



## **GREAT TOTHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

# **REGULATION 14 CONSULTATION STATEMENT**

**Great Totham Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Statement**

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## **1. Introduction and Background**

1.1 This Consultation Statement has been prepared in accordance with the Neighbourhood Plan Regulations, 2012. Section 15(2) Part 5 of which indicates that a Consultation Statement should contain:

- (a) Details of the persons and bodies consulted about the proposed Plan.
- (b) The ways in which they were consulted.
- (c) Summaries of the main issues and concerns raised by those consulted.
- (d) Descriptions of how these issues and concerns were considered and, where relevant, were addressed in the proposed Plan.

1.2 Throughout the planning process, consultation with the community has been a key priority. Great Totham is a village of 2,980 residents and 1,180 households (Source: 2011 Census). Major consultations as described below have taken place at specific points in the process of preparing the Neighbourhood Plan supported by the hand delivery of material to all households in the neighbourhood plan area.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Consultation Activity</b>
October 2018	Village Survey
October 2019	Housing Needs Survey
November 2020	Regulation 14 consultation

Regular reports were made to the Parish Council, an example is shown in Appendix 3. Steering Group members have supported council meetings as necessary to answer questions.

1.3 The Neighbourhood Plan (NP) consultation process for Great Totham began in 2015 when, at the request of MDC the Parish Council conducted a survey of all households to ascertain if the village needed additional housing, what type of housing and its possible location. At the end of the survey, respondents were invited to register an interest in delivering a NP. It also became apparent that development pressures on the parish were increasing due to government growth targets and delays to the Maldon Local Development Plan [LDP]. In addition, the attention of national developers was making itself felt. There was a growing belief within the community and on the Parish Council that it would be sensible to avail ourselves of the opportunity to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan in support of the emerging LDP. On 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016, Maldon District Council designated the Neighbourhood Area for Great Totham; this followed the parish boundary with the exception of an area at its southern extremity to take into account the development of the North Heybridge Garden Suburb (NHGS). Figure 1 refers.

## Proposed Great Totham Neighbourhood Area

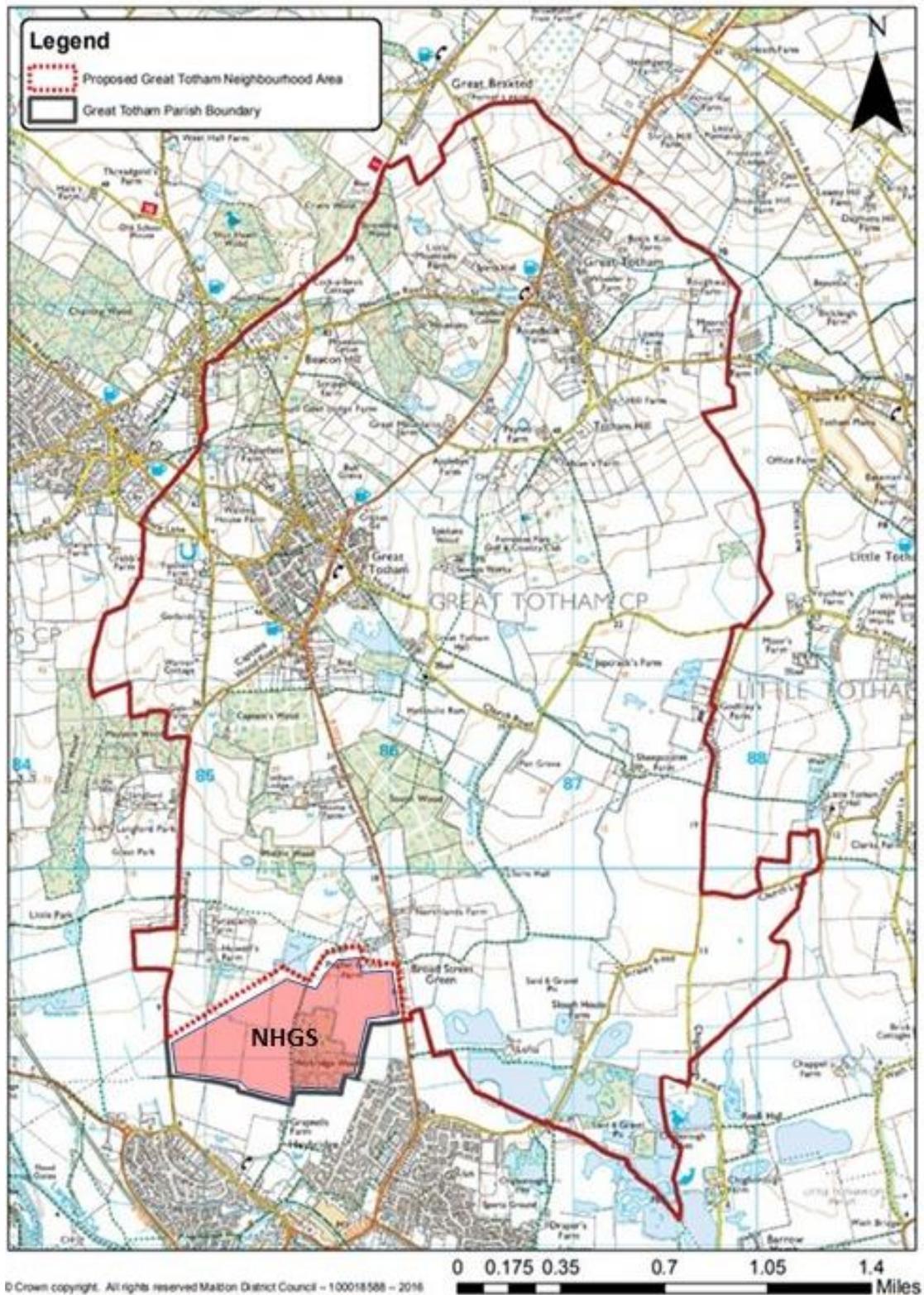


Figure 1: The Great Totham Neighbourhood Plan Area showing the planned location of the North Heybridge Garden Suburb (NHGS) that sits within the Parish boundary

1.4 The Great Totham Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (GTNPSG), has been responsible to the Parish Council for the preparation and delivery of the Plan throughout. Numbers involved with the group have fluctuated between 12 – 16 as some people left and others joined. The group now has a core membership of 13 villagers, which includes 3 Parish Councillors.

## 2. Consultation Activity in 2017

2.1 In the summer of 2017, the Parish Council contacted those villagers who had previously registered an interest in delivering a NP and, together with a member of RCCE, held a small number of meetings with them to understand what was required. In November 2017, the decision was taken to hold a public open day/evening at the Honeywood Hall in December 2017. This was designed to raise awareness and encourage volunteers to come forward for the embryonic Steering Group (SG). Publicity material, a broad indication of the planning process, maps, a proposed project plan and a short video presentation (Figure 2) were on show.

2.2 Visitors were encouraged to comment on the presentation material and submit their own ideas on Post-It notes. These were collated and the results are shown in the table at Appendix 1.

Some of the points raised were:

- The size of housing and preservation of green spaces
- Concerns with traffic, speeding, crossing places and parking  
Infrastructure issues with phone signal, medical facilities and sewage
- Employment related to home working and small business units

An encouraging number of parishioners subsequently confirmed a desire to be involved in preparing a Draft Neighbourhood Plan.



Figure 2: Opening frame of publicity video.

### **3. Consultation Activity in 2018**

3.1 Following the December 2017 event a Steering Group 'Start-Up' Meeting took place in January 2018. Crucial decisions at this meeting were an agreed management structure with the appointment of the Chair, Vice-Chair and Programme Manager, accountabilities, and the concept of a set of Working Groups reporting to the full Steering Group.

The following month three members of the SG visited the village of Kilsby in Northamptonshire, with which Great Totham had previous useful contact, and which was some way more advanced in the Neighbourhood Plan process than Great Totham.

3.2 In February 2018 an NP Facebook page (Figure 3) <https://www.facebook.com/greattotham> and a website were launched followed the next month by the first flyer in the Parish Magazine.

Note: In March 2020, to save costs, the Neighbourhood Plan website was closed and the content moved to an updated Parish Council website: <https://greattothamparishcouncil.com/neighbourhood-plan/>

The minutes of Steering Group meetings are routinely published on the webpage: <https://greattothamparishcouncil.com/neighbourhood-plan/meetings/>

Updates and other announcements are also published on other Facebook groups: 'Totham on-line: Have your say' and 'Totham Matters' which is run by a District Councillor (Figure 4):

- <https://www.facebook.com/tothamonline>
- <https://www.facebook.com/tothammatters>

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Great Totham Village Plan

Published by November 20, 2019

**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY**  
Please make every effort to complete these by the 6th December. Your feedback will tell us what type of houses, if any, will be needed in Great Totham.  
A really big thank you to Linda, Mike, Sue, Vanessa, Cliff, Graham, Roger and Mr Fox who kindly offered to help us out with the deliveries.



831 People Reached      74 Engagements      **Boost Post**

Figure 3: Example of a 2019 post taken from the Steering Group Facebook page

These circular walks and cycle ride were developed by the Neighbourhood Plan's Transport team. Given the nice weather and everyone seems to be walking around the village we thought people might want to try them out. If you want to try the Ramblers Walk, be warned that the footpaths around the Swan, Little Totham, may have been rerouted slightly since the map was produced. A big thank you to [redacted] who put in the hard yards.

**CIRCULAR ROUTE 1 - 4.7Km (3 miles)**  
EXISTING PATHS  
ROADSIDE WALKING

387  
People Reached

44  
Engagements

Boost Post

6

Figure 4: Facebook page from 2020 publicising the circular walks developed by the Steering Group

3.3 In March 2018, to encourage people to join the Steering Group, a flyer publicising the Neighbourhood Plan was distributed with the Parish Magazine (Figure 5).



Figure 5: Publicity flyer distributed with the Parish Magazine

The magazine is delivered monthly to all households in the neighbourhood plan area. Almost every issue since has contained updates and information on the Plan. In June 2018 volunteers from the Steering Group manned a gazebo, engaged with visitors to increase awareness of the neighbourhood plan process, and also distributed publicity material at the Totham Parish Church Summer Fete. A good deal of interest was shown in the Plan but equally there was a fair amount of scepticism as to how useful it would be to the community. The event directly resulted in the recruitment of an additional two members of the Steering Group.

3.4 Throughout the summer of 2018, the Group worked to devise and refine our Village Survey. This would be the major building block for our draft Plan. Our Survey was developed utilising the Kilsby Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire of 2014 as a base format. We then added specifics relevant to Great Totham and experience from our Parish Council Survey of 2015 with advice provided by the Rural Community Council of Essex (RCCE).

3.5 By this time, the Steering Group had appointed a consultant (Navigus Planning Ltd) and the draft questionnaire was therefore reviewed by the consultant and compared with other surveys with which he had experience.

3.6 The full Village Survey took place in November 2018. The survey was advertised on Facebook in the Parish Magazine and on banners placed at strategic points in the village (Figure 6). This was a 14 page questionnaire, the front page and one of the pages used for data gathering is shown in Appendix 5.



Figure 6: Publicity banner on Great Totham North village green

3.7 The questionnaire was delivered to all village addresses and each survey was individually serial numbered to prevent multiple responses. Replies could be on paper or via [www.surveymonkey.com](http://www.surveymonkey.com). Provision was made for up to 4 responses from each address. To improve the response rate progress updates were regularly posted on the Steering Group's Facebook page (Figure 7). In total, 533 responses were received (45.1%) representing 1051 residents over the age of 18. We understand this to be a very good response rate.

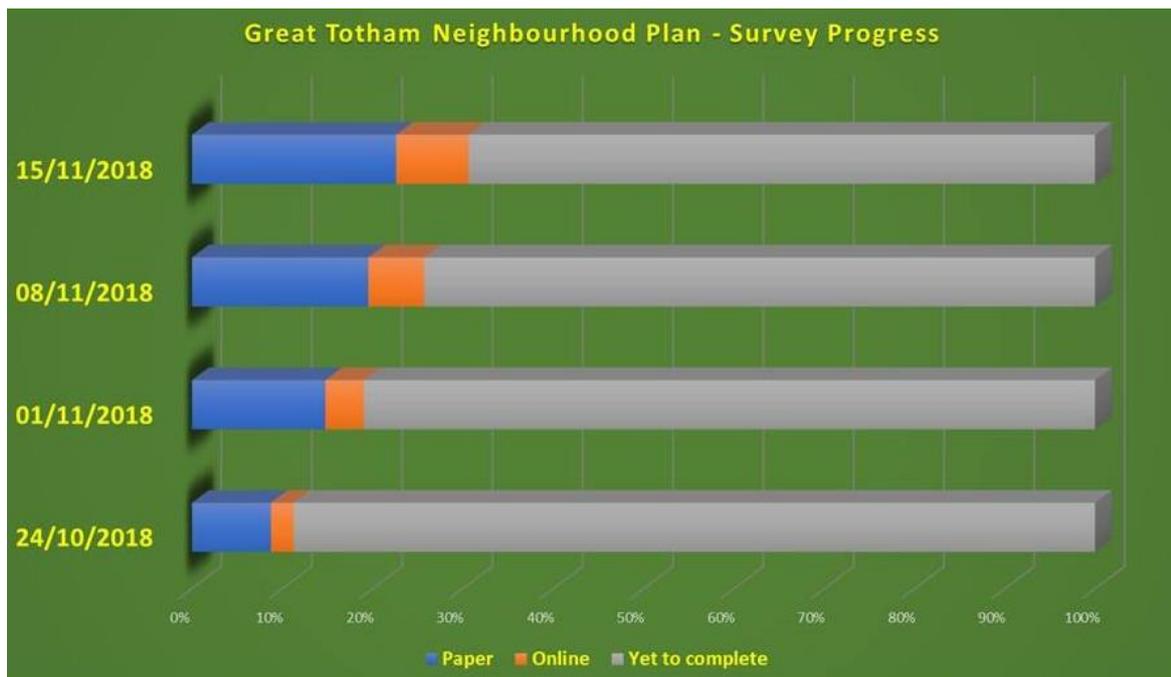


Figure 7: 2018 survey; weekly progress indicator released on Facebook

#### **4. Consultation Activity in 2019**

4.1 The responses to the Survey were to be the basis of our Village Vision and Objectives. Throughout this period we had been fortunate to attend an excellent series of workshops run by the RCCE. These were hugely valuable throughout the planning process and had introduced us to the concept of “The Golden Thread”.

The Golden Thread is simple but crucial concept in the development of our Neighbourhood Plan.

It began with the Village Survey and with analysis of the data from it. To give some structure to the analysis process we employed SWOT Analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) as a tool. We did this with the full range of responses and again specifically in the vital area of development.

Those analyses formed the basis of our Village Vision and subsequently our Plan Objectives. The Steering Group then divided into four Working Groups to deliver the Objectives knowing their work was now clearly aligned with the results of the village survey.

Finally, the Working Groups brought back the results of their work on the objectives which ultimately formed the Policies in the Neighbourhood Plan. It is that linkage from the survey data through to Objectives and Policies which is “The Golden Thread”.

4.2 The Steering Group conducted these two SWOT analyses of the responses to the Village Survey, one on the full range of replies and one specifically on the major issue of Development. We then moved from the SWOT outputs directly to the Village Vision and Objectives. (Figures 8 (a) and (b) below, refer).

Figure 8(a): Findings of SWOT analysis

## THE GOLDEN THREAD

### SWOT Analysis of Village Questionnaire Feedback

#### STRENGTHS

- Rural - Landscape
- Views especially over farmland to estuary
- Our green spaces
- Woodlands
- Agricultural environment

People care

Public Transport

Shop and Post Office

Great Totham Primary School

Community Facilities

- 2 Recreation grounds

- Football pitches and playgrounds

- Village Hall in Macmurdo Architecture

- Cricket Pitch and Pavilion

- Privately owned Golf, Swim & Tennis

Churches and Clubs

Many Public Footpaths

Low density community, we don't live in each others pockets

Well connected to towns, employment and mainline train

#### OPPORTUNITIES

Strengthen our community

Improve footpaths including links and access

Increase local employment

Village Hall

Links between Totham North and South

Create a village design statement

#### WEAKNESSES

Aging demographics

Public transport gaps

Medical facilities

Limited employment opportunities

Speeding Traffic – Conflict with walkers and cyclists

North and South divide

No development design guide or control

#### THREATS

Increasing Traffic

Inappropriate development

Urbanisation

Heybridge and Tiptree encroaching

LDP review 2022

Loss of habitat

Light Pollution

National housing policy

## THE GOLDEN THREAD

### SWOT Analysis of Village Survey Feedback Related to Development

#### STRENGTHS

Large family homes

Affordable family homes

85% consensus for small developments up to 5 houses

Infill or at village settlement boundary

#### OPPORTUNITIES

The building of 60+ housing frees larger homes for families

Rejuvenation could be driven by smaller affordable to buy

Both the above are less demanding on land/space

Village design statement to guide planning and appearance

Consideration of rural exemption opportunities

Government funding mechanisms

#### WEAKNESSES

Affordable to rent

50% of the village may oppose the above

Smaller affordable to buy

Lack of quality downsizing housing for 60+

Adapted housing is an issue for 17%

Land supply for affordable to buy and rent

Land supply for more affordable family homes

Land supply for quality 60+ housing

Diminishing infill opportunities

We agreed not to complete site allocation process at this stage

#### THREATS

Developers prefer to build large family homes

Quality housing for 60+ is not driven by developers

Excessive Greenfield development is driven by larger homes

LDP revisions

National government policy

Figure 8(b): The Golden Thread, Draft Vision and Objectives

## The DRAFT Vision

Great Totham will continue to develop as a village in an historic rural landscape, with its own clear identity, heritage and character.

