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**PART B -**

Reference is made to the appropriate Policy/Appendix numbers in the Draft LDP.

**Q1 The overall vision is to improve the quality of life for people living and working in the District and to provide the new homes, jobs and infrastructure required to meet identified needs and support the local economy, whilst protecting the District's heritage and environment.**

Do you support the overall vision for the District set out in the Draft LDP?(please tick one box)

<i>Strongly Agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>No Opinion</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Q2 In order to ensure the LDP will meet the requirements set by Government, the Council has reviewed the amount of development required to meet identified housing and employment needs over the next 15 years. As a result, it has been necessary to increase the proposed number of new homes from 3,000 to 4,410 and to allocate 8.4 hectares of additional employment land.**

Do you support the proposed level of growth in the District (Policy S2)? (please tick one box)

<i>Strongly Agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>No Opinion</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q3 The main urban areas of Maldon, Heybridge and Burnham-on-Crouch are considered to be the most appropriate locations for new housing. Following consideration of alternative options which are detailed in the Draft LDP (Appendix 6), the following distribution is now proposed.**

Do you support the proposed distribution of new housing (Policy S2)?

Settlement	Total number of dwellings	(please tick one box per line)				
		<i>Strongly Agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>No Opinion</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>
Maldon	1,830	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Heybridge	1,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Burnham-On-Crouch	450	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**If you disagree, is there an alternative distribution of new housing which you would prefer? [Please use BLOCK CAPITALS]**

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Q1: 450 'MINIMUM' EXTRA HOMES BOLTED ONTO THE EDGE OF BURNHAM, WITH 390 (87% OF THE 15 YEAR TARGET) IN THE FIRST 5 YEARS OF THE PLAN WOULD KILL THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN OUR HISTORIC TOWN. THEY WOULD DESTROY BURNHAM'S CHARACTER AND CREATE URBAN SPRAWL THAT EATS AWAY AT BURNHAM'S HISTORIC BUT ALREADY CONGESTED CENTRE. WHATEVER NUMBER THAT IS EVENTUALLY IMPOSED , A TOTALLY CAPPED MAXIMUM NUMBER OF EXTRA HOMES ACROSS BURNHAM, SOUTHMINSTER & ALTHORNE MUST BE SET.

Q3: BEARING IN MIND THE REMOTE LOCATION AND THE LIKELY ONGOING LACK OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN BURNHAM, I BELIEVE THAT A NUMBER OF LESS THAN 199 EXTRA HOUSES SPREAD OVER THE 15 YEAR PLAN/+3 SITES WOULD BE MORE SUSTAINABLE. IT WOULD ALSO CREATE A GOOD BUSINESS CASE FOR SMALL LOCAL BUILDERS TO GEAR UP TO CONSTRUCT THE HOUSES RATHER THAN HAVE A SCALE THAT COULD ONLY BE MET BY NATIONAL/REGIONAL BUILDERS FROM OUT OF THE AREA.. CREATING GOOD LONG TERM JOBS AND SKILLS

- TRYING TO MAKE BURNHAM A VAST COMMUTER HUB IS NOT THE MOST SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION WHEN THERE ARE TOWNS AND VILLAGES TO THE WEST OF THE DISTRICT WITH BETTER ACCESS TO MAIN LINE STATIONS AND SHORTER/EASIER/CHEAPER ROAD COMMUTING TO MAJOR EMPLOYMENT HUBS LIKE CHELMSFORD, COLCHESTER, BRENTWOOD, BASILDON, LONDON AND SOUTHEND. EXCESS UNPRODUCTIVE POPULATION, RISKS BURNHAM BECOMING ANOTHER CLACTON, LOWESTOFT OR GREAT YARMOUTH WITH MANY TRAPPED IN UNEMPLOYMENT BECAUSE OF THEIR LOCATION.

