

**Examination of the Maldon District Local Development Plan**

**Agenda for 14.00 hours Thursday 29 January 2015**

***DAY 6 (PM) - Matter 7: Rural Housing (including North Fambridge)  
and Settlement Boundaries***

**Three Rivers Golf & Country Club, Stow Road, Cold Norton, Purleigh, Essex CM3 6RR**

*Discussions will focus on whether the District Local Plan is legally compliant and sound (positively prepared, justified, effective, and consistent with national policy) and, if not, how it should be modified to make it so*

**Opening Announcements**

- Health and safety, people present, and attendance list
- Purpose of the hearing sessions
- Conduct of the hearing session
- Inspector's report

**Consideration of any site visits**

- Suggestions from representors & from the Council
- Can an agreed site visit programme be given to me later?

**Rural Housing (including North Fambridge) and Settlement Boundaries**

*Note: this session deals with the detail of development. The strategic principles (numbers and distribution) were discussed at the Matter 2 hearing.*

1. Are the Rural Allocations Plan's potential allocations correctly timed so far as this Plan's Housing Trajectory is concerned? If not, why not?
2. Council - given the information in your paragraph 7.10 about recent permissions which exceed the planned allocation, are these now commitments which mean that the Plan should be modified to remove reference to 75 dwellings at North Fambridge? If not, why not?
3. If the North Fambridge allocation is to remain, is the development viable in the light of the foul sewerage costs?
4. Council - how was development capacity for the Rural Allocations Plan assessed? Is it too little? Please explain why the criticisms of this aspect made by participants (e.g. Gladman 1.1.10) are not valid.
5. Have the boundaries of the various settlements been properly defined, based on sound evidence and criteria? Are they too restrictive as said, for example, in Gittins' paragraph 1? Council - will they be reviewed in the Rural Allocations Plan?

6. Has the settlement hierarchy been robustly defined and justified by up-to-date evidence? (see item below)
7. Council - what is your response to those participant's statements which give examples of settlements allegedly incorrectly defined in the settlement hierarchy: North Fambridge, Latchingdon, Southminster, Tillingham and Tolleshunt D'Arcy. (E.g. Gladman's 7.1.2 and 8.1.2).
8. Are there any other respects in which these issues in the Plan would not be sound that have not already been discussed here or previously?

**Any Other Matters**

- Any other points representors wish to make