd	Email
REALM Limited	Email
Redrow Homes	email
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	letter
Renaissance Land Regeneration Ltd	No Preference
RESCUE The British Archaeological Trust	email
Richard de Clare Community Primary School	email
Richard Kemsley	Email
Rickstones Youth Centre	letter
Ridgewell Cof E Primary School	email
Riding for the Disabled Twinstead Group	letter
Rivenhall and Silver End C of E Church	letter
Rivenhall C of E Primary School	email
Road Haulage Association Ltd	email
Rockways	email
Roman Catholic Church	letter
Rotary Club of Braintree & Bocking	letter
RPS Planning & Development	Post
RSPB	email
S R Brice	email
Saffron Walden Constituency Conservative Association	email
Salvation Army	letter
Salvation Army/New Direction Lifehouse	letter
Sanctuary Housing Association	letter
Savills	Email
Scott Properties	Email
Sellwood Planning	Email
SENSE (Essex Branch)	letter
SERCLE Campaign	email
Shalford Primary School	email
Shelter Eastern Counties	email
Sidney House Surgery	letter
Silver End Primary School	email
Smarter Planning Champion	Post
Smart Planning	email
Smith Stuart Reynolds	Post
Savills (UK) Ltd	email
South Cambridgeshire District Council	email
Southview School	email
Spicerhaart Ltd	email
Spokesperson for Helen Court Residents	email
Sport England	email
Sporting 77	letter
Springfields Planning and Development Ltd	Email
SSA Planning	Email
St Andrew's C of E Primary School	email
St Andrews Church	letter
St Andrews Church Colne Engaine Parochial Church Council	email

St Andrews with Holy Trinity	letter
St Bartholomew C of E Church	letter
St Francis Catholic Primary School	email
St Francis of Assisi	letter
St Giles' C of E Primary School	email
St John The Baptist CofE Primary School	email
St Katherine's Church	letter
St Margaret's CofE Primary School	email
St Mary Church	letter
St Mary Immaculate & The Holy Archangels	letter
St Michael Anglican Church	letter
St Michael's CofE Primary School	email
St Nicholas C of E Church	email
St Peter's Church	email
St Peters Church of St Peter ad Vincula	letter
St Peter's CofE Primary School	email
Stanfords	Email
Stanley Drapkin Primary School	email
Steeple Bumpstead Surgery	email
Steve Taylor	email
Stewart Ross Associates	email
Stisted CofE Primary School	email
Strategic Perspectives LLP	Email
Stratus Environmental Limited	email
Stroke Support Group (Braintree District)	letter
Strutt & Parker	email
Strutt & Parker LLP	Email
Strutt and Parker LLP	Email
Sturmer Flood Action Group	email
Suffolk Housing Society Ltd.	letter
Sun Properties Ltd	email
Sworders	Email
Sworders Agricultural	Email
Tabor Academy	letter
Task Force Movement & Storage Ltd	email
Taxi Association	email
Taylor Wimpey	email
Templars Primary and Nursery School	email
Templars Tenants & Residents Association	letter
Terence O'Rourke Ltd	No Preference
Terling CofE Primary School	email
Tetlow King Planning	email
The Alec Hunter Academy	email
The Baha'I Faith	letter
The British Wind Energy Association	letter
The Castle Surgery	letter
The Church Commissioners	letter
The Church in Great Notley	email
The Council for British Archaeology	letter
The Edith Borthwick School	email
The Essex Birdwatching Society	email
The Essex Field Club	email
The Georgian Group	email
The Howbridge Infant School	email
The Inland Waterways Association	email
The John Bishop Partnership	No Preference
The Johnson Dennehy Planning Partnership	Email
The JTS Partnership LLP	Post
The National Gypsy Council	letter
The National Trust	email
The Owen Partnership	Post
The Parish Church of St Michael	letter
The Planning & Design Bureau Ltd	Email

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The Pump House Surgery	letter
The Ramblers Association	email
The Ramsey Academy	email
The Roman Catholic of the Missionary Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate COncption (Braintree) Charitable Trust	letter
The RSPB	letter
The Salings Steering Group	email
The Samaritans	letter
The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings	letter
The Springwood Trust	email
The Twentieth Century Society	letter
The Victorian Society	letter
The Witham Health Centre	letter
Theatres Trust	email
Thomas Dixon Developments Ltd	email
Thomas Phillips Price Trust	letter
Thomson Planning Partnershp	Email
Tim Harbord Associates	email
T-Mobile (UK) Ltd	letter
Town and Country Development (Essex) Ltd	letter
Traveller Law Reform Project	email
Treasury Office Solicitor's (BV)	letter
Tribal M J P	Post
Trigina Ltd	letter
Trustees of Gosfield Tennis Club	Email
Turley Associates	letter
Unex Group	letter
United Reform Church (Broad Road)	letter
United Reform Church (Curlew Close)	letter
United Reform Church (The Centre)	letter
Urbanissta Planning - Landscape - Heritage	email
URS	Post
W A Fairhurst & Partners	email
W. G. Waters Ltd	email
Westdrive	email
Wethersfield CofE Primary School	email
Whirledge & Nott	email
Whirledge and Nott	Email
White Court School	email
White Notley Cof E Primary School	email
Whymarkmoulton	Email
William H Brown	Email
Williams Group	letter
Wilson Blackhouse Trust	email
Witham & Countryside Society	email
Witham 1st Scout Group	email
Witham and Braintree Rail Users Group	letter
Witham Carnival Association	email
Witham Chamber of Commerce	email
Witham Community Centre	letter
Witham Cycling Campaign	email
Witham Park Trustees	email
Witham Rugby Union Football Club	letter
Witham Scouts (1st)	letter
Witham South Ward	email
Witham Town Centre Strategy Group	email
Witham United Charities	email
Witham Visitor Information Centre	letter
Witham Watch Group	email

Woodland Trust	email
Wyevale Garden Centres Ltd	email
WYG	Email
Xpect Leisure Plc	letter
Yeldham action team	Email

Annex 2. List of consultation material

Reference	Consultation Material
ISD1 - Statutory Consultees letter and email	Emails and letters announcing the publication of the Issues and Scoping Document
ISD2 - Non Stat consultees letter and email	
ISD3 - Parish Councils letter	
ISD4 – Press Release 2015	Press release was issued.
ISD5 - Braintree and Witham Times	Advertising - a public notice in the local press
ISD6 - Braintree and Witham Times	
ISD7 - Halstead Gazette	
ISD8 - Website	The Council's website
ISD9 - Intentionally left blank	
ISD10 - Poster 2015	Posters displayed throughout the district via Parish and Town Councils
ISD11 - Commuter Cards	Postcard sized adverts were distributed at commuter stations – 700 were distributed.
ISD12 - Summary Booklet	A 4 page summary booklet was published and distributed at exhibitions and at the Council offices
ISD13 - Comments Form V4	Forms
ISD14 - Exhibition	Manned consultation exhibitions
DLP1 - Statutory Consultees letter and email	Emails and letters announcing the publication of the Draft Local Plan
DLP2 - Non stat consultees email	
DLP3 - Non Stat consultees letter	
DLP4 - Parish Councils letter	
DLP5 - 29th Sept 16 follow up to all on database	Emails and letters following the consultation of the Draft Local Plan
DLP6 - 29th Sept 16 follow up notification to Site Owners	
DLP7 - Braintree and Witham Times and Halstead Gazette Ad - example 1	Advertising - a public notice in the local press
DLP8 - Braintree and Witham Times and Halstead Gazette Ad - example 2	
DLP9 - Braintree and Witham Times and Halstead Gazette Ad - example 2	
DLP10 - Suffolk Freepress Advert	
DLP11 - Facebook and Twitter - example	Social media
DLP12 - Poster display for carparks and offices	Posters displayed at George Yard, Braintree Town Centre carpark and at the Council's offices, Causeway House.
DLP13 - Local Plan Contact Magazine June 16	A special edition of the Council's magazine, "Contact" was sent to every household in the district – 65,000 copies printed and distributed.
DLP14 - Libraries and exhibitions	Static information points at each local library within Braintree District and an unmanned exhibition rotated between Braintree, Witham and Halstead libraries.
DLP15 - Local Plan Business cards	Manned consultation exhibitions

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DLP16 - Local Plan Postcard A6 DS	
DLP17 - Braintree Local Plan Email Signatures	Email signatures from Braintree Council employees
DLP18 - Exhibition	Manned consultation exhibitions
DLP19 - Draft Local Plan Response Form	Forms
DLP20 - Draft Local Plan Site Submission Form	
DLP21 - SA Comments Form	
PDLP1 - Statutory Consultees letter and email	Letters
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PDLP6 - Braintree and Witham Times and Halstead Gazette Ad - example 3	
PDLP7 - Braintree and Witham Times - example 4	
PDLP8 – Planning e-bulletin	Planning news and Stay in the Know e-bulletins distributed via email.
PDLP9 - Braintree Local Plan Email Signatures	Email signatures from Braintree Council employees.
PDLP10 - Screensavers	
PDLP11 - Parish Poster 2017	Parish Councils were sent A5 and A4 posters and asked to advertise details of the Local Plan on their websites, parish magazines and public notice boards.
PDLP12 - Local Plan leaflet Summer 2017	Circa 62,000 Local Plan leaflets (in the format of 'Contact' magazine) was distributed to every household.
PDLP13 - Business cards	Distributed to Libraries and at manned exhibition events.
PDLP14 - Causeway House Display	Static information point at the Council's offices at Causeway House and an unmanned exhibition rotated between Braintree, Witham and Halstead libraries.
PDLP15 - Local Plan library poster 2017	
PDLP16 – Public Notice Regulation 19	Statutory Public Notice
PDLP17 Exhibition stand up banner	Manned consultation exhibitions
PDLP18 - Exhibition	
PDLP19 - Example Site Notice	Site notices at all residential sites of 10 or more, if not already with planning permission. All new employment allocations warranted a site notice.
PDLP20 - Publication Draft Local Plan Guidance Notes and Response Form	Forms
Local Plan Update No.1 June 2015	
Local Plan Update No.2 December 2015	
Local Plan Update No.3 June 2016	
Local Plan Update No.4 February 2017	

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In accordance with regulations, we are inviting statutory consultees such as the Environment Agency, Parish/Town Councils, businesses and members of the public to give us their views on the Issues and Scoping document. The Issues and Scoping document is accompanied by a Sustainability Appraisal (SA/SEA) scoping report, the SA/SEA document helps the Council determine whether proposals in the new plan provide sustainable development.

The Issues and Scoping document and the supporting documentation including the Sustainability Appraisal can be found on the Council's website; www.braintree.gov.uk/localplanscoping

The document will also be available in hard copy at the District's libraries during normal opening hours and at Causeway House in Braintree.

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You can comment on the document via the Council's online consultation portal, via e-mail on the address listed below, or write to Braintree District Council, Causeway House, Bocking End, Braintree Essex, CM7 9HB.

All comments must be received by **5 p.m on the 6th March 2015**. Late comments may not be considered.

If you have any questions regarding the consultation process or the Issues and Scoping document, please contact a member of the planning policy team on (01376) 552525 or via e-mail localplan@braintree.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

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Emma Goodings

Planning Policy and Land Charges Manager

Braintree District Council, Causeway House, Bocking End, Braintree, CM7 9HB

Tel: 01376 552525 Ext 2567 www.braintree.gov.uk

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www.braintree.gov.uk/localplanissues

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NEWS RELEASE

27th January 2015

BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL BEGINS CONSULTATION FOR LOCAL PLAN

BRAINTREE District Council has begun consultation for a new Local Plan, which will set out a vision and objectives for the growth of the district in the next 15 years.

The new Local Plan will set out how the Council will respond to local priorities and how it will meet the social, economic and environmental challenges that face the district. It will identify broad locations, scale, and the type of development and supporting infrastructure that will be required.

The Issues and Scoping consultation is one of the first stages of producing a new Local Plan. It is the first chance for residents, businesses and other interested parties to help shape the new Local Plan by telling us what is important, and is a key opportunity for the Council to communicate the increase in the scale of development that the district is required to accommodate.

The comments that the Council receives in the course of this consultation will help shape preferred policy options for the new Local Plan before the next stage of public consultation in late 2015.

There will be three drop-in sessions for members of the public to discuss thoughts and ideas with our officers. These will be held on the following dates:

Tuesday 3rd February 16.00 - 20.00

Witham Public Hall

Thursday 5th February 16.00 - 20.00

Halstead Queens Hall

Braintree District Council, Causeway House, Braintree, Essex, CM7 9HB. Tel. 01376 552525

Wednesday 11th February 16.00 - 20.00

Braintree Town Hall

Cllr Lady Newton, Cabinet Member for Planning and Property, said: “This consultation process is a central part of drafting a new Local Plan. If you are a resident, or someone who works in or spends time in our district, then the Local Plan will have an impact on you. The consultation therefore presents an important opportunity for people to help us shape the key issues that will be incorporated into the Plan, and it is also an opportunity for us as a local authority to make residents aware of the challenges that will be posed by accommodating the planned housing growth.

“We remain committed to providing residents and stakeholders with the chance to shape the place in which they live, and to do this we have to ensure that we deliver a robust Local Plan that reflects the views of local people, protects our district, and fosters economic growth and prosperity.”

The consultation period will run from Monday 26th January to 17.00 Friday 6th March.

For more information and to view the Local Plan Issues and Scoping document, visit www.braintree.gov.uk/localplanscoping.

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For more press information or enquiries contact Marketing & Communications, Braintree District Council on 01376 557752 or at marketing@braintree.gov.uk

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RECYCLING & REFUSE COLLECTIONS

Collection dates, Route numbers and times have changed.

Check your 2015 calendar for your collection dates and put your bins and/or sacks out at your collection point by 7am, but no earlier than the night before.

View and download your new calendar at: www.braintree.gov.uk/collectioncalendar2015



Are you interested in becoming a District Councillor?

Join us on Monday 9th February at 6.30pm Causeway House, Braintree

For you want to make a difference, represent your local community, influence local decisions and help shape the district?



To find out more information please call 01376 552525 www.braintree.gov.uk



PLANNING NOTICE

- Application in or part within Conservation Area or Affecting Listed Buildings
- 15/00077/FUL Braintree Public Gardens Bocking End Braintree Erection of a wildlife observation hide and storage shed
 - 15/00097/FUL Coggeshall 46 Queen Street Coggeshall Erection of extension to existing single storey extension
 - 15/00102/FUL Wethersfield Gray's Barn Gray's Lane Wethersfield Proposed conversion of cart lodge roof space to living accommodation
 - 15/00104/FUL Coggeshall 1A Bridge Street Coggeshall Proposed change of use from A1 (Travel Agent) to A2 (Estate Agent)
 - 15/00109/FUL Stisted Gowers Farm Turnlammers Green Stisted 15,001/101/BC Proposed change of use of existing stone workshop to BT business
 - 15/00049/FUL Kelvedon 2 Brockwell Lane Kelvedon Replacement pitched roof with bedrooms within the new road/plot
 - 15/00090/FUL Tuffley Barn Cottage Quarbles Green Tuffley Erection of 1 no. three bed two storey dwelling. Demolition of part of existing cottage and removal of existing garage
- Plans are available for inspection during office hours by 14 days from the date of the publication of this newspaper at Causeway House Braintree. Representations about the applications should be made in writing to the Director of Sustainable Development to reach him before this date. Please Note: Details of the applications are also displayed on the Council's website www.braintree.gov.uk together with a facility to make comments online. Director of Sustainable Development 04/02/2015 Representations cannot be treated in confidence

Proposed changes to the Council's Scheme of Delegation for Planning Applications

Braintree District Council is considering changes to its Scheme of Delegation for determining planning applications and is interested to seek your views on the proposals.

Like most Local Planning Authorities, Braintree District Council deals with the majority of its planning applications at Officer Level and only the more contentious applications are decided by the Planning Committee. Each Council will have its own Scheme of Delegation which sets out the circumstances under which applications must be determined by the Planning Committee.

A change to the Council's Scheme of Delegation can only be approved by a meeting of the Full Council, but before Members consider this proposal we want to hear what local residents think.

To find out more about the proposed changes please read the report prepared for Members of the Council's Planning Committee at www.braintree.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/661/planning_committee



Please note: The Planning Committee did not agree with the recommendation at the end of the first bullet point and this no longer forms part of the proposed changes.

Closing date for comments is 5pm Friday 27th February. A summary of representations and a final recommendation will be re-presented to the Planning Committee on 17th March 2015

E-mail responses can be sent to planning@braintree.gov.uk or in writing to:

Tessa Lambert, Development Management, Braintree District Council, Causeway House, Bocking End, Braintree, Essex CM7 9HB

LOCAL PLAN 'SHAPE YOUR PLACE'

ISSUES AND SCOPING DRAFT

An opportunity for you as a resident, business or interested party to help shape the new Local Plan by telling us what is important to you.

The consultation runs until Friday 6th March

Drop in sessions will be held on: Wednesday 11th February 4pm - 8pm Braintree Town Hall

Chat to one of our Officers about your thoughts and ideas or ask us any questions you might have

Tel: 01376 552525 or email: localplan@braintree.gov.uk

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NEWS

CHIPPING IN Fish shop bid for village

A PICTURE postcard village could get its first ever fish and chip shop.

Halis Ozer hopes to open the takeaway beside the much photographed green in Finchingfield.

