

**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 Pre-Submission Local Development Plan (LDP) does this representation relate?**

a. Paragraph number

2.63

b. Policy reference

S4

c. Proposals map

d. Other section (please specify)

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

a. **Legally compliant**

YES

NO

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.

b. **Sound**

YES

NO

To be 'sound' a Local Plan should be positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy. This is required by Government guidance.  
If you do not consider the LDP to be sound, please complete section 2.3 below

**2.3 Do you consider the Maldon District to be unsound because it is not ... (✓ 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, 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.**



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**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.**

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

Policy S.4 states that "development proposals can be accommodated within the capacity of the Maldon and Heybridge road network and junctions and wider network following appropriate mitigation measures and junction improvements. In para 2.63 it is accepted that Essex Highways have concerns over capacity issues. In relation to Heybridge Garden Suburb the main access point to the A12 trunk road is via the B1019/B1137 junction at Hatfield Peveral. This junction is outside the jurisdiction of MDC and in para 2.67 it is accepted that junction improvements are undeliverable. The net result would be congestion but MDC's aspirations ignore this fact.

The Plume Secondary School would be enlarged to accommodate pupils from the Maldon & Heybridge Garden suburbs and this would impact upon congestion and traffic movements around the school. There is however no viable plan to improve road access to the Plume. Whilst cycling from Heybridge to Maldon is possible in theory, the ascent of Market Hill would render this at best unlikely and at worst dangerous. Due to the close proximity of Heybridge to the Plume School there would be no requirements for free transport and inevitably most children from Heybridge Garden Suburb would be taken to school by car.



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**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.**

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

Abandoning Heybridge Garden Suburb would largely overcome Essex Highway's concerns over the B1019/B1137 junction in Hatfield Peveral as Maldon residents tend to use the A414 in Danbury to access the A12 trunk road.

Similarly abandoning the Heybridge Garden Suburb would overcome problems of increased pupil numbers at the Plume travelling from the Heybridge direction. (by whatever means)

Whilst enlargement of the Plume may be inevitable the impact on highways could be mitigated by pupils cycling from South Maldon on flatter more cycle friendly roads. If the villages were enlarged then free bus transport for pupils travelling from such areas would be provided by ECC thus reducing the number of potential car journeys



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**2.6 Do you consider it necessary to attend and give evidence at the hearing part of the examination? (✓ 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 response is on behalf of the Heybridge Residents Association, which is in its infancy but is being formalised and its membership is increasing. The Association considers that it will be of sufficient size by the time of the hearing to warrant being given a voice.

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.