

Statement of Consultation Appendix – Part 2

Foreword, Preparing a New Local Plan, Introduction, Policy Context, Spatial Portrait, Drivers of Change, and Vision & Objectives

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Summary of Comment	Summary Reference	Council Response	Council Action	Consultee Rep ID
Foreword				
The plan is an improvement on previous versions as it gives more details regarding the requirements for infrastructure.	FWD1.1	Noted.	None required.	DLP/602
There is no mention of education, policing, caring or health infrastructure in the Foreword.	FWD1.2	There is a limit to the level of detail that can be put in the foreword, as this is often intended to be a short piece of writing. Nonetheless, the Foreword does make reference to infrastructure requirements necessary to deliver growth ambitions. Additional infrastructure is proposed as part of this plan, as set out in chapters 9, 13 and 18.	None required.	DLP/273DLPQQ/187
Agree that education is a key part of the Local Plan vision.	FWD1.3	Noted.	None required.	DLP/273DLPQQ/187
The plan ignores the need to make the borough an attractive place to live.	FWD1.4	The document should be read as a whole. The Local Plan comprises the full suite of strategic policies, allocation policies and development management policies that will guide development to designated parts of the Borough, and put in place mechanisms for delivering infrastructure and protecting and enhancing the Green Belt and other key features of the environment.	None required.	DLP/273DLPQQ/187
Preparing a Local Plan				
Expresses a lack of trust in the planning system.	PREP1.1	Noted.	None required.	DLP/3094, DLP/17682

Insufficient infrastructure to be provided to support the new development.	PREP1.2	The Council have produced an Infrastructure Delivery Plan which sets out the infrastructure required to support development and change within Basildon Borough over the plan period, and proposals on how such infrastructure will be delivered. It identifies potential funding sources, delivery partners and phasing requirements. It is currently in draft form, and will be developed as the Local Plan is progressed to submission.	The Council will continue to work with infrastructure partners and will update the Infrastructure Delivery Plan to reflect changes and the progress made in delivering the plan and securing key pieces of infrastructure.	DLP/164, DLP/3145, DLP/3322, DLP/14589, DLP6522,
The amount and type of housing in Billericay and the existing vacant land contributes to the character of the area and the proposed number of houses is not suitable for the area.	PREP1.3	Chapters 12 and 17 provide policies on good design and conserving the historic environment to ensure that the character of an area is not adversely affected by development.	None required.	DLP/164DLPQQ/759
A formal written notification of the Draft Local Plan consultation was not received.	PREP1.4	The Council used a number of consultation methods to notify the public and statutory consultees of the consultation. The Council produced the Special Edition of the Borough Diary in order to get across more detail in relation to the Draft Local Plan and in order to distribute it to 74,000 households across the Borough. Formal letters and emails were sent to those registered on our consultation database.	None required.	DLP/1205, DLP/8624DLPQQ/545
Insufficient detail provided in the Draft Local Plan to allow for detailed comments.	PREP1.5	The Draft Local Plan has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), and the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. The level of detail provided is sufficient for the Regulation 18 consultation, further detail would be provided at planning application stages.	None required.	DLP12999, DLP14158, DLP14258, DLP/923, DLP/2969, DLP/7065, DLP/12999 DLP/14212, DLPQQ/965, DLPQQ/381, DLPQQ/981