A visiting chip van used to serve the village on Saturdays, but Mr Ozer spotted a gap in the market, as the nearest shop is currently seven-and-a-half miles away in Thaxted.

If plans are approved, the traditional takeaway will open where the Perfect Something gift shop currently trades.

The shop would employ five staff and the latest opening time would be 9.30pm.

Mr Ozer, who also owns chip shops in Sible Hedingham and Braintree, said: "There are so many people in the village in summer, it really needs a fish and chip shop."

"I have been in the area a long time and I



DEEP-FAT TRYER: Halis Ozer is hoping to open up the first ever chippy in Finchingfield. Picture: Seana Hughes C0103491-05

have spoken to a lot of people in Finchingfield who would like to see the shop here.

"It's a traditional village and I want it to be a classic fish and chip shop with nothing outside."

"I really hope I will be able to offer local people jobs."

Lisa Devlin, owner of

the Perfect Something, said she will help with her husband's business if the gift shop closes down.

She said: "There's never been a chip shop here and people are very up for it."

"In the last year business has been quite tough and I'm happy about the new plans, but I will miss

my customers." Braintree Council will decide on the plans on March 16. Finchingfield is dubbed Britain's most beautiful village, was the home of 801 Dalmatians author Dodie Smith and was the centre of attention when the Tour de France passed through last summer.

Council pledges fresh bill freeze

But funds promised for homes and transport

Natasha Agombar

BRAINTREE taxpayers have been promised a frozen council tax bill and millions of pounds of investment in affordable homes and transport links by its district council.

Braintree Council plans to freeze its council tax precept for the fifth consecutive year, while still saving about £1.5million and against a backdrop of more than £1million in Government funding cuts.

Its key projects for the next

year include:

- Allocating £7.35million from a joint fund with Greenfields Community Housing into new affordable homes.
- Aiming to build 400 affordable homes by March 2016.
- Investing £920,000 in drafting up a new Local Plan, which will cover research, fighting planning appeals and employing more staff in the planning department.
- Investing £5million from the New Homes Bonus into projects to boost economic growth including £2.5million towards A120 improvements.

- Setting up a £500,000 business investment fund to provide loans for growing businesses.
- Spending £638,500 on installing solar panels on council buildings and replacing the 12-year-old wind turbine at Great Notley Country Park. This is expected to save the council £94,500 a year.
- Continuing the 10p from 3pm to 7pm parking promotion. Council leader Graham Butland said: "There is a lot of doom and gloom coming from a lot of local authorities. "I think we are showing it's possible to avoid this. You have just got to work in different ways."

The council has invested in property and the stock market to beat interest rates as low as 0.67 per cent.

It bought an office building at Colchester Business Park, making £184,000 a year in rental income, and invested £10million in equity and property funds, which is expected to make a £430,000 annual return.

The budget and proposed precept freeze will go before full council on February 16 for a final decision.

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'LOWEST TAX IN REGION' PUT FORWARD

SENIOR councillors have promised Essex taxpayers the lowest council tax in the region.

Cabinet members at County Hall backed plans to freeze council tax and invest £1billion in services during the next five years, including millions to improve the A120 between Braintree and Colchester.

The budget will be voted on by full council next month. In 2016/17 the ruling cabinet has promised £276 million for road improvements, new school places and services for the vulnerable.

It also wants to support £1billion of projects, although this is dependent on Government funding, which is

still being cut. A total of £79million will be spent providing 3,000 additional primary school places.

The cabinet also promised to begin a five year flood defence plan.

All this has been promised despite the council needing to save almost £200,000 a day, or £190million, by 2018.



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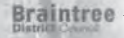
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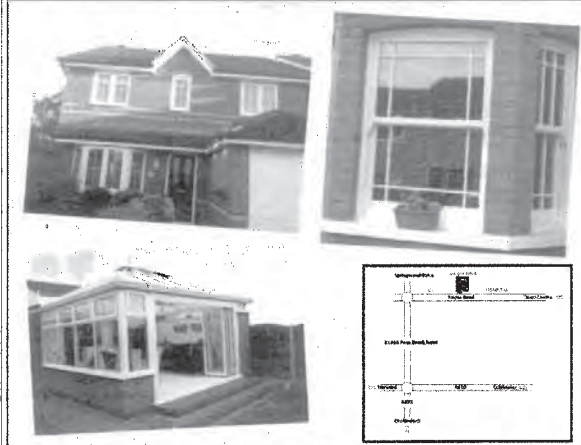
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Cops took 3 WEEKS to tell me vehicle was found

Angry owner hits out after mix-up over his stolen Land Rover

Kirsty Hough

POLICE officers have been labelled "incompetent" after finding a stolen Land Rover and failing to tell its owner for three weeks.

David Le Versha, 60, reported his green 2001-plated Land Rover TD5 pick-up had been taken on December 30, from near his house in High Street, Great Yeldham.

Not expecting to get it back, he claimed the insurance money and bought himself a new

“I am absolutely livid. I can't believe it took them three weeks to tell me it had been found.

DAVID LE VERSHA

one.

However, last Thursday, he received a note from the police saying officers had discovered his vehicle in High Garrett the day he had reported it.

The blacksmith said: "I am absolutely livid.

"I can't believe it took them three weeks to tell me it had been found.

"All they had to do was search the number plate and they would have seen that it had been reported stolen and there were two phone numbers for me, an email address and my home address.

"I had already bought another Land Rover with the insurance money, and now probably won't



STOLEN, THEN RECOVERED But police officers took three weeks to inform David Le Versha, inset, that his beloved Land Rover TD5 pick-up, above, had been found, after earlier being taken from near his home.

said: "We were contacted regarding a stolen Land Rover from Great Yeldham on December 30.

"The vehicle was found and recovered shortly after it was reported.

"Unfortunately, it appears the victim was not informed for a number of weeks.

"He should contact the force's Professional Standards Department if he wishes to complain about the handling of this case."

have enough money to buy back my one from the insurance company who now own it.

"I am furious at the police's incompetence. It is like it was stolen twice in one day.

Mr Le Versha added: "They don't seem to care when a car gets stolen - if I had £9,000 stolen from me in the street, they would have taken more action.

"A Land Rover is different to a car, as it is personal.

"It breaks your heart when they are stolen."

A Essex Police spokesman

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IN BRIEF

Allotments bid is withdrawn

AN application for 100 allotments has been withdrawn.

In November, permission was requested to turn scrub and south of Withersfield Road, in Sible Hedingham, into plots with a 60-space car park.

However, a neighbour objected and council agencies also expressed concerns about the plans.

The application was withdrawn on Monday before a decision could be made by Braintree Council.

Find out about councillor roles

ANYONE thinking of becoming a councillor can find out more on Monday, February 9.

There are district and parish council elections on May 7. Those who have never stood before can find out what is involved at Braintree Council's offices in Bocking End, Braintree, from 4.30pm.

There will be 49 district council seats contested across 26 wards and 436 seats for 54 parish and town councils. Nomination packs will be available on the council website in early March.

Call to check if bin day has changed

RESIDENTS are being urged to check if their bin collection days are changing, as a new system starts next week.

More than 60,000 homes across the Braintree district will see their days and times change from Monday.

A new waste transfer station has opened at Cordons Farm in Cressing, meaning binmen will no longer have to drive rubbish to Boreham or Haverhill.

It will cut travelling times and mean they can collect more waste.

Braintree Council said it will save taxpayers up to

£400,000 a year, which includes petrol costs.

The council is also spending £240,000 on new technology, which will track where bin trucks are, if they might be delayed by traffic and why collections might be missed.

Robert Mitchell, deputy councillor responsible for waste management, said: "With the new waste transfer station on our doorstep, combined with an increased number of properties in the district, now is the right time to re-route.

"It means most households

in the district will find some changes to their route and collection day, and I would encourage everyone to study their new calendars containing details of the changes."

Essex County Council built the waste transfer station. Collection day calendars are online at:

braintree.gov.uk/collectioncalendar2015.

To receive text message reminders on service updates and bank holiday changes from the council, text your postcode and house number or name to 07797 803203.

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We are currently compiling the new Local Plan which looks to shape the district and accommodate more homes over the next 15 years.

We want the plan to reflect the views of local people on how they wish their area to develop. This is the first opportunity for you to have your say on the future of the District.



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Survey closes at 5pm 6th March 2015



LOCAL PLAN | ISSUES AND SCOPING

SUMMARY BOOKLET



Future Challenges

The Council is starting work on a new Local Plan. The plan will set out the basis for working with partners to provide for future local needs for homes, employment, and business sites, whilst protecting the most valuable countryside and maintaining a high quality of life. Planning applications, whatever their size and proposed use, are assessed for approval against the policies contained in the Local Plan.

Introduction to the consultation

- The Issues and Scoping consultation is one of the first stages of producing a new Local Plan
- The Council needs to draw up a clear and up-to-date Local Plan that reflects the views of local people on how they wish their area to develop.
- It is the first opportunity for you to have your say on the future of the District.

Introduction to the document

The Local Plan Issues and Scoping document highlights a number of important issues for the District and possible strategies or options to address them. It is not intended to be an exhaustive list but is designed to stimulate debate and discussion.

The Issues and Scoping document does not allocate specific sites for development.

The document is structured around the three main elements of sustainable development:

Economic – “A Prosperous District”
Social – “Creating Better Places”
Environmental – “Protecting the Environment”



Chapter Summaries

A Strong Economy

This chapter considers the balance between jobs and homes. The District is well located to support business growth and inward investment but competition from major towns, London and Stansted Airport for employees means that commuting levels are high. Options are raised such as whether new employment sites should be located near to existing ones and how employment should be sought in rural areas. The quality and availability of education is also considered as it is important to ensure that people within the District have the opportunity to meet their full potential.

Shops and Services

An increase in retail provision to meet the demand of new housing and growth within the District is likely to be needed. This chapter considers how shopping habits are changing, and how town centres should evolve to reflect this and remain vibrant. Out of town provision, rural services, and markets are also highlighted.

Homes

Government legislation requires local authorities to **“boost significantly their supply of housing”**. Projections show that the Braintree District’s population will continue to rise over the next fifteen years. This is due to longer life expectancy and greater numbers of people moving into the District than out of it. In addition more people are living on their own, or in smaller groups than before. The chapter considers the mix and types of housing needed to suit these changes, and also considers issues of affordability and provision for Gypsies and Travellers.

New research has led to an increase in the number of homes the District needs to provide over the coming years. The adopted ‘Core Strategy’ (2011) sets an annual average target of 272 homes to be built in the District. Recent research has indicated that now between 750 and 950 new homes will be required to be built every year until 2033 to meet the needs of the District’s growing population. The Homes chapter looks at options for how and where this growth should be located (the spatial strategy); for example whether they should be dispersed across the District or whether a number of new settlements should be developed?

Transport and Infrastructure

Braintree District is substantially rural and cars are the primary means of transport for many residents. Consideration is given to how this reliance on cars can be reduced and the use of more sustainable modes of transport encouraged. There are particular stretches of roads or junctions in the District that can become congested. The chapter considers the infrastructure needed to support new growth and key priorities for infrastructure improvements. It asks where growth is best located in relation to transport infrastructure.

Community Facilities

Community facilities are things such as local shops, public houses, sports venues, places of worship and other meeting places. The Council has to plan positively for the provision of community facilities and other local services to make sure people don’t have to travel too far to access the services they need. This chapter considers how facilities and services can be maintained, developed and modernised in a way that is sustainable and retained for the benefit of the community.

Creating high quality spaces

As a District with different towns and villages, each with its own unique character, there is a challenge in providing significant development. Consideration must be given to design, landscape and heritage issues. This chapter considers the promotion of high quality and innovative design and how new development can be integrated into existing areas.

A healthy and active District

A key role of the Local Plan is to provide for development in a way that supports and encourages active and healthy lifestyles. This chapter considers provision of recreation facilities such as open space, and how development can be designed to encourage people to be active in their everyday lives, for example by providing footpaths and cycleways. Meeting the needs and demands of an aging population, lifetime homes and age appropriate housing are also highlighted.

Climate Change and Renewable Energy

Climate change is the greatest environmental challenge facing the world today and new residential, retail and commercial development needs to consider the impact of climate change and be built with climate resilience in mind. This chapter considers flood risk, surface water runoff, and SUDS

(Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems, a term used to describe a wide range of works that can reduce the flow to sewerage and drainage systems). Water efficiency measures can minimise demand, whilst renewable energy and the scale and types of schemes that may be appropriate for the District are highlighted in this chapter.

Nature Conservation and Landscape Character

Braintree District is predominately rural with distinctive and attractive landscapes. A balance needs to be achieved between development, use of the countryside as a recreational resource and the protection and enhancement of the natural environment. Landscape Character Assessment is a technique that has been developed for the analysis, description and classification of the landscape. This chapter considers how habitats can be protected and enhanced, pollution controlled, and how development can draw inspiration from setting, through location, sympathetic design, proportionate scale and suitable use of materials.

Evidence Base

The Local Plan must be based on relevant up-to date evidence about the economic, social and environmental characteristics and prospects of the area. The Local Plan Issues and Scoping document lists the evidence based documents we already have, or will be putting together, to support the new Local Plan.

What is the purpose of the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report that is being published alongside the Local Plan Issues and Scoping document?

It is vital for the Council to consider the potential **significant** impacts of new development before it is allowed to happen and to weigh up alternatives. Part of the way that this is done is to subject the Local Plan to a Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment at each stage of its production.

The first stage in this process is ‘Stage A: Setting the context and objectives, establishing the baseline and deciding on the scope’. A Scoping Report has been

produced which has reviewed other relevant plans, policies and programmes, considered the current state of the environment, identified key environmental issues or problems which may be affected by the Local Plan, and sets out the 'SA Framework' which contains specific objectives against which the likely effects of the Local Plan can be assessed.

Have your say...

We invite your comments on the Local Plan Issues and Scoping document especially in response to the issues it raises.

The Council encourages people to submit comments online. Although representations can be made and submitted using the form provided, if you register to submit comments online, you can update your own contact details as needed, and sign up to receive e-mails informing you when new documents are available for consultation. The consultation portal can be found via: www.braintree.gov.uk/localplanscoping

You will be asked to register or login before being able to comment on the documents listed below but you can read the documents without registering. The portal is also used to maintain the mailing list.

Written comments should be sent to:

Planning Policy, Braintree District Council, Causeway House, Braintree, Essex, CM7 9HB.

All comments should be received by 5pm on Friday 6th March 2015

If you have any questions about the consultation please contact the Planning Policy team on 01376 551414

Or e-mail localplan@braintree.gov.uk

Come and meet us to share your views

We are holding drop-in sessions from 4-8 pm. at these venues; where you can see the documents and discuss them with us, and learn more about the development plan process in general:

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The Sustainability Appraisal (SA) team will be holding a short presentation at Witham Public Hall on 3rd February at 6 p.m. whilst the drop in session is running.

What happens next?

This is the first stage in developing a new Local Plan for Braintree District. The Council will use the comments and suggestions that it receives on this document to help to develop preferred policy options in a draft plan. That draft plan will be the subject of the next stage of public consultation in late 2015 before it is formally submitted to the Secretary of State.

The key stages in the Local Plan preparation, and the planned timetable, are:

- 1. Issues and Scope:** to consider what the main aims and objectives are going to be for the Local Plan (January 2015)
- 2. Draft Local Plan:** Provides a first draft of the Plan, with specific policy proposals and sites for particular uses, including areas identified for future new homes; employment and green space (consultation on this stage late 2015)
- 3. Submission Local Plan:** Takes into account changes made following consultation on the Draft Local Plan. This is the version of the Plan that will be formally submitted to the Secretary of State and Planning Inspector (consultation on this stage Spring 2016, followed by submission Summer 2016)
- 4. Examination in Public:** The Inspector examines the "soundness" of the Plan in a series of round table discussions on different issues, giving individuals and organisations the opportunity to challenge or support the Plan (probably Autumn/Winter 2016)
- 5. Adoption:** if the Planning Inspector is content that the Plan is sound, then the Council can adopt the Plan, taking on board any relevant recommendations from the Inspector to change the Plan. The Council is aiming for the new Local Plan to be adopted in early 2017.

ISSUES AND SCOPING DOCUMENT

COMMENTS FORM

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Part B – Your comments

Part A

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**If an agent is appointed, please complete only the Title, Name and Organisation boxes below but complete the full contact details of the agent in 2.*

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Part B

Please note that your representations will be available for public inspection and viewable on the website. The Council reserves the right not to publish or take into account any representations which are openly offensive or defamatory.

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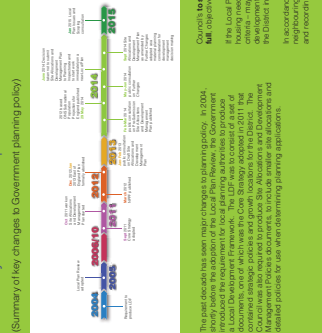
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- 11b. Is this a range of suitable options to address the issues raised; are there any other options we should consider?**
- 12. Do you think that the evidence base documents listed are sufficient; are there any other documents that you think we should be producing?**

LOCAL PLAN ISSUES AND SCOPING CONSULTATION

The story of the Development Plan so far...



Growth Locations that have already been identified

The Core Strategy has allocated the following growth locations that will be developed in the new Local Plan. It will be a mix of brownfield and greenfield sites.

