

TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY PARISH COUNCIL

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**Tolleshunt D'Arcy Parish Council response to the Draft Local Development Plan
consultation, Autumn 2013.**

The Parish Council held a special meeting on October 10th, this is our agreed response.

With the exception of the points that are listed below, councillors were of the opinion that it was an excellent plan and congratulate those involved in a job well done.

However, there are a few points where we hope our feedback will be noted, and some things that we do not understand or disagree with and these are as listed below.

Policy E1 – Employment:

We note that the Station Road industrial site in Tolleshunt D'Arcy is not listed and we do not know why it isn't.

Policy H6 - Provision for Travellers.

The Parish Council supports Great Braxted Parish Council in their objections to this policy as in the DLDP.

Policy items H6 (1) and (2) state that first consideration will be the expansion of existing sites.

We object to these policy items and particularly we think that the items (1) and (2) on the preference list should be removed and it would be nearly reasonable if the tendency was to locate new sites elsewhere.

We note that with few exceptions, and the existing sites are chiefly in the Braxted – Totham – Tolleshunts area of the district (11 of the 15 sites) We think future additional sites should by preference be located away from this area – perhaps in the (greater) southern part of the district or in the areas within and around the towns.

Sites in the area, approved, not yet approved or not yet even envisaged often are parts of larger fields than the area of pitches there now or at commencement, so it is easy to understand how it would be simple to increase the number of pitches in that location. But what is easy to do is not necessarily the best or most reasonable solution and we believe that sites should be distributed more evenly within the district. We are past the times when the travellers worked on the land and then settled to pitches nearby. Travelling people and show people can come from many places nowadays.

Settlement boundary

1.) Back land area NE of the Station Road/Chapel Road junction.

A rectangular area (about 35M x 20M) of back land behind houses in Station Road and houses and Pond Farm in Chapel road is currently included within the area shown on the proposals map. This area has no road frontage, we are not aware of any recent planning applications or other history concerning it and the Parish Council thinks it should not be within the development boundary. To clarify this, we think the development boundary should follow the edge of the conservation area at this single corner.

2.) Land south of Tollesbury Road.

The land south of Tollesbury Road and adjoining Tollesbury Road is generally shown as not in the development area. However a rectangle of land, which includes the drive to the recreation field, the car park adjacent and the new house in Elm Field has been included in the development area.

We think that this area should not be in the development area, as are none of the areas around properties further east along Tollesbury Road and to the south of it. Thus the development area boundary should be the western edge of the driveway from Tollesbury Road to the recreation field, and from there eastwards along the north side of Tollesbury Road.

The north/south part of this line also follows the conservation area boundary.

To clarify the areas concerned we enclose a sketch map.


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Parish clerk

(Written by R. Birkin, Chairman)

Tolleshunt D'Arcy Scrap Plan from LDP consultation Aug 2013

Parish Council preferred changes to development area boundaries in DLDP

Red line: Preferred development area boundary

Blue line: Preferred deletion from development area boundary