We will continue to enjoy our green spaces, woodlands and open views over farmland to the Blackwater.

All residents will feel safe and part of a strong, friendly and open community atmosphere where our many neighbourhood groups and social activities continue to flourish.

We recognise that some growth will be needed to ensure the village remains vibrant and sustainable. Development will be small in scale and appropriately designed to be in sympathy with the existing rural character and local environment.

We will have a sound village infrastructure with safe roads, good public transport, cycle routes and footpaths connecting us with other communities, commercial centres, providing ready access to employment and schools as well as recreational and social facilities within the village and outside

## DRAFT Objectives

Each objective is supported by an Expert Team responsible for developing the Policies

### Environment

Take measures to protect important green spaces and woodlands and our open views

### Community Activities

Establish the Village Hall as a community hub.

North Totham and South Totham recreation grounds to be fully accessible and thriving.

Encourage the development of community activities that engage all age groups.

Cricket team and pitch use continuity.

### Housing ?

Develop a Village Design Statement and use it to guide all future planning decisions

Evaluate all opportunities to meet the needs identified in the NP survey and Housing Needs Surveys. Parish Councillors lead.

### Transport

Develop footpaths, mapping 3 to 4 circular walks and 2 cycle ways.

Improve footpath links and their accessibility between North and South Totham.

Address road safety and traffic interactions with pedestrians and cyclists.

Public transport.

4.3 Our five Working Groups, Community, Environment, Housing, Transport, and Village Design, now came into their own. A decision had been taken earlier in 2019 to support the Neighbourhood Plan with a closely related Village Design Statement.

4.4 On 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019 an Open Weekend was held at the Village Hall this provided detailed feedback on the Survey and on the work to turn this into specific objectives and plans. It was publicised via Facebook, the website, notices and banners on sites around the Parish (Figure 8). Over 250 villagers attended. A large volume of feedback was collected on the day by written notes and discussion. Steering Group and Parish Council members were in attendance and proactively engaged in discussion with villagers.



Figure 9: Banner publicising the 2018 open weekend

4.5 The Open Weekend feedback was used to re-confirm the group's vision and objectives, that our plan had community support and the working group plans were developing in the right direction (Figure 10).



Figure 10: Open weekend at the Village Hall – 7/8<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

4.6 The people who visited the open weekend were encouraged to complete post it notes providing us with feedback comments on all the working group displays (Figure 11). These were collected by the working group leaders and consolidated into themes which gave us excellent feedback informing our ongoing work.

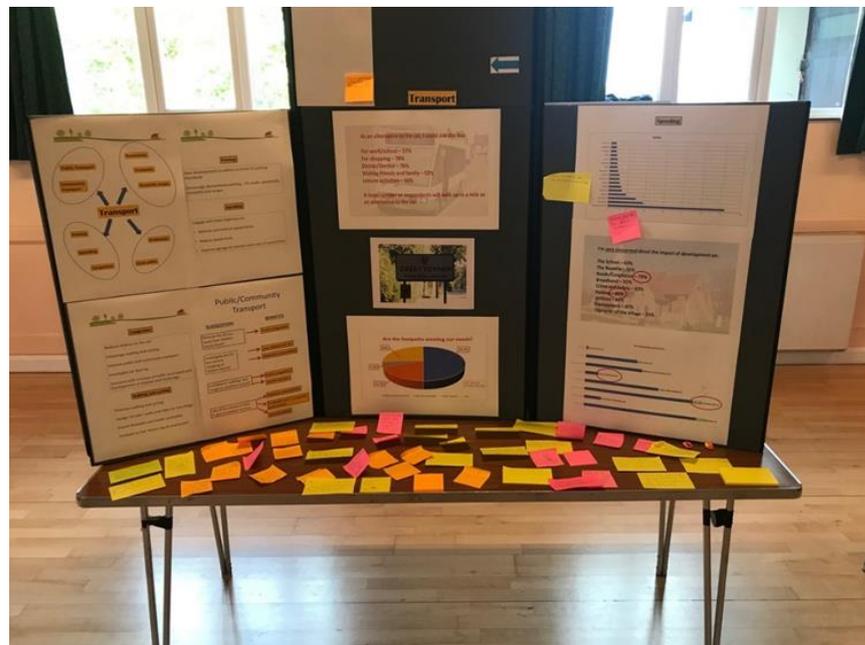


Figure 11: Transport Display showing written feedback notes from visitors

The following represents the main themes of feedback received at the open weekend:

**Housing:**

- Homes needed for downsizing
- Affordable homes needed for young people to stay in the village
- Small homes with no right to buy are needed
- No large developments

**Environment:**

- Concern over loss of wildlife habitat
- Strong support for improvements to planting and facilities on the Village Greens
- Strong support to maintain views and green spaces
- Support for a community orchard and more allotments

**Transport:**

- Insufficient parking when new developments are built.
- Poor public transport
- Better community transport
- Speeding
- Road safety around the school and Fiveways junction on Maypole Road

**Community:**

- Lack of dedicated medical facilities.
- Improved and wider use of community facilities – for example; Halls and Public Houses
- Improved play and parent facilities at recreation grounds
- Patchy or poor mobile phone reception

**Village Design:**

- Unsympathetic design
- New and replacement dwellings being built right up to site boundaries
- New buildings dominating their neighbours
- Preference for no street lighting

## 5. Consultation Activity in 2020

5.1 The Open Weekend feedback had provided us with good feedback and confidence that we were headed in the right direction but also that we needed more detailed information in the important area of Housing and Development; these matters were important for many residents. Working with RCCE and Maldon District Council we concluded a Housing Needs Survey would provide a valuable addition to our information base. The Housing Needs Survey was undertaken in November 2019.

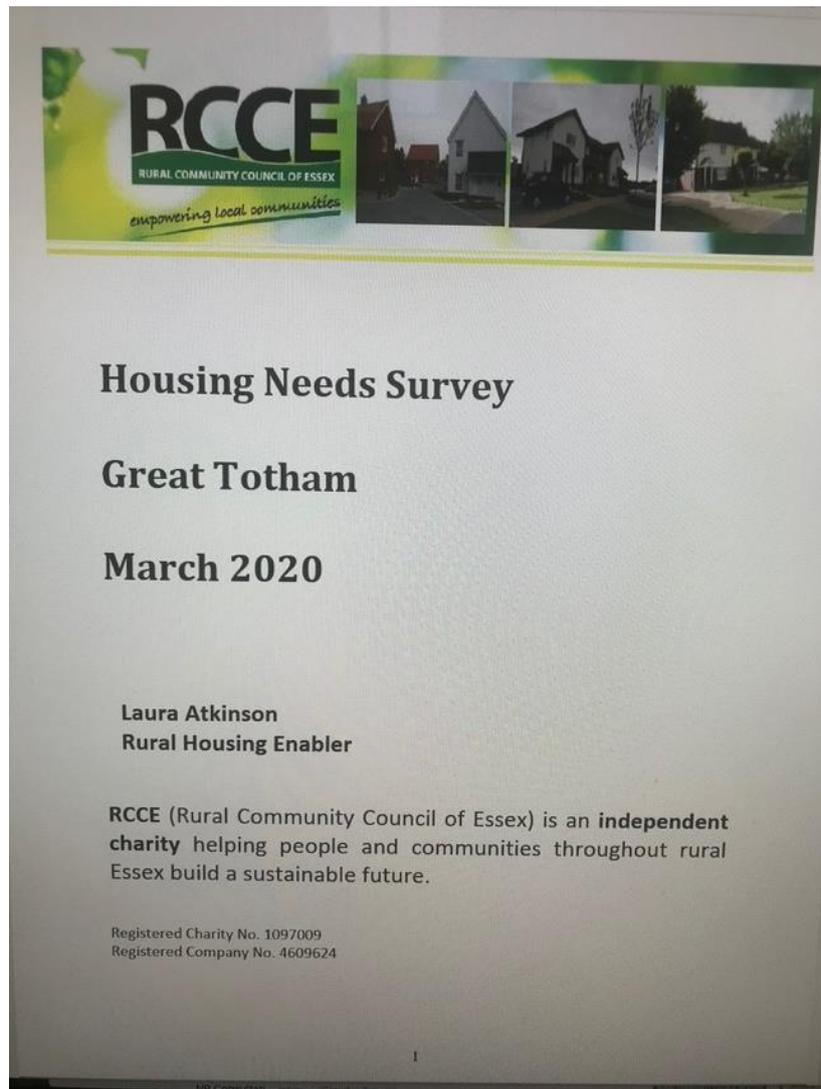


Figure 11: The front page of the Housing Needs Survey

5.2 The Survey was published in March 2020. It had a good response rate of 34%. There was strong support for small development providing primarily affordable housing for local people. In total, 52 people completed the survey in full and expressed a housing need. This was split broadly evenly between those looking to set up their first/independent home and those

wishing to downsize from their current property. **Appendix 6** shows the results, housing need was broken down as follows:

- Open market property – 13 units
- Affordable renting – 11 units
- Shared ownership – 2 units
- Self-build – 1 unit
- Not enough information – 25 units (these were either people currently living with parents, people away at university, people in unsuitable accommodation or those looking to downsize).

The needs of those trying to get on the property ladder for the first time related to having insufficient equity whereas for downsizers, the issue was more about the availability of suitable smaller properties, e.g. bungalows. In this regard, younger people trying to get on the property ladder had a housing 'need' which they could address, even if properties were available, whereas the issue for older downsizers was more a lack of supply of the type of property they would like to live in. Across all types of need/supply shortage, the main requirement was for 2-bed properties. For older downsizers this was preferably a bungalow.

5.3 The Housing Needs Survey provided a full picture reflecting the village's perceived needs and the justification to provide three 1-bed units and two 2-bed units to address those needs. It should be borne in mind that the recommendations of a Housing Needs Survey are applicable for five years, so there are likely to be further needs that arise later in the plan period.

5.4 Following the HNS, articles were published in the Parish Magazine and on the NP website and Facebook that 'residents with a housing need should ensure that their names are on the housing list'.

5.5 While the Housing Needs Survey was in progress, activity had continued around production of the draft Neighbourhood Plan and Village Design Statement. Almost all activity in 2020 had to be conducted within the various levels of Covid Restrictions prevailing in the Maldon District. By April 2020 a first version of the Plan had been agreed with Navigus Planning, our external consultant. By August 2020 the draft Village Design Statement followed and both documents were then discussed in full with Maldon District Council. Comments were received from the District Council and were reflected in a revised draft.

## **6. Consultation with Maldon District Council and Rural Communities Council of Essex (RCCE)**

6.1 September 2020 also saw the completion of the Screening Process to determine the need, or otherwise, for a Strategic Environmental Assessment [SEA] or a Habitats Regulation Assessment [HRA] for the draft Neighbourhood Plan. This was undertaken for us by Maldon District Council and we were notified on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020 that responses from the 3 statutory consultees had been received and all were agreed that screening would not be required on this version of the Plan. The summary is as follows:

*22. In summary it is concluded that the Pre-Regulation 14 draft Great Totham Neighbourhood Plan is not likely to have significant environmental effects and therefore a SEA is not required. The assessment indicates that there are likely to be no significant negative effects on the European designated sites resulting from the policies detailed within the draft Neighbourhood Plan. Therefore, a full Habitat Regulations Assessment is not required for the Pre-Regulation 14 draft of the Neighbourhood Plan. The principal reasons for this conclusion are:*

- *There are no sites identified for development in the neighbourhood plan;*
- *The Neighbourhood Plan focuses on protecting the quality of the village and its environment; it is considered that the plans likely impact will have a positive effect on the environment;*
- *The scale of the development supported by the Neighbourhood Plan is minor, and it is not expected to result in significant effects on the protected sites.*

6.2 From the very beginning of the plan development and preparation process there has been regular contact with the lead Neighbourhood Planning Officer and Maldon District Council. The Maldon Local Development Plan was approved in July 2017 which has enabled them to engage fully with the development of our plan from the conceptual stage and village questionnaire right through Regulation 14 in 2021. There has also been regular contact with our District Council representatives.

6.3 Face to face meetings and location visits with MDC officers were conducted in Great Totham at key points in the process. These greatly helped our understanding of the approach we needed to take in our plan through important concepts, from the development of a housing policy to meet the needs of the village, the protection of wildlife corridors, important views and linking in with a Village Design Statement. MDC has also been very supportive at a practical level with advice on how best to engage with the village at every stage, identifying sources of information on wildlife, detailed mapping and hosting documents for our consultation.

6.4 The RCCE has kept in touch with our process throughout, providing well-constructed seminars and training events at each stage and advice when requested. These have been essential in our understanding of what is, to us, a complex and unfamiliar process. RCCE also conducted our Village Housing Needs Survey in October 2019, providing us with independent, detailed analysis of the results shown in **Appendix 6** and advice on enablers such as Rural Exception Sites.

## **7. Regulation 14 Consultation**

7.1 Regulation 14 Consultation ran from between 3rd December 2020 and 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021. This had to be conducted entirely within the Government Covid Restrictions which sadly precluded any face-to-face gatherings. Along with the fact that the consultation period ran over Christmas, it was decided that the consultation run for eight weeks rather than the minimum six weeks. The Draft Neighbourhood Plan, Village Design Statement and supporting evidence were published on the Maldon DC website ([https://www.maldon.gov.uk/info/20048/planning\\_policy/8112/community\\_led\\_planning\\_and\\_neighbourhood\\_plans/5](https://www.maldon.gov.uk/info/20048/planning_policy/8112/community_led_planning_and_neighbourhood_plans/5)) along with guidance as to how representations could be made. A letter from the Parish Council and Feedback Form (Figure 12) **Appendix 7** were delivered by hand to all residents and all businesses in the Neighbourhood Area received an email. Responses could be made by email or hand delivery to the Great Totham Parish Clerk or the Project Manager of the Steering Group. Paper copies of the Plan and Village Design Statement were available on request. Publicity of the Pre-Submission Consultation was included in the Parish Magazine (Figure 13) on physical banners (Figure 14) and on the Neighbourhood Plan Facebook page. Links were also posted on two other Facebook pages; 'Totham on Line – Have your Say' and Totham Matters. These also contained a QR code that took mobile users directly to the MDC web page.

As required by the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations, the statutory organisations in Appendix 7 were written to informing them of the Regulation 14 Consultation:

## Village News



### Great Totham Neighbourhood Plan Consultation 1<sup>st</sup> December – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021

After over three years of work, the Plan is now ready for you to read and comment on. You will by now have received a letter from our Parish Council describing the background, as well as how you can access the Plan and Village Design Statement (VDS). The Plan has a number of policies derived from our 2018 village questionnaire, the September 2019 open weekend and the Housing Needs Survey conducted in November 2019. The results of these surveys and events, plus your comments and ideas, have all been fed into the Plan.

The Village Design Statement (VDS) supports the Plan. It informs the planners on what new houses should look like; size, position, market houses or affordable homes, where they are built and our preferences for hedges, gates and fences.

We urge you to read and tell us what you think. **This really is your last chance to have your say.**

The consultation closes at the end of January 2021. After that, the Plan will be redrafted and your comments incorporated or added to the information pack to be reviewed by a Government Planning Inspector. Providing the Inspector agrees with our findings and consultation processes, the Plan and VDS will go forward to a village referendum. Assuming the referendum supports the Plan, it will carry the same legal weight as Maldon District Council's Local Development Plan.

To have your say, visit:

[https://www.maldon.gov.uk/info/20048/planning\\_policy/8112/community\\_led\\_planning\\_and\\_neighbourhood\\_plans/5](https://www.maldon.gov.uk/info/20048/planning_policy/8112/community_led_planning_and_neighbourhood_plans/5)

[www.greattothamparishcouncil.com](http://www.greattothamparishcouncil.com)

If you can't access the internet, you can borrow paper copies from Clive (Gt Totham North: 891434) or Paul (Gt Totham South / surrounding areas: 891067).



A really big thank you to everyone who has already contributed to our Plan so far, as well as to all who take part in the consultation.

*Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group*

Figure 12. NP page from the December 2021 issue of the Parish magazine



Figure 13: Banner on Great Totham North Village green

7.2 64 replies were received, 52 from individuals and 12 from the list of Statutory Organisations provided by Maldon District Council. All email responses received an acknowledgement and where appropriate, a message or action taking on their comments. It was not possible to respond to individuals who provided paper feedback but updates will feature on Facebook and in the Parish Magazine.

7.3 Actions deemed necessary were logged, and suggested amendments to the Neighbourhood Plan and Village Design Statement were considered. Where appropriate, amendments were made to those documents. Responses where action was not required or considered unnecessary have also been fully recorded in the feedback matrix attached.

## **8. Conclusions**

8.1 Every effort has been made to engage with Great Totham residents at all stages in the development of their Neighbourhood Plan. The delivery to all addresses of the Village Survey, the Housing Needs Survey and Regulation 14 Consultation have all helped to raise and maintain awareness of the Plan, as have the regular updates in the Parish Magazine, social media and Parish Council reports.

8.2 The summary of pre-submission responses at Appendix 12 shows that these have been carefully considered and a number have resulted in amendments to the Plan and VDS. Those responses, with a clear and demonstrable linkage from the first village consultation in 2018 through to Regulation 14 gives confidence that the Plan is well founded and rooted in our community.

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**Appendix 1: Feedback from the open day of December 2017**

<b>COMMENTS ON SUBJECT AREAS</b>							
<b>HOMES AND HOUSING</b>	<b>ROADS AND TRANSPORT</b>	<b>LIFE INFRASTRUCTURE</b>	<b>COUNTRYSIDE, LANDSCAPE AND ENVIRONMENT</b>	<b>HERITAGE AND HISTORY</b>	<b>SPORT AND LEISURE</b>	<b>ECONOMY AND EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>PRODUCING THE PLAN</b>
Maintain status quo of greenland	Zebra crossing and Heybridge end of Maldon Rd	Multifunctional building for Health Visitor, Physio and GP services in village	Flytipping			Small discreet buildings for business use	Sounds like a bureaucratic exercise - needs to sound more exciting to get people motivated.
Homes for downsizing	Encourage walking to school.	The above is an excellent idea!	More litter picking required			Encourage home working for self employed. Need advice on planning/taxation issues.	
More bungalows for downsizing	More on site parking for teachers	Sewage capacity has to be improved.	Allotments			MDC support for low build units for call centre development. Perfect for rural	

						employment on small scale	
No more travellers sites	Rationalise speed limit between Heybridge and Totham	Sewage treatment cannot cope in heavy rainfall					
More bungalows not large houses	More direct bus service to Hospital	Enlargement to burial ground					
Keep the village with no more housing carbuncles 'tacked on'	More on site parking for teachers	Mains gas for the village					
Even bungalows need building land!	Speedwatch for Totham North	Mobile phone signal					
	Improve car parking in Walden House						

	Rd during school run						
	Maintain and if possible improve public transport	Poor mobile phone signal					
	Bus service to local GP	Surgery provision Heybridge, Tiptree?					
	Speed controls on side roads	Easier access to GP surgeries					
	More short term parking for shop						
	Parking laybys near school						
	Zebra crossing across Maldon Road close to Captains Wood Rd.						

	Make both Prince of Wales Rd and Captains Wood Rd one way.						
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## **Appendix 2: Complete list of consultation activities**

- **December 2017:** Open day/Evening Event in Honywood Hall to raise awareness and seek involvement
- **February 2018:** Facebook page and website launched. Post on local Facebook group 'Totham Online' .
- **March 2018:** Flyer in Parish Magazine with Monthly Updates thereafter
- **June 2018:** Exhibition and Steering Team presence at Church Fete
- **November 2018:** Village Questionnaire and Survey – a major source of data and information gathering
- **September 2019:** Major two-day event at the Village Hall to feedback Survey results, and introduce the Vision, Objectives and Working Groups. Wide publicity through social media, notices and banners
- **October 2019:** Housing Needs Survey undertaken, another major collection of village feedback and views.
- **June 2020:** Cancellation of Village Fete due to Covid restrictions.
- **December 2020/ January 2021:** Regulation 14 Consultation. Neighbourhood Plan and Village Design Statement published on District Council website. Feedback forms delivered to all residents and emails to all businesses. Publicised through Facebook channels and large banners.

### Appendix 3: The Neighbourhood Plan area of the Parish Council website

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Great Totham Parish Council website. The browser's address bar shows the URL: <https://greattothamparishcouncil.com/neighbourhood-plan/>. The website has a navigation menu on the left with the following items: Home, Councillors, Finance & Audit, Meetings, Parish Yeomanry, and Neighbourhood Plan (which is highlighted in red). The main content area features a header with the title "Great Totham Neighbourhood Plan" and the tagline "Your Village, Your Plan, Your Future". Below the header is a photograph of street signs for "GT BRAKTED WICKHAM BISHOPS" and "GT TOTHAM SOUTH HEYBRIDGE". Underneath the photo is a row of five small circles, with the first one filled. The page is divided into two columns. The left column is titled "Our Community" and contains the following text: "As a village, we have formed a group with parishioners and parish councillors to create a village plan. A village plan is a statement describing:" followed by a bulleted list: "Our local area and how it will develop in the future", "The key issues, priorities and opportunities", and "How we can get involved to improve Great Totham". Below the list, it states: "In the process, we have consulted parishioners through open days and by household questionnaires. The plan has been drafted and when checked by the District Council and approved by the Parish Council, it will be open to further consultation with parishioners before final approval by the Planning Inspectorate." The right column is titled "Get Involved" and contains the text: "Village planning is all about working together with the local community. We have a number of ways you can get involved." Below this text are three buttons: "Follow us on Facebook" (in blue), "Find out more about village plans" (in grey), and "Neighbourhood area map" (in grey). At the bottom of the screenshot, the Windows taskbar is visible, showing the search bar and various application icons. The system tray on the right shows the time as 10:21 and the date as 11/02/2021.

## **Appendix 4: Example of a briefing to inform the Parish Council**

23 February 2021

The consultation closed as planned on 31 January. 64 responses were received, 51 from Parishioners and 13 from Statutory Consultees.

All email responses have received an acknowledgement thanking the senders for their comments and an additional thank you message has been placed in the Parish Magazine. We are planning to post a more detailed update on Social Media during March.

The majority of comments from the community contained messages thanking everyone on the Steering Group for producing a detailed and high quality draft plan. Many contained comments or questions relating to the plan. Where these were received by email a response has been sent outlining why their comments or suggested amendments will be/will not be added to the plan documents.

Wickham Bishops Parish Council raised queries relating to:

- a) The description of the Beacon Hill settlement
- b) Suggestions around getting children to and from Great Totham School
- c) No mention of the 'homes for life' policy
- d) No mention of a 'dark skies' policy
- e) The fact that Rainbow Field is in the Great Totham Plan area but there is no reference to it as a designated green space
- f) That the Beacon Hill Sports Association are not mentioned in the Plan.

Leonie Alpin from Maldon District Council is looking at the Rainbow Field issue and we are expecting a reply soon. Because of the close relationship with Wickham Bishops the team are drafting a reply for the Parish Council to send.

The team have produced a draft consultation document and a feedback matrix. Every item of feedback, both positive and negative is included in the matrix. To keep the programme moving forward, the drafts have now been sent to our consultant to produce a more polished product. There is funding available for this activity in our grant allocation.

Once lockdown restrictions are lifted we are planning to arrange a meeting with members of the Parish Council to discuss the changes and the way forward to the next stage.

Your survey number 123456

**Great Totham Village  
Neighbourhood Plan 2019  
Questionnaire**

THIS WILL TAKE JUST 15 MINUTES OF YOUR TIME



PLEASE COMPLETE BY MONDAY NOVEMBER 19 - RETURN TO:

19 Mill Road, Great Totham North  
Or, 17 Goat Lodge Road, Great Totham South  
Or, the box in the Village Stores & Post Office  
Or, the box at the Florists

Or, if you'd like us to collect from your home 01621 891067 or [gtnp@outlook.com](mailto:gtnp@outlook.com)  
Or, complete the survey online at [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/gtnp2019](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/gtnp2019)  
When logging on please use your individual survey number

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**C6. Great Totham Village Hall is owned and run by the village and not the Parish Council.  
The hall is used almost 7 days a week and many evenings for a very diverse range of activities by people of all ages.**

Put a number in all your Column boxes that is your level of importance  
1- Very Important 2- Important 3- Not Important 4- No opinion

A	B	C	D

How important is the hall to you and your family?

What activities would you like to see at the village hall to make sure it is kept as a well used, social centre for the village?

Householder only to respond

**C7. What do you consider are the key historic or landscape features that give Great Totham its unique character?**

If necessary continue on another sheet of paper

**C8. Which are the most important areas of natural habitat that need conserving?**

If necessary continue on another sheet of paper

**C9. Are you aware of any areas that flood during periods of heavy rainfall?**

If necessary continue on another sheet of paper

**C10. Are you connected to mains drainage?**

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**Appendix 5:  
The 2018 Survey**

## Appendix 6: Housing Needs Survey Results

Housing Needs Survey Great Totham 2020  
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### Identified Need (52)

SIZE	Open Market	Affordable Rent	Shared Ownership	Self-Build*	Not enough information
Identified No. of units	13	11	2	1	25
Size Breakdown	1 x 1 bed flat 2 x 2 bed house 6 x 2 bed bungalows 1 x 2 bed sheltered 2 x 3 bed house 1 x 4 bed house	6 x 1 bed 5 x 2 bed	2 x 1 bed	1 x 2 bed bungalow	See table below

\* Please note the self-build requires wheelchair adaptation.

### Not enough information (25)

Of those who did not provide enough information in Part 2 of the survey with which to provide an accurate assessment of need (usually their financial information), they can be broken down broadly into the following groups;

Next Generation Parish – These households are living at home in the parish with their parents (and in some cases also with their partner and children) and wish to move out to live independently. All aspire to own their property on the open market.

Next Generation University – These households are based at home but currently away at university. It is not certain if these persons will return to the parish to live after university but it is a consideration. All aspire to own their property on the open market.

Family – These households are families living in unsuitable accommodation for their current needs, including a change of tenure.

Downsizing – These households are living in a property that is now too large for their needs, most wish to move to a smaller property / bungalow but nothing suitable locally. Often it is implied that these households have equity in an existing property with which to move but they have declined to declare their finances for an assessment to take place. All bar one household aspired to reside in a bungalow and all bar two wished to purchase the bungalow on the open market. The remaining two aspired to affordable rented bungalows\*. One household stated a requirement for the property to be wheelchair accessible\*\*.

SIZE	Next Generation Parish	Next Generation University	Family	Downsizing
Identified No. of units	11	2	1	11
Size Breakdown based on their aspirations	2 x 1 bed 8 x 2 bed 1 x 4 bed	1 x 1 bed 1 x 2 bed	1 x 2 bed	2 x 1 bed bungalow* 5 x 2 bed bungalow** 1 x 2 bed house 3 x 3 bed bungalow

## **Appendix 7: List of statutory organisations provided by Maldon District Council**

Heybridge Parish Council

Langford And Ulting Parish Council

Little Braxted Parish Council

Little Totham Parish Council

Tolleshunt Major Parish Council

Wickham Bishops Parish Council

National Grid DPM Consultants

Maldon Archaeological And Historical Group

Essex And Suffolk Water

National Farmers Union

Institute Of Directors - Essex Branch

Church Commissioners for England

Thurstable School

Historic England

Environment Agency - Anglian Region Eastern Area

Council For The Protection Of Rural Essex

Essex Wildlife Trust

Essex County Fire & Rescue Service (South East Group)

Forestry Commission - East And East Midlands

The Gypsy Council

Sustrans

Fields in Trust

Natural England

The Rt Hon John Whittingdale MP

The Rt Hon Priti Patel MP

David Leaf

Police & Crime Commissioner For Essex

Eastlight Community Homes

Estuary Housing Association Ltd

Diocese Of Chelmsford

Rural Community Council Of Essex

Sport England South

NHS Property Services

Traveller Law Reform Project

Essex & Suffolk Water

Anglian Water - Planning & Equivalence Team

CBS Cumbers MCIAT

Cussen Construction Consultants

Smart Planning

EGA Planning

Melville Dunbar Associates

**Appendix 8: Additional organisations and individuals contacted by Maldon District Council**

Cadent Gas Ltd

Chelmsford Diocesan Board Of Finance

Colne Housing Society Ltd

Countryside Properties Plc

Cushman & Wake On Behalf Of Royal Mail Group

Essex & Suffolk Water

Essex Bridleways Association

Essex Chambers Of Commerce

Essex County Council - Planning

Essex Wildlife Trust

Essex Wildlife Trust - Maldon Local Group

Federation Of Small Businesses

Gladman Developments Ltd

Home Builders Federation

Institute Of Directors - Essex

Maldon & District Council For Voluntary Services

Mid Essex Clinical Commissioning Group

Moat Homes Ltd

NHS Mid Essex

NHS North Essex

Plume - Maldon's Community Academy

Provide CIC

Quilter Savill Associates

Raymond Stemp Associates

RSPB

Stanfords Chartered Surveyors

The Essex Birdwatching Society

WEBS (Essex Bird Watching Society)

Whirledge And Nott

Woodland Trust

Plus 11 members of the public with GT addresses

## **Appendix 9: List of organisations and businesses added by Great Totham Parish Council**

### Public Houses, Leisure and Sports

Forrester Park Golf Club

Maldon Croquet Club

Prince of Wales Public House

The Bull and Willow Room

Beacon Hill Sports Association

Great Totham Cricket Club

Marven's Riding Stables

### Community Facilities & Places of Worship

St Peter's Church

The United Reformed Church

The Barn Church

Great Totham Village Hall

### Education, Care, Personal Services

Totham Lodge

Great Totham Primary School

Little Rascals Nursery

Great Totham Nursery School

Willie Almshouses Trust

Maypole Health

Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers

Bracon Hill Scouts, Cubs, Beavers

### Shops, Suppliers & Services

Upton Mowers

Southwood Timber

Maldon Fruit Supplies

Maypole Pet & Garden Centre

Quadbikes R Us

Great Totham Garage

The Florists on the Green

Great Totham Post Office & Stores

Little Mountains Farm

Raw Made Simple

Jepcracks Barn

Other Businesses & Organisations

Keyes Transport

Naio Environmental

JAP Contracts

Tiptree Parish Council

## **Appendix 10: Parish Council letter explaining the Consultation process**

### **GREAT TOTHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

C R Potter, Clerk to the Council  
19 Mill Road, Great Totham, Maldon, Essex, CM9 8DH

Telephone: Maldon (01621) 891474 e-mail: [greattothamparishcouncil@btinternet.com](mailto:greattothamparishcouncil@btinternet.com)  
Website: [www.greattothamparishcouncil.com](http://www.greattothamparishcouncil.com)

November 2020

Dear Parishioner/Resident/Business

As you may know your Parish Council has been working on a Neighbourhood Plan for Great Totham since 2016. A Steering Group of Residents, supported by Councillors, has now produced a Draft Plan and Village Design Statement.

These documents have taken valuable input from the community by means of a Questionnaire in October 2018, an Open Weekend at the Village Hall in September 2019 and a Housing Needs Survey in March 2020. On behalf of the Council, I should like to thank all of you who participated in this process.

We are now moving to the next stage of the process, where we consult with you on the Draft Plan; you may hear this process referred to as 'Regulation14'. This directs us to publicise the Plan to all of you who reside, work or conduct business in the village. There are also at this point a number of consultations with statutory bodies. Our Plan has also been given a screening review by Maldon District Council Planning Department.

The form, which we have sent to you, lists the policies in the Draft Plan. Please use it to comment on them, tell us what you like, suggest improvements or flag up omissions. These policies have come directly from the feedback gathered so far from our community.

The form enables you to record your views about the Plan and its policies for the future of our village. I would urge you to make use of this opportunity. You have 8 weeks to send in your views. This is not the point at which we ask you to approve the plan formally. That will be the subject of a Parish Referendum, later in the process.

The full Neighbourhood Plan and Village Design Statement documents are available for inspection at [www.greattothamparishcouncil.com](http://www.greattothamparishcouncil.com) If you are unable to access the internet and would like hard copies, please contact:

Clive Potter on 891474 (for Gt Totham North) or Paul Mutton on 891067 (for Gt Totham South)

Members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will be available to answer queries. In the first instance, please direct them initially to:

Kevin Bennett 890054, Graham Thorne 892896 or Paul Mutton 891067

They will arrange for you to receive a response.

If you prefer, you can email questions to [gtnp@outlook.com](mailto:gtnp@outlook.com)

Once your form is completed you can either email the word document to above email address or drop it off by hand to Clive at 19 Mill Road or to Paul at 17 Goat Lodge Road.

We are very grateful for the support and input received from the village to date. Please ensure you now take this opportunity to give us your views.

The closing date for replies is 31 January 2021. All responses will be treated in confidence and the data held securely but we are unable legally to accept anonymous replies.