- **Land to the north-west of Braintree**
A strategic approach to meet use case for 600 homes and employment.
- **Land to the north-west of Witham**
(Locks Farm) - A strategic approach to meet use case for 200 homes and employment.
- **Land to the north-east of Witham**
(on Ravenhill Road) - A strategic approach to meet use case for 200 homes and employment.
- **Land to the west of Ery, A136, at Om at Reddery**
A strategic approach to meet use case for 200 homes and employment.



Welcome

Thank you for visiting. This exhibition forms part of the new Local Plan process. The Local Plan is the Council's main planning document. It sets out the Council's vision for the future and how it will be achieved. It is a key document for the District and is used to guide the development of the District.

What is the development plan and why is it relevant to me?

The plan is the Council's strategy for what, where, when, and how land is used in the District. It is a key document for the District and is used to guide the development of the District. It is relevant to you because it sets out the Council's vision for the future and how it will be achieved. It is a key document for the District and is used to guide the development of the District.

Is there a current development plan for Braintree District?

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What themes are covered in the Local Plan issues and Scoping document?

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Why have there been recent articles in the local press about 300 new development sites in the District?

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Dear Consultee,

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Officers in the planning policy team are now reviewing all the comments and a summary of those relating to each town and village, policies and chapters will be considered by the [Local Plan Sub Committee](#) (agendas published at least 5 working days in advance) with an officer recommendation for changes to the Draft Local Plan. As before this will take place over a series of meetings which are currently scheduled in as;

5th October 2016
 31st October 2016
 28th November 2016
 15th December 2016.

All meetings start at 6pm in the Council Chamber at Causeway House, Braintree. All meetings are also [webcast](#) live and available for viewing at a later date.

Future agendas have not been finalised, however it is intended that the meeting on the 5th October will consider a number of papers but will also include a summary of responses received to the Draft Inset Maps for the villages of;

Alphamstone	Middleton
Birdbrook	Ovington
Borley	Pentlow
Colne Engaine	Belchamp Otten
Fairstead	Belchamp Walter
Foxearth	Belchamp St Paul
Gestingthorpe	Toppesfield
Audley End	Twinstead Great and Little Henny
Helions Bumpstead	Sturmer East & West
Iamarsh	Little Maplestead
Iliston	

In January and February 2017 the Submission Draft Local Plan will be considered by the Local Plan Sub Committee and Council and, if approved, will be subject to a further round of public consultation shortly thereafter, before being submitted to an Independent Planning Inspector for examination. All responses to this Plan at this stage are sent directly to the Planning Inspector for consideration.

Watch out for our quarterly Local Plan update and keep checking back to our website for further updates and latest news.

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Dear <Name>

We can confirm that we have now processed your site submission to the Braintree Draft Local Plan Consultation.

The site name and reference number are:

Reference: <Site SHLAA REF>

Address: <Site Address>

Please quote this reference number in all future correspondence with the Council on this matter.

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Further work and assessments are now underway.

The information you have submitted will also be used to update the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA).

A Pre-Submission Consultation will take place in early 2017 and we will be in touch again shortly to provide you the details of this consultation and how to get involved.

If you have any questions please contact planning policy.

Yours faithfully,



Emma Goodings
Planning Policy Manager

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Development Plan Departure, Major Development & Affecting Listed Buildings

16/00605/FUL Black Notley Land Adjacent Bakers Lane Black Notley
 Erection of 97 residential dwellings (inc Affordable Housing) and the creation of a new primary vehicular access from London Road and new vehicular accesses from London Road and Bakers Lane. The provision of open space (inc children's play area), sustainable urban drainage systems; associated landscaping, infrastructure and earthworks.

Major Development

16/00657/REM Witham Plot 17 Gerswin Park Gerswin Boulevard Witham
 Application seeking approval of Reserved Matters pursuant to outline planning permission ref: 12/01071/OUT, for a two storey, Class B1 office building

Major Development and in or part within Conservation Area or Affecting Listed Buildings

16/00670/VAR Witham Witham Magistrates Court The Court House Newland Street Witham
 Application for variation of condition no. 12 of approved application 15/01062/FUL (Demolition of the existing buildings and erection of eleven bungalows with associated access, car parking and landscaping)

Application in or part within Conservation Area or Affecting Listed Buildings (ref LBC)

16/00516/LBC Rayne 7 The Street Rayne
 Replacement of existing timber sash windows with similarly approved timber windows; forming new door to garden within existing bay windows to rear of property and internal refurbishment and reconfiguration

16/00596/LBC Braintree New Mills Silks Way Braintree
 Proposed installation of a partition wall to the facade to the shop area to alleviate existing salts and damp ingress

16/00609/FUL Wethersfield Boydells Farmhouse Braintree Road Wethersfield

16/00610/LBC
 Demolition of existing rear porch and replacement with single storey extension accommodating utility room

16/00633/FUL Braintree The Hideaway Julien Court Road Braintree
 Proposed alterations and change of use to approved garaging/store ref: 15/00018/FUL to residential use

16/00679/LBC Great Bardfield Bushett Farm Oxen End Great Bardfield
 Proposed partial demolition, repair and restoration of listed barn and cart barn and conversion to form two new dwellings and ancillary residential facilities

16/00664/FUL Witham 17 Guithavon Street Witham

16/00665/LBC
 Erection of single storey extension to kitchen at rear of property

16/00677/FUL Witham Cullen Mill 49 Braintree Road Witham
 Additional windows and doors to existing building with new access stairways and gantry/balcony

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16/00682/FUL Silver End 10 Valentine Way Silver End
 Proposed replacement front door

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Application in or part within Conservation Area or Affecting Listed Buildings (ref LBC)

- 16/00994/LBC **Great Bardfield** Vine Cottage Walthams Cross Great Bardfield Retrospective application for: 1) spiral staircase in kitchen of ground floor extension; 2) insertion of bathroom at first floor level of cottage
- 16/00999/VAR **Stisted** The Onley Arms The Street Stisted Application for variation of Condition 4 of approved application 14/00961/FUL - Amended parking layout
- 16/01006/FUL **Braintree** Handicraft House Silks Way Braintree Demolition of dwelling
- 16/01030/LBC **Braintree** 37 London Road Braintree Replacement of front soft wood door and frame with solid oak door and frame, and current soft wood threshold with hard wood. Replacement of lounge fireplace with Stovax log burner, granite hearth, marble surround. Lining of chamber, relining of chimney/flue with 316 stainless steel flexible liner and accessories and installation of bird guard cow// terracotta cow//
- 16/01048/FUL **Braintree** Hill House And 23 Market Place Braintree Demolition of existing WC and proposed new extension to rear to accommodate new toilets to existing unit inclusive of proposed internal alterations
- 16/01049/LBC **Braintree** Hill House And 23 Market Place Braintree Demolition of existing WC and proposed new extension to rear to accommodate new toilets to existing unit inclusive of proposed internal alterations
- 16/00876/FUL **Kelvedon** Former Barclays Bank 63 High Street Kelvedon Change of Use from A2 to residential
- 16/00937/FUL **Silver End** 64 Silver Street Silver End Replacement of metal windows to "A" rated white Heritage aluminium windows
- 15/01586/LBC **Shalford** Telephone Box Jaspers Green Shalford Proposed installation of defibrillator within telephone box
- 16/01007/FUL **Great Bardfield** 28 - 30 Bardfield Centre Braintree Road Great Bardfield Change of use from office to D1 (children's nursery) and erection of fencing adjacent to the building
- 16/01008/LBC **Great Bardfield** 28 - 30 Bardfield Centre Braintree Road Great Bardfield Change of use from office to D1 (children's nursery) and erection of fencing adjacent to the building
- 16/01035/FUL **Great Bardfield** Beslyns Stable Beslyns Road Great Bardfield Installation of oil fired central heating with boiler fitted in the kitchen and oil storage tank in the garden
- 16/01036/LBC **Great Bardfield** Beslyns Stable Beslyns Road Great Bardfield Installation of oil fired central heating with boiler fitted in the kitchen and oil storage tank in the garden
- 16/01066/FUL **Braintree** Barn At Fennes Estate Fennes Road Braintree Demolition of modern barn and replacement with timber framed barn for dining and overnight accommodation
- 16/01067/LBC **Braintree** Barn At Fennes Estate Fennes Road Braintree Demolition of modern barn and replacement with timber framed barn for dining and overnight accommodation
- 16/01073/LBC **Braintree** Hill House & 23 Market Place Braintree Internal alterations of existing commercial units and upper floors to create 2 no. new apartments
- 16/01075/FUL **Cressing** Hungry Hall Farm Cressing Road Cressing Conversion of cart shed and stable into 2 no. two bedroom single storey dwellings
- 16/01084/FUL **Shalford** Brook Cottage Water Lane Shalford Erection of single storey rear extension
- 16/01085/LBC **Shalford** Brook Cottage Water Lane Shalford Erection of single storey rear extension
- 16/01052/FUL **Hatfield Peverel** Post Office Stores 1 - 3 The Street The Street Hatfield Peverel Change of use to residential and alterations to shop front
- 16/01053/LBC **Hatfield Peverel** Post Office Stores 1 - 3 The Street The Street Hatfield Peverel Change of use to residential and alterations to shop front
- 16/01082/FUL **Terling** 14 Hull Lane Terling Erection of single storey side / rear extension

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16/00900/FUL **Witham** 23 Eastways Witham
Change of use from B2 to D1 training facility. Front elevation roller shutter doors to be replaced with curtain walling system fully glazed with new entrance doors.

Major Development
Public Right of Way
16/00981/OUT **Braintree** Bradbury Works Bradbury Drive Braintree
Hybrid planning application seeking permission for the erection of up to 18,123sqm of employment floorspace within Use Class B1(c) 'Light Industrial', Use Class B2 'General Industrial' and Use Class B8 'Storage and Distribution' with associated access and infrastructure on 3.6 hectares of land. Full planning permission is sought for the first phase of development comprising the demolition of all existing buildings, followed by the erection of 9,489sqm of employment floorspace within Use Class B1(c) 'Light Industrial', Use Class B2 'General Industrial' and Use Class B8 'Storage and Distribution' with access, parking and landscaping and associated works; and outline planning permission is sought for the balance of development.

Major Development
Application in or part within Conservation Area or Affecting Listed Buildings (ref LBC)
16/01196/FUL **Wethersfield** Brook Farm Braintree Road Wethersfield
Demolition of existing portal framed farm buildings, construction of a catery for up to 30 cats and construction of stabling, ancillary storage, horse walker and an indoor school for private use by the occupiers of Brook Farm House

16/01209/FUL **Witham** Plots 21 And 27 Land On The South Side Of Maltings Lane Witham
Construction of shop units comprising a store of 719 sq.m. GIA (for A1 use and/or pet care, treatment and grooming facilities) and a block of three unit shop (for A1-A5 use) with a total GIA of 431 sq.m.

Application in or part within Conservation Area or Affecting Listed Buildings (ref LBC)
16/01165/FUL **Rayne** 17 Shalford Road Rayne
Erection of 1 no. 1 bedroom annexe

16/01221/FUL **Coggeshall** 1 Nunns Close Coggeshall
Erection of single storey rear extension

16/01231/FUL **Great Bardfield** Great Lodge Braintree Road Great Bardfield
Refurbishment and internal remodelling of 3 no. existing outbuildings to provide wedding guest and holiday let accommodation and associated landscaping, and change of use of buildings from agriculture to tourism.

16/01216/FUL **Witham** Mill Lane Stores Mill Lane Witham
Demolition of existing single storey store

16/01197/FUL **Rayne** Goulds Farm Shalford Road Rayne
Erection of two single storey light industrial buildings on site of derelict former poultry sheds

16/01240/FUL **Wethersfield** Little Codham Hall Codhams Lane Beazley End Wethersfield
Proposed thermal upgrade, re-render and soft renovation of windows to existing front elevation and the proposed replacement of existing rear boundary fences with flint walls

16/01258/FUL **Braintree** 68 Bradford Street Braintree
Erection of orangery/garden room to rear of existing garage

16/01259/LBC
16/01269/FUL **Braintree** 35 Church Street Bocking Braintree
Erection of single storey front extension and garage conversion

16/01186/FUL **Black Notley** Sunnybrook Cottage 203A Witham Road Black Notley
Proposed rear two storey extension and new access to property from Witham Road

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Bradwell with Pattiswick Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Area

Bradwell with Pattiswick Parish Council has formally requested to designate the parish as a neighbourhood area under s61g of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As inserted by the Localism Act 2011).

The request letter and map showing the extent of the proposed neighbourhood area is available to view at; www.braintree.gov.uk

Representations concerning this designation should be sent in writing to; Planning Policy, Braintree District Council, Causeway House, Braintree, Essex, CM7 9HB or via email to consultpolicy@braintree.gov.uk

The deadline for comments is 5pm on the 26/08/16.



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Braintree, Essex, CM7 9HB
Tel: 01376 552525**



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 Make 2016 your year. Help your workplace become the most active workplace in England #WorkplaceChallenge goo.gl/zVoyq1

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 RT @BreckTraining: @BraintreeDC @LGChallenge An outstanding performance from outstanding team. Details of 2016 soon.

Braintree D. Council @BraintreeDC · 20h
 Great to meet residents & businesses this evening to talk about how we can improve Spa Road shop area #Witham

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 North Essex #Parking Partnership employee uses first aid skills to save shoppers life #blog ow.ly/WEEnT [View summary](#)

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 Take a look at our latest #LocalPlan update: braintree.gov.uk/localplanupdat... #housing

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Changes to Government planning policy means our district will grow significantly in the coming years, so we need to make sure the right foundations are in place to support this growth.
 We are working on a new Local Plan which will include all major...
 See More

LOCAL PLAN 2017-33
 Shape your district

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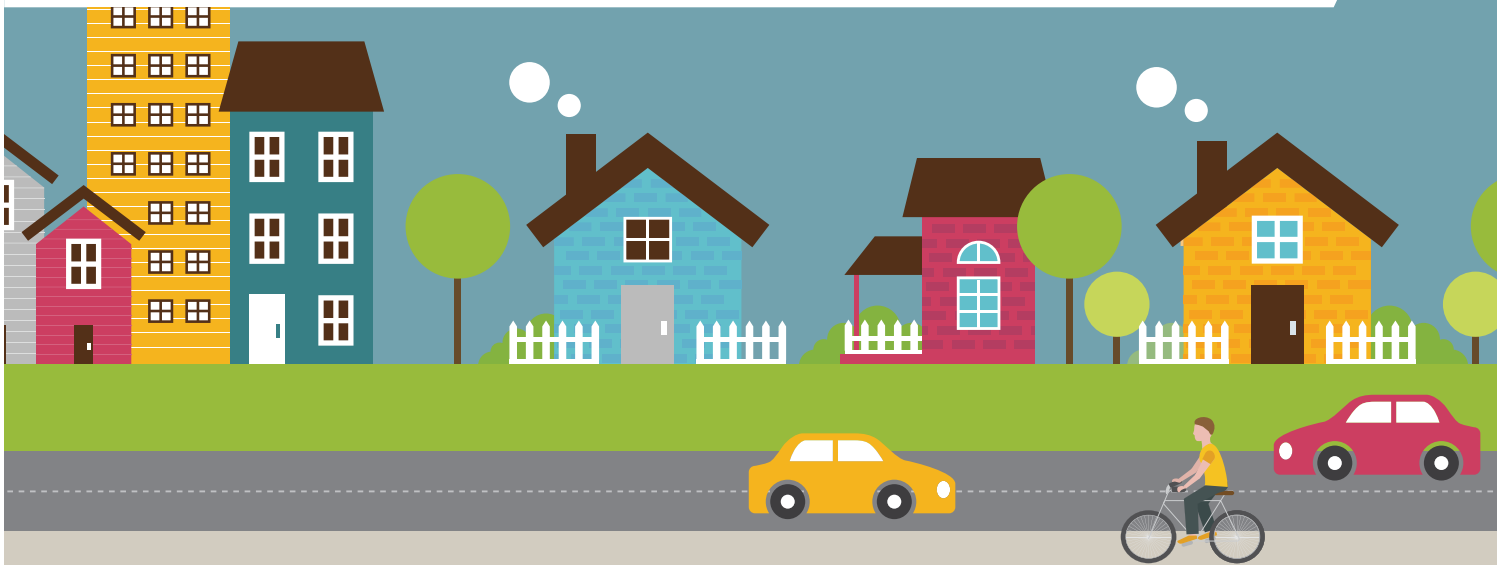
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LOCAL PLAN PUBLIC CONSULTATION



