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Your Ref: 7/Draft LDP Consultation 2013

Dear Tim,

Maldon Draft Local Development Plan 2014-2029: Consultation

Thank you for giving Tendring District Council the opportunity to comment on Maldon District Council's Draft Local Development Plan, consultation document. As fellow Essex authorities, our Councils have a duty to cooperate in accordance with the Localism Act and the National Planning Policy Framework to explore, understand and address any planning matters of cross-border significance.

Maldon and Tendring share similar characteristics as predominantly rural coastal authorities that neighbour major towns of regional significance (Colchester and Chelmsford in the case of Maldon and Colchester and Ipswich in the case of Tendring) and this Council can acknowledge and empathise with the difficulties Maldon has had to go through to get to this stage – particularly in tackling objectively assessed needs for housing through greenfield allocations. Whilst there are no matters of cross-boundary significance that would appear to affect Tendring directly, you will be pleased to know that this Council is still happy to support the proposals in your consultation document as we consider that these will deliver the growth needed in your district in line with the National Planning Policy Framework.

Rather than commenting on every specific question 1-15 on your questionnaire, I trust you will accept this letter as an indication that Tendring District Council 'agrees' with each of the statements within it and has nothing else to add at this stage.

This Council is also looking to make a series of pre-submission focussed changes to its Local Plan: Proposed Submission Draft with a view to publishing them for consultation in January 2014. These changes will not only seek to bring the document more in line with the national policy but will also help address various issues raised in representations received. I will contact you in due course, as part of our ongoing programme of cooperation, to consult you on these changes and trust that we can count on your Council's support as we progress along a similar timetable.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you and your team on the succinctness and quality of the consultation document and your pro-active approach to the duty to cooperate. I would also like to wish you well in progressing to the next stage of the process.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G R Guiver', written in a cursive style.

Gary Guiver
Planning Policy Manager