

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 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Heybridge	1,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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**]

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BURNHAM IS AN ISOLATED RIVERSIDE TOWN WITH LIMITED ROAD AND RAIL CONNECTIONS AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES. IT CAN ABSORB A NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES OVER A 15 YEAR PERIOD BUT NOT 'A MINIMUM' OF 450 AND CERTAINLY NOT 390 OF THOSE IN THE FIRST 5 YEARS. I UNDERSTAND THE HIGHWAYS AGENCY HAS DECREED THAT THE EXISTING ROADS CAN COPE WITH THE ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC PRODUCED BY A MINIMUM OF 450 NEW HOUSES AND THEY HAVE 'NO MAJOR CONCERNS' OTHER THAN THE MALDON ROAD/CHURCH ROAD JUNCTION. IT IS HARD TO UNDERSTAND HOW THIS CAN BE TRUE WHEN THERE IS ESSENTIALLY ONLY ONE ROUTE IN AND OUT OF BURNHAM. NB THE HISTORIC TREE MUST BE PRESEVERED AS THIS IS PART OF THE CHARACTER OF BURNHAM. THE RAILWAY IS CONSTRAINED BY THE SINGLE TRACK ARRANGEMENT AND THE SHORT LENGTH OF THE PLATFORMS. IF >450 HOUSES WERE TO BE BUILT IT IS LIKELY THAT THE MAJORITY OF WORKERS WILL HAVE TO COMMUTE TO WORK BY ROAD OR RAIL, QUICKLY CLOGGING THE LIMITED TRANSPORT FACILITIES. THE LIKLIHOOD OF SIGNIFICANT NEW EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN BURNHAM ARE LIMITED BY IT'S ISOLATED POSITION ON THE DENGIE PENINSULAR - THE VERY FEATURE THAT HAS ATTRACTED PEOPLE OVER THE YEARS. IT MAKES FAR MORE SENSE TO ALLOCATE MORE NEW HOUSING TO AREAS CLOSE TO ESTABLISHED TRANSPORT LINKS WITH GREATER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES. THE NORTH AND WEST REGIONS OF OUR DISTRICT ARE MUCH CLOSER TO SUBSTANTIAL ROADS SUCH AS THE A12, A130, A127 AND A13 AND THE HIGHER CAPACITY CHELMSFORD/LONDON RAILWAY LINE. IN THE NORTH AND WEST OF THE DISTRICT THERE ARE LARGER AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT NEARBY. WHY NOT CONSIDER A NEW TOWN IN THE NORTH AND WEST OF THE DISTRICT WHERE RESIDENTS CAN HAVE EASY ACCESS TO LARGE EMPLOYMENT AREAS AND ENJOY AN APPROPRIATE SUPPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE.

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.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
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.

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

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
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 checked="" 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)? <i>(please tick one box)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
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.

	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 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.

	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 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

	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]

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I BELIEVE <200 NEW HOUSES IN BURNHAM OVER 15 YEARS IS A MORE REALISTIC TARGET IF WE ARE TO AVOID BURNHAM BECOMING A SPRAWLING URBAN DORMITORY TOWN, DEVOID OF CHARACTER, WHERE HUNDREDS OF COMMUTERS ENDURE A DAILY FIGHT IN AND OUT OF THE TOWN VIA CONGESTED ROADS AND RAIL. THESE 200 HOUSES SHOULD BE AIMED AT YOUNGER FAMILIES AND THE ELDERLY - THERE ARE ALREADY PLENTY OF 4-5 BEDROOM HOUSES IN AND AROUND BUNHAM, SOME OF WHICH HAVE BEEN ON THE MARKET FOR LONG PERIODS INDICATING SUPPLY ALREADY EXCEEDS DEMAND.

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

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Please enter your comments in the box below [Please use **BLOCK** CAPITALS]

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THE PROPOSAL MAP OF BURNHAM SHOWS POTENTIALLY 450 + 215+215+90 HOUSES. AS EXPLAINED EARLIER, 450 HOUSES IS FAR MORE THAN THE EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE CAN TAKE, LET ALONE A POTENTIAL 970 HOUSES. WHAT DO THESE FIGURES MEAN?

Q15 If you wish to make any other comments on the Draft LDP, enter your comments in the box below [Please use **BLOCK** CAPITALS]

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BURNHAM DOES NOT NEED ANOTHER SUPERMARKET; THIS WILL FINALLY KILL OFF THE HIGH STREET COMPLETELY AND GRIDLOG THE NARROW ROAD INTO THE TOWN AS MOTORISTS STRUGGLE TO REACH THE NEW STORE. IF A NEW SUPERMARKET IS TO COME TO THE AREA IT SHOULD BE LOCATED BETWEEN SOUTHMINSTER AND BURNHAM WHERE IT CAN BE ACCESSED MORE EASILY FROM BOTH TOWNS AND FROM FURTHER AFIELD.

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THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF BURNHAM MUST BE IMPROVED BEFORE ANY SUBSTANTIAL DEVELOPMENT TAKES PLACE. IT IS UNACCEPTABLE NOT TO HAVE CLEAR AND COMMITTED PLANS TO IMPROVE ROADS, RAIL, SEWAGE, MEDICAL FACILITIES ETC BEFORE THE HOUSE BUILDING COMMENCES. THE LDP REFERS TO THE NEED TO 'ENHANCE' THE EXISTING MEDICAL FACILITIES - THIS MUST BE FIRMLY ESTABLISHED BEFORE ANY BUILDING STARTS. SIMILARLY WITH CHILDCARE - THIS MUST BE ADDRESSED BEFORE BUILDING STARTS.

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ONE DEVELOPER HAS PROPOSED MOVING AND ENLARGING THE RAMBLERS FOOTBALL FACILITY AS PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT IN BURNHAM WEST. THIS IS A TOTALLY FLAWED BUSINESS PLAN AS THE CLUB STRUGGLES TO SUPPORT IT'S CURRENT FACILITY WHICH IS MORE THAN ADEQUATE FOR IT'S NEEDS.

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EMPHASIS SHOULD BE MADE ON RETAINING AND ENHANCING THE ORIGINAL CHARACTER OF THE TOWN CENTRE BY ENCOURAGING SMALL, DIVERSE SHOPS, PRESERVING OLD BUILDINGS AND ENSURING ANY NEW BUILDING IS IN CHARACTER WITH BURNHAM OLD TOWN.

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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