**MONDAY 27 JUNE -
FRIDAY 19 AUGUST**

Your chance to have your say

www.braintree.gov.uk/consultlp

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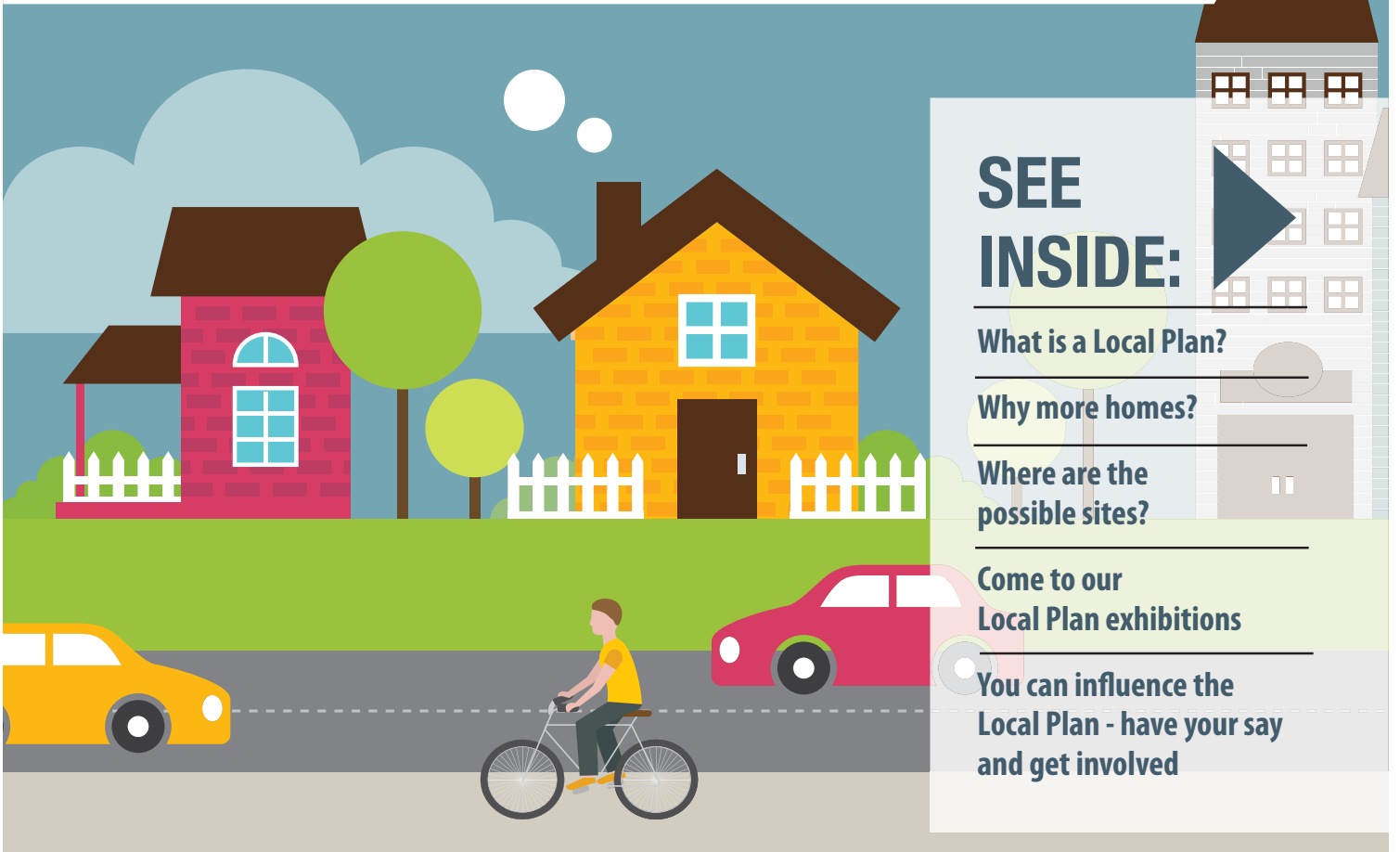
What is a Local Plan?

Why more homes?

Where are the possible sites?

Come to our Local Plan exhibitions

You can influence the Local Plan - have your say and get involved



THE LOCAL PLAN



Just like other areas in the country, we're working on a new Local Plan for the district.

Having one is really important because it sets the direction for our future development of sites but also it gives us more power to stop inappropriate development.

We know we need to build more homes so that our children and grandchildren can find homes to suit them. We need to deliver 845 homes each year between now and 2033 in order to comply with national guidelines and to meet locally-driven demand in the Braintree district.

This will mean that with the homes that already have planning permission we're looking to allocate land for around 10,000 homes as well as the infrastructure, employment and community facilities to support them.

From June 27th until August 19th we want your views so please get involved and tell us what you think. We will then make amendments to the draft before it goes out to public consultation again. It will then be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate and subject to an independent public examination.

Thank you for taking the time to read this document.

Graham Butland
Leader of the Council

Did you know?

You can watch all our Local Plan, Planning, Cabinet and Full Council meetings online.

To view the webcast visit www.braintree.gov.uk/webcast

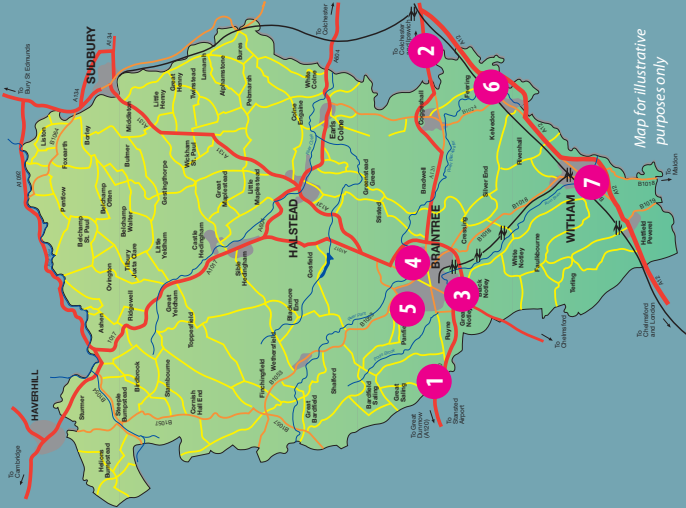
WHAT IS A LOCAL PLAN?

A Local Plan is the basis for the future development and homes, employment and business sites while protecting the countryside. Planning applications, whatever their size and proposed use, are assessed for approval against the policies contained in the Local Plan.



Why the need for new homes?

- Our district's population is increasing
- People are living longer
- Home ownership is out of reach for too many
- There are more people moving to the district than leaving
- More people are living on their own or in smaller households



THE BIGGEST SITES WE PROPOSE TO ALLOCATE ARE:

- 1** West of Braintree New Garden Community (2,500 homes within the Local Plan period. Potential to rise after 2033)
- 2** Marks Tey New Garden Community (1,500 homes within the Local Plan period. Potential to rise after 2033)
- 3** East of Great Notley in Black Notley Parish (2,000 homes)
- 4** Land east of Broad Road, Braintree (1,000 homes)
- 5** Former Towerlands Park site, Braintree (600 homes)
- 6** Land at Feering (1,000 homes)
- 7** Wood End Farm, Witham (450 homes)

There are around 80 other smaller sites (new developments under 450 homes) which you can view on www.braintree.gov.uk/newlp

WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE EVIDENCE BASE BEHIND THE DRAFT LOCAL PLAN?

An evidence base of documents can be viewed on our website. Visit www.braintree.gov.uk/newlp

INVESTING IN OUR DISTRICT

We're preparing for this growth by making sure our district's infrastructure can serve our existing and new communities.

We're working with partners to invest in our health facilities, our most congested roads, town centres and our businesses.



HAVE YOUR SAY

ANTICIPATED TIMETABLE FOR THE PRODUCTION OF THE NEW LOCAL PLAN

JUNE 27TH - AUGUST 19TH 2016

8 week public consultation period on the draft Local Plan

SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2016

Consideration of public consultation responses to the draft Local Plan and revisions to the Plan as appropriate

NOVEMBER 2016

Councillors will consider the latest draft

WINTER 2016

Second public consultation

SPRING 2017

Submission of Local Plan to the Planning Inspectorate for consideration

SUMMER/AUTUMN 2017

(subject to Inspectorate timetable) - Independent public examination held on the Local Plan by the Planning Inspector

EARLY 2018

Adoption of the Local Plan by the Council

YOU CAN INFLUENCE THE LOCAL PLAN

We are holding drop-in sessions from **2.30pm - 7.30pm** at these venues where you can see the plans and discuss them with us:

- 27th June - Sible Hedingham (Baptist Church, C09 3PX)
- 28th June - Earls Colne (Village Hall, C06 2RN)
- 29th & 30th June - Witham (Witham Public Hall, CM8 2DY)
- 4th July - Halstead (Queens Hall, C09 2BY)
- 6th July - Kelvedon (Kelvedon Institute, C05 9AA)
- 7th July - Gt Saling (The Salings Millennium Hall, CM7 5DW)
- 12th July - Silver End (Silver End Village Hall, CM8 3RQ)
- 13th & 14th July - Braintree (Town Hall, CM7 3YG)
- 18th July - Coggeshall (St Peters Church, C06 1UD)
- 21st July - Hatfield Peverel (Scout Hall, CM3 2LB)
- 9th July **10am - 2pm** - Marks Tey (Village Hall, C06 1EJ)

TAKE A LOOK AT THE PLANS ONLINE:

www.braintree.gov.uk/newlp

Comment on the draft local plan:
www.braintree.gov.uk/consultlp
email localplan@braintree.gov.uk
or call 01376 552525

If you don't have access to the internet you can view the plans at our reception:

**Braintree District Council, Causeway House,
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If you require this document in another format please let us know

*All information correct as of May 31st, 2016. For the most up-to-date information visit www.braintree.gov.uk/newlp



Moving Library Display consisting of:

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- DLP15 Business Cards
- DLP16 Postcards
- DLP19 Draft Local Plan Response Forms
- DLP18 Consultation Boards (with relevant Town/village summaries board)
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YOUR LOCAL PLAN



**YOUR CHANCE TO
HAVE YOUR SAY**



MAKE YOUR COMMENT...

It's easy online

To read the Draft Local Plan
www.braintree.gov.uk/newlp

To comment

REGISTER and submit your views
www.braintree.gov.uk/consultlp

Public Exhibition dates
www.braintree.gov.uk/draftlp

PUBLIC CONSULTATION IS OPEN
27 JUNE – 19 AUGUST 2016



LOCAL PLAN EXPLAINED...



Find out more:

Visit: www.braintree.gov.uk/newlp

email: localplan@braintree.gov.uk or call: 01376 552525





- We're working on a Local Plan which will guide development in our district between now and 2033
- As part of the Local Plan, we have to boost significantly the supply of housing by around 845 new homes every year
- We're working with partners to ensure community facilities such as schools, GP surgeries, roads and public transport links are in place to support new and existing communities

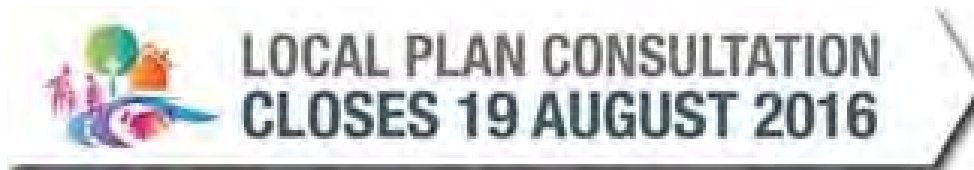
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- More people are living on their own or in smaller households

REGISTER so that you are ready to comment on the draft local plan:
www.braintree.gov.uk/consultip or email localplan@braintree.gov.uk

CONSULTATION STARTS SUMMER 2016

Signature for BDC corporate emails



Screensaver for BDC computers



YOUR LOCAL PLAN



WELCOME

This is your opportunity to tell us what is important to you. We want to receive your views. Please tell us what you think of both the Council's Local Plan and the Local Plan. It is also an opportunity for us to talk about the scale of new development.

THE STORY SO FAR

In 2011 the Council adopted the Core Strategy setting out the strategic vision for the District. We are now working to complete our work on delivery policies and actions for new homes. In 2012 the Nation of Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) was introduced by government. This has led to a new approach to the Local Plan. In 2014, we were asked to prepare a new Local Plan. We have received more than 100 responses and we have set out this vision in our Local Plan. We have received more than 100 responses and we have set out this vision in our Local Plan. We have received more than 100 responses and we have set out this vision in our Local Plan.



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- Site of Central Braintree (1,000 homes)
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There are around 80 other smaller sites (over developments under 500 homes) which you can view on www.braintree.gov.uk/newly

POLICIES

The Plan contains a range of policies which are used by the Council when making an assessment of any planning application. These are structured around Economic, Social and Environmental policies. The Council's policies are designed to support the delivery of the Local Plan's objectives.

JOBS

The Local Plan has a commitment to create jobs. We will continue to work with the private sector to create jobs and support the local economy.

INFRASTRUCTURE

The Local Plan has a commitment to invest in infrastructure. We will continue to work with the private sector to invest in infrastructure and support the local economy.

GARDEN COMMUNITIES

We are looking for ways to create garden communities. These are new types of residential development which provide a mix of housing and public transport. We are looking for ways to create garden communities. These are new types of residential development which provide a mix of housing and public transport.



SO, HOW MANY NEW HOMES DOES THE DISTRICT NEED TO PROVIDE?

We need to deliver 455 new homes each year between now and 2031 in order to comply with national guidelines and to meet locally driven demands in Braintree District.

WHY THE NEED FOR NEW HOMES?

- Population is increasing
- There is a need for more housing
- More people are living on their own or in smaller, new households



HOW TO RESPOND...

We encourage people to submit comments in writing. If you prefer to submit comments verbally, please contact the Council's Planning Department. The consultation period can be extended if necessary. We will continue to work with you to ensure the Local Plan is successful.

There are a number of ways to respond to the Local Plan. You can attend a public consultation event, write to the Council, or contact the Council by email. We will continue to work with you to ensure the Local Plan is successful.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS

Neighbourhood Plans are a new type of local plan. They are prepared by the local community and are used to guide development in the neighbourhood. We are looking for ways to create garden communities.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- The Local Plan will be submitted to the Council for approval.
- The Council will consider the Local Plan and make a decision on whether to approve it.
- The Council will publish the Local Plan on its website.
- The Council will continue to work with you to ensure the Local Plan is successful.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR AREA?

We are working to improve the quality of life in your area. We are looking for ways to create garden communities. These are new types of residential development which provide a mix of housing and public transport.

BRAINTREE & GREAT NOTLEY

We are working to improve the quality of life in Braintree and Great Notley. We are looking for ways to create garden communities. These are new types of residential development which provide a mix of housing and public transport.

BRITAIN'S BEST VALUE AWARDS

We are proud to have been awarded Britain's Best Value Award. This is a recognition of the high quality of our services and the way we work. We are looking for ways to create garden communities.

WITHAM

Witham is a main town, the second largest town in the Basildon District. There are a number of sites for new housing which are shown on the map. The majority of these sites are in the town of Witham where there are also proposed allocations for employment sites.

The major new proposed sites in the town are:

- Land at Green Road – already has planning permission
- Land at Forest Road & Forest Road Community Hall – already has planning permission
- Land at Forest Road – residential site
- Completion of Milling Lane development – (existing allocation)
- Land at Ferry Drive – residential site
- Wood End Farm, Hatfield Road – Site for new home
- Meadow Street Shopping Centre – Commercial site. Development Area for mixed use development – retail, employment, housing and community
- Dunlop Sports Centre – Commercial Development Area for mixed use development – retail, housing

An extension to Larkway (in Broomhall Parish) is also proposed for residential use.

Witham alternatives

Several sites have been proposed for residential use, housing and employment in the area around Witham and within Witham itself. These include sites for residential use, employment, housing and community use, retail, recreation, leisure, sports and other uses. The most suitable sites are accessible, natural and green spaces.

We would welcome your views on these suggested alternatives.

HALSTEAD

Halstead is the smallest of the three main towns within the Basildon District. There are a number of sites for new housing which are shown on the map. The majority of these sites are in the town of Halstead where there are also proposed allocations for employment sites.

The major new proposed sites in the town are:

- Land at Cherry Tree Green – residential
- Land at Green of Farm Road & Brook Street – residential site
- Extension to Bishopsgate Road to the east – employment site
- Land east of Forest Avenue – proposed school
- Land east of Oak Road and Central Park – Sites already have planning permission

The existing historical Business Centre, Factory Lane West and Harton Works, Kings Road allocation has already been employment use to be used.

The proposal for new specialist housing at land off Wood Hill to the north of the existing Blenheim Centre (Homes) has been retained.

The former TMO primary Kings Road retail allocation has been retained.

Halstead alternatives

A number of large sites have been submitted for residential use by landowners or housing sites in the area around Halstead. There are also sites for residential use, employment, housing and community use, retail and recreation, leisure, sports and other uses. The most suitable sites are accessible, natural and green spaces.

We would welcome your views on these suggested alternatives.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM

Sible Hedingham is identified as a Service Village in the emerging Local Plan. The village is a small village with a high level of rural character, employment, recreation, leisure, sports and other uses. The most suitable sites are accessible, natural and green spaces.

The new site with capacity for 150 new homes is proposed in Herring Street 177 - former Tesco site

Sible Hedingham alternatives

Several sites have been proposed for residential use, housing and employment in the area around Sible Hedingham. These include sites for residential use, employment, housing and community use, retail, recreation, leisure, sports and other uses. The most suitable sites are accessible, natural and green spaces.

We would welcome your views on these suggested alternatives.

EARLS COLNE

There is one new site proposed for development in Earls Colne and two sites retained from the previous Local Plan.

The new site proposed for development is:

- Approximately 15 homes with an area of affordable and market housing. The site would include a village green and pond.

Earls Colne alternatives

Several sites have been proposed for residential use, housing and employment in the area around Earls Colne. These include sites for residential use, employment, housing and community use, retail, recreation, leisure, sports and other uses. The most suitable sites are accessible, natural and green spaces.

We would welcome your views on these suggested alternatives.

