

# MALDON DISTRICT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2014 – SCHEDULE OF MAIN MODIFICATIONS

## ECC Response

Essex County Council (ECC) is proposing minor amendments to Proposed Modification 010, 12 and 117, as outlined under the sections titled 'Suggested Amendment' and 'Justification' below.

### **Main Modification Number 010, Paragraph 2.61 – Archaeology**

The North Heybridge Garden Suburbs and Strategic Allocations area could potentially contain nationally important heritage assets including possible Prehistoric / Roman settlement sites spread out over much of the proposed development area. There are also some known heritage environmental assets and potential for others to be present at ~~land South of Maldon~~ South Maldon Garden Suburb. The Strategic Allocation at Park Drive is within 150 metres of a registered battlefield, a designated heritage asset of the highest significance, and the potential for locations of archaeological interest beyond the boundary of the registered area is high. Development proposals in these areas will therefore require an archaeological assessment and, where necessary, to prepare a mitigation strategy which includes fieldwork and excavation (including and potential for in situ preservation), and a monitoring and recording programme.

#### ECC Recommendation

ECC recommends the following amendment to the final paragraph to read

*Development proposals in these areas will therefore require an archaeological assessment (including trial-trenching) to be submitted with the planning application and, where necessary, to prepare a mitigation strategy which includes fieldwork and excavation (including and potential for in situ preservation). Other development sites also have the potential to contain previously unrecorded archaeological deposits and will require assessment and excavation when the planning-applications are submitted.*

#### Justification

The proposed amendment seeks to ensure that an archaeological assessment will also be required in those areas outside of the North Heybridge and South Maldon Garden Suburbs and Strategic Allocations. Paragraph 128, NPPF requires that:

'Where a site on which development is proposed includes or has the potential to include heritage assets with archaeological interest, local planning authorities should require developers to submit an appropriate desk-based assessment and, where necessary, a field evaluation.'

### **Main Modification Number 012, Paragraph 2.71**

#### Suggested Amendment

Amend 'Highways Agency' to '*Highways England*'

## **Main Modification Number 117, Paragraph 2.70**

In relation to the A414, ~~the approach currently recommended by Essex Highways~~ is the addition of pre-signals at Eves Corner has been completed. Maldon District Council will support Essex County Council by identifying ~~recommended~~ further mitigation measures within the Infrastructure Delivery Plan, and where appropriate will ~~include~~ require specific strategic highways improvements as developer contributions or for inclusion within the Council's CIL Regulation 123 list.

### ECC Recommendation

ECC recommends the following amendment to the first paragraph to read

*In relation to the A414, the pre signals at Eves Corner have been installed, and will improve peak time traffic operations at the junction to support the future growth in Maldon.*

### Justification

To provide clarification