

Further to investigation of the documentation provided we have the following comments to make in relation to the proposed LDP. Note reference to the Sustainability Appraisal Report includes Appendices A to D.

- The Objectively Assessed Housing needs report states that for the period 2014 – 2029 the previously reported figure of 280 homes a year has reduced to 260 homes a year. However, the figures used within the LDP Schedule of Main Modifications has increased to 310 homes per year, what is the basis of this near 20% 'headroom' over the current projections?
- It is assumed that the 'Rural Allocations' element of the proposed housing strategic growth within the LDP Schedule of Main Modifications will be delivered via the Alternative Sites identified within the Sustainability Report Appendix D. Is this correct and how will the specific sites to be used be chosen? Will there be an order of preference pre-determined?
- The total unit numbers to be provided identified within the LDP Schedule of Main Modifications is 4,650 whilst the table to Policy S2 totals 4,741. Which takes precedence? When assessing the impacts on policies which figure has been used?
- The monitoring framework under table S2 of the LDP Schedule of Main Modifications has a target of 4,650 homes between 2014 – 2019, assume this is a typo error.
- The LDP Schedule of Main Modifications states that the affordable housing threshold has been raised. Are there any predictions available as to the likely effect on unit numbers arising from previous to current policies?
- The LDP Schedule of Main Modifications states that 32 No. new permanent pitches will be provided for Travellers which is seemingly an increase over the previous version when the advised 58 No. existing pitches are taken into account (90 No. total). However, the Sustainability Appraisal Report states that the additional permanent traveller pitches have been reduced from the previous commitment of 70 No., which was co-incidentally the previously reported total required for 2027. Can you clarify the situation?
- The Highways section of the LDP Schedule of Main Modifications states that a new junction connecting the B1019 to A12 is the most effective solution but would come at a significant cost. Bearing in mind the consultations / securing of funding negotiations required are there any timescales for likely implementation?
- The Education section of the LDP Schedule of Main Modifications states that the Plume Academy in Maldon will expand the areas secondary school provision but no mention is made of primary schools. How will this sector be expanded to cope with increased intake or is existing capacity sufficient?
- The Sustainability Appraisal Report has an indicator of sustainability framework Objective 13 being the % of dwellings meeting Code for Sustainable Homes level 4 or higher. However, the LDP Schedule of Main Modifications has removed the Code for Sustainable homes requirement and states that all residential development should

meet minimum national standards. In fact there is a rider as to ‘...subject to viability...’. Can you clarify the situation and confirm how the sustainability framework requirements will be met?

- Removal of the requirement for the originally proposed Country Park has been noted in the Sustainability Appraisal Report as being a significant change from previous proposals and having a negative impact on the Open Space, Sport and Leisure policy of the LDP. What proposals are to be put in place to compensate for this apparent loss?
- The Health and Wellbeing section of the LDP Schedule of Main Modifications has removed the support for a new Community Hospital, or similar healthcare facility. What has changed within the available provision to seemingly lower requirements in the current LDP version?