- MY OVER RIDING PREFERENCE IS TO SEE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW TOWN IN THE NORTH WEST OF THE MDC AREA , CLOSE TO THE A12, PROPER MAINLINE STATIONS AND THE EMPLOYMENT HUBS OF CHELMSFORD, BRENTWOOD AND COLCHESTER RATHER THAN TRY TO SHOEHORN UNSUSTAINABLE EXTRA HOUSES WHERE THERE ARE POOR ROADS AND FEW JOBS. I RECOMMEND THAT MDC SERIOUSLY ENGAGES WITH NEIGHBOURING DISTRICT'S TO ENSURE THAT REAL COOPERATION BETWEEN AUTHORITIES MAKES THIS HAPPEN

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**Q4 It is proposed to develop two Garden Suburbs in Maldon and Heybridge which will be comprehensively planned to ensure the provision of a mix of housing, community and educational facilities, open space and new transport provision.**

	<i>Strongly Agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>No Opinion</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>
Do you agree with the proposals for development in Maldon and Heybridge (Policy S4)? <i>(please tick one box)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q5 The distribution of new housing in Burnham-on-Crouch has been reviewed in response to comments received during the last consultation. It is now proposed to distribute the new housing between three smaller sites instead of one large site.**

	<i>Strongly Agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>No Opinion</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>
Do you support the strategy for housing development in Burnham-on-Crouch (Policy S6)? <i>(please tick one box)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q6 In response to comments made during the last consultation, the number of new dwellings to be accommodated in North Fambridge has been reduced from 300 to 75.**

	<i>Strongly Agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>No Opinion</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>
Do you support the strategy for housing development in North Fambridge (Policy S7)? <i>(please tick one box)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q7 In order to provide for local housing needs and support local services, it is proposed to make provision for a total of 345 new dwellings in other rural villages in the District. A Rural Allocations Development Plan Document will be produced after completion of the LDP in consultation with local communities to identify appropriate sites for development.**

	<i>Strongly Agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>No Opinion</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>
Do you support the strategy for housing development in other rural villages (Policy S7)? <i>(please tick one box)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q8 A policy has been included in the Draft LDP to ensure that the use or display of advertisements do not have an adverse impact on amenity and public safety.**

	<i>Strongly Agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>No Opinion</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>
Do you agree with this approach (Policy D6)? <i>(please tick one box)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Q9 The Draft LDP seeks to provide adequate land to promote employment development, job creation and to allow for the expansion of existing businesses.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Do you support the proposals for new employment development in Maldon and the extension to the Burnham Business Park (Policy E1)? (please tick one box)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q10 Increasing the supply of affordable housing is one of the Council's key priorities.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Do you agree with the local requirements for affordable housing provision (Policy H1)? (please tick one box)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q11 The Council is committed to working with our partners to improve healthcare facilities within the District

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Do you support development on an appropriate greenfield location at the edge of Maldon if it were to deliver a new Community Hospital or similar healthcare facilities (Policy I2)? (please tick one box)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q12 Primrose Meadow is an area of green space situated off Mundon Road, Maldon

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Do you support the production of a Primrose Meadow Planning Brief to manage the future use of the site (Policy I3)? (please tick one box)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q13 The Council has produced an updated Sustainability Appraisal to support the Draft LDP which is available on the Council's website. Do you have any comments on this? [Please use BLOCK CAPITALS]

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Q10: THE CORRECT NUMBER FOR THE % OF 'AFFORDABLE' EXTRA HOUSING IN BURNHAM AND RURAL VILLAGES IS ABOUT 20% ( TOO FEW: AND YOUNG PEOPLE ARE FORCED TO MOVE AWAY, TOO MANY: AND WE RISK ATTRACTING ECONOMICALLY MARGINAL INCOMERS WHO WILL THEN HAVE NO REALISTIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL EMPLOYMENT OR AFFORDABLE COMMUTING TO WHERE THERE ARE JOBS.