EARLS COLNE

There are no new sites proposed for development in Earls Colne however there are a number of sites retained from the previous Local Plan. The sites are located in the village and will have limited impact upon the landscape character. The most suitable sites are accessible, natural and green spaces.

Earls Colne alternatives

A large number of alternative sites were proposed in and around Earls Colne. These include sites for residential use, employment, housing and community use, retail, recreation, leisure, sports and other uses. The most suitable sites are accessible, natural and green spaces.

We would welcome your views on these suggested alternatives.

KELVEDON & FEERING

Kelvedon and Feering are Service Villages where growth is considered sustainable, subject to appropriate infrastructure.

A strategic growth location is proposed at Feering which could deliver up to 200 new homes. This site is located on the edge of the village and will have limited impact upon the landscape character. The most suitable sites are accessible, natural and green spaces.

Kelvedon & Feering alternatives

Other sites, including several large sites have been considered and rejected. This site and we would welcome your comments on these sites.

SILVER END

The Silver End and former Abbeystead Lane sites have been retained from the previous Local Plan. The sites are located in the village and will have limited impact upon the landscape character. The most suitable sites are accessible, natural and green spaces.

Silver End alternatives

Many other sites were submitted in and around Silver End however no new sites without planning permission were allocated.

We would welcome your views on these suggested alternatives.

COGGESHALL

Coggeshall is one of the largest villages in the District with a population of approximately 1,200. The village is a small village with a high level of rural character, employment, recreation, leisure, sports and other uses. The most suitable sites are accessible, natural and green spaces.

This site has been proposed for allocation:

- 100 new homes on West Street and Fry Road – expected to provide a mixed use development with employment and residential use.

Land at East Street – retained from the previous Local Plan. It is expected to provide a minimum of 15 new homes.

Coggeshall alternatives

We would welcome your views on these suggested alternatives.

HATFIELD PEVEREL

Hatfield Peverel is identified as a Service Village where some new growth is considered sustainable, subject to appropriate infrastructure. The village has been allocated for residential development in the Local Plan. The employment allocation has been retained from the previous Local Plan.

Hatfield Peverel alternatives

The site at Wood Farm Road, adjacent to Witham has been allocated for residential development.

Hatfield Peverel alternatives

We would welcome your views on these sites.



GUIDANCE NOTES & RESPONSE FORM

to accompany the new Draft Local Plan (2016)



Please read these guidance notes before completing the response form

Introduction

Braintree District Council has published its new Local Plan for consultation. This has been drafted and approved by the Council following an earlier round of consultation called the Issues and Scoping Consultation in 2015.

The new Local Plan is published in order for representation to be made under Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) Regulations 2012.

The new Local Plan can be seen in full on the Council's website:

www.braintree.gov.uk/consultlp

Copies are available to view at the Council's main office at Causeway House in Braintree and on CD at libraries in the District. Supporting documents and evidence base prepared in support of the document are also available on the website.

If you would like some assistance in completing your representation or have any questions about the Draft Local Plan, please contact the Planning Policy Team by email planningpolicy@braintree.gov.uk or by phone on 01376 552525 and ask for Planning Policy.

Part A - Personal Details

Please note that all respondents must complete their personal details as it is not possible for anonymous representations to be considered. Respondents should also note that representations are not confidential and will be published on the Council's website. Representations which are published online will have address and contact details removed.

The Council reserves the right to not publish or take into account any representations which it considers offensive or defamatory.

Please supply an email address if you have one as it will allow the Council to contact you electronically. Everyone who submits a representation will be added to our consultation database so that we can keep you up to date with the Plan. If you do not wish to be contacted in this way please state this clearly on the form.

If you have advised that an agent or consultant has been engaged to act on your behalf, please note that all future correspondence will be sent directly to your agent. Please ensure that we are advised if contact/agent details change. If you are a landowner with an agent acting on behalf, please ensure that your agent knows the site name and reference which your site has been given.

Part B - Representation

Please specify to **which part** of the new Local Plan your comments relate to by indicating one of the following;

Paragraph Number – For representations on wording or content of a paragraph in the new Local Plan, for example 2.19

Policy Number – for representations on the wording or inclusion or omission of a policy in the new Local Plan or its alternatives, for example LPP17

Site Reference – If you are commenting about a particular site, for example EARC221

Other – For example an inset map, tables or appendices.

Use the comments section of the representation form to outline your comment.

Please indicate whether you **support, object, or wish to make a general comment** on the specified policy, site or paragraph.

If you intend to submit additional supporting documents or statements, these must be summarised within the comment section on the form. The full documents can be uploaded directly to the online consultation portal. If not uploaded directly, supporting information will need to be submitted electronically as a pdf and in all cases 3 hard copies submitted to the address below.

Submitting your comments

Please note in order for your representations to be accepted they must be received no later than 5pm on Friday 19th August 2016. Responses received after this time will not be accepted. Responses can be made in the following ways:

- Directly via the Council's online consultation portal;
www.braintree.gov.uk/consultlp - You will be asked to register or login before being able to comment on the documents but you can read the documents without registering.
- Via a representation form which can be downloaded from the Council's website and emailed to localplan@braintree.gov.uk
- Or a **response form** returned by post to:

Planning Policy
Braintree District Council
Causeway House
Braintree CM7 9HN



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Draft Local Plan

RESPONSE FORM

Responses are encouraged via the Council's online consultation system available on the website, see www.braintree.gov.uk/newlp However, this form can be returned electronically to localplan@braintree.gov.uk or in hard copy if necessary to:

Planning Policy, Braintree District Council, Causeway House, Bocking End, Braintree, CM7 9HB
The consultation runs from 9am Monday, 27th June to 5 pm on Friday, 19th August 2016

This form has two parts:

Part A - Personal Details and Part B - Your comments

PART A

1. Personal Details

Title	<input type="text"/>
First Name	<input type="text"/>
Last Name	<input type="text"/>
Organisation (Where relevant)	<input type="text"/>
Address Line 1	<input type="text"/>
Address Line 2	<input type="text"/>
Address Line 3	<input type="text"/>
Post Code	<input type="text"/>
E-mail Address	<input type="text"/>
Telephone Number	<input type="text"/>

2. Agent's Details (if applicable)

Title	<input type="text"/>
First Name	<input type="text"/>
Last Name	<input type="text"/>
Organisation	<input type="text"/>
Address Line 1	<input type="text"/>
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Telephone Number	<input type="text"/>

PART B

Note; If you wish to comment on several policies, paragraphs, or sites, please use one form per representation. If you wish to suggest a new site please use a "Site Submission" form, available on request, call 01376 552525.

Paragraph Number, inset map, policy number, site reference

Is your comment a; *(Please tick)*

Support Comment

Objection Comment

General Comment

Comment Text Below

(Please note that your representations will be available for public inspection and viewable on the website. The Council reserves the right not to publish or take into account any representations which are openly offensive or defamatory.)

Please feel free to use additional sheets if required
Consultation Statement - October 17





Braintree District Council

Draft Local Plan - 2016

Site Submission Form

If you have a site you wish to be considered through the Council's Local Plan, **which you have not already submitted into the process**, please complete this form, and provide as much detail as you can. **Please use one form per site**. If you are providing updated details on a previously submitted site, please include the sites reference number.

A map must be included showing the site with a red line around its boundary.

Please return your completed form/s by e-mail to planningpolicy@braintree.gov.uk, or by post to Braintree District Council, Causeway House, Braintree, Essex, CM7 9HB.

All submission should be received no later than 5pm on the 19th August 2016. Late submissions may not be accepted.

If you have any questions please contact planning policy 01376 552525 (ext.2567) or via the e-mail above.

Disclaimer – Please note that your submission and any information provided, including supporting documents, will be available for public inspection.

Office Use Only

	Date/Reference
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Site Reference Added	
Acknowledge	
Added to Database	

1. Personal Details

Title	
First Name	
Family Name	
Job Title (If applicable)	
Organisation (If applicable)	
Address Line 1	
Address Line 2	
Address Line 3	
Address Line 4	
Post Code	
Telephone Number	
Mobile Phone Number	
E-mail Address	

2. Agent Details (If applicable)

Title	
First Name	
Family Name	
Job Title	
Organisation	
Address Line 1	
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Address Line 4	
Post Code	
Telephone Number	
Mobile Phone Number	
E-mail Address	

3. Developer Details (If applicable)

Title	
First Name	
Family Name	
Job Title	
Organisation	
Address Line 1	
Address Line 2	
Address Line 3	
Address Line 4	
Post Code	
Telephone Number	
Mobile Phone Number	
E-mail Address	

4. Are you (tick)

Site Owner	
Developer	
Planning Consultant	
Parish Council	
Amenity or Community Group	
Registered Social Landlord	
Local Resident	
Other (please specify)	

5. Has the site previously been submitted through the Core Strategy or Site Allocations and Development Management Plan? If so please provide site reference number i.e. BOB20.

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6. Site Ownership

Do you...	Yes/No	Details (if applicable)
..own the site in full?		
..part own the site (please provide details of other owners)		
..do not own the site		
..have an option to buy the site		
..other (i.e. Executor)		

7. Site Information (Please include a site map separately)

Location of site (Address/postcode)	
Site Area (Hectares)	
Current Use (Including any structures)	
Is the site Previously Developed or Greenfield?	
Site Access (Vehicular + other modes)	

Public Rights of Way	
Natural Features (TPO's LNR etc.)	
Gradient	
Flooding (Flood Zone)	
Surface Water Drainage	
Historic Assets (Listed buildings etc.)	
Archaeological Assets	
Contamination	
Legal Constraints (ransom strips, access rights etc.)	
Current use needs to relocate	
Other	

8. Does the site have any relevant planning history? If so please provide details (i.e. application numbers, dates of permissions e.t.c.)

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9. What use are you proposing?

Use (Tick all that apply)	Yes	Details (Number of units proposed, floor space etc.)
Residential		
Affordable Housing		
Care home, Sheltered housing, Institutional Uses		
Gypsy and Traveller/Travelling Show Persons site		
Employment B1		

Use (Tick all that apply)	Yes	Details (Number of units proposed, floor space etc.)
Employment B2		
Employment B8		
Employment (other)		
Retail (Convenience)		
Retail (Comparison)		
Retail (Other)		
Education		
Community Facility (E.g. Open Space, sports provision)		
Renewable Energy Production		
Other.		

10. Utilities – Please indicate which of the following are available for the site and any details pertaining to how they would be provided (i.e discussion with relevant provider).

	Yes	No	Comments
Main Water Supply			
Mains Sewerage			
Electrical Supply			
Gas Supply			
Public Highway			
Telecommunications			

Public Transport			
Other			

11. Viability

Do you consider the site to be viable?	
Please provide any details of issues you consider could impact on the viability of the site	

12. Timescales (Please indicate what timescale you think the site could come forward in, factoring in outstanding ownership issues, legal issues, ownership issues, site remediation and the planning process.)

	Yes/No	Details
Up to 5 years		
5 to 10 years		
10 to 15 years		
15 years or longer		

13. Delivery rate – Please indicate the likely annual delivery rate for the development and time period over which the development is likely to take place (i.e. dwellings/Floor space constructed per year, and estimated start and completion period)

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14. Other relevant information

Other information – Please provide any other information which you would consider useful when considering the sites suitability for development.

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Signature

Print Name

Date



DRAFT LOCAL PLAN SA/SEA - COMMENTS FORM

Responses are encouraged via the Council's online consultation system available on the website, see www.braintree.gov.uk/consultlp. However, this form can be returned electronically to localplan@braintree.gov.uk or in hard copy if preferred to:

Planning Policy, Braintree District Council, Causeway House, Bocking End, Braintree, CM7 9HB

The consultation runs from Monday, 27th June to 5 p.m. on Friday, 19th August 2016

This form has two parts:

Part A – Personal Details

Part B – Your comments

Part A

1. Personal Details

Title	
First Name	
Last Name	
Organisation (Where relevant)	
Address Line 1	
Address Line 2	
Address Line 3	
Post Code	
E-mail Address	
Telephone Number	

2. Agent's Details (if applicable)

Title	
First Name	
Last Name	
Organisation (where relevant)	
Address Line 1	
Address Line 2	
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E-mail Address	
Telephone Number	

Part B

Please note that your representations will be available for public inspection and viewable on the website. The Council reserves the right not to publish or take into account any representations which are openly offensive or defamatory.

Does your comment refer to;

Part 1 – Strategic Local Plan	
Part 2 – Braintree District Local Plan	

3. Do you think the methodology of the SA is appropriate to assess impacts in the strategic area?

4. Do you think the options explored reflect the most reasonable alternatives in the strategic area?



Our ref: Publication Draft Local Plan
Your ref:
Ask for: Planning Policy
Dial: 01376 551414
Ext: 2577
Date: 16th June 2017
localplan@braintree.gov.uk

PDLP1 - Statutory Consultees letter and email



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Dear Consultee,

Braintree District Council Publication Draft Local Plan and Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment

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The full document, together with the accompanying Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment (SA/SEA) and evidence base, can be found on the Braintree Council's website at www.braintree.gov.uk/publicationdraftlp and is available to view at the Council's offices at Causeway House in Braintree and a copy of the Local Plan is available on CD, to library users across the District.

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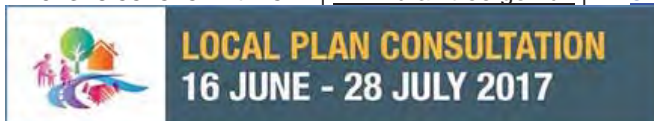


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THE LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

With two phases of public consultation now complete, Braintree District Council has published the latest version of the Local Plan, the vision and framework for future development in the district.

The latest draft - known as the Publication Draft Local Plan - has been published in advance of the Local Plan Sub-Committee's meeting on May 16, 2017.

If agreed the Plan will go forward to Full Council on June 5th for approval before one further round of public consultation, known as Regulation 19 Consultation, from June 16th (ending July 28th).

THIS NEXT STAGE OF THE CONSULTATION IS IN TWO SECTIONS:

SECTION ONE

The first section is a strategic plan for North Essex which we have worked on with Colchester & Tendring to provide a strategic vision of growth throughout North Essex

This part is where you can comment on Garden Communities

SECTION TWO

The second section relates to sites for development, housing, employment, regeneration solely in the Braintree District



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- 17/00733/FUL** The Greysm Maldon Road, Kelvedon, Essex
Conversion of two linked barns into a residential annexe
Reason for advertisement:
Application for Planning Permission
Application Affecting the character and appearance of a Conservation Area
- 17/00734/LBC** Application for Listed Building Consent
Application Affecting the Setting of a Listed Building
Land Adjacent To Walnut Tree Cottage, The Street, Hatfield Peverel, Essex
Reason for advertisement:
Section of two storey dwelling with associated garage and cart lodge
Reason for advertisement:
Application for Planning Permission
- 17/00649/OUT** Application for Listed Building Consent
Land At Rectory Meadow, Bradwell, Essex, CM7 6EX
Reserved - Demolition of existing commercial buildings and structures and erection of three houses
Reason for advertisement:
Application for Planning Permission
- 17/00753/FUL** Application does not accord with the Development Plan
15 Canterbury Orange, Braintree, Essex, CM7 5HX
Removal of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension
Reason for advertisement:
Application for Planning Permission
Application Affecting the character and appearance of a Conservation Area
- 17/00757/FUL** Hunters Lodge, Barfield Road, Finchingleid, Essex
Single storey side extension and minor remodeling of the ground floor
Reason for advertisement:
Application for Planning Permission
Application Affecting the character and appearance of a Conservation Area
- 15/01319/OUT** Land West Of Panfield Lane, Braintree, Essex
Hybrid planning application for a mixed use development including 600 Residential Units, with part submitted in outline (with all matters reserved) and part submitted in detail, where:
The Outline Component of the application seeks approval for:
i. 300 Residential Units (Use Class C3); ii. Up to 0.7% of land for Business Use (Use Class B1, B2, B8); iii. Up to 2.9% of land for the provision of a Neighbourhood Centre with possible uses including Retail, Commercial, Residential Care, Health, Veterinary and Creative Uses (Use Classes A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, B1a, C2, D1a, D1b); iv. Up to 2% of land for a Primary School; v. Up to 4% of land for Community Sports Facilities; and vi. All associated open space, landscaping, parking, utilities, drainage and infrastructure
The Detailed Component of the application seeks approval for:
vii. 208 Residential Units (Use Class C3) including parking and utilities; viii. New link road between Panfield Lane and Springwood Drive and new roundabout at junction of Panfield Lane and Churchill Road
Reason for advertisement:
Application for Planning Permission
Application does not accord with the Development Plan
Application for Major Development
Application Affecting a Public Right of Way
Revisions to Phase 1 Layout, Design and House Types
Reduction in number of dwellings within Phase 1 from 208 to 189
Revised Highways Plans and Drainage Proposals
Revised site wide Parameters Plans and Illustrative Masterplan
Land Adjacent Monkdowns Farm, Ley Road, Coggeshall, Essex
Application for removal of Condition 5 of approved application 13/01048/FUL - Conversion of redundant agricultural barn to provide a live/work residential unit
Reason for advertisement:
Application for Planning Permission
- 17/00755/FUL** Application Affecting the Setting of a Listed Building
46 River Mead, Braintree, Essex, CM7 5AX
Proposed side facing roof velux window and front facing gable window in connection with proposed loft conversion
Reason for advertisement:
Application for Planning Permission
Application Affecting the character and appearance of a Conservation Area
- 17/00740/FUL** 82 Powers Hall End, Witham, Essex, CM8 1LS
Erection of single storey rear extension and detached single storey ancillary outbuilding
Reason for advertisement:
Application for Planning Permission
- 17/00767/LBC** Application Affecting the Setting of a Listed Building
Suits 3 And 4, Warners Mill, Silks Way, Braintree
Remove internal office lighting from side walls and replace with new light which will hang from the beams
Reason for advertisement:
Application for Listed Building Consent
- 17/00804/FUL** Application Affecting the character and appearance of a Conservation Area
The Old Bakery, Hawbush Green, Cressing, Essex
Erection of garden room to replace garden shed and new small garden shed
Reason for advertisement:
Application for Planning Permission
- 17/00760/LBC** Application Affecting the Setting of a Listed Building
60 Kynaston Road, Parfield, Essex, CM7 5AD
Relocation of works; renew front and rear doors with same design using hardwood; remove partition (non load-bearing) lobby wall and resite into lounge to create utility area; prepare beams in lounge and paint (stained as was) and remove old kitchen and bathroom suite and replace with new
Reason for advertisement:
Application for Listed Building Consent
- 17/00666/FUL** Deserbrook Farm, Shalford Green, Shalford, Essex
Erection of new farm shop
Reason for advertisement:
Application for Planning Permission
- 17/00168/FUL** Application Affecting the Setting of a Listed Building
Moat Farm, Moat Road, Sisted, Essex
Erection of garden wall
Reason for advertisement:
Application for Planning Permission
Application Affecting the Setting of a Listed Building

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THE LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION DATES

Regulation 19 Consultation

Come and speak to our planning policy officers at one of the events below:

EVENTS WILL BE HELD FROM 2-8PM ON:

- 5 JULY** Braintree Town Hall
Fairfield Road, Braintree, CM7 3YG

- 6 JULY** Gt Saling - Millennium Hall
Piccotts Lane, Gt Saling, CM7 5DW

- 1 JULY** 10:00AM - 2:00PM
Marks Tey (Village Hall, CO6 1EJ)

You can attend any event no matter what area you want to talk about
Officers at each event will be able to answer questions on any part of the Publication Draft Local Plan

Static Information Points
As well as the consultation events there are unmanned information points at each of the district's libraries and at our offices in Causeway House, Bocking End, Braintree, Essex, CM7 9HB.