Thank you

## **Appendix 11: Regulation 14 consultation feedback Form**

### **GREAT TOTHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – COMMENTS AND FEEDBACK**

**Please comment on specific policies listed below and add any general comments at the end**

Your Name:

Address:

Please return your comments by 31 Jan  
2021 to: [gtnp@outlook.com](mailto:gtnp@outlook.com)  
Alternatively, you can post or hand them  
in to:

17 Goat Lodge Rd, CM9 8BU or

19 Mill Road, CM9 8DH

Policies set out in the Draft Plan:

Policy GT01: Spatial Strategy

Policy GT02: High Quality Arcadian Design

Policy GT03: Important Views and Setting of Totham  
Cricket Field

Policy GT04: Green/Blue Wildlife Corridors and  
Wildlife Friendly Development

Policy GT05: Recreational Disturbance and Mitigation

Policy GT06: Energy Efficiency of Buildings and  
Renewables

Policy GT07: Parking Provision

Policy GT08: Pedestrian and Cycle Access

Policy GT09: Expansion of Community and Leisure  
Facilities

Policy GT10: Play Facilities in Totham North and  
Totham South

**POLICY GT \_ \_ \_ \_ :**

**Comments:**

**POLICY GT \_ \_ \_ \_ :**

**Comments:**

**Appendix 12: Regulation 14 consultation matrix.**

Note: All emails received have received an acknowledgement from the Steering Group. Many specific queries have received responses – these are annotated in the ‘Action taken’ column below and we have emailed the respondent to that effect. All comments received on paper have been recorded, retained and included in this paper. Where issues have been raised actions are included in this document.

Respondent type (names not given as confidentiality cited in questionnaire)	Summary of response NB policy and paragraph numbers refer to Section 14 consultation draft; some have since changed	Action taken and/or further information/clarification NB Policy, paragraph and figure numbers refer to new numbers	Summary of action taken
Local Resident (Broad Street Green)	Email received concerning the wording of Page 31 of the Village Design Statement and its description of Broad Street Green.	Email Reply sent. The paragraph referring to Broad Street Green will be redrafted thus:  <b><u>“Broad Street Green</u></b>  This settlement at the south end of Great Totham Parish along the eastern side of the B1022 (an old Roman Road) would historically have been part of Tiptree Heath. The ribbon of houses, built on the heathland, is of mixed dates from C19 to the present, with one or two possibly earlier. Buildings vary from farm cottages to large modern detached houses. Lofts Farm and associated buildings east of the B1022 include listed	Change wording

		<p>structures and lakes resulting from gravel workings.</p> <p>Broad Street Green doesn't benefit from retail or community facilities but does have a chapel, The Searchlight Church.</p> <p>The parish boundary between Broad Street Green and Heybridge crosses the B1022 by the chapel. At its southern extremity Broad Street Green is already affected by the developing Heybridge Garden Suburb which will continue to expand during the life of the Neighbourhood Plan. In recognition of this uncertainty, a small part of Great Totham Parish, west of the B1022 and containing no dwellings, has been excluded from the Great Totham Neighbourhood Plan".</p> <p>Here existing text resumes thus:</p> <p>"The main concern here . . . ."</p>	
Anglian Water	<p>GT02: Redraft to ensure design proposals are for residential developments.</p> <p>GT03: Clarification of how views that involve the water recycling plant (WRP) in Spicketts Wood might be affected.</p>	<p>Policy GT02 : The design principles are indeed focused on residential development we will make that clear in the next update.</p> <p>Policy GT03 : The policy is not retrospective and will not affect existing uses of the landscape. If expansion is required at the WRP we would in principle support this while do everything within reason to</p>	<p>GT03 and GT04 to be amended as appropriate.</p> <p>Confirmatory email sent to Anglian Water.</p>

	GT04: Welcomes proposals that provide bio-diversity net gain but the policy does not mention the 'Stepping Stones' shown in Fig. 6.5	maintain the quality of the views. We will clarify this in the update.  Policy GT04 : Not including the 'Stepping Stones' identified in Figure 6.4 and 6.5 is an omission, these are very important in supporting our biodiversity objectives. Again we will add these to the policy wording in our next update.	
Heybridge Parish Council	Query regarding North Heybridge Garden Suburb boundary.	Reply sent. Although part of the NHGS is in the Parish of Great Totham, it is outside the NP boundary. (As defined by MDC Nov 2016)	Email to Heybridge Parish Council – 1 Feb 2021
Historic England	No comment to make.	Noted.	No change
Local Resident (North)	Footpath between Brick Spring Lane and Rookery Lane not on footpath maps.  Clarification on ages of single developments plots.  Clarification required on definition of 'Walkways'	This may be a permissive path but it is not a PROW. It should not therefore be included.  Explanation sent: The maps are intended as a guide to demonstrate how the Village has absorbed major developments over time. It was too time consuming to identify the age of each individual property.  Definition of 'Walkways' sent to respondent.	No change
Local Resident (South)	Age of respondent's property not shown as 1930s	Explanation sent: The maps are intended to demonstrate how the Village has absorbed major developments over time. It was too time consuming to identify the age of each individual property.	No change
Local Resident (South)	Having read through the Draft Plan I think the structure is suitably robust and in the interests of the majority of residents in Gt Totham in allowing expansion in a suitable way that is not	Noted: Thank you for your comments.	No change

	detrimental to the environmental setting of the area and should be adopted by Maldon DC in its entirety.		
Local Residents x 2	GT03: Does not agree with communal parking	Noted. However, evidence shows, in the right scenario, communal parking can be very space efficient.	No change
Sport England	<p>Government planning policy, within the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), identifies how the planning system can play an important role in facilitating social interaction and creating healthy, inclusive communities. Encouraging communities to become more physically active through walking, cycling, informal recreation and formal sport plays an important part in this process. Providing enough sports facilities of the right quality and type in the right places is vital to achieving this aim. This means that positive planning for sport, protection from the unnecessary loss of sports facilities, along with an integrated approach to providing new housing and employment land with community facilities is important.</p> <p>It is essential therefore that the neighbourhood plan reflects and complies with national planning policy for sport as set out in the NPPF with particular reference to Pars 96 and 97. It is also important to be aware of Sport England's statutory consultee role in protecting playing fields and the presumption against the loss of playing field land. Sport England's playing fields policy is set out in our Playing Fields Policy and Guidance document.</p> <p><a href="https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-planning/planning-for-sport#playing_fields_policy">https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-planning/planning-for-sport#playing_fields_policy</a></p> <p>Sport England provides guidance on developing planning policy for sport and further information can be found via the link below. Vital to the development and implementation of planning policy is the evidence base on which it is founded.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The plan is not proposing any new sports facilities. Moreover, the scale of growth expected is such that the existing facilities are considered to be capable of supporting the additional level of demand.</p>	No change

	<p><a href="https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-planning/planning-for-sport#planning_applications">https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-planning/planning-for-sport#planning_applications</a></p> <p>Sport England works with local authorities to ensure their Local Plan is underpinned by robust and up to date evidence. In line with Par 97 of the NPPF, this takes the form of assessments of need and strategies for indoor and outdoor sports facilities. A neighbourhood planning body should look to see if the relevant local authority has prepared a playing pitch strategy or other indoor/outdoor sports facility strategy. If it has then this could provide useful evidence for the neighbourhood plan and save the neighbourhood planning body time and resources gathering their own evidence. It is important that a neighbourhood plan reflects the recommendations and actions set out in any such strategies, including those which may specifically relate to the neighbourhood area, and that any local investment opportunities, such as the Community Infrastructure Levy, are utilised to support their delivery.</p> <p>Where such evidence does not already exist then relevant planning policies in a neighbourhood plan should be based on a proportionate assessment of the need for sporting provision in its area. Developed in consultation with the local sporting and wider community any assessment should be used to provide key recommendations and deliverable actions. These should set out what provision is required to ensure the current and future needs of the community for sport can be met and, in turn, be able to support the development and implementation of planning policies. Sport England’s guidance on assessing needs may help with such work.</p> <p><a href="http://www.sportengland.org/planningtoolsandguidance">http://www.sportengland.org/planningtoolsandguidance</a></p>		
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	<p>If new or improved sports facilities are proposed Sport England recommend you ensure they are fit for purpose and designed in accordance with our design guidance notes.</p> <p><a href="http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-and-cost-guidance/">http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-and-cost-guidance/</a></p> <p>Any new housing developments will generate additional demand for sport. If existing sports facilities do not have the capacity to absorb the additional demand, then planning policies should look to ensure that new sports facilities, or improvements to existing sports facilities, are secured and delivered. Proposed actions to meet the demand should accord with any approved local plan or neighbourhood plan policy for social infrastructure, along with priorities resulting from any assessment of need, or set out in any playing pitch or other indoor and/or outdoor sports facility strategy that the local authority has in place.</p> <p>In line with the Government’s NPPF (including Section 8) and its Planning Practice Guidance (Health and wellbeing section), links below, consideration should also be given to how any new development, especially for new housing, will provide opportunities for people to lead healthy lifestyles and create healthy communities. Sport England’s Active Design guidance can be used to help with this when developing planning policies and developing or assessing individual proposals.</p> <p>Active Design, which includes a model planning policy, provides ten principles to help ensure the design and layout of development encourages and promotes participation in sport and physical activity. The guidance, and its accompanying checklist, could also be used at the evidence gathering stage of developing a neighbourhood plan to help undertake an assessment of how</p>		
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	<p>the design and layout of the area currently enables people to lead active lifestyles and what could be improved.</p> <p>NPPF Section 8: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-planning-policy-framework/8-promoting-healthy-communities">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-planning-policy-framework/8-promoting-healthy-communities</a></p> <p>PPG Health and wellbeing section: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/health-and-wellbeing">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/health-and-wellbeing</a></p> <p>Sport England's Active Design Guidance: <a href="https://www.sportengland.org/activedesign">https://www.sportengland.org/activedesign</a></p>		
Local Resident (North)	GT06: Para 6.28: Can the wording be more specific to avoid loopholes.	Noted. We propose to leave this paragraph as it stands. The more detailed proposals can be found in Policy GT06 on page 36 of the NP document.	No change
Local Resident (North)	All new homes to be built with rainwater harvesting and solar panels	Noted. These form some of the proposals of Policy GT06.	No change
Local Resident (South)	<p>The VDS is a fantastic piece – so informative and interesting. Obviously, a huge amount of work has gone into producing it. Brilliant!</p> <p>I fully support all the policies and can think of no points to raise which haven't already been covered in the Plan. I feel that the views of the community have been clearly represented.</p>	Noted: Thank you for your comments.	No change
Local Resident (South)	GT01: No new homes	Noted. However, our survey results show the majority of residents would welcome limited development inside the boundaries and small scale development on the edge of the village.	No change
Local Resident (South)	I think the Plan and Village Design Statement submitted are very well thought out and thorough.	Noted: Thank you for your comments.	No change

	<p>I support all the policies, action plans and design principles.</p> <p>I hope the countryside and view protection as well as the footpaths and the cycleways proposed become a reality. They must be properly supported by the Parish and District Councils, we have seen just how important these are in the recent lockdowns.</p>		
Local Resident (North)	Supports cycle path between settlements but we need to ensure work in done to a good standard.	Noted. This is a non-Policy action for the Parish Council.	No change
Local Resident (North)	<p>GT09: Concerns regarding traffic growth and parking problems if the use of United Reformed Church expands.</p> <p>Also concerned about speeding and HGVs using Chapel Road.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Concerns over speeding and HGVs relayed to Parish Council for action. Parish Council have used Community Speedwatch to monitor the road but no offenders were caught.</p>	No change
Local Resident (South)	<p>Para 4.2: Clarification required regarding settlement boundaries and the site for 30 homes in Hall Road. Why hasn't the settlement boundary been redrawn to take in the new development.</p> <p>Spelling mistake: Para 3.2 'Arrcadian'</p>	<p>Noted: Respondent informed that the settlement boundary information was provided by MDC and was the most up-to-date available when the plan was produced. The site in Hall Road is currently 'scheduled' for development and detailed plans have not yet been approved.</p> <p>Check spelling.</p>	<p>Email sent to respondent.</p> <p>Correct spelling</p>
Local Resident (South)	I found both the Neighbourhood Plan and Village Design Statement to be extremely comprehensive, well researched and thought-out documents. I fully support the vision and objectives contained therein.	Noted: Thank you for your comments.	No change

	<p>I particularly endorse the following in the Village Design Statement:</p> <p>Page 23: 'Great Totham South has a substantial village green, with trees and a bench. This space might benefit from a more active and imaginative conservation approach.' In my opinion, the space would benefit from conservation features such as a wild flower meadow, wildlife pond and a greater number of native trees to make it a more attractive space for villagers in the centre of Totham South.</p> <p>Page 45: 'Great Totham is not a conventionally pretty village.....but that does not mean it is without character and, even if that character is hard to define, it is precious to those who live here and needs to be cared for.' This is certainly the case.</p> <p>Thank you to all who have been involved in the creation of both documents on behalf of our village.</p>	<p>Following the open weekend in 2019, suggestions to improve Bull Green were made to the Parish Council. The Council decided not to pursue improvements at the present time.</p>	
Local Resident (South)	<p>Walden House Road:</p> <p>Parking problems during school drop-off and pick-up times.</p> <p>Re-route 90 bus away from the school.</p> <p>Ask the school to provide more on-site parking for staff.</p> <p>Make Walden House Road one way (southbound)</p>	<p>Noted: A known issue. There is a non-Policy action to look at alternatives for getting local children to school. (The 'Walking Bus')</p> <p>Noted: The 90 bus is a commercial service. The Parish Council have a non-Policy action to look at this.</p> <p>Noted: Parish Council to explore further.</p> <p>Noted: This will be for the Parish/District Council to explore with Essex Highways.</p>	No change
Local Resident (South)	<p>Safety concerns over the '5 ways' junction.</p>	<p>Noted: Our District Councillor is pursuing junction improvements with Essex Highways.</p>	No change

Local Resident (South)	<p>I have at last read your documentation and am delighted by your proposals.</p> <p>Thank you for all the hard work and what you have achieved.</p>	Noted: Thank you for your comments.	No change
Local Resident (South)	<p>Concerns that Maldon District Council Planning Dept will override the wishes of local residents should the Plan be 'made'.</p> <p>Lack of local medical provision needs more prominence.</p> <p>GT03: The best view is possibly from the Cricket Field to the Blackwater Estuary. This should feature in the Plan.</p> <p>Footpath signage is in need of improvement.</p> <p>Village Design Statement: Page 10.</p> <p>Add: Green Woodpecker, Song Thrush, Mistle Thrush, Tree Sparrow, Sparrowhawk, Cuckoo, Black Cap, Willow Warbler, Chiff Chaff.</p> <p>Remove: Quail – dubious.</p>	<p>Noted: Our understanding is that the NP and the LDP carry equal weight when assessing planning applications.</p> <p>Noted: There is a part-time surgery in Wickham Bishops. We have looked at this issue in some detail but sadly, this is outside the scope of what a Neighbourhood Plan can achieve.</p> <p>Noted: Our survey showed that the area around the cricket field was a 'pleasant space' to enjoy. This view, amongst others, was considered for inclusion in the Plan. However, other views were better and more long ranging.</p> <p>Noted: For the Parish Council to pursue with the local footpath officer and Ranger service.</p> <p>Noted: Species to be added/removed as appropriate when the document is redrafted.</p>	Amend documents as appropriate.

