

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 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)?

(please tick one box per line)

<i>Settlement</i>	<i>Total number of dwellings</i>	<i>Strongly Agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>No Opinion</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>
Maldon	1,830	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Heybridge	1,000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Burnham-On-Crouch	450	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

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.

Do you agree with the proposals for development in Maldon and Heybridge (Policy S4)? (please tick one box)

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

Do you support the strategy for housing development in Burnham-on-Crouch (Policy S6)? (please tick one box)

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

Do you support the strategy for housing development in North Fambridge (Policy S7)? (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"/>

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.

Do you support the strategy for housing development in other rural villages (Policy S7)? (please tick one box)

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

Do you agree with this approach (Policy D6)? (please tick one box)

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

	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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]**

**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]

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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1<sup>st</sup> October 2013

Dear Sir / Madam,

**RE: PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF 75 NEW HOUSES @ NORTH FAMBRIDGE, ESSEX.**

I write to formally object to the above proposal. The level of this proposed development is just NOT sustainable on the following grounds:

**1. TRANSPORT**

Despite a train service, transport links are poor. Shiftworkers cannot use the train as the last train from London Liverpool Street is 2200hrs. Many workers from the village who go to London drive to Wickford to catch the train. Links to workplaces in Chelmsford and Basildon require a car as do those in the further reaches of the country. The cost of an annual ticket to London is @ £ 3500.00 and rising & requires employment in a relatively well paid occupation.

**2. EMPLOYMENT**

There is very little employment in North Fambridge and even less opportunity for the unskilled and they would have to seek positions outside of the village which would involve difficult and expensive travel. There is no provision in the draft local development plan for any expansion of employment opportunities.

**3. SCHOOLS**

The current catchment School for primary/juniors is in Purleigh. Children are bussed to and from this school which is already oversubscribed. The proposed catchment school is in Latchingdon, which is a 'faith' school and may not be acceptable to some residents. Children of secondary age would have to be bussed over 7 miles to Ormiston River Academy in Burnham on Crouch. Burnham is already allocated an additional 450 houses and it is very doubtful that the secondary school would be able to cope with this let alone another 75 houses in North Fambridge.

**4 HOSPITAL LINKS**

Transport links to Broomfield hospital are extremely poor and even with the provision of an 'on demand' bus/taxi service, long journeys by bus with at least two changes are required. Most villagers rely upon transport by car. It is also very difficult to access St Peters Hospital in Maldon, again requiring the 'on demand' service and then a change in Althorne for a bus.

**5. G. P. SERVICES**

The LDP has already admitted that GP Services in the Maldon District is already oversubscribed, despite this, it states that 'there appears to be existing capacity to accommodate demand for medical provision'. Clearly this is not the case for 75 extra dwellings. This is an insufficient number for an additional GP and would be far too much pressure for existing medical practises.

6. **HIGHWAYS**

The B1012 is already a dangerous road with several recent accidents including a fatality only just last month. The turning into North Fambridge is recognised as an accident reduction zone and is incapable of improvement. The combination of 75 houses in North Fambridge and 450 in Burnham would inevitably serious increase road usage and accidents.

7. **HOUSING DENSITY**

Although the consultation discusses a diversity of housing, the focus is on 1-2 bedroom dwellings, 40% being 'affordable housing'. The density is 30-50 per hectare. At 30 per hectare, this would provide terraced houses or flats. At 50 per hectare this could only allow flats. This would be totally out of keeping with the rest of the village and certainly does not comply with the stated objective of, " retain the identity of our villages ".

8. **SEWORAGE AND SURFACE WATER**

There is already an inadequate sewerage system in North Fambridge. Flooding and/or backing up has occurred because of the inadequate infrastructure. Any more housing would obviously increase pressure on an already overloaded system and would make it even more ' not fit for purpose'. Also, surface water issues cause backing up of the sewer system and flooding of gardens in particular in Franklin Road causing a health hazard and damage to property.

9. **FLOOD RISK**

Much of North Fambridge is within the flood zone, an additional 75 houses would increase the risk of surface water flooding even if the sustainable drainage system approach is used.

10. **ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

North Fambridge has extensive SSSI sites, a Ramsar site and an Essex Wildlife Trust reserve. The building of 75 houses must impact on the wildlife in the area with the loss of agricultural land. The draft LDP does not appear to mention any environmental significance of these areas in North Fambridge.

11. **LACK OF AMENITIES**

Parks, open spaces, footpaths, cycle paths, bridleways.

12. **LIGHTING**

Any new development would be required to install street lighting, there is none at present.

In addition, There appears to be NO reference to the village plan and the village design statement.

Furthermore, the reason for the allocation of 75 houses is stated to be because of its proximity to a higher level of services in South Woodham Ferrers, North Fambridge's railway station and access to employment opportunities in South Essex. Many of these additional facilities are only accessible by car or a long walk from South Woodham Ferrers railway station.

I hope the above reasons go some way in explaining why a development of this size is just not sustainable in North Fambridge.

Regards

