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Good afternoon,

Below is Colchester Borough Council's response to Maldon's Draft Local Plan:

Colchester Borough Council broadly supports the housing target in Maldon's LDP which meets the objectively assessed housing need for the District for the period 2014-2029. Paragraph 182 of the NPPF states that to be 'positively prepared' plans should be prepared based on a strategy which seeks to meet objectively assessed development and infrastructure requirements. However, the Council is concerned that the housing target is significantly lower than the demand for housing as identified in the SHMA. Colchester faces similar challenges to other local authorities in terms of meeting housing need and has environmental and infrastructure constraints on growth. It would therefore not be reasonable or sustainable to provide for any shortfall in the Colchester Borough.

Colchester Borough Council notes the draft LDP and there are not any conflicts with any of our adopted planning policies. As such the Council has no comments on any other aspect of the LDP.

Regards,
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