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HRA comments on Matter 6.
Modifications to Policy S.2

Policy S.2
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In line 5 the word “significant” in relation to a shortfall in housing delivery is too woolly and requires clarification. Does 15% require inserting here to tie up with the modified policy S.2 ? The fastrack partial review should also identify any over-supply of housing and reduce the 5 year supply if the need arises. In other words a mechanism should be in place to allow numbers to fall as well as rise.

Policy S.2
Strategic Growth.

It is not sufficient to simply state that the Council will “ensure sufficient infrastructure capacity is available” as this is a very subjective matter. We believe that growth in Maldon ,Heybridge and Burnham should be limited to a finite number of new dwellings as discussed at the EiP and not left open to interpretation. It was accepted at the EiP that there were definite limits to growth imposed particularly by schools. Also there is no mention of healthcare and public transport facilities in the monitoring framework (8.40).

Policy S.2
Targets

The LDP target has risen from 4410 to 4650 and this should be reflected in a re-worded S.2 Also the end date is surely 2029 and not 2019. This is presumably a typo and not a ploy to foist yet more houses on the residents of Maldon.

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