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Part 2 - Regulation 19 and 20 Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 "Pre-Submission LDP" consultation

Please note that all comments on the Pre-Submission LDP consultation should be provided by completing Part 2 of this form. A separate completed Part 2 should be provided for each comment made within a representation.

2.1. To which part of the Maldon District Pre-Submission Local Development Plan (LDP) does this representation relate?

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| a. Paragraph
(please specify paragraph number) | 2.28 | b. Policy
(please specify policy reference) | S8 |
| c. Proposals Map | _____ | d. Other section
(please specify) | _____ |

2.2. Do you consider the Maldon District Pre-Submission LDP to be (tick as appropriate):

- a. Legally compliant** Yes ☐
To be 'legally compliant' the LDP has to be prepared in accordance with the Duty to Co-operate and legal and procedural requirements. This is required by Government guidance No ☒
- b. Sound** Yes ☐
To be 'sound' a Local Plan should be positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy. This is required by Government guidance No ☒
(if you **do not consider the LDP to be sound**, please complete section 2.3. below)

2.3. Do you consider the Maldon District LDP to be unsound because it is not (tick as appropriate):

- a. Positively prepared** ☒
To be positively prepared the plan should be prepared on a strategy which seeks to meet objectively assessed development and infrastructure requirements
- b. Justified** ☒
To be justified the plan must be:
- Founded on a robust and credible evidence base;
 - The most appropriate strategy when considered against the reasonable alternatives.
- c. Effective** ☒
To be effective the plan must be:
- Deliverable;
 - Flexible;
 - Able to be monitored.
- d. Consistent with National Policy** ☒
The Plan must be consistent with Government guidance as set out within the National Planning Policy Framework

On the following pages, please explain why you think the Plan is unsound or not legally compliant, and set out any changes you feel should be made to the Plan to make the Plan sound or legally compliant.

Please note: As there will not normally be a subsequent opportunity to make further representations based on your representation at this stage, please include all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support/justify your representation and the suggested change(s) to the Plan. After this stage, further submissions will only be invited at the request of the Planning Inspector, based on the matters and issues the Inspector identifies for examination.

2.4. If you consider the Maldon District LDP to be unsound or not legally compliant please explain why in the box below.

Please be as precise as possible. Please also use this space for any comments in support of the LDP.

Paragraph 2.28 states: "A small proportion of growth is also allocated to the District's rural villages to help to maintain sustainable rural communities. It is important that any growth would be related to the settlement hierarchy, reflecting the size and function of the settlement. The Council will ensure that growth in the villages will not result in unsustainable spatial patterns that will be detrimental to the wider area. Policy S7 sets the parameters for growth in the villages and the Council is committed to producing a Rural Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD) which will provide further detail". The National Planning Policy Framework requires local planning authorities "to positively seek opportunities to meet the development needs of the area". Paragraph 14. In this context paragraph 28 of the Framework demonstrates the importance of a prosperous rural economy in the Plan making process. It is unfortunate therefore, that at a later time a separate Plan will be produced to address the needs of the 30 or so rural settlements rather than a comprehensive single plan. A single plan would have potentially provided more certainty and a better planned approach to housing, infrastructure and community infrastructure services provision in these settlements. If the Plan was to include these rural areas then it is advocated that the Willow Grange Allocation is included in any future allocation document and the Council is asked to refer back to the submissions made in October 2013 for its allocation to support the Parishes of Latchingdon and Purleigh.

- 2.5.** Please explain in the box below what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Maldon District LDP legally compliant and sound.
Please be as precise as possible. Please explain why this change will make the Maldon District LDP legally compliant and sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward any suggested revised wording of the policies or supporting text.

Deferral to undertake the work necessary for the Rural Allocations Plan and for this to be included in a single Plan.

2.6. Do you consider it necessary to attend and give evidence at the hearing part of the examination? (tick as appropriate)

No, I wish to communicate through written representations ☒

Yes, I wish to speak to the Inspector at the hearing sessions ☐

Please note: The Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the hearing part of the examination

2.7. If you wish to participate at the hearing part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary.

This is the end of Part 2 (Regulation 19 and 20) of the response form. Please complete this form for each representation you wish to make. You only need to complete Part A once. Please submit all of your response forms together.