Q11: I AGREE THE DISTRICT WOULD BENEFIT FROM A NEW COMMUNITY HOSPITAL. AN INTELLIGENTLY DESIGNED GREENFIELD SITE WILL REDUCE COSTS, GIVE EASIER PUBLIC TRANSPORT ACCESS & INCREASE PARKING SPACE. HOWEVER MALDON ISN'T THE OPTIMUM, MOST SUSTAINABLE LOCATION. THE WEST OF THE DISTRICT ALREADY HAS GOOD ACCESS TO HUB HOSPITALS AT BROOMFIELD, BRAINTREE, BASILDON AND COLCHESTER-SOUTH. BUILDING IN THE EAST OF THE AREA PERHAPS NEAR LATCHINGDON WOULD MAKE SURE THAT THE ENTIRE DISTRICT HAS EASY ACCESS TO HOSPITAL FACILITIES

- 'BURNHAM WEST' DEVELOPERS PROPOSE TO DEMOLISH AND REBUILD A FEW HUNDRED METRES AWAY, THE 'RAMBLERS FC' TEN-ACRE FOOTBALL STADIUM COMPLEX (INCLUDING THREE PITCHES AND A TRAINING PITCH) THE STATE OF THE ART STADIUM WAS BUILT ONLY EIGHT YEARS AGO . THE FACILITIES ARE ALREADY THE ENVY OF MANY TEAMS IN MUCH HIGHER LEAGUES . . TO DEMOLISH THESE AND THEN RELOCATE TO A NEW AREA (PRESENTLY VERY GOOD AGRICULTURAL LAND) A FEW HUNDRED METRES AWAY SEEMS A TOTALLY UNSUSTAINABLE PROPOSAL. IF THEY NEED IMPROVEMENTS, IT IS MUCH MORE SUSTAINABLE TO INCREMENTALLY IMPROVE WHAT THEY ALREADY HAVE

- I AM ANGRY THAT BETWEEN THE 2012 LDP PREFERRED OPTIONS AND THIS REVISED LDP DRAFT, MALDON DISTRICT COUNCIL HAVE ENDEAVOURED TO REMOVE THE 'COASTAL ZONE SPECIAL LANDSCAPE AREA' CLASSIFICATION FROM THE 'BURNHAM WEST' SITE WITHOUT ANY CONSULTATION. I ASK THAT IN THE SPIRIT OF LOCALISM, MDC CARRY OUT A PROPER DEMOCRATIC CONSULTATION WITH LOCAL ELECTORS. MUCH OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT LAND IS CLASSIFIED AS 'BEST AND MOST VERSATILE AGRICULTURAL LAND' AND IS A RICH HABITAT FOR MANY RARE SPECIES, IT IS UNSUSTAINABLE TO CONCRETE THIS OVER FOR HOUSING

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**Q14 Do you wish to comment on the Proposals Map or any other Policies in the Draft LDP?**

Please enter here which Policy Number / Paragraph number you refer to

Please enter your comments in the box below [Please use **BLOCK CAPITALS**]

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- IT IS VERY CONCERNING THAT THE 'LATEST' LDP DEVELOPMENT SITE MAPS SHOWN FOR BURNHAM ON CROUCH, ARE EXACTLY THE SAME SIZES AS WERE ORIGINALLY SHOWN IN DEVELOPER PROMOTIONAL PROPOSALS, DESPITE THE INDICATIVE NUMBER OF EXTRA HOUSES SUBSEQUENTLY SHRINKING IN THE CURRENT LDP WORDING , EG: IN THE CASE OF BURNHAM WEST HOUSING SHRANK BY 60%. THE NEXT DRAFT PLAN NEEDS TO SHOW CORRECTLY SIZED ALLOCATION PLANS FOR HOUSING/EMPLOYMENT AREAS ONLY. (EXCLUDING NON-HOUSING NEW BUILD FACILITIES AND CHANGES OF USE WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN THE SUBJECT OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS OR OFFICIAL CONSIDERATION AND ARE OUT OF SCOPE OF THE LDP),

- WHATEVER NEW HOUSES ARE ADDED TO BURNHAM, THE EXISTING ROADS/JUNCTIONS/SEWAGE/SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE AND MEDICAL FACILITY PROVISION NEED ENHANCING BEFORE THE FIRST BRICKS ARE LAID

