

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)

Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
<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)

Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
<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)?

(please tick one box per line)

Settlement	Total number of dwellings	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Maldon	1,830	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Heybridge	1,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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]

THE TOWNS IN THE AREA HAVE GROWN UP OVER SEVERAL HUNDREDS AND EVEN CENTURIES. TO EXPECT THAT ANY NEW HOUSING CAN BE PLACED IN TWO OR THREE SPECIFIC AREAS OVER A VERY SHORT PERIODS OF TIME IS INCONSISTENT WITH REALITY. IT FURTHER IGNORES AND FAILS TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT POSSIBLE AND EVEN NECESSARY IN THE MANY VILLAGES IN THE AREA.

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 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.

	<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 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.

	<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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 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 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.

	<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 checked="" 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 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]

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**]

SEE ATTACHED / ENCLOSURES.

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.

If you need further assistance please contact the Planning Policy Team by email at policy@maldon.gov.uk or by telephone on 01621 876202

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Dear Sirs,

Draft Local Development Plan Public Consultation Questionnaire - Continued

The overall vision of the LDP, which I support, is to improve the quality of life of people living in the area. However, it is not clear how this will effectively be measured, despite specific questioning of this at a consultation event. The reply suggested that this would be based on general measures and feedback, which is perhaps more a barometer of whether the area is generally happy with its plight, which is as much a function of whether we do well in the Olympics!

My own specific measures of quality of life include the following, all of which will be of a reduced quality if an excess of housing or speed of build arise –

1. Time taken to travel on the roads, where for example the passing of lorries in a small car proves troublesome even currently, let alone with greater volumes of lorries during construction and from increased numbers of people thereafter.
2. Increased risk when travelling on roads due to increase in traffic and resultant accidents.
3. Increased use of train line, which cannot have further carriages added to increase capacity. Standing for an hour's journey each way, every day would be a result of over development.
4. Increased waiting time for doctor's appointments.
5. Reduced quality of provision from already stretched water and sewerage services.
6. The reference to the LDP's contribution to green spaces is rather disingenuous, as we have rather a lot already, and this can only be reduced by building. The whole point of getting the speed of development correct is to ensure that this is maintained at a level that current local people want to preserve.

Traffic safety – according to the Essex Highways Department study, there are no specific reasons for the numbers of accidents and related deaths in the area but I would make two observations – a) if there is no specific reason for the accidents, i.e. the reasons are evenly distributed, then it is just down to probability, which can only increase the likelihood with more traffic and b) the study only referred to the road from Burnham to South Woodham Ferrers and does not take into account the traffic on the surrounding roads. This is obviously flawed as road closures are common (two today, in Latchingdon and Althorne!) and the LDP itself assumes that people will travel locally to jobs, not all

of which will use the route upon which comment was given. While there is reference to improved highways and even public transport, it appears that these will only really relate to access to the new building sites, rather than a genuine improvement in the quality of the local road network.

The front loading of anticipated building in Burnham appears to have no justification. Again the answer to why this was not replicated elsewhere in the area was rather flaky, being that there was insufficient infrastructure in those areas! This is rather the point in respect of Burnham too!

The support of increased local employment through encouraging local business has to be borne out by relevant infrastructure. Businesses will need to use roads etc., as not all the products and services will be used locally. Again, at the consultation it was stated that no material road improvements would be required, which would not make the area attractive. It may be anticipated that people moving to the area will work locally but this assumption should not be overstated, as it is likely that most will travel by car. While the development of a supermarket is outside the scope of the LDP at this time, such an occurrence would lead to the closure of niche businesses in the town but perhaps allow further fast food establishments to spring up.

Yours faithfully

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