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Part 2 - Regulation 19 and 20 of the 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 Local Development Plan (LDP) does this representation relate?

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| <p>a. Paragraph
(please specify paragraph number)</p> <p>Click here to enter text.</p> | <p>b. Policy
(please specify policy reference)</p> <p>H1</p> |
| <p>c. Proposals Map</p> <p>Click here to enter text.</p> | <p>d. Other section
(please specify)</p> <p>Click here to enter text.</p> |

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

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| <p>a. Legally compliant
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</p> | <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> |
| <p>b. Sound
To be 'sound' a Local Plan should be positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy. This is required by Government guidance</p> | <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> |

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

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| <p>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</p> | <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> |
| <p>b. Justified
To be justified the plan must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founded on a robust and credible evidence base; • The most appropriate strategy when considered against the reasonable alternatives. | <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> |
| <p>c. Effective
To be effective the plan must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliverable; • Flexible; • Able to be monitored. | <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> |
| <p>d. Consistent with National Policy
The Plan must be consistent with Government guidance as set out within the National Planning Policy Framework</p> | <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> |

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.

These representations refer to our client, The Chelmsford Diocesan Board of Finances site north of Fambridge Road, Althorne. Policy H1 of the Pre-Submission Local Development Plan states that development within Althorne will be required to provide 40% on-site affordable housing given its allocation within the Rural South allocation sub-area. Strong objection is raised to this requirement on the grounds that it is not positively prepared, justified, effective or consistent with national policy.

Policy 173 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) relates to ensuring viability and deliverability of development plans, stating;

"Pursuing sustainable development requires careful attention to viability and costs in plan-making and decision-taking. Plans should be deliverable. Therefore, the sites and the scale of development identified in the plan should not be subject to such a scale of obligations and policy burdens that their ability to be developed viably is threatened".

The Pre-Submission Local Development Plan places an undue burden on development in Althorne given the imbalance of affordable housing contribution at 40% in relation to land value of possible development sites in the settlement. Development cannot be considered viable in Althorne with such a disproportionately high affordable housing requirement and therefore Policy H1 of the Pre-Submission local Development Plan does not accord with Paragraph 173 of the NPPF and for this reason the plan is not sound.

A second area of contention lies with the Local Plan and Community Infrastructure Levy Viability Study Update (HDH Planning and Development, 2013) which forms part of the Key Evidence Base to support the formation of Policy H1. The viability justification for 40% affordable housing in Althorne is influenced by the policy requirements with policy D2. Policy D2 sets out that 'subject to viability, all residential development should achieve a minimum Code for Sustainable Homes Level 4.' Within the Local Plan and Community Infrastructure Levy Viability Study Update (November 2013) reference is made to the old D2 Policy, which required Code For Sustainable Homes (CFSH) level 3 instead of CFSH level 4. It is not clear whether CFSH 3 or CFSH 4 has been used within the Viability Study and this needs to be clarified by the Council in order to demonstrate that the plan is based on a credible evidence base.

- 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.

It is recommended that Policy H1 is amended, suggested changes are displayed in bold below:

All other development:

- Northern Rural, Maldon Central and South and Rural South - 30%

- 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.

If the box is not big enough for your comments, please attach another page marked appropriately.

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.