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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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| <p>a. Paragraph<br/>(please specify paragraph number) <u>2.99</u></p> | <p>b. Policy<br/>(please specify policy reference) <u>S8</u></p> |
| <p>c. Proposals Map <u></u></p>                                       | <p>d. Other section<br/>(please specify) <u></u></p>             |

**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.

I have made submissions in relation to paragraph 2.28 that the rural areas allocations Plan work should be carried out concurrently with this Plan. In the context of my previous submissions for the Allocation of Willow Grange Latchingdon and the submissions in relation to the hierarchy of settlements dated October 2013 on the Draft Local Development Plan, I again put forward that the Council should re-examine the status of Latchingdon in the hierarchy / classification of settlement. The Parish has 1,232 residents and a projected 1,631 according to the Council's evidence base - Rural Facilities Survey 2011, the third largest in the Rural South. The only facilities it does not possess compared with Mayland and Southminster are a GP surgery and pharmacy which are being promoted in the Willow Grange proposal for allocation. Latchingdon has a good employment base from the two employment areas to the north west, it has a post office, shops, petrol filling station, public houses, cafe / restaurant, Places of worship, village hall, sports fields, public open space, children's play areas, and allotments. I conclude that in terms of services, size and employment the actual physical built up settlement compares well with the village of Wickham Bishops which is proposed to be included as a larger village in the plan. It is also more readily accessible and sustainable than Mayland as it is positioned at the juxtaposition of five roads serving the Dengie and wider north west area of the District. In conclusion I am of the opinion that there is ample justification for Latchingdon to fall within the larger villages hierarchy. Further the potential to allocate Willow Grange accords with the statement made at paragraph 2.98 of the Pre Submission Plan.

**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.

To review the settlements in the hierarchy classification of policy S8 and to include Latchingdon in the larger settlement classification.

**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.**