**CONSULTATION ENDS
5PM - JULY 28, 2017**

TAKE A LOOK AT THE PLANS ONLINE:
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- 17/00962/FUL** Rectory Farm, Audley End, **Gestingthorpe**, Essex
17/00963/LBC Provision of garden terrace and plunge pool
Reason for advertisement:
Application for Planning Permission
Application for Listed Building Consent
- 17/01079/FUL** 15 Evans Court, **Halstead**, Essex, CO9 2GE
Retention of fence
Reason for advertisement:
Application for Planning Permission
Application Affecting the character and appearance of a Conservation Area
Application Affecting the Setting of a Listed Building
- 17/01077/LBC** Manor House, The Street, **Pelmarsh**, Essex
Demolition and re-build of chimney stack
Reason for advertisement:
Application for Listed Building Consent
- 17/01034/LBC** 8 Church Street, **Belchamp St Paul**, Essex, CO10 7DJ
Replacement windows
Reason for advertisement:
Application for Listed Building Consent
- 17/01037/LBC** 8 Church Street, **Belchamp St Paul**, Essex, CO10 7DJ
Erection of Conservatory
Reason for advertisement:
Application for Listed Building Consent
- 17/01028/FUL** Bartholomew House, Colchester Road, **Halstead**, Essex
Change of Use from D1 to C3 Residential
Reason for advertisement:
Application for Planning Permission
Application Affecting the character and appearance of a Conservation Area
Application Affecting the Setting of a Listed Building
- 17/01066/OUT** Land To The West Of Heddingham Road, **Gosfield**, Essex
Outline application with all matters reserved except for access for the erection of up to 35 dwellings - Access via Meadowway
Reason for advertisement:
Application for Major Development
Application does not accord with the Development Plan
- 17/01067/OUT** Land To The West Of Heddingham Road, **Gosfield**, Essex
Outline application with all matters reserved except for access for the erection of up to 35 dwellings - Access via Heddingham Road
Reason for advertisement:
Application for Major Development
Application does not accord with the Development Plan
- 17/00935/FUL** Bramble House, Halstead Road, **Earls Colne**, Essex
Proposed dropped kerb and vehicle crossover
Reason for advertisement:
Application for Planning Permission
Application Affecting the character and appearance of a Conservation Area
- 17/01097/FUL** Coach House At Gosfield Cottage, The Street, **Gosfield**
Change of use from domestic garage to B2 Light Industrial - Small micro brewery (up to 5 barrel)
Reason for advertisement:
Application for Planning Permission
Application Affecting the Setting of a Listed Building
Application Affecting the character and appearance of a Conservation Area
- 17/01114/FUL** 15 The Castings, **Earls Colne**, Essex, CO8 2TS
Proposed 2 no. windows in west elevation
Reason for advertisement:
Application for Planning Permission
Application Affecting the character and appearance of a Conservation Area



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The Local Plan is an important document which will help shape development in the Braintree District between now and 2033.

Everyone living, working or visiting the District will be affected by it - and our consultation is open to all.

**SUBMIT YOUR FEEDBACK ON THE
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CONSULTATION CLOSSES
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COMMUNITY
GOVERNANCE
REVIEW

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

As the Principal Local Authority we are required to review the overall governance and administration of all Town and Parish Council's within the District Council boundary.

The review focusses on the appropriateness of:

- Town/Parish Boundaries
- Number of Town and Parish Councillors
- Town and Parish Council Name and any warding arrangements

It does not review either the efficiency or effectiveness of an individual Council or indeed the conduct of Councillors.

If you want to have your say, the consultation is open from **Saturday 1st August until Monday 31st September.**

To find out more and submit comments:

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Email: CGR@braintree.gov.uk

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17/01237/FUL (RP 5) Norman Hill Cottage, Norman Hill, **Tering**, Essex
Demolition of rear extension and rebuild on same footprint with new first floor extension above together with minor door and window alterations

17/01219/FUL (RP 4) Jeffreys Farm, Mill Lane, **Cressing**, Essex
17/01220/LBC (RP 4) Proposed Redesign of previously approved Cartledge (Serving 'Barn 1') as part of application Ref: 02/01244/FUL & 02/01248/LBC, including the change of use of the existing storage space within the roof to form self-contained annexe

17/01214/FUL (RP 6) Boarded Barns, Bardfield Road, **Bardfield Saling**, Essex
Erection of two storey extension, demolition and part rebuild of existing single storey outbuilding adding single storey garden room extension and internal alterations.

17/01230/FUL (RP 5) 10 Boars Tye Road, **Silver End**, Essex, CM8 3QA
Erection of part single, part two storey rear extension.

17/01145/FUL (RP 1.5.6) Former Bramston Sports Centre, Bridge Street, **Witham**, Essex
Redevelopment to form 60 retirement living apartments, including lodge manager's accommodation, communal facilities, access, car parking and landscaping

17/01253/FUL (RP 4) Old Tan, Greenstead Green Road, **Stisted**, Essex
Erection of single storey rear extension, conversion of residential store and plant room to ancillary living accommodation and associated repairs, alterations and landscaping

17/00966/LBC (RP 4) Madhaven, 15 Grange Hill, **Coggeshall**, Essex
Replacement of exterior walls and window.

17/01263/FUL (RP 5) 9 Francis Way, **Silver End**, Essex, CM8 3QX
Replacement windows

17/01270/VAR (RP 6) Silver Barn, Braintree Road, **Shalford**, Essex
Application for variation of Condition 2 of approved application 17/00058/NMA - Change from vertical cladding to horizontal cladding

17/01235/FUL (RP 6) Land North Of Slansseys Farm, Blackley Lane, **Great Notley**, Essex
Proposed development of an energy storage scheme of up to 10MW capacity, for a temporary period of 30 years from the date of first import/export of electricity from the Grid. Comprising the installation of energy storage containers, inverter stands, DNO substation, customer substation, auxiliary transformer, communication box, general storage container, perimeter fencing, CCTV security monitoring system, lightning protection rods, underground cabling, operation and maintenance access track, landscaping, temporary construction access and associated works and infrastructure.

17/01238/FUL (RP 5.6) Stisted Mill, Kings Lane, **Stisted**, Essex
Continuation of construction of 2 bar timber post and rail fence along Kings Lane and the road side edge of the paddock, together with two field gates. Removal of existing rotten fence around driveway to the main paddock.

17/01268/FUL (RP 5) 3 The Estate Yard, **Tering**, Essex, CM3 2RH
Erection of single storey rear extension

17/01062/FUL (RP 1,2,3) Phase 2 Land At, Forest Road, **Witham**, Essex
Erection of 163 no. one, two, three and four bedroom houses and apartments plus associated parking, roads and landscaping, together with public open space and allotments.

17/01309/LBC (RP 4.5) 51 Queen Street, **Coggeshall**, Essex, CO6 1UE
Replacement of existing first floor flank window serving a bedroom

17/01369/FUL (RP 5) Orchard House, The Street, **Stisted**, Essex
Erection of single storey rear extension

17/01342/LBC (RP 4.5) Windmill, Duck End, **Finchingfield**, Essex
Replacement of all weatherboards to one side elevation and all the corresponding weatherboards to one side of the 'petty coat'

17/00341/OUT (RP 1) Bury Farm, Bury Lane, **Hatfield Peverel**, Essex
Application for outline planning permission, with all matters reserved with the exception of access, for the erection of up to 46 dwellings (Use Class C3), public open space, vehicular access and associated infrastructure.

17/01297/FUL (RP 4.5) 11 Guithavon Street, **Witham**, Essex, CM8 1BU
Proposed window alterations

17/01251/FUL (RP 4.5) Stisted Hall, Kings Lane, **Stisted**, Essex
Extension of existing pathway within the property grounds, to the south east elevation, to an existing pond, for access by residents, family members and staff.

17/01247/LBC (RP 4.5) 4 Church Street, **Witham**, Essex, CM8 2JL
Internal works including relocation of the bathroom.

17/01291/FUL (RP 4.5) Brick House, The Green, **Finchingfield**, Essex
Addition of three dormer windows to the second floor of the Brick house

17/01304/OUT (RP 1.2.3.6) Land Off Church Street, Bocking, **Braintree**, Essex
Outline planning permission for up to 300 residential dwellings (including 30% affordable housing), planting, landscaping, informal public open space, children's play area and sustainable drainage system (SuDS). All matters reserved with the exception of access.

17/01278/LBC (RP 4.5) Brick House, The Green, **Finchingfield**, Essex
Insertion of door between bedroom 3 and bathroom

17/01205/FUL (RP 2) Builders Yard, Braintree Green, **Braintree**, Essex
Demolition of existing storage sheds and erection of two storey, four bedroom dwelling with garage



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Causeway House, Braintree
Essex, CM7 9HB

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LOCAL PLAN HAVE YOUR SAY

PLANNING AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004 AND REGULATION 18 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LOCAL PLANNING) (ENGLAND) REGULATION 2012 - NEW LOCAL PLAN FOR BRAINTREE DISTRICT

NOTICE OF REGULATION 18 CONSULTATION

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HOW TO COMMENT;

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ONLINE:
www.braintree.gov.uk/consultlp

EMAIL: localplan@braintree.gov.uk

RESPONSE FORM:
Planning Policy,
Braintree District Council,
Causeway House, Bocking End,
Braintree, Essex, CM7 9HB

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www.braintree.gov.uk/newlp

Representations are invited between the 27th June 2016 to 5pm on the 19th August 2016

Come and talk to officers at our public exhibitions

YOU CAN INFLUENCE THE LOCAL PLAN - HAVE YOUR SAY

We are holding drop-in sessions from 2.30pm - 7.30pm

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| <p>27 JUNE
SIBLE HEDINGHAM
Baptist Church,
CO9 3PX</p> | <p>12 JULY
SILVER END
Village Hall,
CM8 3RQ</p> |
| <p>28 JUNE
EARLS COLNE
Village Hall,
CO6 2RN</p> | <p>13 & 14 JULY
BRAINTREE
Town Hall,
CM7 3YG</p> |
| <p>29 & 30 JUNE
WITHAM
Witham Public Hall,
CM8 2DY</p> | <p>18 JULY
COGGESHALL
St Peters Church,
CO6 1UD</p> |
| <p>4 JULY
HALSTEAD
Queens Hall,
CO9 2BY</p> | <p>21 JULY
HATFIELD PEVEREL
Scout Hall, CM3 2LB</p> |
| <p>6 JULY
KELVEDON
Kelvedon Institute,
CO5 9AA</p> | <p>9 JULY
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Planning news

Manor Street consultation

We recently held the first look at the new concept designs for Manor Street in Braintree. If you didn't get a chance to go along to the exhibition – you can view the displays and concepts [now](#).



Hatfield Peverel Neighbourhood Plan consultation

Last chance to comment on the Hatfield Peverel Neighbourhood Plan before Monday (17th July)

[Read more](#)

Local Plan consultation

Have your say on the Publication Draft Local Plan before Friday 28th July, 5pm.

[Read more](#)

Plans to widen A12 will unlock Essex's economic potential

Plans to widen the A12 to three lanes that will help "unlock Essex's economic potential" moved a step closer after the Government unveiled a £6.1 billion road improvements programme.

[Read more](#)

Overwhelming support for A120 upgrade

More than four out of five people believe upgrades are needed to the A120 between Braintree and the A12, a public consultation has revealed.

[Read more](#)

Signature for BDC corporate emails





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PUBLIC CONSULTATION COMING SOON

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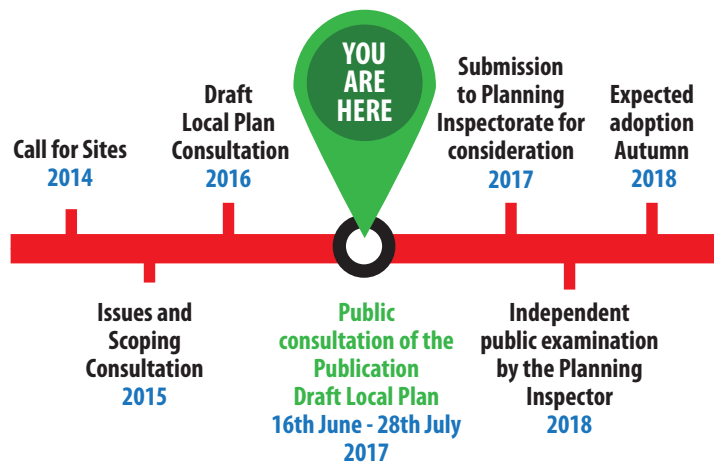
Introduction

Now is your chance to have your say on the revised Draft Local Plan before it is submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.

This stage of the consultation is more technical but we'd still encourage you to take part. Just visit www.braintree.gov.uk or come along to one of our events (details on the back of this leaflet).

Where are we now and what happens next?

Next step for the Braintree District Local Plan...



THE LOCAL PLAN

WHY ARE LOCAL PLANS IMPORTANT?

- Local Plans are at the heart of the planning system, so it is essential that they are in place and kept up-to-date.
- Local Plans set out a vision and a framework for the future development of the area. They also allocate sites for housing and employment.
- Local Plans, together with any neighbourhood plans that have been made, are the starting point for considering whether planning applications can be approved.

For more information visit: www.gov.uk and search Local Plan

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WHAT HAPPENED AFTER LAST YEAR'S CONSULTATION?

- In Summer 2016 **we received 3,095 comments** as part of our draft local plan consultation process, making it the largest planning consultation the Council has ever held.
- We have made a number of changes taking into account the feedback received and we now have a Publication Draft Local Plan.

THANKS FOR YOUR FEEDBACK

GARDEN COMMUNITIES

Work has been taking place alongside the Local Plan process to explore the creation of new 'Garden Communities' in the district. This could see two holistically planned new communities which would grow over time, helping to meet the housing needs of future generations. The principle of these developments will be set out in the Local Plan, with the detail coming forward as part of a later site specific document.

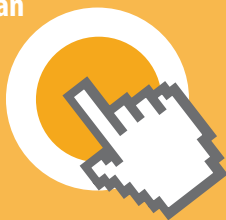
While these plans are at an early stage, an initial concept workshop has taken place, giving parish councils and interest groups the opportunity to give their thoughts on what a new community in the west of the district would require and the characteristics it might have. A further event will take place for the Braintree/Colchester border site later in the year. The results of the workshop can be found on the North Essex Garden Communities website www.ne-gc.co.uk coming soon. It is also available via www.braintree.gov.uk/publicationdraftlp

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THIS SEEMS VERY TECHNICAL / WHY CAN'T I JUST TELL YOU WHAT I THINK?

This consultation is all about whether our Publication Draft Local Plan is sound.

Soundness is explained in paragraph 182 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which you can find on www.gov.uk and search for 'NPPF'.

As a local planning authority we have to submit a plan for examination which is considered "sound" – namely that it is positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy.

HOW CAN I RESPOND TO THE CONSULTATION?