Local Resident (South)	Policy GT10: Propose moving the children’s play equipment from the Jubilee Recreation Ground onto Bull Green. With a more open aspect this may discourage the vandalism that occurs in it’s present location.	Noted: This is beyond the scope of what a Neighbourhood Plan can achieve. Respondent advised to raise with the Parish Council.	Email to respondent - No change
Local Resident (South)	<p>Thank you for sponsoring the Neighbourhood Plan Consultation.</p> <p>I am in complete support of all the policies the team has put together. I feel it captures and describes the spirit of the village very well and also the challenges we face. It clearly describes a way forward that has fully considered the input of the whole village population.</p> <p>The documents make me appreciate better all the many assets we have and how we can move forward and develop a wonderful place to live for today’s residents and all future generations without losing the spirit, the special places, the environment and the beauty of the countryside in which we live.</p> <p>I am very encouraged that we have found ways to protect a number of open views that are so critical to us as we use the viewpoints, footpaths and roads while still allowing appropriate development in places that meet the future needs of the village. We have faced external developers in the past who proposed building right in the middle of views and countryside, potentially ruining irreplaceable assets that are critical to our enjoyment of living here.</p> <p>I can only commend and support all the teams detailed work on Housing, arcadian design principles, environmental and wildlife protection, views, transport and new walking opportunities.</p> <p>The team has my full support on all the action plans identified.</p>	Noted: Thank you for your comments.	No change

	Equally the Village Design Statement, provides wonderful detail on the village, fleshing out in detail very important information that is crucial in the evaluation and optimisation of our future development. Information that I encourage the Parish Council and District Council to use to guide all future planning applications and proposals so that we can develop the neighbourhood without losing the essential character and spirit of our beautiful village.		
Local Resident (South)	<p>Walden House Road :</p> <p>Concerns over parking/congestion at School drop-off/pick-up times.</p> <p>Proposal to re-route the 90 bus away from Walden House Road.</p> <p>Page 40. 7.9. In the 5th line, “through” has been mistyped as “though” in the line “when tested through the process of community consultation”</p> <p>Page 41. The heading “Fig. 7.2....” should be moved to the top of page 42.</p> <p>Page 42. The heading “Fig. 7.3...” should be moved to the top of page 43.</p> <p>Page 49. 9.1. In the fifth line, “of” is omitted in the line “Neighbourhood Plan as part of any subsequent review,”</p>	<p>Noted: A known issue. There is a non-Policy action to look at alternatives for getting local children to school. (The ‘Walking Bus’)</p> <p>Noted: The 90 bus is a commercial service. The Parish Council have a non-Policy action to discuss this with the operator.</p> <p>Noted: To be amended.</p>	<p>No change</p> <p>Edit document.</p>
Local Resident (GTS)	Minor error in figure 7-where it shows a national cycle route crossing the footpath from Beacon Hill to Goat Lodge Road-nothing cuts through people's gardens.	Noted: Maps have been checked. The route in question is clearly annotated as a footpath.	No change

<p>Tiptree Parish Council</p>	<p>GT01: Possible incompatibility between:</p> <p>Para 4.5: “Continued organic growth in Beacon Hill and Broad Street Green to be encouraged where it helps to sustain them and meets policy for growth outside settlement boundaries.”</p> <p>And</p> <p>Policy GT01 Bii: “The site is well related to the settlement boundary sharing a boundary on at least one side.”</p> <p>GT02: Could the emphasis on Arcadian Design be used to justify development outside Settlement Boundaries. Would keeping all development inside SBs not cluster development and raise housing densities?</p> <p>GT03: Is the cricket field identified in Fig 6.2?</p>	<p>Response: Para 4.5 is written thus because neither Beacon Hill nor Broad Street Green have official Settlement Boundaries and so specific guidance is needed.</p> <p>GT01 Bii assumes that the overwhelming majority of development will be in Totham North and South where clear criteria for development outside their Settlement Boundaries is essential.</p> <p>Response: Policies GT01 and GT02 must be read in the context of the clear steer from village opinion that developments should be modest in scale and these policies put flesh on the bones. For a developer to assert that major building outside the Settlement Boundaries would maintain or improve the Arcadian Character would be perverse.</p> <p>Noted. The cricket field is owned by the Parish Council. It sits at a busy part of the map where Views 2 &amp; 3 overlap. We will see if the diagram can be annotated or add a separate map into the plan.</p>	<p>Response emailed to Tiptree Parish Council.</p> <p>Otherwise no change.</p> <p>Figure 6.2 amended to show cricket field.</p>
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Local Resident (North)	<p>Policy GT01: This policy on Spatial Strategy has been well thought out and highlights areas for consideration in the planning process thereby allowing development to meet local housing needs whilst ensuring any development is of high-quality design and in keeping with the character of Great Totham.</p> <p>Policy GT02: This policy covers future design considerations very well – particularly topography, density and choice of materials as these are often given little consideration in the planning process.</p> <p>Policy GT03: A very important consideration as Great Totham is blessed with some of the best views in Essex and must be protected for future generations to enjoy. The increased footfall during the recent situation has been astonishing, residents clearly appreciate and enjoy what’s on their doorstep and this needs to be put before large scale development.</p> <p>Policy GT06: This policy outlines well how forward thinking at an early planning and layout stage can allow for integration of simple measures that will help mitigate climate change. A very worthwhile policy.</p> <p>Policy GT08: Pedestrian and cycle path access. What an excellent policy for today’s environment – one that benefits the wellbeing of all Totham residents. Concise and safe cycle/walkway routes is the way forward. As someone who has lived and worked in the Netherlands and experienced the dedicated cycle paths / walkways there I can attest to the benefits this would bring to our community. Moving this forward would be a major achievement for Great Totham.</p>	Noted: Thank you for your comments.	No change
Local Resident (BH)	GT01: Discourage large developments and seek to avoid building on the village boundary.	Noted. The 2018 Survey results show that the majority of respondents would welcome limited development inside the boundaries and small scale development on the edge of the village.	No change

Local Resident (South)	<p>The footpath on the North side of Maldon Rd from Prince of Wales Rd should be continued to the Zebra crossing at the Post Office.</p> <p>Too much speeding traffic in Prince of Wales Road, Maldon Road and Maypole Road.</p>	<p>Noted: Both these requests have been forwarded to the Parish Council.</p> <p>Speedwatch patrols are in place at Prince of Wales Road and Maldon Road.</p>	Email to Parish Council - No change
Local Resident (South)	<p>Important for a village not to have large anonymous block development more suited for a town.</p> <p>Improvement and maintenance of footpaths is important – some have been ploughed up.</p> <p>Road safety and speeding on the B1022 is a concern.</p>	<p>Noted: Both the Plan and Village Design Statement have been drafted with this in mind.</p> <p>Noted:</p> <p>Noted: The Parish Council are aware of this and Speedwatch patrols are continuing.</p>	<p>No change</p> <p>Email to Parish Council – 4/2/21.</p>
Local Resident (North)	<p>I would just like to say how impressed I am with the detail contained within the plan. It has obviously taken the team many hours of their free time to develop such an impressive document. The policies are well thought out and appear to have been developed through debate and discussion and in consultation with interested parties.</p> <p>It is interesting to see how the village has developed over the years and the level of planned development seems appropriate to maintain the character of the village as we move forward in the 21st century.</p> <p>Congratulations and thank you for producing a plan that I am very happy to support.</p>	<p>Noted: Thank you for your comments.</p>	No change
Local Resident (North)	<p>GT09 and GT10: The 'Compasses' pub is an eyesore. The village is in need of a pub and if this cannot be achieved then change of use would be preferable to the current state of disrepair.</p>	<p>Noted: The Compasses has been listed as an asset of community value. The proprietor has started remedial work but this may have stalled due to Covid restrictions.</p>	No change

	Play equipment in a poor state of repair Totham North recreation ground.	Noted.	Email to Parish Council – 4/2/21
Local Resident (South)	<p>GT01: More bungalows are needed to allow people to downsize. Any development should be small scale and sympathetic to flora and fauna.</p> <p>GT02: Small affordable homes are needed to help young people stay in the village.</p> <p>GT04: Any new development should respect wildlife by retaining trees and having an open aspect.</p> <p>GT07: Any new development should have sufficient parking.</p>	<p>Noted: The two main settlements contain approximately 180 bungalows. Both our survey (2018) and the Housing Needs Survey (2019) did not show either overwhelming support or need for more bungalows.</p> <p>Noted: The development at Hall Road will go some way to providing affordable housing identified in the Housing Needs Survey..</p> <p>Noted: Both the Plan and Village Design Statement support this.</p> <p>Noted: GT07 contains parking proposals.</p>	No change
Local Resident (North)	<p>Suggestions to reduce the speed limit to 30mph in Colchester Road, Totham North and improving access to both the recreation ground and the bus stop opposite ‘The Compasses’ pub.</p> <p>Concern over the future of ‘The Compasses’</p>	<p>Noted: These are included as non-policy actions for the Parish Council to progress with Maldon District Council and Essex Highways.</p> <p>Noted: The Compasses has been listed as an asset of community value. The proprietor has started remedial work but this may have stalled due to Covid restrictions.</p>	No change
The Land and Planning Company	<p>GT01: The components of Draft Policy GTO1 are helpful in trying to balance development and where this may take place.</p>	The GTNP and specifically Section 4 is clear about Great Totham’s role in the settlement hierarchy, the contribution it has made towards delivering the housing requirements	No change

	<p>Policy GTO1A focuses on somewhat tight settlement boundaries and sees the opportunity to reconcile restrictive policy with needs being addressed through flexibility (GTO1B). This creates the potential problem of concentrating development in a limited area, whilst not giving clarity to those sites that might be acceptable to the community.</p> <p>GTO1C addresses high quality design and this does not present as a 'spatial strategy' issue and appears to duplicate the role of GTO2. GTO2 and GTO1C could combine.</p> <p>Architectural Manners: NP Paras 4.3, 4.5 and 4.10 combine with Policy GTO1 to outline the broad position of support for architecturally mannered development: that which assimilates and sits comfortably. These references reflect the geography and morphology of the place. However, detailed elements such as landscaping and boundary treatment are important. Hedgerows and space are important characteristics of semi-rural/Arcadian architecture and placemaking. It is very important to consider the boundary and landscaping treatment of development and re-development,</p>	<p>in the Local Plan and therefore the rationale for the spatial strategy that is proposed. Stating that new development will be focused within the settlement boundaries and the providing clear guidance on when development will be acceptable outside the settlement boundaries is considered to be a reasonably flexible and positive approach.</p> <p>Moreover, the neighbourhood plan is not required to allocate sites or to 'give clarity' to those sites that might be acceptable to the community.</p> <p>In respect of Policy GTO1C, this is agreed. This text will be amalgamated into Policy GTO2.</p> <p>This is a good point. Reference to landscaping could be added into GTO2.</p>	<p>Amalgamate into GT02 text.</p> <p>Change GT02 text.</p>
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	<p>avoiding extensive hardstanding and clinical architecture which may compromise the essential character of the NP area. Para 4.5 is relevant.</p> <p>Dialogue: The Land and Planning Company looks forward to further engagement in the processes going forward.</p>		
Local Resident (South)	<p>Policy GT04: Clarification may be required. Why are 'shrubs' not included in the first part of 'C' but are mentioned in the second part? Hedgerows is the other way round?</p>	Noted: Text to be amended	Change GTO4 text
Local Resident (South)	<p>Policy GT01: My main comment would be on replacement housing where " boundary pushing" of larger buildings on relatively small plots over shadowing neighbours. It seems that Land Registry boundaries are only lines on maps and have little resemblance on the ground. Perhaps somewhere in the planning process, Land Registry boundaries could be enforced.</p>	Noted: Response sent. Similar comments have been received from other visitors to our open weekend. We believe this issue is sufficiently well covered in the both the Spatial Strategy section of the Plan and the Village Design Statement.	No change
Local Resident (South)	<p>This plan demonstrates a thorough understanding of the needs and aspirations of the village in terms of housing.</p> <p>The plan recognizes the open aspects and long view of the village which must be preserved together with the woods which characterize our village.</p> <p>The plan is commendable and I will certainly be voting for its implementation to sit alongside the Maldon District Plan.</p>	Noted: Thank you for your comments.	No change
Local Resident (South)	<p>The view from the closed gate on the west side of Goat Lodge Road is worthy of preservation.</p>	Noted: The view in question features on the front page of the consultation documents. Although it is a pleasing view it is not particularly long range and as such it does not meet the criteria to be included in the Plan for specific protection.	No change



	<p>Gladman would like to remind the Parish Council that it is not within their remit to 'permit' planning applications, that is the sole responsibility of the local planning authority. Consequently, the wording within the policy should omit 'permitted' and should be changed to either 'supported' or 'encouraged'.</p> <p>GT02: High quality Arcadian design. Whilst Gladman recognise the importance of high-quality design, in accordance with the requirements of the Framework (above) design policies should not aim to be overly prescriptive. Policies require some flexibility in order for schemes to respond to site specifics and the character of the local area. In essence, there will not be a 'one size fits all' solution in relation to design and sites should be considered on a site by site basis with consideration given to various design principles.</p> <p>GT03 (Part C): Setting of Great Totham Cricket Field. Gladman are particularly concerned with part C of policy GT03 which seeks to protect the setting of Great Totham cricket field</p>	<p>The GTNP is not deciding whether to permit planning applications or not; that is the role of the local planning authority. However, a made neighbourhood plan is part of the development plan and therefore its policies must be taken into account when determining planning applications within the parish. It is perfectly within the remit of a planning policy to be explicit about what is expected of a development. To only 'encourage' certain matters does not provide a sufficiently clear framework to the decision-maker (the local planning authority). This is particularly important in relation to fundamental matters such as the spatial strategy.</p> <p>The policy is not prescriptive as Clause A requires development proposals to 'respect' the Arcadian nature of the settlement. Moreover, Clause B encourages certain elements to be part of the design proposals, rather than requiring them. This is considered to provide a necessarily flexible but informative approach.</p> <p>Noted: Whilst the cricket field is not a designated asset, it is adjacent to the Mackmurdo designed Village Hall which is listed as a local heritage asset. It is also</p>	<p>No change</p> <p>No change</p>
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	<p>from the detrimental impacts of development. Whilst the cricket field may have considerable local value it is not a designated heritage nor landscape asset and there is no evidence presented that elevates its status above that of a local sports club on the edge of the settlement. The area and views out from this location are largely limited to when the land is being used for the playing of sports, from which access is managed and limited to sporadic events through the year (i.e residents and visitors to Great Totham are not freely accessing this area year round).</p> <p>Given the lack of evidence available to support the proposed designations Gladman suggest the policy is deleted from the GTNP in its entirety.</p> <p>Proposed way forward:</p> <p>As the Parish Council are aware, Gladman are promoting Land off Maldon Road for residential development of up to 115 dwellings. Considering this, Gladman would be pleased to discuss the outcome of this representation and consideration of Land off Maldon Road with the Parish Council and Qualifying Body.</p> <p>Gladman request to be added to the list of consultees and contacted about the next stages of the Neighbourhood Plan. Should the Parish Council or Qualifying Body have any queries regarding the contents of this representation or questions related to Land off Maldon Road, then please feel free to contact Richard</p>	<p>immediately opposite 'The Bull' Public House which is Grade II listed. Taken together with these two buildings, the cricket field 'frames' the entrance to Great Totham South and is an important part of the village scene from viewpoints and footpaths above. The cricket field is highly valued by the community, as, in addition to its use as a sports field, it is freely used year-round for enjoyment of the long-range views towards Goldhanger and the Blackwater Estuary, as well as village events such as fetes.</p> <p>Our survey from 2018 recognised the importance of this specific area to local people.</p> <p>Gladman Developments Ltd to be included in the list for further consultation.</p>	
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	Agnew (R.Agnew@gladman.co.uk) or Oliver Lloyd (O.Lloyd@gladman.co.uk).		
National Grid	Reminder: To consult National Grid on any Neighbourhood Plan Documents or site-specific proposals that could affect NG assets. We would be grateful if you could add our details shown below to your consultation database, if not already included:	Noted: Consultee details are –  Matt Verlander, Director; nationalgrid.uk@avisonyoung.com  Spencer Jefferies, Town Planner; box.landandacquisitions@nationalgrid.com	No change
Local Resident (North)	All look good!	Noted: Thank you for your comments.	No change
Local Resident (South)	Policy GT01: Spatial Strategy. This is well focused on housing needs. The NP area has a few commercial sites within the wider plan boundary, such as Great Mountains Farm and Furzeland Farm Barns. Are we happy that development on these sites and possible new sites will be adequately covered by the Maldon LDP? If so then this is not an omission, but perhaps just deserves a sentence in the preamble.	Noted: Local Plan Policy S8 (Settlement Boundaries and the Countryside) generally provides the most reasonable protection that it can for the countryside. Ultimately, commercial buildings in the countryside could always be under threat from redevelopment for housing but it is hard to absolutely protect against that.	New sentence added before GTO2.
Local Resident (South)	GT02: Fully supported – vital that the village retains its character. GT03: Views and settings are what makes our village. GT04: The importance of this policy cannot be overstated – A great piece of work! GT07: Parking already a plague in some parts of the village – proposals supported wholeheartedly. GT08: Footpaths matter to villagers – cherish and extend Overall, I find the plan and VDS an excellent way forward for our village.	Noted: Thank you for your comments.	No change
Local Resident (South)	The Neighbourhood Plan is extremely comprehensive, dealing not only with those issues that come quickly to mind (eg housing,	Noted: Thank you for your comments.	No change

	transport) but also those that might have been overlooked (eg the importance of views/landscape and wildlife). All issues are dealt with in a balanced way. It provides a way for we in the village to deal with change, and can manage it with the best interests of the community.		
Essex Bridleways Association	<p>Page 10 3.1 Vision: The last paragraph mentions the village infrastructure and the aspiration for safe ‘...cycle routes and footpaths...’ but omits to mention the Public Rights of Way network. This is of significant importance to the health and wellbeing of communities, and there should be an overall aim for safe access for ALL vulnerable road users – walkers, cyclists, equestrians and the less mobile. This should be reflected in the overall vision and embedded in the Plan from the top down. This does appear at the end of the document in the Non-Policy issues section but we request that a reference to this is included in the Vision Statement.</p> <p>We note later down the page in point 3.2 Transport and Movement that there is an aim to improve ‘pedestrian and cycle access’. We ask that equestrians are also included here as they are also vulnerable road users and need equal opportunities for safe access.</p> <p>Transport and Movement: Page 39 Walking and Cycling – we are disappointed that this Plan does not even acknowledge the use of the footpaths and bridleways and the local roads by equestrians (paragraph 7.7) and this should be addressed. As vulnerable road users, equestrians also need safe off-road routes and it is essential that they are included within this Plan.</p> <p>Page 46 section 8 Community Activities: we note that the local riding stables are listed as a community asset, and it is a shame that this Plan does not consider the need for safe off-road access</p>	<p>Noted: Suggest amending the vision statement by including “Public Rights of Way” after “Footpaths”.</p> <p>Add reference to “equestrian users” into 3.2</p> <p>Noted: This part of the plan focusses on walking and cycling because that is what the community requested. However, Para 7.8 does mention the network of bridleways.</p> <p>Noted: A Neighbourhood Plan is unable to influence the need for off-road access to livery yards and other equestrian facilities.</p>	<p>Make changes to text as appropriate.</p> <p>Objective amended</p>

