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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 of 4 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.

Under the title 'Protected Lanes' Blind Lane no longer is referenced or highlighted on the map, therefore this proposal cannot be sound or legally compliant.

This lack of clarity suggests the proposal is also not positively prepared.

It is not evident that Blind Lane is different to most country lanes. It does not appear to provide any insight into a past community. Its ecological value would be no different to any country lane with ditches and hedges running alongside. Therefore the proposal is not justified.

Blind Lane is an essential link for parishioners between Mundon Road and Fambridge Road, and is especially highly used by the residents and businesses of New Hall Lane. Its width restriction already causes many vehicles to detour through Mundon Village, and any potential further designations could be a pre-cursor to further restrictions that will create more road miles, especially through our quiet village. Therefore it cannot be effective as a proposed 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.

Blind Lane should be removed completely from the LDP document, as it is no longer clearly referenced within the document or on the maps.

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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.