The quickest and easiest way to read the Publication Draft Local Plan and to provide your feedback is via our website: www.braintree.gov.uk/publicationdraftlp

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01376 552525

Braintree District Council, Causeway House, Braintree, Essex, CM7 9HB

This document can also be found on our website
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Information correct as of May 2017.
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Please recycle this when you have finished with it





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- Development in the Braintree District



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Tel: 01376 552525



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W: www.braintree.gov.uk/newlp





LOCAL PLAN

WHAT IS THE LOCAL PLAN?

The Local Plan is the basis for the future development of homes, employment and business sites while protecting the countryside. Planning applications, whatever their size and proposed use, are assessed for approval against the policies contained in the Local Plan.



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THE LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

WELCOME

Having worked hard to develop the Local Plan, we are now in a position to consult you on the proposed plan. We have a lot to discuss and we want to hear from you. We are holding a series of public consultations and we want to hear from you. We are holding a series of public consultations and we want to hear from you.

THE STORY SO FAR

The Local Plan is a key document for the district. It sets out the vision for the future and the actions that need to be taken to achieve it. We have been working on the plan for a long time and we want to hear from you. We have been working on the plan for a long time and we want to hear from you.



IS THIS PLAN SOUND?

We want to know what you think about the plan. We are holding a series of public consultations and we want to hear from you. We are holding a series of public consultations and we want to hear from you.

WHAT HAS CHANGED SINCE THE LAST CONSULTATION?

We have listened to your views and we have made changes to the plan. We are holding a series of public consultations and we want to hear from you. We are holding a series of public consultations and we want to hear from you.

THE BIGGEST SITES WE PROPOSE TO ALLOCATE IN THE PLAN

- 1. Allocation of sites for housing, employment, and other uses.
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- 3. Allocation of sites for housing, employment, and other uses.
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JOB

Jobs are a key part of the plan. We want to hear from you about the jobs that you need. We are holding a series of public consultations and we want to hear from you.

THE IMPORTANCE OF INFRASTRUCTURE

Infrastructure is a key part of the plan. We want to hear from you about the infrastructure that you need. We are holding a series of public consultations and we want to hear from you.

WHY THE NEED FOR NEW HOMES?



There is a need for new homes in the district. We want to hear from you about the homes that you need. We are holding a series of public consultations and we want to hear from you.

HOW MANY HOMES DOES THE DISTRICT NEED TO PROVIDE?

We need to know how many homes the district needs to provide. We are holding a series of public consultations and we want to hear from you.

THE STRATEGY

The strategy is a key part of the plan. We want to hear from you about the strategy that you need. We are holding a series of public consultations and we want to hear from you.

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SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL

Sustainability appraisal is a key part of the plan. We want to hear from you about the sustainability appraisal that you need. We are holding a series of public consultations and we want to hear from you.

HOW TO RESPOND

There are several ways to respond to the plan. We are holding a series of public consultations and we want to hear from you. We are holding a series of public consultations and we want to hear from you.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS

Neighbourhood plans are a key part of the plan. We want to hear from you about the neighbourhood plans that you need. We are holding a series of public consultations and we want to hear from you.



Area	Population	Employment	Other
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Area 2	15,000	7,500	3,000
Area 3	20,000	10,000	4,000
Area 4	25,000	12,500	5,000
Area 5	30,000	15,000	6,000

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR AREA?

There is a lot of activity in your area. We want to hear from you about the activity that you need. We are holding a series of public consultations and we want to hear from you.



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- 1. We will be holding a series of public consultations.
- 2. We will be holding a series of public consultations.
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GUIDANCE NOTES

& RESPONSE FORM to accompany the Publication Draft Local Plan (2017)

Please read these guidance notes before completing the response form

Introduction

Braintree District Council, Tendring District Council and Colchester Borough Council, have each published their own Publication Draft Local Plan for consultation. Section 1 is common to each plan. This response form can be used to respond to any part of the 3 Plans. It is important to specify which.

The 3 Plans have been published in order for representations to be made prior to submission of the documents to the Planning Inspectorate for examination. All representations will be examined by a Planning Inspector. The purpose of the examination is to consider whether the Plan complies with the legal requirements, the duty to co-operate and is sound.

Each Local Plan has two parts:

Publication Draft Local Plan Section 1 - A set of strategic policies constructed in partnership between the three authorities and Essex

County Council. This means that the Section 1 policies are intended to apply across all three Local Authorities. These policies include those relating to Garden Communities, housing supply, employment, shopping and the environment. You can send your response to any one of the authorities as all responses to Section 1 will be collated. Only 1 response to the 3 authorities is required.

Publication Draft Local Plan Section 2 - relates to the specific district, contains more detailed policies and is used to determine planning applications. If you wish to comment on the Braintree Publication Draft Local Plan Section 2 you should send your comments to Braintree District Council.

If you would like assistance in completing your representation or have any other questions about the Publication Draft Local Plan please contact the Planning Policy Team by email planningpolicy@braintree.gov.uk or by phone on 01376 552525 and ask for Planning Policy.

Part A - Personal Details

Please note that it is not possible for representations to be considered anonymously. Representations will be published on the Council's websites and included as part of the Publication Draft Local Plan submissions to the Inspector. Address and contact details will be removed from published responses. (Village/town shown).

The Council reserves the right not to publish or take into account any representations which it considers offensive or defamatory.

Please supply an email address if you have one as it will allow us to contact you electronically. Everyone who submits a representation will be added to the relevant consultation database (if not already included) so that we can keep you up to date with the plan. If you do not wish to be contacted in this way please state this clearly on the form.

If an agent or consultant has been engaged to act on your behalf please fill in both sets of details in full. Correspondence will be sent to the agent. If you are a landowner with an agent acting on your behalf, please ensure that your agent knows the site name and reference number which your site has been given.

Part B - Representation

Please specify which section of the Publication Draft Local Plan your comments relate to, by choosing one of the following;

Section 1 A response to this section will be reported to all 3 authorities.

Section 2 Colchester
Section 2 Tendring
Section 2 Braintree } These plans are specific to each authority.

Which part of the plan are you responding to (please use one form per submission):

Paragraph: for a representation on wording or paragraph content

Policy: for a representation on the wording or inclusion or omission of a policy

Other: for example a map inset number, site reference or the wording or content of tables or appendices

Legal Compliance and Duty to Co-operate

If commenting on how the Publication Draft Local Plan has been prepared, it is likely that your comments will relate to a matter of legal compliance.

The Inspector will check that the Plan meets the legal requirements

You should consider the following before making a representation on legal compliance:

- The Plan should be included in the current Local Development Scheme (LDS) and the key stages should have been followed.
- The process of community involvement for the Plan in question should be in general accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI).
- The Plan should comply with the Town and County Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (the Regulations). On publication, the LPA must publish the documents prescribed in the Regulations; making them available on its website and at its principal offices. It must also notify the Local Plan bodies (as set out in the Regulations) and any persons who have requested to be notified.
- The LPA must provide a Sustainability Appraisal Report. This should identify the process by which it has been carried out, baseline information used to inform the process and the outcomes of that process.
- LPAs will be expected to provide evidence of how they have complied with the Duty to Co-operate.
- Non-compliance with the duty to cooperate cannot be rectified after the Plan's submission. Therefore the Inspector has no power to recommend modifications in this regard. Where the duty has not been complied with, the Inspector has no choice but to recommend non-adoption of the Plan.

Soundness

Soundness is explained in National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) paragraph 182. The Inspector has to be satisfied that the Plan is positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy.

More details and further guidance on what is meant by the term 'soundness' can be found below and at; www.planningportal.gov.uk

Positively prepared

This means that the Plan should be prepared based on a strategy which seeks to meet objectively assessed development and infrastructure requirements, including unmet requirements from neighbouring authorities where it is reasonable to do so and consistent with achieving sustainable development.

Justified

The Plan should be the most appropriate strategy when considered against reasonable alternatives, based on a proportionate, robust and credible evidence base.

Effective

The Plan should be deliverable over its period and based on effective joint working on cross-boundary strategic priorities, sound infrastructure delivery planning and no regulatory or national planning barriers. It should be flexible to changing circumstances

Consistent with national policy

The Plan should be consistent with national policy. Departure must be clearly justified.

If you think the content of the Plan is not sound because it does not include a policy where it should do, you should go through the following steps before making representations:

- Is the issue with which you are concerned already covered specifically by national planning policy? If so it does not need to be included?
- Is what you are concerned with covered by any other policies in the Plan on which you are seeking to make representations or in any other Plan?
- If the policy is not covered, how is the Plan unsound without the policy?
- If the Plan is unsound without the policy, what should the policy say?

Using the spaces provided please give details of why you think the Publication Draft Local Plan is not 'sound' having regard to the legal compliance, duty to cooperate and the four requirements set out above. You should try to support your representation by evidence showing why the Plan should be modified. **If your representation is over 100 words please include a summary of its main points in the box provided.**

It will be helpful if you also say precisely **how** you think the Plan should be modified. Representations should cover succinctly all information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support/justify the representation and suggested modification, as there will not normally be a further opportunity to make submissions based on the original representation made at publication.

Where there are groups who share a common view on how they wish to see a Plan modified, it would be very helpful for that group to send a single representation which represents the view. In such cases the group should indicate how many people it is representing and how the representation has been authorised.

All the formal representations received during this stage will be submitted to and considered by the appointed independent Planning Inspector at the public examination on the Plan. The process is likely to include public hearings. The Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who choose to participate at this stage. If you would like to appear and speak at the hearings, please state this and explain in the space provided why you consider it is necessary that you participate.

Representations can be sent:

- Via the Council's online consultation portal: www.braintree.gov.uk/publicationdraftLP
- Via a representation form which can be downloaded from the website and returned via email to localplan@braintree.gov.uk
- or by post to:
**Planning Policy,
Braintree District Council
Causeway House
Braintree
CM7 9HB**



For internal Use only	ID:		Rep No:	

Draft Local Plan RESPONSE FORM

Responses are encouraged via the council’s online consultation system available on the website, see www.braintree.gov.uk/newlp However, this form can be returned electronically to localplan@braintree.gov.uk or in hard copy if necessary to:

Planning Policy, Braintree district Council, Causeway House, Bocking End, braintree, CM7 9HB
The consultation runs from 9am Friday, 16th June to 5pm on Friday, 28th July 2017

This form has two parts:
 Part A - Personal Details and Part B - Your comments

PART A

1. Personal Details

Title

First Name

Last Name

Organisation
(Where relevant)

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Post Code

E-mail Address

Telephone Number

2. Agent’s Details (if applicable)

Title

First Name

Last Name

Organisation

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Post Code

E-mail Address

Telephone Number

PART B

REPRESENTATION FORM

Please Note: If your representation relates to Section One of the North Essex Strategic Plan / Garden Communities you only need to respond to one of the Local Authorities. All representations received by Braintree, Colchester and Tendring relating to Section One of the Plan(s) will be submitted together.

You do not need to return this form if you have completed a response using any of the Council’s online systems for this consultation. Duplicates will not be considered

Please specify which section of the Publication Draft Local Plan your comments relate to by choosing one of the following:

- Section 1
 Section 2 Colchester
 Section 2 Tendring
 Section 2 Braintree

Which part of the section are you responding to?

e.g. Paragraph/Policy/Map/Other

Do you consider the Local Plan is Legally compliant?

- Yes
 No

Does it comply with the Duty to Co-operate?

- Yes
 No

Do you consider the Local Plan is Sound?

- Yes
 No

If you do not consider the Local Plan is sound, please specify on what grounds:

- Positively prepared
 Justified
 Effective
 Consistent with National Policy

Enter your full representation here:

Continue onto next page

If your representation is more than 100 words, please provide a brief summary here:

Please specify the changes needed to be made to make the Plan sound / legally compliant

Do you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination?

Yes No

If Yes - you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary

Please note the inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the oral part of the examination.

Did you raise the matter that is the subject of your representation with the LPA earlier in the process of the preparation of the Local Plan

Yes No

If yes which stage

Issues and Options Preferred Options

Do you wish to be notified?

When the document is submitted for independent examination?

When the Inspectors Report is published?

When document is adopted?

Braintree & Tendring: Return by 5pm 28th July 2017
(responses to section 2 Braintree and Tendring will not be accepted after this date. After this date responses to Section 1 should be sent to Colchester Borough Council)

Colchester: Return by 5pm 11th August 2017

Public Consultation

Braintree District Publication Draft Local Plan

Between the 16th of June and 28th of July 2017 we want to know what you think of the Publication Draft Local Plan and site allocations. The sites shown below have been proposed for homes. The references for this sites are WITN426 and WITN427.



Take a look at the plans online at www.braintree.gov.uk/newlp and comment on the plan at www.braintree.gov.uk/consultlp

For more information or to request a response form

✉ localplan@braintree.gov.uk ☎ 01376 552525

Twitter and Facebook banners June/July 2017

EVENTS WILL BE HELD FROM 2-8PM ON:

- 19 JUNE Braintree Town Hall (Market Road, Braintree, CM7 3PL)
- 22 JUNE Redwood - The Quince Hall (Chipping Hill, Braintree, CO5 2BT)
- 29 JUNE Coggeshall - St Peter's Church (Church Green, Coggeshall, CO6 1JG)
- 05 JULY Kelvedon Institute (78 High Street, Kelvedon CO5 9AA)
- 12 JULY Braintree Town Hall (Market Road, Braintree, CM7 3PL)
- 19 JULY Braintree Town Hall (Market Road, Braintree, CM7 3PL)
- 26 JULY Braintree Town Hall (Market Road, Braintree, CM7 3PL)
- 02 AUGUST Braintree Town Hall (Market Road, Braintree, CM7 3PL)
- 09 AUGUST Braintree Town Hall (Market Road, Braintree, CM7 3PL)
- 16 AUGUST Braintree Town Hall (Market Road, Braintree, CM7 3PL)

You can attend any event no matter what area you want to talk about.

Officers at each event will be able to answer questions on any part of the Publication Draft Local Plan

Static Information Points

As well as the consultation events, there are a number of information points on each of the district's streets and at our offices in Chelmsford, Braintree, Bocking Ind, Bocking, Essex, CM7 9BB.

CONSULTATION STARTS (ONE YEAR) - JULY 2018

WHY ARE LOCAL PLANS IMPORTANT?

- Local Plans are at the heart of the planning system, so it is essential that they are in place and kept up-to-date.
- Local Plans set out a vision and a framework for the future development of the area. They also allocate sites for housing and employment.
- Local Plans, together with any neighbourhood plans that have been made, are the starting point for considering whether planning applications can be approved.

For more information visit: www.gov.uk and search Local Plan

WHAT HAPPENED AFTER LAST YEAR'S CONSULTATION?

- In Summer 2016 we received 3,000 responses as part of our draft local plan consultation process, making it the largest planning consultation the Council has ever held.
- We have made a number of changes taking into account the feedback received and we now have a Publication Draft Local Plan.

THANKS FOR YOUR FEEDBACK

Where are we now and what happens next?

Next stop for the Braintree District Local Plan...

Timeline:

- 2014: Call for Sites
- 2015: Issues and Scoping Consultation
- 2016: Draft Local Plan Consultation
- 2017: Submission to Planning Inspectorate for consideration
- 2018: Expected adoption

2017: JUNE 16-18

2017: JULY 16-18

2017: AUGUST 16-18

2017: SEPTEMBER 16-18

2017: OCTOBER 16-18

2017: NOVEMBER 16-18

2017: DECEMBER 16-18

2018: JANUARY 16-18

2018: FEBRUARY 16-18

2018: MARCH 16-18

2018: APRIL 16-18

2018: MAY 16-18

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2018: DECEMBER 16-18

Twitter on 18/06/2017

Braintree D. Council @BraintreeDC

A #LocalPlan is the basis for the future development of homes, employment & business sites. Have your say: braintree.gov.uk/publicationdra...

7:30 PM - 18 Jun 2017 from East, England

2 Retweets

Twitter on 28/06/2017

Braintree D. Council @BraintreeDC

We'll be at the #Kelvedon Institute (78 High Street CO5 9AA) today (2pm - 8pm) talking about the #localplan braintree.gov.uk/publicationdra...

12:06 PM - 28 Jun 2017 from City of London, London

Facebook on 24/07/2017

Braintree District Council
 24 July · €

The Local Plan is an important document which will help shape development in the Braintree District between now and 2033. Everyone living, working or visiting the District will be affected by it – and our consultation is open to all.

This will be the last chance to make changes to the Publication Draft Local Plan before it goes to the Planning Inspector.

Have your say this week: www.braintree.gov.uk/publicationdraftlp



Get more likes, comments and shares
 Boost this post for £8 to reach up to 3,100 people.

2,181 people reached Boost Post

Facebook on 28/07/2017

Braintree District Council
 28 July · €

Today is your last chance to have your say on the Draft Publication Local Plan.

This consultation is all about whether the Publication Draft Local Plan is sound according to the National Planning Policy Framework i.e. positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy.

This public consultation is divided into two sections:

The first section is a strategic plan for North Essex which we have worked on with Colchester & Tendring to provide a strategic vision of growth throughout North Essex. This part where residents can comment on Garden Communities ie West of Braintree and Marks Tey New Garden Community.

The second section relates to sites for development, housing, employment, regeneration solely in the Braintree District.

The quickest and easiest way to read the Publication Draft Local Plan and to provide feedback is via the website:
www.braintree.gov.uk/publicationdraftlp

The Publication Draft Local Plan was published for Consultation from 9am on 16th June to 5pm on 28th July 2017.



