

Draft Local Development Plan



Public Consultation Questionnaire

Following consultation on the preferred options last summer, Maldon District Council has prepared a Draft Local Development Plan (LDP) which will help shape the future of the District over the next 15 years. The Council now wants to hear what *YOU* think about the main proposals in the Draft LDP. Information is provided in the leaflet and copies of the Draft LDP, Proposals Map and Sustainability Appraisal, are all available online at www.maldon.gov.uk and at the Council Offices. A series of exhibitions will be held throughout the District in September.

Comments should be made by completing this questionnaire and returning it to the Council in the attached stamped addressed envelope.

If you prefer, you can complete the questionnaire online on the Maldon District Council website at www.maldon.gov.uk

All responses must be received by 5pm on Monday 14th October 2013
[late responses will not be considered]

PART A - Your details (*anonymous responses cannot be considered*)

[Please print clearly in all written responses using **BLOCK CAPITALS** and **BLACK INK** else your data may be lost]

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If you would like to be added to the Local Development Plan mailing list to receive updates on the progress of the Plan, please tick here (*please ensure your details are written clearly above*)



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]

MY OVER RIDING PREFERENCE IS TO SEE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW TOWN IN THE NORTH WEST OF THE MDC AREA , CLOSE TO THE A12, PROPER MAINLINE STATIONS AND THE EMPLOYMENT HUBS OF CHELMSFORD, BRENTWOOD AND COLCHESTER RATHER THAN TRY TO SHOEHORN UNSUSTAINABLE EXTRA HOUSES WHERE THERE ARE POOR ROADS AND FEW JOBS. I RECOMMEND THAT MDC SERIOUSLY ENGAGES WITH NEIGHBOURING DISTRICT'S TO ENSURE THAT REAL COOPERATION BETWEEN AUTHORITIES MAKES THIS HAPPEN

Q1: 450 'MINIMUM' EXTRA HOMES, WITH 390 (87% OF THE 15 YEAR TARGET) IN THE FIRST 5 YEARS OF THE PLAN WOULD KILL OUR HISTORIC TOWN. DESTROYING BURNHAM'S CHARACTER AND CREATE URBAN SPRAWL THAT EATS AWAY AT BURNHAM'S ALREADY CONGESTED CENTRE.

Q3/5: BEARING IN MIND THE REMOTE LOCATION AND THE LIKELY ONGOING LACK OF EMPLOYMENT BURNHAM OPPORTUNITIES, I BELIEVE THAT A NUMBER OF LESS THAN 199 EXTRA HOUSES SPREAD OVER THE 15 YEAR PLAN/+3 SITES WOULD BE MORE SUSTAINABLE. IT WOULD ALSO CREATE A GOOD BUSINESS CASE FOR SMALL LOCAL BUILDERS TO GEAR UP TO CONSTRUCT THE HOUSES RATHER THAN HAVE A SCALE THAT COULD ONLY BE MET BY NATIONAL/REGIONAL BUILDERS FROM OUT OF THE AREA.. CREATING GOOD LONG TERM JOBS & SKILLS - TRYING TO MAKE BURNHAM A VAST COMMUTER HUB IS NOT THE MOST SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION WHEN THERE ARE TOWNS AND VILLAGES TO THE WEST OF THE DISTRICT WITH BETTER ACCESS TO MAIN LINE STATIONS AND SHORTER/EASIER/CHEAPER ROAD COMMUTING TO MAJOR EMPLOYMENT HUBS (LIKE CHELMSFORD, COLCHESTER, BRENTWOOD, BASILDON, LONDON AND SOUTHEND.) EXCESS UNPRODUCTIVE POPULATION, RISKS BURNHAM BECOMING ANOTHER CLACTON, LOWESTOFT OR GREAT YARMOUTH WITH MANY TRAPPED IN UNEMPLOYMENT BECAUSE OF THEIR LOCATION. BURNHAM'S TARGET NEEDS SOUNDLY BASING ON BURNHAM'S NEEDS - NOT A STATISTICAL SHARE OF THE TARGET FOR THE ENTIRE AREA. A LOWER TOTALLY CAPPED MAXIMUM NUMBER OF EXTRA HOMES ACROSS BURNHAM,SOUTHMINSTER & ALTHORNE