- I ASK THAT MDC TAKES THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE SURE THAT ANY AND ALL DEVELOPERS 'DO IT RIGHT'.. HOUSING ACCESS ROADS ALL TO HAVE SENSIBLE WIDTH TO HANDLE CV PARKING ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ROADS, TOGETHER WITH GOOD EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS , OFF ROAD HOUSE PARKING/STORAGE NEEDS TO BE ADEQUATE ON EACH PLOT FOR 3-4 MODERN SIZED CARS FOR THE TYPICAL COMMUTING HOUSEHOLD. SIMILARLY EMPLOYMENT ESTATES ACCESS NEEDS TO BE WIDE ENOUGH FOR PARKING OF 38 TONNE TRUCKS ON BOTH SIDES WITH EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS AND ALL EMPLOYMENT SITES MUST HAVE ADEQUATE EMPLOYEE PARKING AND CV OFF ROAD PARKING.

- HIGH STANDARDS OF SURFACE PERMEABILITY TO MINIMISE STORM WATER DRAINAGE PEAK OVERLOADING AND INSULATION TO THE HIGHEST STANDARDS ARE NECESSITIES

- ALL KNOWN PRE-EXISTING FLOODING/DRAINAGE ISSUES IN THE TOWN TO BE RESOLVED BEFORE THE FIRST PLANNING APPROVAL IS GRANTED

Q2: ZONING EXTRA LAND FOR POTENTIAL EMPLOYMENT PURPOSES CAN ONLY EVER BE PART OF THE SOLUTION - THE LAST 4 DECADES HAVE SEEN A STEADY EXODUS OF SMALL/LARGE EMPLOYERS FROM THE DENGIE AREA. THIS HAS NOT BEEN DRIVEN BY LACK OF CORRECTLY ZONED EMPLOYMENT LAND NOR BY LACK OF AN AVAILABLE WORK FORCE, BUT DIRECTLY BY THE EFFECTS OF THE REMOTE LOCATION. .. 'ZONE LAND FOR EMPLOYMENT PURPOSES 'AND THEY WILL COME' IS NOT GOING TO WORK. WITHOUT A COMPETITIVE PACKAGE OF ECONOMIC INCENTIVES TO ENABLE BURNHAM TO COMPETE WITH OTHER BETTER CONNECTED ALTERNATIVES. NB: THE SINGLE TRACK CROUCH VALLEY LINE DOESN'T CARRY GOODS TRAFFIC

**Q15 If you wish to make any other comments on the Draft LDP, enter your comments in the box below [Please use **BLOCK CAPITALS**]**

- I FULLY SUPPORT ALL MOVES TO PROTECT BURNHAM'S HISTORICAL CENTRE, RIVERSIDE AND HIGH STREET RETAIL AREAS

- QUESTION 3 IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE INVITES THE WHOLE DISTRICT TO VOTE ON THE NUMBER OF HOUSES THEY WISH TO SEE FOR THE PROPOSED THREE MAJOR DEVELOPMENT AREAS .. THIS IS A FLAWED APPROACH AND RISKS DISTORTED STATISTICS IF ALL OF THE OTHER MORE POPULOUS AREAS, IN TRYING TO MINIMISE THEIR OWN ALLOCATIONS, VOTE TO DUMP HOUSES ON THE SMALL HAMLETS (THAT BY DEFINITION HAVE LOWER NUMBERS OF VOTERS )

- THE FORMAT AND SOMEWHAT SKEWED APPROACH OF THIS QUESTIONNAIRE IS CONCERNING; TO HAVE INTEGRITY AND PRODUCE VALID STATISTICS IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN PREPARED AND ADMINISTERED BY INDEPENDENT EXPERTS SUCH AS THE ELECTORAL REFORM SOCIETY RATHER THAN BY THOSE RECOMMENDING THE ADOPTION OF THE PRESENT DRAFT LDP. THE TICK BOX OPTIONS OF 'AGREE', 'DISAGREE' OR 'NO OPINION' DANGEROUSLY OVER-SIMPLIFY POSSIBLE PUBLIC REACTIONS TO A COMPLEX PROPOSAL THAT TAKES THE DISTRICT COUNCIL + 156 PAGES TO PARTLY EXPLAIN.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. Your comments are important and will be fully considered. Please see Maldon District Council's website for future information about the progress of the LDP.

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