

**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.**

	<i>Strongly Agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>No Opinion</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>
Do you support the overall vision for the District set out in the Draft LDP? <i>(please tick one box)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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.**

	<i>Strongly Agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>No Opinion</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>
Do you support the proposed level of growth in the District (Policy S2)? <i>(please tick one box)</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)?

<i>Settlement</i>	<i>Total number of dwellings</i>	<i>(please tick one box per line)</i>				
		<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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Heybridge	1,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Burnham-On-Crouch	450	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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]**

THE DISTRIBUTION WOULD BE BETTER SPREAD AROUND THE WHOLE OF THE DISTRICT. CURRENT INFRASTRUCTURE, AND THAT PROPOSED IS TOTALLY INSUFFICIENT, WITH NO CLEAR IDEA OF SOURCE OF FUNDING (PROPOSED SUDS) THEREFORE IT IS VERY LIKELY NOT TO MATERIALISE

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

WEB SITE NOT USER FRIENDLY.

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**]

DISTRICT COUNCELLOR FOR AREA INFORMS THAT  
MDC WILL RECEIVE £1600 (or £16000)  
PER HOUSE BUILT!!! THIS HARDLY MAKES  
ANY DECISION UNBIASED

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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Re Proposed Housing Developments  
Heybridge

22-9-2013

Dear Sir

I am writing to register our objection to the proposed housing developments in Heybridge; particularly that planned between Maypole Road and Broad Street Green.

Whilst I recognise that there is a need for homes, all those planned seem to be large 3-4 bed family homes. This does not meet the need for smaller starter homes or retirement homes which would provide a balanced mixture of housing benefitting all members of the present community.

The number of homes planned seems to be excessively large. If the proposed number of homes are built in the area given, this would mean that each home has very little or insufficient space, allocating enough parking area for 1.5 cars per house. If the plans follow more recent builds in Heybridge, the whole area would become a 'rabbit warren' of boxes crammed into an area with small overlooked rear gardens, little or no frontage, facing almost directly onto narrow streets and with a distinct lack of parking facilities. The likely result of this 'slum of the future' is potentially hazardous congested roads, disturbances and neighbourhood disputes caused simply by people living in too close a proximity to each other.

Such a development as that planned, would result in a huge increase in population. There is no mention in the plans for any improvement to amenities to a community which already suffers from a distinct lack. Currently there is only one primary school. Although this is undersubscribed at present due to a damning Ofsted Report, The school would not be large enough to provide enough primary places within Heybridge. Other primary schools within Maldon and Great Totham are already full. Although there is mention of a proposed new Primary School, there does not seem to be sufficient detail of this, or guarantee that building will ever take place. In spite of assurances that there would be a new school this did not materialise in the Heybridge approach development, just 100 more houses in the allocated area.

Secondary Education is also full. The Plume is full with a waiting list, along with other secondary schools, such as Sandon in Chelmsford and Thurstable in Tiptree. Currently these schools have double the amount of applications as there are spaces. Although, again it is suggested that the Plume will expand, there seems little concrete evidence this will take place. Schools are required to have use of playing fields, adequate to their size as part of the curriculum. With the amount of building in Witham and the resultant population increase, it is unlikely there will be spaces there either. Children of Heybridge should not be forced into a situation where they are unable to get an education locally but have to travel great distances.

What concrete provision and funding will there be for more Primary and Secondary Schools, let alone pre school provision?

Heybridge has no Doctors Surgery of its own at present. It is served by two part time annexes of Maldon Practices. Getting to see a doctor in Heybridge is already very difficult if not almost impossible. To get an appointment at the Maldon Surgeries is also difficult with the added frustration of either lack of parking at their premises, or for those who cannot drive a costly and infrequent bus service.

There is also much talk recently and evidence of overstretched hospital facilities without adding to the numbers likely needing to use them. What is the proposed increase in medical provision of any sort?

It is all very well planning homes, but where are these people to find employment? There is insufficient scope at present in the Maldon/Heybridge area and according to the plans little encouragement for employment to be attracted to the area.

If the people cannot find adequate employment locally they will be forced to commute. This will either mean travelling by bus to Chelmsford, Witham, or Colchester. Currently the local bus service is very expensive, infrequent and unreliable, busses often breaking down or not arriving. Travelling further afield to London means either using the inadequate bus service or going by car to the train station in Hatfield Peverel or Witham. Parking facilities here are currently full to capacity without any further demand which would ensue.

In and out of the Maldon and Heybridge area is already congested and slow. The relief roads proposed will do little to ease the extra amount of traffic particularly at peak times. Traffic entering the road system from the proposed developments along Goldhanger Road direction will not have access to any of these relief roads.

This, of course, does not take into account the increase in pollution from extra traffic, queuing. This would also have a 'nock-on' health effect putting extra strain on already insufficient medical provision as is proved by environmental statistics show that pollution is closely linked to asthma and bronchitis.

How are these new homes likely to be allocated? If there were to be an influx of people not local to the area, the very nature of an historic Heybridge and Maldon would be altered for ever. It would lose what little community spirit it has left, becoming a zombie-like dormitory town.

At a recent meeting with local Parish Councillors on 15<sup>th</sup> August, I asked the question, 'What provision is there to improve flood defences'?

Much of Heybridge is built on ex marsh land and flood plains where the water table is already high. After the building of the Chelmer/Blackwater Navigation Canal one of the rivers was diverted. The course of the river is still there, it is how Heybridge or Highbridge got its name. With flooding, will this river find its previous course?

Holloway Road has always had a tendency to flood in periods of high rain fall. The extent of this flooding was greatly increased after the building in Heybridge along the Maldon bypass. I notice on the plans that a pump will be in place by Maypole Road. However, there is no mention of where this water will be pumped to. Maypole Road itself frequently floods!

I am assured that under the Heybridge relief road there will be a Sustainable Urban Drainage System. But when I asked a gentleman from the Maldon Planning Department during a display, he said 'Where had I heard that, as it wasn't true'.

I have been informed by a local councillor that the relief road would be paid for by the builder but any SUD under the road does not yet have any funding and that she had no idea where the money would come from. It sounds like any SUD would go the same way as the school in the past!

We are in a period of climatic change where we can expect extreme weather conditions more often.

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August was a prime example of this. The resultant flooding has only to be seen in the graphic pictures included in the Maldon & Burnham Standard and in the Essex Chronicle. This is without the extra housing proposed!

What plans are there to improve the sea defences? There appears to be none. Sea levels are rising due to melting ice caps; SE England is sinking due to isostatic recovery after the last ice age; Heybridge is already low lying. This combined with weather extremes is likely to greatly increase risk of flooding. If excessive rainfall, as on 24<sup>th</sup> August, were to be coupled with spring tides and a storm surge as in 1953 there is very little hope for the people of Heybridge.

In conclusion I reiterate my objection to the amount and nature of houses planned for Heybridge for the reasons listed above. Very little forethought seems to have gone into the long term effects this will have on the community if forced through in its present form.

Yours sincerely,