Publication Draft Local Plan | New Local Plan |
 Braintree District Council
 Information about the New Local Plan
BRAINTREE.GOV.UK

LOCAL PLAN

UPDATE

JUNE 2015



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Welcome to our first Local Plan Update.

This newsletter provides an update on the progress made towards adopting the new Local Plan. This is the long-term plan for what, where, when, and how development will be managed in the District. If you live in, work in, travel through, or visit the District it will have an impact on you. The Plan will provide for future local needs for homes, employment, and business sites, whilst protecting the most valuable countryside and maintaining a high quality of life in the District. Further updates will be published around three times a year, as the Plan moves forward.



Work started on the new Local Plan in July 2014, and the resulting document will cover the period up to 2033. New research has shown that a much higher level of growth is required to meet housing need in the District than in the past. We estimate that we will need to build between 750 - 950 new homes per year. This must be reflected in the new Plan to meet the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which sets out the Government's planning policies for England. We are aiming to adopt the Plan in 2017.



CALL FOR SITES

The call for sites provides an opportunity for landowners and developers to put forward land that they believe to be suitable for future development, be it for homes, employment or other uses. This exercise was held between August and October 2014. Approximately 300 sites were submitted, some of which have been considered previously during the production of the Site Allocations and Development Management Plan which preceded work on the new Local Plan, and others that were new suggestions. In addition a further 30 sites or so have been submitted during the Issues and Scoping Consultation. You can see the boundaries of the sites submitted on a map available at www.braintree.gov.uk/callforsites No decisions have been made on the suitability of sites submitted.

Look out for the new logo, we will use it on documents and publicity about the new Local Plan



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ISSUES AND SCOPING CONSULTATION

The Local Plan Issues and Scoping consultation was a starting point to raise awareness of the new Local Plan and to start a conversation in broad terms about how the District should develop in the coming years. The document highlighted a number of important issues for the District and possible strategies or options to address them. It included chapters such as A Strong Economy, Homes, Transport and Infrastructure, and Nature Conservation and Landscape Character but did not include specific sites for development. The document was accompanied by a Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Scoping Report, which was the first step in the ongoing process of assessing the potential significant impacts of new development before it is allowed to happen.

The consultation took place between January and March 2015 and was advertised in the local press, on the Council website, and posters were sent to Parish Councils for local noticeboards. We also wrote to people on the Local Plan mailing list and to statutory consultees. A number of drop-in sessions took place for people to see the documents and discuss them with us.

The comments received can be seen on the consultation portal at www.braintree.gov.uk/nlpcomments1 and www.braintree.gov.uk/nlpsacomments2

Approximately 1450 comments were received from around 310 individuals or organisations. Planning Policy Officers will be considering these comments and suggestions in the coming months and will use them to help to develop a draft plan.



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EVIDENCE GATHERING AND SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL (SA)

To produce a Local Plan relevant up-to-date evidence about the economic, social and environmental characteristics and prospects of the area is required. We already have a number of evidence documents that investigate things such as housing need, landscape character, and flood risk that will be updated as required. Over the coming months we will be working on a number of new studies that will look at the land needed for employment, open spaces, highways impacts, and affordable housing, amongst other issues. The documents will be made available online in due course.

The Sustainability Appraisal (SA) of the new Local Plan will also continue to be undertaken in tandem with the Plan and will inform what is proposed in the draft document. The SA is a technical process that we are aiming to incorporate into the draft Plan in a way that is easy to understand.



WORKING WITH OTHERS

As part of the process of producing the Local Plan, development must be planned alongside the infrastructure needed to support it. We are in the early stages of meetings with developers, Parish Councils, the NHS, Essex County Council Highways and Education, and Highways England amongst others to discuss issues, sites, and ways forward. Although the Council does not have the legal responsibility for, or budget to provide, facilities and services such as schools, doctors, and highways improvements, we can liaise with others to influence wider plans and service planning.

Large areas of land that cross the Braintree/Uttlesford and Braintree/Colchester local authority boundaries were put forward for consideration. We are having ongoing discussions with neighbouring authorities about these sites. Whilst we have previously worked closely with others, this has now been formalised as the Duty to Cooperate on strategic cross boundary matters.

FIND OUT MORE AND KEEP UP-TO-DATE WITH THE NEW LOCAL PLAN

www.braintree.gov.uk/newlp

Information about the new Local Plan and how we have arrived at this point

www.braintree.gov.uk/newlpmail

Join the Local Plan mailing list

www.braintree.gov.uk/lpsub

Reports about the new Local Plan are taken to the Local Plan Sub-Committee.

THE NEXT 6 MONTHS

1. Once complete, evidence documents will be reported to the District Council Local Plan Sub Committee
2. Sites will be considered and discussed with infrastructure providers and local Councillors
3. Draft Local Plan approved by members for consultation

The Draft Local Plan, with specific policy proposals and sites for particular uses including areas identified for future new homes, employment and green space, will be published for consultation in early 2016.



Welcome

This is our second Local Plan update designed to keep you informed with the production of our draft Local Plan.

Changes to Government planning policy means our District will grow significantly in the coming years, so we need to make sure the right foundations are in place to support this growth. We are determined that the character and community spirit that bonds our district and its towns and villages will remain.

We are working on a new Local Plan which will include all major planning policy for the District in one single document up to 2033.

Last year we called for sites; this was an opportunity for sites that could be considered for development for homes and jobs to be put forward.

Since then we've been collecting evidence on highways, landscape, housing need, economic development and open space which will inform our draft plan.

Officers have now visited all the areas submitted to the call for sites and met with other government organisations. The majority of the studies and documents commissioned for our evidence base have been completed and work on updating our policies and assessing sites is under way.

Based on all this information a draft local plan will be published in 2016 for you to view and comment on.

From there revisions will be made and once approved, the plan will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for consideration. Examination will be held in public by the Planning Inspector and we expect the Local Plan to be adopted in 2017.



FOCUS ON: HOMES.

Establishing future need for housing is not an exact science. The final housing figure will be arrived at after examining the need identified using a range of documents & methodologies.

Objectively Assessed Housing Need:

One of the documents which will feed into the housing figure is the Objectively Assessed Housing Need (OAN).

Starting from national population projections, experts add in a number of factors including growth in the economy and affordability to find out how many new homes we need.

The full study is available on our website and proposes that our District will need to build 845 new homes per year to meet demand.

Separate work on how many affordable homes are needed is also being carried out.

As this and other studies have shown there is a need for a higher number of homes than we have been building recently we will need to make sure that infrastructure and services are provided to cater for our new communities.

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STRATEGIC HOUSING LAND AVAILABILITY ASSESSMENT UPDATE (SHLAA):

Alongside the housing figure, it is important that we have an up-to-date assessment of what land is technically available within the District. You can find this information in our updated Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA).

This document does not allocate land for development it is just an inventory and technical assessment of sites within the district that are technically available.

The SHLAA identified a potential 3,176 hectares of land which could be available for residential development within the District – that is more than 344 sites. It shows that we have 89 brownfield or majority brownfield sites which could accommodate 2383 homes.

With the estimated total number of houses required to 2033 now being identified as between 12,000 and 15,000 the SHLAA demonstrates that we have many more hectares

available to meet this housing requirement than is required.

In addition to the Objectively Assessed Housing Need (OAN) and Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA), recent and forthcoming evidence base documents include:

- Sustainability Appraisal
- Landscape Capacity Analysis Evaluation
- Employment Lands Needs Assessment
- Strategic Flood Risk Assessment
- Transport assessments
- Retail study update
- Open Spaces Strategy

All the Evidence Base documents can be viewed here:

www.braintree.gov.uk/newlp



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THE NEXT STEPS

- Detailed draft policies will be considered by the Local Plan Sub Committee in January 2016.
- Potential sites will be considered over several meetings between February & May.
- In June the preferred options will be considered by Braintree District Council's Full Council.
- There will be a six week public consultation in June & July 2016.
- Consultation responses will be considered and revisions made as appropriate.
- In early 2017 it is anticipated that the Submission draft will be sent to the Planning Inspector for consideration.
- The document is scheduled for adoption in 2017.
- Our timetable can be viewed at: www.braintree.gov.uk/timetable

KEEP UP-TO-DATE:

www.braintree.gov.uk/newlp

Information about the new Local Plan and how we have arrived at this point

www.braintree.gov.uk/lpsub

Reports about the new Local Plan will be taken to the Local Plan Sub-committee





Just like other areas in the country, we're working on a new Local Plan for the district.

Having one is really important because it sets the direction for our future development of sites but also it gives us more power to stop inappropriate development.

We know we need to build more homes so that our children and grandchildren can find homes to suit them. We need to deliver 845 homes each year between now and 2033 in order to comply with national guidelines and to meet locally-driven demand in the Braintree district.

This will mean that with the homes that already have planning permission we're looking to allocate land for around 10,000 homes as well as the infrastructure, employment and community facilities to support them.

From June 27th until August 19th we want your views so please get involved and tell us what you think. We will then make amendments to the draft before it goes out to public consultation again. It will then be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate and subject to an independent public examination.

Thank you for taking the time to read this document.



WHAT IS A LOCAL PLAN?

A Local Plan is the basis for the future development of homes, employment and business sites while protecting the countryside. Planning applications, whatever their size and proposed use, are assessed for approval against the policies contained in the Local Plan.

INVESTING IN OUR DISTRICT

We're preparing for this growth by making sure our district's infrastructure can serve our existing and new communities.

We're working with partners to invest in our health facilities, our most congested roads, town centres and our businesses.

WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE EVIDENCE BASE BEHIND THE DRAFT LOCAL PLAN?

An evidence base of documents can be viewed on our website. Visit www.braintree.gov.uk/newlp

WHY THE NEED FOR NEW HOMES?

- Our district's population is increasing
- People are living longer
- Home ownership is out of reach for too many
- There are more people moving to the district than leaving
- More people are living on their own or in smaller households

DID YOU KNOW?

You can watch all our Local Plan, Planning, Cabinet and Full Council meetings online.

To view the webcast visit www.braintree.gov.uk/webcast

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Map for illustrative purposes only

THE BIGGEST SITES WE PROPOSE TO ALLOCATE ARE:

- 1 West of Braintree New Garden Community (2,500 homes within the Local Plan period. Potential to rise after 2033)
- 2 Marks Tey New Garden Community (1,500 homes within the Local Plan period. Potential to rise after 2033)
- 3 East of Great Notley in Black Notley Parish (2,000 homes)
- 4 Land east of Broad Road, Braintree (1,000 homes)
- 5 Former Towerlands Park site, Braintree (600 homes)
- 6 Land at Feering (1,000 homes)
- 7 Wood End Farm, Witham (450 homes)

There are around 80 other smaller sites (new developments under 450 homes) which you can view on www.braintree.gov.uk/newlp

YOU CAN INFLUENCE THE LOCAL PLAN

We are holding drop-in sessions from 2.30pm - 7.30pm at these venues where you can see the plans and discuss them with us:

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| 27th June - Sible Hedingham
(Baptist Church, CO9 3PX) | 12th July - Silver End
(Silver End Village Hall, CM8 3RQ) |
| 28th June - Earls Colne
(Village Hall, CO6 2RN) | 13th & 14th July - Braintree
(Town Hall, CM7 3YG) |
| 29th & 30th June - Witham
(Witham Public Hall, CM8 2DY) | 18th July - Coggeshall
(St Peters Church, CO6 1UD) |
| 4th July - Halstead
(Queens Hall, CO9 2BY) | 21st July - Hatfield Peverel
(Scout Hall, CM3 2LB) |
| 6th July - Kelvedon
(Kelvedon Institute, CO5 9AA) | 9th July 10am -2pm - Marks Tey
(Village Hall, CO6 1EJ) |
| 7th July - Gt Saling
(The Salings Millennium Hall, CM7 5DW) | |

TAKE A LOOK AT THE PLANS ONLINE:

www.braintree.gov.uk/newlp

Comment on the draft local plan: www.braintree.gov.uk/consultlp
email localplan@braintree.gov.uk or call 01376 552525

If you don't have access to the internet you can view the plans at our reception:
Braintree District Council, Causeway House,
Bocking End, Braintree, Essex, CM7 9HB

ANTICIPATED TIMETABLE FOR THE PRODUCTION OF THE NEW LOCAL PLAN

JUNE 27TH - AUGUST 19TH 2016

8 week public consultation period on the draft Local Plan

SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2016

Consideration of public consultation responses to the draft Local Plan and revisions to the Plan as appropriate

NOVEMBER 2016

Councillors will consider the latest draft

WINTER 2016

Second public consultation

SPRING 2017

Submission of Local Plan to the Planning Inspectorate for consideration

SUMMER/AUTUMN 2017

(subject to Inspectorate timetable)

- Independent public examination held on the Local Plan by the Planning Inspector

EARLY 2018

Adoption of the Local Plan by the Council



Braintree District Council received more than 3,000 comments as part of our draft local plan consultation process last summer – making it the largest planning consultation the Council has ever held. Thank you to all those who responded to our consultation - we received 3101 comments in total.

Following the consultation we are now considering all the comments and redrafting the document to take account of public comments.

The pre-submission document will then go to Braintree District Council's Full Council meeting on June 5 for consideration and if approved the final public consultation period will begin – from there it will be submitted to the Planning Inspector later this year.



THE CONSULTATION DOCUMENT WILL BE IN TWO SECTIONS:

PART 1

The Strategic plan for North Essex which is shared with Colchester & Tendring to provide a strategic vision of growth throughout North Essex including the Garden Communities.

A sustainability appraisal will accompany each document and these will also be subject to consultation.

PART 2

Relates to sites for development, housing, employment, regeneration etc within Braintree District.

GARDEN COMMUNITIES

Councils in Braintree, Colchester and Tendring alongside Essex County Council are continuing to explore the potential of creating three new garden community settlements as set out in the preferred option Local Plan.

To support this work we have commissioned two specialist companies Aecom and David Lock Associates to undertake further detailed studies of the area including discussions with stakeholders such as utility providers and bodies like the Environment Agency. They have also undertaken community events, and this work will continue through the year. Please look out for our dedicated North Essex Garden Communities website coming soon.

LORD KERSLAKE REVIEW

To support the progress of the Garden Community project, the councils commissioned Sir Bob Kerslake, one of the countries leading housing experts to undertake a review of the project to date, and set out where further work was required.

His team commended the scale of ambition and strength of co-operation between the councils in developing the proposed Garden Communities.

Leader of the Council Graham Butland said; "They (Lord Kerslake and his team) have identified a number of helpful

issues and confirmed our view that the early delivery of infrastructure and Government support are essential to the project's success.

It is important for residents and businesses of this part of North Essex that we get this right at this early stage. This is a view that all local Council Leaders share."

A link to the full Lord Kerslake Review can be found www.braintree.gov.uk/negckerslakereport



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'ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME' A120 CONSULTATION LAUNCHES

Essex County Council is encouraging residents to take advantage of a 'once-in-a-lifetime' opportunity to improve the A120 in Essex and boost the local economy.

An eight-week public consultation launched in January 2017 into five alternatives for a new dual carriageway link for the A120 between Braintree and the A12.

Drivers, residents, businesses and other interested parties can make their views known by filling out the survey online at www.a120essex.co.uk

The five options have been picked for consultation following an in-depth analysis of nearly 70 separate routes.

A12 CHELMSFORD TO A120 WIDENING SCHEME

Highways England has begun its consultation and would like your feedback on their proposals. You can view full details and have your say via www.roads.highways.gov.uk/projects/a12-chelmsford-to-a120-widening-scheme/ They expect to announce the preferred route for the scheme in summer 2017.



EVIDENCE BASE

In order to support and help shape the new Local Plan, a significant number of documents referred to collectively as the Local Authorities Evidence Base are being produced and updated.

This is in line with National Guidance which says that each planning authority should ensure that the Local Plan is based on adequate, up-to-date and relevant information about the economic, social and environmental characteristics and prospects of the area. In order to make sure that the Local Plan is right, the Council has commissioned a number of evidence base documents to make sure that homes, employment, retail and other requirements are identified and met and that areas of environmental importance are protected.

Examples of studies within the evidence base are things like population trends, assessments of the landscape, the local housing market and the impact on traffic among many others. Some of the evidence we need impacts on an area wider than the district and in these cases the Council works with other local authorities to consider issues which have a wider impact. Over the next few months the evidence base will be completed and published.

All the evidence base documents can be found on our website at: www.braintree.gov.uk/lpevidencebase

KEEP UP-TO-DATE:

www.braintree.gov.uk/newlp Information about the new Local Plan and how we have arrived at this point

www.braintree.gov.uk/lpsub Reports on the new Local Plan will be taken to the Local Plan Sub-committee

THE NEXT STEPS

Revisions to detailed policies following consultation are being considered by the Local Plan Sub Committee and this is ongoing until May 2017.

- On **June 5th 2017** the pre-submission plan will be considered by Braintree District Council's Full Council.
- There will be a six week public consultation in **June & July 2017** of both Part 1 & 2 of the Local Plan as well as other relevant documents.
- In early **Autumn 2017** it is anticipated that the submission draft will be sent to the Planning Inspector for consideration.
- The document is scheduled for adoption in **2018**.

Our timetable can be viewed at: www.braintree.gov.uk/timetable

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