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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>b. Policy
(please specify policy reference) _____</p> | <p>Policy S2</p> |
| <p>c. Proposals Map _____</p> | <p>d. Other section
(please specify) _____</p> | <p>_____</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 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 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 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.

Policy S2: Strategic Growth

We are broadly comfortable with the garden suburb sites and strategic allocations shown in this policy. We note the addition of Site 2(f) since the previous consultation, although we have no comments.

We also note the addition of three reserve sites to provide further flexibility and contingency. While we appreciate that these sites will only be released for development under certain circumstances, it should be mentioned that Site RE1 (West of Maldon – Hall Farm) immediately adjoins a cluster of listed buildings to the south. There are five Grade II buildings in total, including Maldon Hall and Maldon Wycke with associated outbuildings and structures. The remains of a medieval moat enclose Maldon Hall, indicating archaeological interest. There appears to be no sustainability appraisal of the reserve sites, questioning whether RE1 in particular is suitable and justified. While it may be possible to develop Site RE1 with sufficient safeguards for the listed buildings, its identification needs to be justified and properly assessed in order to make the Local Plan sound.

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.

Provide evidence to justify the identification of specific reserve site, especially RE1, and consider acknowledging potential development issues, including the historic environment, within the supporting text (paragraphs 2.33-2.34).

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.