	<p>for users of this and other livery yards/private owners and this should be addressed.</p> <p>Page 50 Non-Policy actions: we note that Access and Leisure and the enhancement of the public rights of way network is listed here; see note regarding 3.1 Vision Statement as we feel that this should be given more prominence within this Plan.</p>	<p>Noted: Specific reference will be made in the non-policy actions to equestrian users</p>	<p>Non-policy actions updated</p>
Local Resident (South)	<p>GT07: Need to sort out the Fiveways junction, far too many accidents,</p>	<p>Noted: This matter is being pursued by our District Councillor.</p>	<p>No change</p>
Wickham Bishops Parish Council	<p>GT01: Propose rewording policy to reflect that although part of Great Totham, Beacon Hill is somewhat distant from other settlements in the Parish.</p> <p>GT02: Suggested amendment to the description of 'Arcadian' character.</p> <p>No reference to a 'dark skies policy'.</p> <p>No reference to 'Building for Life' or 'Lifetime Homes'.</p>	<p>Noted: Paragraph 4.5 on page 11 of the draft plan recognises Beacon Hill as a separate settlement. The current wording is similar in meaning and is agreed by the community.</p> <p>Noted: The wording was provided by MDC to describe Great Totham in a Characterisation Assessment in 2012.</p> <p>Noted: Referring to Dark Skies Policy, we agree on limiting street lights and other floodlighting. The VDS does state that many residents do not want additional street lighting but we will include a reference to Dark Skies in both the NP and VDS.</p> <p>We note the comments also on 'Building for Life' and 'Lifetime Homes' but don't feel a policy change is necessary as we have a clear</p>	<p>No change.</p> <p>No change.</p> <p>Addition made to GTO2 and VDS.</p> <p>No change</p>

	<p>At present primary school aged pupils in Wickham Bishops are within the catchment of Great Totham Primary School. Any future development should seek to improve walking and cycling routes from Wickham Bishops to the primary school in Great Totham. At present, the crossing of Kelvedon Road is a potential highways hazard for children walking from Wickham Bishops to Gt. Totham.</p> <p>In addition, the WBPC would add that, as the primary school children of Wickham Bishops attend the Great Totham Primary School and make up approximately half the total number of pupils, this represents a significant number of children and parents accessing the school across the busy Kelvedon Road. In the mornings and afternoons this means that large numbers of people, including small children, are walking to the school. WBNP would like to request that the GTNP makes reference to this movement, from a road safety perspective, as currently there is no mention of the need for improved safety in your Plan, either in your policies or in your non-policy actions.</p>	<p>Policy already in GT06. Building standards and policy matters at a detail level will always be finally determined by government policy.</p> <p>Noted: Related policy wording is already included in 7.13 and GT08.</p> <p>The crossing of Kelvedon Road is of course a very important safety area and covered in non policy actions Table 9.1 as are all the footpaths and walkways feeding into the school. The footpaths and the island at the junction are well laid out for pedestrians and covered by 30 mph speed limits. The introduction of a lollipop person to monitor traffic and safe crossing behaviour would be beneficial, but with the current constraints on District Council spending this is not realistic.</p> <p>Safety: The word safety features in our Transport Policy GT08 and also in Para 7.13. This specifically relates to developer contributions providing direct access, enhancement and safety of walkways. Safety also features in 9 non-policy actions including an action specifically related to the school drop off.</p>	<p>No change</p> <p>No change</p>
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	<p>The Parishes of Gt. Totham and WB share a number of community and leisure facilities through the Beacon Hill Sports Association. There is no mention of BHSA in the Plan.</p> <p>One of the shared facilities, which is of great importance to the residents of WB, is Rainbow Field.</p> <p>We would have listed this as an LGS or an OS in our Plan had we been able to do so, as we feel that is a very important recreational area at the heart of our village. We were unable to designate it as an area for protection because it is within the Parish of Gt. Totham, on the boundary with WB. The WBPC requests that you consider protection of this site within your Plan, as it is so important to both WB and GT residents, both as part of BHSA facilities and as a recreational area open to all.</p>	<p>We will champion all these matters but they require ECC to undertake any work where we cannot secure developer funding.</p> <p>We do recognise that the BHSA includes facilities used by both villages and is flourishing.</p> <p>Noted: Policy GT01 refers. Following discussion with MDC, Rainbow Field is outside the settlement boundaries and would not qualify as a Local Green Space. However, we will adjust our Wildlife Stepping Stone map to include the copse and area of native tree planting on Rainbow Field.</p>	<p>BHSA will be recognised in the updated plan</p> <p>Mapping amended to show Rainbow field as a stepping stone.</p>
<p>Local Resident (South)</p>	<p>Thank you to all of the group who have given up so much time and shown such great dedication in producing the draft Plan and accompanying Village Design Statement.</p> <p>These are truly impressive documents and reflect the views of the many residents who have responded to the surveys and visited the village hall for the open weekend.</p> <p>The Environment Section is a fantastic piece of work and should be at the forefront of any planning decisions made by the District Council.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan and Village Design Statement have my unqualified support.</p>	<p>Noted: Thank you for your comments.</p>	<p>No change</p>

<p>Local Resident (South)</p>	<p>GT04: Only allow native species, too many Laurel hedges in the village.</p> <p>GT06: All surface water run off should be dealt with within the curtilage of the property. The village is built predominantly on Clay and average soakaways are ineffective. In addition to other methods, high capacity soakaways should be specified as standard.</p> <p>GT07: MDC should ensure that the Parking Policy Standards (2018) is applied in all cases. Totham is not a sustainable location and no reduction to the standard should be considered.</p> <p>GT07: Communal parking is only suitable for terraces with no frontage or flats. Do not consider it for larger developments. People are attached to the vehicles and will park them as close to their houses as possible. It will also discourage theft from cars which seems to be happening more and more. Insurance companies prefer us to park on our own drives.</p>	<p>Noted: Para 6.21 mentions native species but a NP cannot dictate what people plant on their property.</p> <p>Noted: A good suggestion but this would be the responsibility of Building Control and is outside the scope of what a Neighbourhood Plan can deliver</p> <p>Noted: GT07 states that ‘development proposals that create an increased need for parking must comply with the 2018 Maldon Vehicle Parking Standards’.</p> <p>Noted:</p>	<p>No change</p>
<p>Local Resident (North)</p>	<p>GT02: All new development should respect and be in-keeping with the local character of the village.</p> <p>GT03:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A) All views to be preserved.</li> <li>B) Keep the cricket field as it is – no development please.</li> <li>C) The green area between ‘The Bull’ and North Totham to stay undeveloped.</li> </ul>	<p>Noted: The Village Design Statement supports this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A) It is not possible to preserve or protect all views around the village.</li> <li>B) The cricket field is owned by the Parish Council.</li> <li>C) Noted. MDC policy S8 seeks to limit development in the countryside.</li> </ul>	<p>No change</p>

	<p>GT08: A walking route between North and South Totham is essential.</p> <p>GT09: Totham North needs a dedicated pub.</p> <p>Transport: Welcomes the proposal to divert the 90 bus to North Totham.</p> <p>Chapel Road: Too much speeding and HGVs using this narrow road in a residential area.</p>	<p>Noted: This is aspirational and a non-Policy action is in place to look at options.</p> <p>The Compasses is listed as an asset of community value. The venue is currently being improved and updated by the proprietor.</p> <p>The 90 bus is run by a commercial operator. The Parish Council have a non-Policy action to look at this.</p> <p>Concerns over speeding and HGVs relayed to Parish Council for action. Parish Council have used Community Speedwatch to monitor the road but no offenders were caught.</p>	<p>Email to Parish Council.</p>
<p>Local Resident (South)</p>	<p>GT01: Why does the plan not mention the land behind the Honywood or the area between Hall Road and the fishing lakes.</p> <p>VDS Page 31: Does this mean that land in Great Totham has been passed to Heybridge?</p> <p>NP document page 8. Fiveways Junction should revert to being a roundabout – which it once was.</p>	<p>The land behind the Honywood is identified in the Plan documentation as having outline Planning Permission for 30 homes. The field between Hall Road and the fishing lakes is privately owned and will be covered by Policy S8 of the LDP.</p> <p>Noted: No, currently the Parish boundary remains extant but part of the North Heybridge Garden Suburb will be in the civil parish of Great Totham</p> <p>Noted. A District Councillor is progressing junction improvements with Essex Highways.</p>	<p>No change</p>

<p>Great Totham School Governors</p>	<p>I just wanted to write and congratulate the team that has put the draft plan together and to thank them and the councils for the kind comments regarding the school that are included in the main body of the plan. We are very proud of the achievements of the staff and the children over many years and are pleased to be part of the community in Great Totham.</p> <p>As the Plan rightly points out, with this success comes the challenges of traffic, congestion and parking, especially when the school serves such a large catchment area, which includes, the Tothams, the Braxteds, Wickham Bishops and extends into Langford.</p> <p>I noted in the supporting documents that one respondent was quoted as saying that there was: "Serious issue with parking congestion in Walden House Rd, risk of accident. Complaints not taken seriously by school, police or council."</p> <p>We agree that there is a serious issue with parking and congestion around the school, for, as the Plan background documents show, there has been a significant increase in density of housing in the area since the school was built and I do not think the roads were designed with today's issues in mind.</p> <p>So while this is not a formal response to the Plan, I did want to take the opportunity to reassure Councillors that the school does indeed take the issue of parking and traffic congestion extremely seriously. You will appreciate that we have no powers over adults beyond the school gate, even if their children do attend the school. We therefore have to rely on voluntary schemes and exhortation. The actions we have put in place include: At each new parent induction session, we promote the morning drop-off zone to reduce parking, which is marshalled on a voluntary basis by members of staff;</p>	<p>Noted: Letter sent in response to the School Governors thanking them for their comments.</p>	<p>No change</p>
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	<p>We tell parents about the voluntary one-way system during school times for Walden House Road to reduce congestion; We send periodic reminders via our school e-newsletter to parents about parking and showing consideration for local residents;</p> <p>We have worked with the County Council to have parking restrictions via double yellow lines and school zone markings put in, including at the corner of Catchpole Lane and to extend the 30 mph speed limit on Kelvedon Road.</p> <p>We have written to the Road Safety Partnership about parking patrols and ticketing, but this has had limited success, due to their own resourcing constraints.</p> <p>Over the years we have tried to have "walking buses" and through awareness raising encourage walking to school when safe to do so. The walking bus worked for a limited period. However, it is necessarily reliant on consistent volunteers to take responsibility daily, are willing to undergo the appropriate DBS checks and any potential any liability issues. They also depend, inevitably, upon finding safe space to drop off, gather and, of course, appropriate safe routes to walk to school. The County Council withdrew the services of the crossing patrols as part of their budget balancing some years ago, but we would happily work with the councils to try to have that decision changed (Councillors will be aware of these issues in other villages in the area). Unfortunately when we raised it, we were advised at the time that the risk assessment does not justify it.</p> <p>I hope that this helps to expand on what we have done to try to ameliorate the issues that affect our neighbours, so while we do, indeed, take the matter seriously, our actual powers are very limited.</p>		
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	I wish you well with the Plan and again congratulate the team involved on completing what I know is a lot of hard work over a long period.		
Local Resident (North)	<p>GT01: Small bungalows would meet an indentified need.</p> <p>GT03: The view from the top of Braxted Lane towards the estuary and Clacton is not mentioned. It's a fabulous view.</p> <p>GT08: Can Braxted Lane be designated as a 'quiet road' whereby only farm vehicles, walkers and cyclists are allowed?</p> <p>GT09: The community in North Totham would like the Compasses to reopen. Can it also be used as a library and café?</p> <p>Colchester Rd, North Totham should be 30mph.</p> <p>The designated cycle route could use Braxted Lane, Tiptree Road to the Beacon and then to Sheepcotes Lane to Totham South.</p>	<p>The Housing Needs Survey did not support this view.</p> <p>Noted: The view mentioned is on the NP boundary on a public road. Although it is a long distance view it is not as good as others in the village and not a particularly good example of the "Totham wooded farmland" which characterises much of the landscape.</p> <p>Noted: Thank you for the suggestion but we feel this is not a practical proposal given that there are a number of private properties in Braxted Lane where the owners need access by car.</p> <p>The Compasses is listed as an asset of community value. The venue is currently being improved and updated by the proprietor. The Neighbourhood Plan supports alternative uses for venues such as The Compasses.</p> <p>Noted: The Parish Council has a non-Policy action to look at this.</p> <p>Modifications to the National Cycle Route are the responsibility of Sustrans and</p>	<p>No change</p> <p>No change.</p>

		therefore outside the scope of what a Neighbourhood Plan can achieve.	
Local Resident (South)	<p>GT01: The lack of affordable homes is noted but isn't the school full?</p> <p>GT04: Recognising the problem of habitat fragmentation is so important. It's vital we do everything we can to check the catastrophic decline of flora and fauna in south-east England.</p> <p>GT07: Developers don't seem to provide adequate parking spaces. Parking on pavements poses a risk to pedestrians and push chair users.</p> <p>GT09: Speed restrictions are pointless unless enforced.</p> <p>VDS: Architectural 'Good Manners' is not being observed.</p> <p>Bird List: Add Sparrowhawk.</p>	<p>Noted: There is no evidence that the school is 'full'.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted: Policy GT07 outlines proposals for parking arrangements for new developments and extensions to existing properties.</p> <p>Noted. The Parish Council maintain a 'speedwatch' activity on various roads in the village.</p> <p>Noted: The Plan is not yet 'made' so the proposals regarding Architectural 'Good Manners' are still aspirational and currently carries little or no weight in planning decisions.</p> <p>Noted. Sparrowhawk to be included.</p>	<p>No change.</p> <p>Change text</p>
Local Resident (South)	<p>Policy GT01: Spatial Strategy</p> <p>Whilst there is demand for a small amount of new development within the village, larger amounts should not be encouraged as it would detract from the character of the village.</p>	<p>Noted: Policy GT01 regarding Spatial Strategy and the Village Design Statement have been written with this in mind.</p>	<p>No change.</p>

	<p>Policy GT04: Green/Blue Wildlife Corridors and Wildlife Friendly Development/ Policy GT05: Recreational Disturbance and Mitigation</p> <p>The impact on the local wildlife must be avoided and these policies highlight the importance of good design to encourage the local wildlife and biodiversity.</p> <p>Policy GT07: Parking Provision</p> <p>It is very important that sufficient parking is provided within any new developments, it is both a nuisance to people or simply dangerous when people cannot park off road (for example, cars being parked on pavements blocking their use meaning people with pushchairs or in wheelchairs must go onto the road). With the ever increasing number of cars owned per household developments need to be made with multiple parking space available to each household.</p> <p>Policy GT08: Pedestrian and Cycle Access</p> <p>The maintenance and improvement of the currently existing network of footpaths and bridleways is very important as they are much relied upon by the residents of the village. Thus it is also very important that any developments help to improve/add to these.</p>	<p>Noted: Both policies GT04 and GT05 outline the criteria for wildlife friendly development and recreational disturbance mitigation.</p> <p>Noted: Policy GT07 defines proposals for parking arrangements for new developments and extensions to existing properties.</p> <p>Noted: Policy GT08 supports proposals to improve pedestrian and cycle access.</p>	
Local Resident (South)	<p>Policy GT04: Green/Blue Wildlife Corridors and Wildlife Friendly Development</p> <p>The local/community groups and residents who would frequent our village hall and other shared areas may be interested in helping planting the habitat, but also it could be useful for local residents to be educated around what to plant as mentioned in</p>	<p>Noted: The suggestions here are supported and the Parish Council have been advised of schemes to support planting of wildflowers and woodland. However, the Neighbourhood Plan is not the right vehicle</p>	No change

