

**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 checked="" 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.**

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

SEE ATTACHMENT TO Q15

- 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)*

	<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"/>

- 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)*

	<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"/>

- 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)*

	<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"/>

- 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)*

	<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"/>

- 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)*

	<i>Strongly Agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>No Opinion</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</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.

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

AS A DOCUMENT FOR THE LAYMAN IT SERVES LITTLE PURPOSE TO ENCOURAGE THE ENDORSEMENT AS A SUPPORT FOR THE DRAFT LDP. NO DOUBT THE PERSON WHO DRAFTED IT HAD KNOWLEDGE OF THE SUBJECT AND THE APPRAISAL COULD BE USEFUL FOR "PRESENTATION AND QUESTION AND ANSWER" SESSION BUT TO READ IT "COLD" FOR THE COUNCIL PURPOSE, WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS IT WAS NOT EASY TO UNDERSTAND.

eg. 1.1.11 THIS 'IMPROVEMENT' --- FOR THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT OVER? WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

ALSO 1.1.17 HOWEVER, THESE EFFECTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE MINOR --- OTHER POLICIES. ON WHAT BASIS HAS THIS CONCLUSION BEEN REACHED?

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

SEE ATTACHMENT TO Q15.

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 ATTACHMENT

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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## DRAFT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

### PUBLIC CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

#### Attachment to Q15.

There is little point in disagreeing with most of the policies without giving explanations as to why. So, I welcome Q15 but need more space to state the case.

Q1. states the overall “vision”, which is admirable but the perception is that the Local Development Plan has only served to meet the government requirement. The plan should be produced to meet the objective of the vision rather than produced solely to suit another requirement i.e. the requirement should be met within the plan structure and not the other way round! The result has been to plan for urban sprawl rather than natural growth of the individual areas, which has caused “people” of your vision to be antagonistic to your proposals. The people have not been consulted on the District’s vision—but only of the proposed intent of a “knee jerk” reaction to satisfy the government requirement, yet the “VISION” aims to meet “the quality of life” of the people. It is obvious, by the reaction of “the people”, that they do not share your view that this plan meets that condition!

4410 homes are required to meet the target. Supposing, say, 410 of these are for the elderly or others, then 4000 households must pay rent/mortgage plus council tax which, presupposes, that there must be, at least, one earner per household. This means that 4000 jobs need to be provided! At the Consultancy Module at Burnham it was stated that Small Businesses are intended to satisfy this requirement as well as the expansion of existing businesses shown in Q9. Very few small businesses employ more than 10 people and if we suppose an average of 5, say, then 800 businesses are required to support the plan—where are they coming from? How many will survive the next 15 years?

This begs the question, now that Bradwell Power Station is closed, what effort has been made by the Council to encourage a larger employer into the District to employ the majority of the 4000 people? If employment comes first, housing growth will naturally follow, satisfying most of the vision. Infrastructure needs then to be considered.

If 4400 homes are required and with the amount of greenfield land available within the district, it would be better (and, possibly, more sustainable) to consider a new town/village of this size with a sizeable employer within the vicinity. The new hospital could also be part of the development. This leads us to Q11.

Q11. This question is in two parts:- 1. A new hospital on a greenfield site. 2. At a particular location. Whilst one might agree with one part if one disagrees with the other then one can only tick the disagree box! The question is a politically biased one to achieve a required result. This kind of question should be avoided or one becomes cynical of the need of the questionnaire! The current Broomfield Hospital is only in its present location because the basic foundation of a hospital was already in place due to the siting of the original Sanatorium for which there was now no further need. This was considered to be a greenfield site suitable for further development and extension hence the hospital in its present form.—The new greenfield site for the Maldon District Hospital does not have to be in the Maldon Town environs, only within the District!

Sheet 2 **Attachment to Q15.**

Q4/5 No "Garden Suburbs" for Burnham or Fambridge, then? Are the Burnham houses going to be "High Rise" flats? It would help if the type of development could be mentioned!

Q3 and Q7 One recognises that there will be a need, for Maldon, Heybridge Burnham and other rural villages to grow but this is not the time and certainly not by imposition-- let it come as part of the towns'/villages' requirements for natural growth rather than be that to suit a government mandate. It is incumbent upon the District Council to encourage the towns/villages to have a 15/25 year plan to meet the district's vision rather than the present Local development Plan which lacks substance to meet the "Vision"

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