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

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

Q10: THE CORRECT NUMBER FOR THE % OF 'AFFORDABLE' EXTRA HOUSING IN BURNHAM AND RURAL VILLAGES IS ABOUT 20% (TOO FEW: AND YOUNG PEOPLE ARE FORCED TO MOVE AWAY, TOO MANY: AND WE RISK ATTRACTING ECONOMICALLY MARGINAL UNEMPLOYED INCOMERS WHO WILL THEN HAVE NO REALISTIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL EMPLOYMENT OR AFFORDABLE COMMUTING TO WHERE THERE ARE JOBS.

Q11: I AGREE THE DISTRICT WOULD BENEFIT FROM A NEW COMMUNITY HOSPITAL. AN INTELLIGENTLY DESIGNED GREENFIELD SITE WILL REDUCE COSTS, GIVE EASIER PUBLIC TRANSPORT ACCESS & INCREASE PARKING SPACE. HOWEVER MALDON ISN'T THE OPTIMUM, MOST SUSTAINABLE LOCATION. THE WEST OF THE DISTRICT ALREADY HAS GOOD ACCESS TO HUB HOSPITALS AT BROOMFIELD, BRAINTREE, BASILDON AND COLCHESTER-SOUTH. BUILDING IN THE EAST OF THE AREA PERHAPS NEAR LATCHINGDON WOULD MAKE SURE THAT THE ENTIRE DISTRICT HAS EASY ACCESS TO HOSPITAL FACILITIES

- 'BURNHAM WEST' DEVELOPERS PROPOSE TO DEMOLISH AND REBUILD A FEW HUNDRED METRES AWAY, THE 'RAMBLERS FC' TEN-ACRE FOOTBALL STADIUM COMPLEX (INCLUDING THREE PITCHES AND A TRAINING PITCH) THE PRESENT STATE OF THE ART STADIUM WAS BUILT ONLY EIGHT YEARS AGO . THE FACILITIES ARE ALREADY THE ENVY OF MANY TEAMS IN MUCH HIGHER LEAGUES . . TO DEMOLISH THESE AND THEN RELOCATE TO A NEW AREA (PRESENTLY VERY GOOD AGRICULTURAL LAND) A FEW HUNDRED METRES AWAY SEEMS A TOTALLY UNSUSTAINABLE PROPOSAL. IF THEY NEED IMPROVEMENTS, IT IS MUCH MORE SUSTAINABLE TO INCREMENTALLY IMPROVE WHAT THEY ALREADY HAVE

- I AM ANGRY THAT BETWEEN THE 2012 LDP PREFERRED OPTIONS AND THIS REVISED LDP DRAFT; MALDON DISTRICT COUNCIL HAVE ENDEAVOURED TO REMOVE THE 'COASTAL ZONE SPECIAL LANDSCAPE AREA' CLASSIFICATION FROM THE 'BURNHAM WEST' SITE WITHOUT ANY CONSULTATION. I ASK THAT IN THE SPIRIT OF LOCALISM, MDC CARRY OUT A PROPER DEMOCRATIC CONSULTATION WITH LOCAL ELECTORS. MUCH OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT LAND IS CLASSIFIED AS 'BEST AND MOST VERSATILE AGRICULTURAL LAND' AND IS A RICH HABITAT FOR MANY RARE SPECIES, IT IS UNSUSTAINABLE TO CONCRETE THIS OVER FOR HOUSING

