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

a. Paragraph number

Page 146

b. Policy reference

Protected Lanes

c. Proposals map

3 South West

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.

Page 146 refers to Protected Lanes, however, none now have references or are visible on the maps.

Blind Lane is noted, but has no further reference.

The proposed Protected Lanes section cannot be sound or legally compliant as it has no references in designation codes or on maps.

It obviously isn't positively prepared.

It has never been evident to locals that Blind lane is any different to the majority of other country lanes in the area. It would certainly not appear to provide any insight into a past community. It has no more ecological value than any other lane with roadside ditches and hedges. Blind Lane is an essential link between Mundon Road and Fambridge Road, and is heavily used by local residents and farmers especially. It is already at times a major inconvenience that it has a width restriction that requires a long diversion route through Mundon village. Further designations would inevitably lead to more restrictions in the course of time. Therefore the proposal is not justified.

It must be remembered that it always has and always should remain 'a corridor for the movement and dispersal of' ROAD TRAFFIC, and is and should always remain a 'vital connection between' OTHER ROADS. Therefore it cannot be effective as a protected lane.

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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.

The proposed Protected Lane status of Blind Lane should be removed from the written LDP in line with its removal from the maps and reference codes. Once the proposal is removed, in its entirety, then the Maldon District LDP will have no legal or compliance issues in regard to that specific proposal.

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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 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.