	<p>6.20 &amp; 6.21, this would help people to contribute to this in their own gardens. Walking around the area, many hedges have been put in, but these are tree borders and not the rich planting schemes needed for the pollinators.</p> <p>POLICY GTO6: Energy efficiency of buildings and renewables Surface water run-off is proving to be extremely important, with recent months and increased rainfalls it has been evident that the ground gets saturated very easily. Recently areas such as near the Bull/Cricket Ground and Hall Road have seen an increased amount of surface water collecting and overflowing drains. Footpaths have also become extremely waterlogged making it difficult to walk along them.</p> <p>Policy GT09: Expansion of Community and Leisure Facilities Point C – The Compasses. This feeds back to the pedestrian access between Totham N &amp; S. We attempted the treacherous walk along the main road from the Bull to the Compasses when it was open (and often we were the only people in there) and no doubt trespassed across private land due to poorly marked footpaths on the return journey to avoid the main road.</p>	<p>to progress this further as it must focus on planning policy matters only.</p> <p>Noted: Maintenance of drains is the responsibility of Anglian Water and issues with capacity or pollution should be reported to them in the first instance.</p> <p>The Parish Council are aware that some footpaths are becoming waterlogged.</p> <p>The Compasses is listed as an asset of community value. The venue is currently being improved and updated by the proprietor. Policy GT08 supports improvements to pedestrian or cycle access.</p>	<p>Email to Parish Council 16/2/21.</p>
<p>Local Resident (North)</p>	<p>I consider the documents extremely comprehensive and well illustrated, highlighting both the concerns and aspirations of residents. It is interesting to see the variety of architectural styles that have been successfully incorporated into the village scene but equally obvious from responses to consultations that many believe that 'enough is enough' and intrusive and unsympathetic development is detrimental to the character of the settlement. Furthermore, the infrastructure is 'rural', making an excess of 'urban-style' development unsustainable.</p>	<p>Noted: Thank you for your comments.</p>	<p>No change.</p>

	<p>It is to be hoped the documents will be ratified by the District and will, indeed, bring a measure of protection with regard to any future development, particularly that not supported at Parish and District level but allowed on appeal by those (often just one person) with little understanding of the local situation. 'Respecting the local character' and 'addressing local need' are clearly viewed as priorities.</p> <p>Realistically, the completion of the documents is not the end of the process. Many of the 'aspirations' (better bus service, better maintenance of footpaths, upkeep of play areas, street signage etc) have been the focus of Parish Council endeavours for years. Some are subject to other bodies, some are not immediately economically viable and funding is not available, some are labour intensive and volunteers are not always forthcoming.</p> <p>We cannot have everything we want, exactly when we want it but it would be nice to think that, if we want something enough or, indeed, object to something enough, we will be prepared to do something about it. It would be nice to think that the involvement of so many people in providing information and the hard work of the Steering Committee in producing the Neighbourhood Plan will be instrumental in securing a positive future.</p>		
Local Resident (South)	<p>Policy GT01: Fully supportive of B.iv – we should discourage the addition of new housing estates outside the settlement boundary which simply allow the landowner to maximise his/her profits.</p> <p>Section C.i as mentioned within the text of the document some recent developments have not adhered to this requirement resulting in an unwelcoming environment.</p>	<p>Noted: Policy GT01 supports limited growth inside the development boundary and some small scale development outside the boundary.</p> <p>Noted: The Plan or VDS can have no outcome on these issues until it is 'made'.</p>	<p>Headings for 7.2 and 7.3 on pages 41 and 42 require adjustment as outlined below. Otherwise, no change.</p>

	<p>Section C.ii would it be possible to add an ongoing charge rather than a one off payment, for example contribution for educational establishments (or transport provision for the same) for the term required by the new residents where the development is significant?</p> <p>Policy GT02: Section A (all sections) Yes! Many new developments seem to consist of little boxes crammed in next to each other definitely out of character with the existing village. Section B.ii The increasing trend to erect eight foot high solid fences and large iron gates and railings is most unwelcome.</p> <p>Policy GT04: All sections: We share this planet with all manner of creatures, that is what makes life so interesting. Housing is a necessary part of our way of life but we should not ignore our responsibility to share the space we occupy, much of the wildlife was there before us.</p> <p>Policy GT06: All sections: Within the village we can see the impact of increased use of non-porous surfaces for the “benefit” of parking or possibly ease of maintenance, the current sewage system in hall road cannot cope with the water flow during periods of heavy rain. We need to get smarter with the resources we have.</p> <p>Policy GT07: Parking is likely to become more of a problem, as children grow up they expect to have their own vehicles and often expect to be able to park it close to their front doors, with the increasing trend</p>	<p>Noted: Our understanding is that an ongoing charge is outside the scope of a S106 payment agreement. However, although it is not an ongoing arrangement Maldon District Council will be raising a Community Infrastructure Levy.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted: Policy GT07 seeks to address issues related to both parking and road safety. The plan aims to ensure that adequate parking</p>	
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	<p>of minimal front gardens and narrow access roads the vehicles will end up on the pavements. There would also appear to be a tendency to “not want to be blocked in” resulting in parking provision for two or more vehicles in a row being used for just one vehicle.</p> <p>Policy GT08: All sections: With the recent lockdowns there has been a significant increase in the number of villagers walking for exercise, coupled with the call to “stay at home” and the reduction in traffic many of the roadside routes have been significantly easier to use. Perhaps we could use this opportunity to “claim back” some space on these roads by adding “warning pedestrians” signage or requesting further local speed reductions.</p> <p>Policy GT09: Section C: I suspect the requirement to meet together may re-emerge once the current Covid crisis is under control at which point the future of the Compasses may become clearer.</p> <p>Just one negative, on the copy I printed the heading for Figure 7.2 is at the bottom of page 41 and the heading for Figure 7.3 is at the bottom of page 42, this confused me for a while.</p>	<p>spaces are made available when new properties are built and more spaces become a planning condition when properties are extended.</p> <p>Noted: This suggestion is outside the scope of what a Neighbourhood Plan can achieve. This would be for the Parish Council to progress with Maldon District Council and the Local Highways Panel.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	<p>See comment above.</p>
Local Resident (North)	GT02: Concern that hedges and ditches are not being maintained properly.	Noted: Maintenance of hedges and ditches are the responsibility of the landowner/Essex Highways.	No change

	There are 2 empty properties in North Totham. Can these be brought into re-use?	Noted: This is outside the remit of what a Neighbourhood Plan can deliver.	
Local Resident (North)	<p>GT01: New settlements are a good way of introducing new people to communities but we do not want large developments as these will spoil the rural character of the village.</p> <p>GT04: Blue/Green wildlife corridors. More work required with landowners to improve connections and habitat diversity. The proposed government ELMS scheme should help with this in the future.</p> <p>Recommend community planting schemes to improve diversity around the edge of the 3 commons.</p> <p>Can we report on the outcomes of the HRAS and Essex RAMS and subsequent plans for compliance?</p> <p>GT08: Improving walking/cycling links is a priority. What about a community meeting to garner support and more suggestions?</p> <p>Re-routing the 90 bus to include Totham North also a priority. Can this be included as a policy in GT08?</p>	<p>Noted: Policy GT01 and the VDS support this.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted: Although this was suggested, this is not something the Parish Council wished to progress at the current time.</p> <p>Noted: The Steering Group are not in a position to report on this subject. The outcomes should be available from Maldon DC or their website.</p> <p>Although the plan supports walking and cycling, this particular suggestion is outside the remit of the Steering Team.</p> <p>Noted: The plan cannot dictate how a commercial operator organises their bus service but the Parish Council has a non-policy action to discuss with the operator and the sustainable travel team.</p>	No change

	<p>GT09: Can the Compasses be expanded to take on a village shop role or a library function?</p> <p>GT10: Access to the playground is difficult for pedestrians crossing the main road. Improvements needed to enhance safety both here and at the bus stop opposite the Compasses.</p> <p>Play facilities seem underused, can we add a wildlife area to the recreation ground?</p>	<p>Noted: A good suggestion but it is up to the proprietor to decide if they want this to be part of their role and function.</p> <p>Noted: The Parish Council have a non-Policy action to look at this.</p> <p>Noted: This would be for users of the recreation ground to raise with the Parish Council.</p>	
Cussen Construction Ltd.	Offer based on previous planning application (OUT/MAL/15/01128) of 6.2H of land adjacent to Colchester Road and Braxted Lane, Great Totham North, to help Great Totham meet the housing needs of the community.	Noted: The submission arrived (by hand) 2 weeks after the closure deadline. Discussed with the Parish Clerk (CP) who will acknowledge receipt and confirm that proposal has been logged in the consultation matrix.	No change. Acknowledgement email from Parish Clerk to Cussen Construction Ltd – 25/2/21.
Essex County Council	<p>The following additional text is recommended and has been incorporated into many other neighbourhood plans in Essex:</p> <p>“These plans set out the policy framework within which minerals and waste planning applications are assessed. They also contain policies which safeguard known mineral bearing land from sterilisation, and existing, permitted and allocated mineral and waste infrastructure from proximal development which may compromise their operation.</p> <p>Essex and Southend-on-Sea Waste Local Plan (WLP)</p> <p>Essex County Council is the Waste Planning Authority (WPA) for the Plan area, and is responsible for preparing planning policies and assessing applications for waste management development.</p>	Noted. Neighbourhood plans are not permitted by the Regulations to address minerals matters but the addition of this text is helpful clarification.	This will be referenced in the supporting text to the policy.

	<p>The WLP was adopted in July 2017 forming part of the statutory Development Plan and should be read alongside the adopted Maldon Local Development Plan. The WLP covers the period from 2017 to 2032. It sets out where and how waste management developments can occur, and contains the policies against which waste management planning applications are assessed. Policy 2 of the WLP designates Waste Consultation Areas within 250m of active, allocated or permitted waste management facilities (400m in the case of Water Recycling Centres). These act to ensure that ECC are consulted on all non-waste related development proposals to ensure that there are no detrimental impacts which would compromise the operation of the existing facility or the newly proposed development.</p> <p>Essex Minerals Local Plan 2014 (MLP)</p> <p>The Essex Minerals Local Plan 2014 (MLP) forms part of the statutory Development Plan and should be read alongside the Maldon Local Development Plan. Sand and gravel deposits are subject to a Minerals Safeguarding policy (Policy S8), which seeks to prevent deposits being sterilised by on mineral development. Mineral Consultation Areas are also established through Policy S8 and these act to ensure that ECC are consulted on all non-mineral related development within a distance of 250m around active, allocated and permitted quarries, and other mineral infrastructure.</p> <p>Some of the Plan Area in the East, South and West and North West lie within a Mineral Safeguarding Area (MSA) due to the presence of sand and gravel deposits beneath the ground (see Appendix 1). These areas are subject to the Minerals Safeguarding Policy S8 of the MLP, which seeks to prevent deposits being unnecessarily sterilised by non-mineral development. However, all housing allocations proposed in the Neighbourhood Plan fall below the site size threshold at which the provisions of Policy S8 are engaged.”</p>		
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Essex County Council	<p>Paragraph 2.18 refers to the practice of significant parking along Walden House Road at school times leading to congestion and the road becoming a single lane road preventing passing traffic. This also has an impact upon bus services needing to pass at peak school drop off and pick up times.</p>	<p>Noted: The parish council have requested traffic calming measures at this location via the Maldon Local Highways Panel, and is at the validation stage, and presently does not have any funding, but is currently being considered (see comments under Policy GTO8 – Pedestrian and Cycle Access).</p>	No change
Essex County Council	<p>The ECC Developers' Guide to Infrastructure Contributions (2020) provides guidance with regards the environment around schools, and recommends the following issues/measures should be considered establishing and improving walking and cycling routes to schools (including off site provision) and reducing school run traffic and dispersing it away from school entrances.</p> <p>The Plan makes reference to the preparation of a Travel Plan for Great Totham Primary school to identify solutions to parking and safety problems associated with school drop off and pick up. ECC recommend the parish council liaise with the Sustainable Travel Team for more information (<a href="mailto:travelplanteam@essex.gov.uk">travelplanteam@essex.gov.uk</a>).</p> <p>ECC welcomes reference in the vision to aspire to having 'good public transport infrastructure' and an objective to improve public and community transport. However, it is unclear what the parish council would wish to see regarding any improvements in public transport, be it increased frequency and destinations or provision of new bus infrastructure (bus stops etc). ECC recommend the parish council undertake a detailed Travel Survey to ascertain where and how people within the plan area are travelling, and for what purpose. At present, the plan gives the impression that bus travel is only a useful mode of travel for the elderly, and those without access to a car (paragraph 7.14).</p>	<p>Parish Council to note recommendation to conduct a detailed travel survey.</p>	No change.
Essex County Council	<p>Paragraph 3.1 includes the Vision for the Plan over the plan period. Paragraph 1 of the vision relates to both the 'historic rural landscape, with its own clear identify, heritage and character'.</p>	<p>We have not gathered any evidence on non-designated heritage assets. We believe there is adequate information regarding</p>	Amend vision

	<p>However, there is no other reference to the historic environment in the Plan regarding the existing context and any policy to protect and enhance existing designated and non-designated heritage assets and their setting. NPPF, paragraph 185 requires Plans to set out a positive strategy for the conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment.</p> <p>NPPF, paragraph 187 requires authorities to maintain or have access to a historic environment record, which should be used to assess the significance of heritage assets and the contribution they make to their environment; and predict the likelihood that currently unidentified heritage assets, particularly sites of historic and archaeological interest, will be discovered in the future. Place Services manage and maintain the Essex Historic Environment Record (HER) on behalf of ECC and other local planning authorities in the county. The Essex HER is the most complete, computerised database of heritage assets in Essex, containing more than 38,000 records. It is a public resource and is free to access as a vital source of archaeological, historic landscape and historic building information. A summary version of the Essex HER can be searched online at the Heritage Gateway. The 'Landscape and Environment of Great Totham' supporting document also includes information on historic features within the parish.</p> <p>ECC recommend the parish council should consider a section and policy regarding the historic environment based on the requirements of NPPF, paragraph 185 a – d, using the information identified above.</p>	<p>listed buildings and designated heritage assets in both the Village Design Statement (4.6) that were supplied by Maldon District Council. Also, the evidence base contains a detailed history of the settlement. For Great Totham, 'heritage' relates more to the landscape and this is well covered.</p> <p>to the vision will be amended to remove the reference to 'heritage' in the second part of para 1.</p>	
Essex County Council	<p>Section 4 – Spatial Strategy and Housing Need</p> <p>The parish council may wish to review the content of this policy to better reflect the vision (paragraph 3.1) and objectives (paragraph 3.2) identified in the Plan. Any spatial strategy policy</p>	<p>The Local Plan doesn't specifically provide a housing requirement for Great Totham. This could be clarified in para 4.2 by updating the figures for extant permissions. It should also</p>	No change.

