

PART B -

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

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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)

Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
<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)

Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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)				
		Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Maldon	1,830	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Heybridge	1,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Burnham-On-Crouch	450	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

WHY IS THERE NO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTHMINSTER? A TOWN WITH AN AREA THAT WAS EARMARKED FOR DEVELOPMENT (I.E. INSIDE THE BY-PASS TO THE WEST OF THE TOWN) AND WITH A RAIL LINK. I BELIEVE SOUTHMINSTER COULD COPE WITH QUITE A LOT OF DEVELOPMENT AS IT IS NEAR BURNHAM, WITH ITS SHOPS, CINEMA AND SPORTS CENTRE AND WITH ITS OWN PLANNED EXPANSION. THERE COULD ALSO BE CONSIDERATION TO MORE DEVELOPMENT IN THE NORTH OF THE DISTRICT, AROUND TOLLHUNT KNIGHTS.

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. 2007

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

	<i>Strongly Agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>No Opinion</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>
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)? <i>(please tick one box)</i>	<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

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

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**]

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 AM STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THIS HUGE DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE DISTRICT. WHO, AND WHERE ARE ALL THESE PEOPLE THAT SUPPOSEDLY NEED THIS HOUSING? I VERY MUCH OPPOSE THE MASS DEVELOPMENT OF MALDON ITSELF ALSO. THE PLUME SCHOOL IS ALREADY ONE OF THE LARGEST IN ESSEX AND SURREY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COPE WITH HUNDREDS (POSSIBLY IN EXCESS OF 1,000) MORE PUPILS. THE ROADS, WHICH BETWEEN 7.30 & 8.30 A.M. ARE ALREADY VERY BUSY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COPE. THE TOWN WILL END UP LIKE WITHAM, WITH A FAIRLY DECENT HIGH STREET AND SURROUNDED BY MASSIVE HOUSING ESTATES - BUT WITHOUT A RAIL LINK !!

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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To: Maldon District Council

September 2013

Re: Draft Local Development Plan

With reference to the above, I enclose my Public Consultation Questionnaire which I have completed but I would like the Council to know that I am very much opposed to all this development, particularly the expansion planned for Maldon and Heybridge.

The first questions I would like answered are do we actually need all this new housing? Over 4,400 homes in total, of which over 2,800 are planned for Maldon and Heybridge. Where and who, are all these people that need this housing? What are the implications if we do not go ahead with this?

Presumably a lot of these properties will be lived in by at least 2 people and many of them 3 and 4 (including children), so the population of the district could well increase by over 6,000 - but more likely 10,000 – 12,000 people.

My concerns are that the local infrastructure will simply not be able to cope with this massive increase in the population, as follows:

- The roads will not be able to cope with all the additional traffic (let alone all the building traffic and the disturbances that that will cause whilst the work is actually going on). The roads in and around Maldon between 8.00 and 9.00 in the morning and 4.30 and 6.00 in the afternoon are already very busy and especially on school days with the school buses and additional taxis and then even busier still on days when rubbish is collected and recycled.

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- The existing car parking arrangements in and around the High Street will become woefully inadequate. Where are you going to find room for the extra car parking that will be necessary? An extra 2,800 homes will no doubt mean at least an extra 2,800 cars but probably in reality a lot more than this, as many if not most households, will have 2 or more vehicles.
- The recent heavy rains showed that Maldon and Heybridge could have potential serious flooding problems in the future. With all the new buildings and concrete and a large reduction in the amount of green land/fields etc, this is likely to increase the risk of flooding with less “run off” and drainage land to soak up the water. The existing drainage system didn’t cope with the amount of rain water that day; will it be able to cope with even more housing and usage?
- The Plume school will simply not be able to cope with the possibility of hundreds of more pupils. It is already one of the largest senior schools in Essex and it does not need to get any larger. How and where is the school going to expand to cope with the extra students? Over 2,800 new homes in Maldon and Heybridge will bring a lot of new children to the school. I believe that it is quite preposterous of you to say that you’ll make a “contribution” towards an expansion of Plume school. What exactly do you have in mind as an expansion to cope with all these extra students?
- Why has there apparently been no consideration given to development in Southminster where there is land within the “by-pass” that could be developed for housing and where there is a rail link. The town is also very close to Burnham with its rail link, cinema, sports centre and shops etc. There also appears to be no development planned for Tolleshunt Knights which I believe could sustain more

homes as it is very close to Tiptree with all the amenities there and within easy access of Thurstable school, the A12 (via Inworth and Feering) and with some brownfield sites that could be developed.

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I have other concerns too that all add up to the fact that Maldon could end up just like Witham, (or any other medium to large town). A place with a fairly good high street but surrounded by housing estates but, without a rail link!

People haven't moved to, or stayed in Maldon to be part of a very large town that is just saturated by people and cars. They generally like the fact that it's an old town with plenty of history, individual shops and places of interest and importantly, of a small to medium size. At the moment, the town just about copes with its population and everything ticks along quite nicely. I can see that in a few years time, it will be completely different and no better for it. The long standing residents will no longer recognise the town that they grew up in.

Yours faithfully

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the sender.

(A very concerned resident)