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

S6

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

- IT IS VERY CONCERNING THAT THE 'LATEST' LDP DEVELOPMENT SITE MAPS SHOWN FOR BURNHAM ON CROUCH, ARE EXACTLY THE SAME SIZES AS WERE ORIGINALLY SHOWN IN DEVELOPER PROMOTIONAL PROPOSALS, DESPITE THE INDICATIVE NUMBER OF EXTRA HOUSES SUBSEQUENTLY SHRINKING IN THE CURRENT LDP WORDING , EG: IN THE CASE OF BURNHAM WEST HOUSING SHRANK BY 60%. THE NEXT DRAFT PLAN NEEDS TO SHOW CORRECTLY SIZED ALLOCATION PLANS FOR HOUSING/EMPLOYMENT AREAS ONLY. (EXCLUDING NON-HOUSING NEW BUILD FACILITIES AND CHANGES OF USE WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN THE SUBJECT OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS OR OFFICIAL CONSIDERATION AND ARE OUT OF SCOPE OF THE LDP),

- WHATEVER NEW HOUSES ARE ADDED TO BURNHAM, THE EXISTING ROADS/JUNCTIONS/SEWAGE/SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE AND MEDICAL FACILITY PROVISION NEED ENHANCING BEFORE THE FIRST BRICKS ARE LAID

- I ASK THAT MDC TAKES THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE SURE THAT ANY AND ALL DEVELOPERS 'DO IT RIGHT'.. HOUSING ACCESS ROADS ALL TO HAVE SENSIBLE WIDTH TO HANDLE CV PARKING ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ROADS, TOGETHER WITH GOOD EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS , OFF ROAD HOUSE PARKING/STORAGE NEEDS TO BE ADEQUATE ON EACH PLOT FOR 3-4 MODERN SIZED CARS FOR THE TYPICAL COMMUTING HOUSEHOLD. SIMILARLY EMPLOYMENT ESTATE ACCESS NEEDS TO BE WIDENED ENOUGH FOR PARKING OF 38 TONNE TRUCKS ON BOTH SIDES WITH EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS AND ALL EMPLOYMENT SITES MUST HAVE ADEQUATE EMPLOYEE PARKING AND CV OFF ROAD PARKING.

- HIGH STANDARDS OF SURFACE PERMEABILITY TO MINIMISE STORM WATER DRAINAGE PEAK OVERLOADING AND INSULATION TO THE HIGHEST STANDARDS ARE NECESSITIES

- ALL KNOWN PRE-EXISTING FLOODING/DRAINAGE ISSUES IN THE TOWN TO BE RESOLVED BEFORE THE FIRST PLANNING APPROVAL IS GRANTED

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

- I FULLY SUPPORT ALL MOVES TO PROTECT BURNHAM'S HISTORICAL CENTRE, RIVERSIDE AND HIGH STREET RETAIL AREAS

Q2: ZONING EXTRA LAND FOR POTENTIAL EMPLOYMENT PURPOSES CAN ONLY EVER BE PART OF THE SOLUTION - THE LAST 4 DECADES HAVE SEEN A STEADY EXODOUS OF SMALL/LARGE EMPLOYERS FROM THE DENGIE AREA. THIS HAS NOT BEEN DRIVEN BY LACK OF CORRECTLY ZONED EMPLOYMENT LAND NOR BY LACK OF AN AVAILABLE WORK FORCE, BUT DIRECTLY BY THE EFFECTS OF THE REMOTE LOCATION. .. 'ZONE LAND FOR EMPLOYMENT PURPOSES 'AND THEY WILL COME' IS NOT GOING TO WORK. WITHOUT A COMPETITIVE PACKAGE OF ECONOMIC INCENTIVES TO ENABLE BURNHAM TO COMPETE WITH OTHER BETTER CONNECTED ALTERNATIVES. NB: THE SINGLE TRACK CROUCH VALLEY LINE DOESN'T CARRY GOODS TRAFFIC