	<p>should outline what and how much development is needed to meet local needs and broadly where it should be concentrated. Any policy could refer to the amount of new homes to be provided with flexibility to address local housing needs; identification of any allocated sites, whether development will be focussed within defined settlement boundaries; and what is the role of North and South Totham; Beacon Hill and Broad Street Green etc.</p> <p>Criterion A refers to the settlement boundaries being defined in Figure 4.1 and 4.2 of the Plan. The Maldon Local Development Plan (LDP) was adopted in 2017 and sets the spatial strategy for the district up to 2029. Paragraph 2.102 of the adopted Maldon Local Development Plan states that settlement boundaries are set out in the Policies Map. The relevant Map for Great Totham is the North West(4.5mb) map.</p> <p>ECC recommend criterion A is amended to refer to the adopted Local Development Plan Policies Map rather than Figures 4.1 and 4.2 in the Plan.</p> <p>A. New development in Great Totham Parish will be focussed within the settlement boundaries of North Totham and South Totham, as defined in the adopted Local Plan Policies Map.</p> <p>ECC recommend the parish council consider a new specific policy be included in the Plan regarding Housing in terms of its overall need, and site allocations, and the criteria against which any new proposals will be assessed.</p>	<p>reflect the number of completions as well. MDC's 5-Year Supply Statement dated November 2020 does provide an updated position as at 31 March 2020. Para 4.3 could then be more explicit that there is no 'need' for further growth to satisfy the Local Plan but the NP provides a positive approach to allowing the right kind of growth on the edge of the settlement.</p> <p>Noted. We will make clear in the supporting text that Figures 4.1 and 4.2 show the boundaries as they are on Local Plan Policies Map.</p> <p>The current criteria in B (i-iv) are already sufficient to provide clarity as to how proposals should be assessed. We do not consider any change is necessary.</p>	<p>Revise text</p> <p>No change.</p>
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	<p>These could include criteria B I – iv. The links to `made` Plans in Braintree (*) can be viewed below to assist in this process and is considered relevant to this Plan. (*Specifically; Cressing, Hatfield Peverel, Bradwell and Pattiswick)</p> <p>ECC recommend criterion C i regarding design should be reviewed against, and if necessary incorporated within Policy GTO2 – High Quality Arcadian Design.</p>	<p>Agreed. This text will be amalgamated into Policy GTO2.</p>	<p>Revise text.</p>
<p>Essex County Council</p>	<p>ECC acknowledges that criterion Cii makes reference to all development being required to make developer contributions to `specific types` of infrastructure via S106 and/or the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). It is acknowledged that Maldon District Council (MDC) is in the progress of developing its CIL, and will be implemented in due course.</p> <p>ECC recommend that the parish council considers incorporating an overarching developer contributions policy in the Regulation 16 version of the Plan. The following supporting text should be included to any new policy to cover the wide definition of infrastructure, and to prevent any listing within the policy, which would restrict the definition to just those identified in this policy.</p> <p>“The term infrastructure can include any structure, building, system facility and/or provision required by an area for its social and/or economic function and/or wellbeing including (but not exclusively): footways, cycleways, bridleways and highways; public transport; drainage, SuDs and flood protection; waste recycling facilities; education and childcare; healthcare; sports, leisure and recreation facilities; community and social facilities; cultural facilities, including public art; emergency services; green infrastructure; open space; affordable housing; live/work units and lifetime homes; broadband; and facilities for specific sections of the community such as youth or the elderly.”</p>	<p>Noted. Policy GTO1Cii already addresses this. It could be expanded to reflect this but a totally separate policy is not considered necessary.</p>	<p>No change.</p>

Essex County Council	<p>ECC recommends reference is made to the ECC Developers' Guide to Infrastructure Contributions (2020), which updates the 2016 Guide.</p> <p>The Guide provides details on the scope and range of contributions towards infrastructure which (ECC may seek from developers and landowners in order to mitigate the impact and make development acceptable in planning terms. These contributions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education - Early Years and childcare; Schools (primary, secondary, post 16, Special Education Needs); School transport and sustainable travel</li> <li>• Transport - Highways and Transportation; Sustainable Travel Planning; Passenger Transport; Public Rights of Way</li> <li>• Employment and Skills Plans</li> <li>• Waste Management</li> <li>• Libraries</li> <li>• Flood and Water Management and Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS)</li> </ul> <p>Section 6 of the Guide also includes matters relating to adult social care, public health, biodiversity and heritage assets, which should be borne in mind when considering a site and preparing a planning application.</p>	<p>ECC recommends reference is made to the ECC Developers' Guide to Infrastructure Contributions (2020), which updates the 2016 Guide.</p> <p>The Guide provides details on the scope and range of contributions towards infrastructure which (ECC may seek from developers and landowners in order to mitigate the impact and make development acceptable in planning terms. These contributions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education - Early Years and childcare; Schools (primary, secondary, post 16, Special Education Needs); School transport and sustainable travel</li> <li>• Transport - Highways and Transportation; Sustainable Travel Planning; Passenger Transport; Public Rights of Way</li> <li>• Employment and Skills Plans</li> <li>• Waste Management</li> <li>• Libraries</li> <li>• Flood and Water Management and Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS)</li> </ul>	Reference in supporting text
Essex County Council	<p><u>Section 5 – High Quality Arcadian Design</u></p> <p><u>Policy GTO2: High Quality Arcadian Design</u></p> <p>Policy GTO2 addresses design as it relates to building materials with reference limited to purely visual considerations. ECC recommend that the policy Policy GTO2 should support the wider understanding of good design by requiring that development</p>	Noted: reference to be included in GTO2.	Amend GTO2

	<p>proposals make reference to the sustainable planning of building materials.</p> <p>ECC recommend the Plan acknowledge, and/or, signpost to the MLP and WLP, as providing policy guidance with regards sustainable development, and in particular with regards paragraph 9.23 and site construction and the generation of waste. For example, MLP Policy S4 – Reducing the use of mineral resources is a key policy with regards sustainable construction. The policy requires development proposals to demonstrate how mineral waste is minimised on sites, and is re-used and recycled through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• best practice in extraction, processing and transportation of primary minerals;</li> <li>• the application of national/local standards for sustainable design and construction</li> <li>• the application of procurement policies which promote sustainable design and construction</li> <li>• achieving maximum recovery of minerals from construction, demolition and excavation wastes through on-site re-cycling and re-use, or if not possible, at nearby aggregate recycling facilities</li> </ul> <p>ECC would seek the parish council request this type of evidence early in the planning process and is a key component of securing sustainable design and construction through the circular economy. ECC, as the Minerals and Waste Planning Authority, are committed to working with relevant bodies on the shared ambition of delivering sustainable development and welcome further dialogue as appropriate.</p>	<p>Noted: The policy context section will be updated to include the suggested text on minerals and waste plans.</p>	<p>A reference will be included in the policy context section and text in GTO2.</p>
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<p>Essex County Council</p>	<p>Section 6 - Environment</p> <p>Policy GTO4: Green/Blue Wildlife Corridors and Wildlife-Friendly Development</p> <p>ECC welcome references to development being required to consider on-site green infrastructure, including trees, hedgerows, habitats and their amenity value, but reference should also be made to the opportunities for connectivity to the wider green infrastructure network. NPPF, paragraph 170d requires planning policies to enhance the natural environment by establishing coherent ecological networks.</p> <p>ECC recommend criterion C is amended to read:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">C. As part of its requirements to demonstrate net biodiversity gain, development should be designed to retain trees and hedgerows of arboricultural, habitat and amenity value on-site and to conserve and enhance connectivity to the wider green and blue infrastructure networks.</p> <p>The Essex Green Infrastructure Strategy (2020) recommends that green infrastructure maximises the opportunity for flood management and that SuDS and other urban natural flood management measures are linked into the overall green infrastructure network.</p> <p>ECC recommend an additional criterion is added to read:</p> <p>Development is required to take into consideration the principles of Sustainable Urban Drainage (SuDs) and natural flood management techniques, which will enhance biodiversity and ecosystems.</p>	<p>Noted: Amendments will be incorporated into GTO4.</p>	<p>Amend GTO4</p>
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	The reference to SUDS standards and guidance on the design of surface water drainage schemes is referenced in Policy GTO6.		
Essex County Council	<p>Policy GT05: Recreational Disturbance and Mitigation</p> <p>ECC notes the inclusion of this policy on the Essex Coastal Recreational disturbance Avoidance and Mitigation Strategy (RAMS) in the Plan. ECC notes that the RAMS Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) was adopted by MDC in August 2020, and further advice should be obtained from MDC with regards the necessary policy wording and justification. At present, this policy still refers to the interim period prior to the Strategy and SPD being adopted by MDC.</p>	<p>Following discussion with Leonie Alpin at Maldon DC. Advice is to remove Para 6.25 on page 34 and replace with;</p> <p>‘All residential development within the zones of influence of European Sites should make an appropriate financial contribution towards mitigation measures, as detailed in the Essex Coast Recreational disturbance Avoidance and Mitigation Strategy (RAMS) Supplementary Planning Document, to avoid adverse in-combination recreational disturbance effects on European Sites.</p> <p>All residential development within the zones of influence should deliver all measures identified (including strategic measures) through project level Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRAs), or otherwise, to mitigate any recreational disturbance impacts in compliance with the Habitat Regulations and Habitats Directive’.</p>	Agreed
Essex County Council	<p>Policy GTO6: Energy Efficiency of Buildings and Renewables</p> <p>ECC welcomes reference in criterion B requiring all developments having to demonstrate how they have been designed to incorporate measures to adapt to climate change. Paragraph 6.28</p>		

	<p>refers to new homes being built to the highest possible standards and designed that minimises their carbon footprint, and is supported.</p> <p>ECC recommend that new development should be required to incorporate renewable energy systems and high energy efficiency standards at the design stage, and to seek to reduce greenhouse gas emissions above those currently required by building regulations. If ambitious targets are not aimed for then it will be unlikely that net zero by 2050 will be achieved. Plans should seek to accommodate the related infrastructure not only inside and on individual buildings, but within the wider community layout. Reference to development having to consider renewable energy generation will also align with the new Future Homes Standard, which is planned to be mandatory by 2025.</p> <p>The Essex Design Guide (Renewable Energy for developments) provides guidance for larger developments on how smart infrastructure can be integrated into the communal areas, including waste disposal points, shared batteries for renewable energy sources etc. These should be incorporated at the design stage and accommodate the related infrastructure not only inside and outside individual buildings, but within the wider community layout.</p> <p>ECC recommend the following criterion is added to the policy to read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Encourage site design and individual building design that minimises energy consumption and provides resilience to a changing climate”.</li> </ul>	<p>Noted but this is very repetitive of the text already in GTO6A. The thrust of the changes will be included in GTO6A</p>	<p>Amend GTO6A</p>
<p>Essex County Council</p>	<p>Great Totham is located within the Maldon Surface Water Management Plan (MSWMP) Study Area and the Critical Drainage Area for Great Totham (NHEY_007 Great Totham).</p>	<p>CDA Map for Great Totham can be found at the end of this document.</p>	

	<p>“Ensure appropriate planning controls on drainage are applied to development within the CDA to ensure greenfield runoff rates are maintained or reduced, to prevent exacerbating flood risk downstream”</p> <p>ECC recommend criterion iv. is amended for clarity and to make reference to water quality criteria and the ECC SuDS Design Guide to read: All development shall minimise surface water runoff to prevent off-site flooding through the design of a suitable SuDS based drainage system, and where possible incorporate mitigation and resilience measures for any increases in flood risk that may occur due to climate change. Opportunities should be taken to reduce flood risk to existing residential properties through new development, particularly if this is located within a Critical Drainage Area (CDA). All development should meet the water quality criteria in line with CIRIA SuDS Manual C753 and Essex SuDS Design Guide 2020.</p> <p>In order to support this criterion the supporting text should reference the industry guidance and best practice by CIRIA at <a href="https://www.ciria.org/">https://www.ciria.org/</a>, notably the SuDS Manual C753 which covers the planning, design, implementation and maintenance of SuDS. ECC, as Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA), is the statutory body for surface water and should be consulted early in the design process. ECC has produced the SuDS design guide providing guidance on surface water drainage scheme needs. The Guide also gives advice on how to design high quality SuDS that will offer benefits to the community and the environment.</p> <p>Paragraph 6.26 of the Plan refers to the Climate Change Act 2008, which committed the UK to an 80% reduction in CO2 emissions</p>	<p>Noted. GTO6 to be amended although it is not appropriate to make reference to a design manual in the policy.</p> <p>This is considered unnecessary because the key point about national targets has been made. The policy is about energy efficiency in buildings, something that the ECAC may engage in. However, in the absence of specific ways in which it will help, this is not considered necessary to include.</p>	<p>Amend GTO6</p> <p>No change</p>
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	<p>by 2050. In June 2019, an announcement was made by Government to reduce this further to almost 100% by 2050.</p> <p>ECC recommend reference is also made to the Essex Climate Action Commission (the Commission) established in October 2019. The Commission’s formal remit is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• identify ways where ECC can mitigate the effects of climate change, improve air quality, reduce waste across Essex and increase the amount of green infrastructure and biodiversity in the county</li> <li>• explore how ECC can attract investment in natural capital and low carbon growth.</li> </ul>		
Essex County Council	<p>Section 7 – Transport and Movement</p> <p>Policy GTO8: Pedestrian and Cycle Access</p> <p>The proposals to improve and enhance pedestrian and cycle access including the Pedestrian Walkway Routes (PWRs) in Figures 7.2 and 7.3 is supported in principle. Reference in criterion C i and ii to nearby developers having to retain and enhance PWRs and ensure there is no detrimental impact by development is welcomed.</p> <p>ECC advise that these requirements can only be implemented where the statutory tests in Regulation 122 are met, namely they must make the development acceptable in planning terms; directly related to the development; and are fair and reasonable in scale and kind to the development.</p> <p>The parish council may wish to make a case for funding to help implement any improvements to these routes via the Local Highways Panel. The LHP is able to consider locally requested measures that are not able to be prioritised for funding through other dedicated highways budgets, but meet the desires of the local community. The LHP Members meet on a quarterly basis to discuss and consider Highways concerns within their local</p>	Noted	No change.

	<p>boundaries. The Panels prioritise the local concerns and make recommendations to the Cabinet Member for the implementation of highway schemes that meet the concerns of local people. Potential schemes can be requested via the link below.</p> <p><a href="https://www.essexhighways.org/transport-and-roads/highway-schemes-and-developments/local-highway-panels/maldon-lhp.aspx">https://www.essexhighways.org/transport-and-roads/highway-schemes-and-developments/local-highway-panels/maldon-lhp.aspx</a></p> <p>ECC recommend criterion C ii is amended to also refer to the environment around these routes.</p> <p>ii. "be designed so it does not have a detrimental impact on the Pedestrian Walkway Route and its environment to and ensure the safety and flow of pedestrians."</p>	Noted. GTO8 to be amended.	Amend GTO8
Essex County Council	<p>Public and community transport</p> <p>Paragraph 7.15 refers to the 90 service and a potential re-routing of the service through Totham north and south. This service is operated commercially and it would be for the local bus operator to consider any re-routing of the service. It is unlikely that it would be possible to secure sufficient additional passengers to justify any diversion and make the service commercially viable.</p> <p>Paragraph 7.16 refers to a 'taxi-bus' service operating from Maldon town centre to Broomfield service. Whilst the aspiration to secure community transport is noted, ECC is unlikely to be able to support any such service financially.</p>	<p>Noted: Adjustments to the No 90 bus service is a non-policy action for the Parish Council to pursue.</p> <p>A District Councillor is progressing the implementation of a taxi-bus service to Broomfield Hospital.</p>	Agreed
Essex County Council	<p>Section 8 – Community Activities</p> <p>Policy GTO10: Play Facilities in Totham North and Totham South</p> <p>It is recommended that any new Local Green Spaces, play and sport facilities are designed in a way to not only fit within the natural settings and landscape character, but provide multiple purpose use and make these spaces more attractive to all. For</p>	Noted: GTO10 will be amended as suggested	Amend GTO10

	<p>example, multipurpose amenity green spaces, can incorporate SuDs through an interactive rain gardens (incorporate bioretention area, signage is used to educate the local community about the scheme and create natural play for children) or the use of water basins that capture rain full, but when dry can be used as amphitheatre, or sports area surrounding by greenery and dual purpose seating.</p> <p>ECC recommend an additional criterion to read:</p> <p>“Any new or enhancement to existing facilities should be designed to provide a multiple purpose use that is sympathetic to its natural setting and the landscape character.”</p>		
Essex County Council	<p><u>Section 9: Non-Policy Actions</u></p> <p>Table 9.1 identifies actions identified through community engagement which do not require planning permission, and are not subject to planning policies in the Plan.</p> <p>Transport</p> <p>ECC recommend the projects regarding highway safety, access and leisure, cycling and walking and circular walks/rides should be put forward by the parish council for consideration by the Maldon Local Highways Panel. The process and role of the Panel is outlined in the response to Policy GTO8. Potential schemes can be requested via the link below.</p> <p><a href="https://www.essexhighways.org/transport-and-roads/highway-schemes-and-developments/local-highway-panels/maldon-lhp.aspx">https://www.essexhighways.org/transport-and-roads/highway-schemes-and-developments/local-highway-panels/maldon-lhp.aspx</a></p>	Noted: Recommendation for Great Totham Parish Council to progress with Maldon Local Highways Panel.	No change.
Essex County Council	<p><u>Section 9: Non-Policy Actions</u></p> <p>The Plan makes reference to the preparation of a Travel Plan for Great Totham Primary school to identify solutions to parking and</p>	Noted: Recommendation that Great Totham Parish Council to liaise with Wickham	No change.

	safety problems associated with school drop off and pick up. ECC recommend the parish council liaise with the Sustainable Travel Team for more information (travelplanteam@essex.gov.uk).	Bishops Parish Council and the Sustainable Travel Team to discuss issues regarding parking and safety problems around the school.	
Essex County Council	<p><u>Section 9: Non-Policy Actions</u></p> <p>The Plan makes reference to publicising the new circular walks and existing parish council walks. ECC recommend that ECC Public Rights of Way should be referenced as a Lead Agency and Partner given their responsibilities in the protection, maintenance and promotion of PROW as the Highway Authority to ensure general public access.</p>	Noted. The routes we have developed make use of roadside walking and the existing public footpath network. These would already be covered by Essex CC PROW. The walks have been publicised on social media and we would like to have them uploaded to the Parish Council or a community website.	No change.
Essex County Council	<p><u>Section 9: Non-Policy Actions</u></p> <p>The Plan makes reference to ECC as a Lead Agency/Partner regarding the rerouting of the 90 service away from Walden House Road and the possibility of a stop in Great Totham North. This service is operated commercially by Stephensons, the local bus operator, and it would be for their consideration.</p>	Noted.	No change.
Essex County Council	<p><u>Section 9: Non-Policy Actions</u></p> <p>The Plan makes reference to tree planting, planting on road verges and establishing woodland and shelter belts. ECC recommend the parish council makes contact with ECC with regards the Essex Forest Initiative (2019) which is a commitment to plant 375,000 trees between 2020 – 2025 to assist with climate change biodiversity and flood management.</p>	Noted.	No change.