



Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD)

- Rural Housing
- Rural Employment; and
- District Travellers

Briefing Note No.2

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The aim of this briefing note is to inform the community of the process undertaken so far and updates regarding the development of the DPD. This briefing note is released monthly, and is an informal note placed on our website as well as distributed to District, Parish and Town Councillors.

Process so far

We are currently in the evidence collection stage of the DPD, and so far we have undertaken the following:

- Parish, Town, District Councillor Consultation 14th August – 31st October 2015
- Call for Sites Consultation 14th September – 31st October 2015.

We have now logged all of the sites received under both consultations which contain mixed use sites, residential, employment and traveller sites.

Settlement Sifting

In order to determine the most sustainable settlements in the rural areas (excluding Burnham, Heybridge and Maldon) for further housing growth a process of settlement sifting has been undertaken. The results of the rural facilities consultation will be tabulated into a spreadsheet in order to determine the most sustainable settlements in the District. The results will be an assessment of quantitative issues such as amounts and type of facilities, proximity to services; as well as an assessment of qualitative issues which may affect developability of settlements such as education capacity, waste water capacity and infrastructure capacity etc. The results of the settlement sifting will be published shortly.

Sustainability Appraisal of the DPD

As part of the development of the DPD, a sustainability appraisal of the plan is undertaken to assess whether the plan will cause likely effects to the environment. This will determine the criteria used in order to formulate an assessment of the sustainability of sites. As part of this process, a scoping report has been written and as required by the legislation, is required to be consulted with Natural England, the Environment Agency and Historic England. This process is currently being undertaken from Wednesday 4th November 2015 until Thursday 9th December. A copy of the scoping report has been posted to the site allocations DPD webpage (see Further Information), and any comments regarding the scoping report can be made by forwarding comments to the Planning Policy Team at policy@maldon.gov.uk or by post at Planning Policy, Princes Way, Maldon, CM9 5DL.

Traveller Consultation

A consultation is currently being held with the travelling community in order to understand whether any existing traveller sites have the ability to intensify the sites to provide additional traveller provision. The results of this consultation are expected shortly and will be utilised in the assessment of traveller allocations.

Next Steps

The next steps in the development of the DPD are as follows:

- Work to commence, evidence gathering – mid to late 2015
- Public consultation (Reg 18) – early 2016
- Submission consultation(Reg 19/20) – mid 2016
- Submission to Secretary of State (Reg 22) – late 2016
- Adoption – early / mid 2017

Further Information

The Site Allocations DPD has its own webpage at http://www.maldon.gov.uk/info/856/local_development_plan/83/maldon_district_local_development_plan_ldp/17 where updates, as well as these briefing notes will be published.