- QUESTION 3 IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE INVITES THE WHOLE DISTRICT TO VOTE ON THE NUMBER OF HOUSES THEY WISH TO SEE FOR THE PROPOSED THREE MAJOR DEVELOPMENT AREAS .. THIS IS A FLAWED APPROACH AND RISKS DISTORTED STATISTICS IF ALL OF THE OTHER MORE POPULOUS AREAS, IN TRYING TO MINIMISE THEIR OWN ALLOCATIONS, VOTE TO DUMP HOUSES ON THE SMALL HAMLETS (THAT BY DEFINITION HAVE LOWER NUMBERS OF VOTERS)

- THE FORMAT AND SOMEWHAT SKEWED APPROACH OF THIS QUESTIONNAIRE IS CONCERNING; TO HAVE INTEGRITY AND PRODUCE VALID STATISTICS IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN PREPARED AND ADMINISTERED BY INDEPENDENT EXPERTS SUCH AS THE ELECTORAL REFORM SOCIETY RATHER THAN BY THOSE RECOMMENDING THE ADOPTION OF THE PRESENT DRAFT LDP. THE TICK BOX OPTIONS OF 'AGREE', 'DISAGREE' OR 'NO OPINION' DANGEROUSLY OVER-SIMPLIFY POSSIBLE PUBLIC REACTIONS TO A COMPLEX PROPOSAL THAT TAKES THE DISTRICT COUNCIL + 156 PAGES TO PARTLY EXPLAIN.

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

This document can be made available on request in larger print, braille and audio and in languages other than English. To obtain a copy in an alternative format please contact the Planning Policy Team on 01621 876202.

Equality Monitoring

Maldon District Council is committed to providing services that meet the needs of its residents and to providing equal opportunity to all. In order to do this it is important that the Council understands who its customers are and who is using its services. The Council therefore asks for the following monitoring information.

Answering the questions below is entirely voluntary so please leave blank any questions that you are not comfortable answering. Any information you do give will be used to help us provide better services and to promote equality.

Information will only be used by Maldon District Council and its employees in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. Maldon District Council will not supply information to any other organisation or individual except to the extent permitted by the Data Protection Act and which is required or permitted by law in carrying out any of its proper functions.

Information given will be kept separately so that individuals cannot be identified and will be treated as confidential and only used for the purposes described. Any personal details given will not be used for any other purpose.

Please tick appropriate box(es).

Q16 Are you

Male	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transgender /Transsexual	<input type="checkbox"/>
Female	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prefer not to say.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Q17 Are you

Heterosexual.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lesbian or gay ...	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bisexual	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prefer not to say.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Q18 Age Group

Under 16	<input type="checkbox"/>	45-64.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
17-24.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	65 and over.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
25-44.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prefer not to say.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Q19 Which of the following best describes your marital status?

Single	<input type="checkbox"/>	Divorced.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Married.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Partner or co-habiting	<input type="checkbox"/>
Civil Partnership.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prefer not to say.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Widowed	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Q20 What is your religion?

Buddhist.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Muslim.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Christian (all denominations)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sikh	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hindu.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	No religion or belief	<input type="checkbox"/>
Humanist.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jewish	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prefer not to say.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Q21 Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

The Disability Discrimination Act 2005 defines a person as disabled if he or she has a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial long-term adverse effect on his or her ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities. This would include progressive illnesses such as cancer.

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prefer not to say	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Q22 What do you consider to be your ethnic origin?

White - British	<input type="checkbox"/>	Asian or Asian British - Bangladeshi	<input type="checkbox"/>
White - Irish	<input type="checkbox"/>	Asian or Asian British - Other.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mixed - White & Black Caribbean	<input type="checkbox"/>	Black or Black British - Caribbean.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mixed - White & Black African.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Black or Black British - African.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mixed - White & Asian	<input type="checkbox"/>	Black or Black British - Other.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mixed - Other.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chinese	<input type="checkbox"/>
Asian or Asian British - Indian.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify in box below **).....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Asian or Asian British - Pakistani	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prefer not to say	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

** Other (please specify)