<p>How has the Council engaged its residents/stakeholders in the development of the local plan?</p>	<p>PREP1.6</p>	<p>The Council used a number of consultation methods to notify the public and statutory consultees of the consultation in line with the Statement of Community Involvement First Revision. The methods used included a Special Edition of the Borough Diary distributed to 74,000 households, letters and emails to consultees on the Council's consultation database, posters in public libraries, advertisements in the Basildon cinema, newspapers, internet and radio advertisements, social media promotion and public exhibitions amongst others. It is considered that the methods used were sufficient to reach a wide range of demographics within the Borough and this is reflected in the high number of consultation responses received.</p>	<p>None required.</p>	<p>DLP/1344, DLP/3094, DLP20386,</p>
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<p>The Draft Local Plan was not advertised sufficiently.</p>	<p>PREP1.7</p>	<p>The Council used a number of consultation methods to notify the public and statutory consultees of the consultation in line with the Statement of Community Involvement First Revision. The methods used included a Special Edition of the Borough Diary distributed to 74,000 households, letters and emails to consultees on the Council's consultation database, posters in public libraries, advertisements in the Basildon cinema, newspapers, internet and radio advertisements, social media promotion and public exhibitions amongst others. It is considered that the methods used were sufficient to reach a wide range of demographics within the Borough and this is reflected in the high number of consultation responses received.</p>	<p>None required.</p>	<p>DLP/643, DLP/1422, DLP/1917, DLP/1948, DLP/2104, DLP/2122, DLP/2396, DLP/2429, DLP/2461, DLP/2470, DLP/2490, DLP/2498, DLP/2697, DLP/2880, DLP/2889, DLP/3123, DLP/3127, DLP/3144, DLP/3155, DLP/3165, DLP/3201, DLP/3217, DLP/3227, DLP/3238, DLP/3253, DLP/3276, DLP/3292, DLP/3306, DLP/3332, DLP/3389, DLP/3399, DLP/3416, DLP/3422, DLP/3438, DLP/3448, DLP/3459, DLP/3464, DLP/3483, DLP/3484, DLP/3485, DLP/3498, DLP/3512, DLP/3520, DLP/3529, DLP/3540, DLP/3553, DLP/3558, DLP/3584, DLP/3599, DLP/3609, DLP/3610, DLP/3629, DLP/3635, DLP/3645, DLP/3665, DLP/3687, DLP/3689, DLP/3703, DLP/3716, DLP/3717, DLP/3726, DLP/3735, DLP/3747, DLP/3756, DLP/3769, DLP/3780, DLP/3813, DLP/3822, DLP/3832, DLP/3846, DLP/3856, DLP/3868, DLP/3889, DLP/3890, DLP/3905, DLP/3908, DLP/3922, DLP/3929,</p>
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<p>The Draft Local Plan and supporting evidence base are too long to appraise within the given consultation period.</p>	<p>PREP1.8</p>	<p>The statutory time period for Regulation 18 consultation is 6 weeks which the Council has exceed by allowing 8 weeks for comments. The Draft Local Plan and the supporting evidence have been positively prepared and are consistent with national policy, this is required for the Local Plan to be found sound.</p>	<p>None required.</p>	<p>DLP/2522</p>
<p>Concern that property developers already have options on the land put forward in the Draft Local Plan for development which would be a conflict of interest.</p>	<p>PREP1.10</p>	<p>In accordance with the NPPF the Council must carry out a Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA) to establish realistic assumptions about the availability, suitability and the likely economic viability of land to meet the identified need for housing over the plan period. This involves land owners putting their land forward in order for land to be considered as available. Land may be owned by developers or an independant landowner may have an option for development with a developer. In either case, for the Council to consider the land to be available, suitable and achievable for development within the plan period it must come forward via this method.</p>	<p>None required.</p>	<p>DLP/1032DLPQQ/742</p>
<p>Concern that consultation responses must be provided online which limits engagement with some of the population.</p>	<p>PREP1.11</p>	<p>There were a variety of ways to respond to the consultation. Consultees could register online through the Council's consultation portal, send an email, write a letter or return the comments form from the Borough Diary. If any problems were raised to the Council during the consultation, members of the team would assist in order to allow a consultation response to be submitted.</p>	<p>None required.</p>	<p>DLP/1028</p>
<p>The Rights of Way Improvement Plan has not been included within the evidence base.</p>	<p>PREP1.12</p>	<p>The Rights of Way Improvement Plan has not been listed within the evidence base as it has not directly been refered to within the Draft Local Plan. The Essex Transport Strategy (2011), which is mentioned in the</p>	<p>None required.</p>	<p>DLP/235, DLP/1451,</p>

		evidence base, incorporates the key actions of the Rights of Way Improvement Plan.		
Support the methods of public consultation used.	PREP1.13	Support for the consultation methods used noted.	None required.	DLP/1476, DLP/1641DLPQQ/688
The Council has stated that it is a legal requirement to meet the OAN for housing which requires the re-definition of the Green Belt. Planning Practice Guidance makes it clear that Green Belt is a possible constraint on the need for meeting housing needs in full.	PREP1.14	The Borough's future housing need is based on the findings of the Strategic Housing Market Assessment which was commissioned by the Council in partnership with neighbouring authorities. Policy restrictions, such as Green Belt, are not a factor in calculating the housing need. However they can be a factor in determining the housing target for an area and this has been considered by the Council where it would be unable to accommodate all of its OAN within the urban area. Unmet housing need has not been the only consideration when determining whether revisions to the Green Belt boundary constitutes 'exceptional circumstances'. Economic and social impacts for not delivering housing has also been considered as has the findings of the Green Belt Review which assessed whether all of the Borough's Green Belt still contributes to the Green Belt purposes. The Council will keep this situation under review in the development of the Local Plan in the event any evidence or priorities change.	Keep Green Belt extent under review in the development of the Local Plan.	DLP/1476, DLP/1641
The Draft Local Plan is based on incorrect/inaccurate/out of date data. There has been no regard for the local community.	PREP1.15	An evidence-based approach has been taken in the preparation of the Local Plan in order to ensure that the plan is robust and responds positively to local issues. The Draft Local Plan is based on up-to-date and relevant evidence about the economic, social and environmental characteristics and prospects on the Borough which is in accordance with the NPPF, and if the Draft	None required.	DLP/175, DLP/5082, DLP/7169, DLP/9094,

		Local Plan does not comply with this it will not be found sound. It is a statutory requirement to consult with the local community and the Council has carried out a public consultation in line with Regulation 18 as required at this stage of the Draft Local Plan.		
Support the Draft Local Plan.	PREP1.16	Support noted.	None required.	DLP/5437, DLP/1648, DLP/20023, DLP/7319, DLP/7437, DLP/7447, DLP/7457DLPQQ/20, DLPQQ/887, DLPQQ/761, DLPQQ/1007, DLPQQ/714
Would like to be updated on progress of the Local Plan.	PREP1.17	Noted. Anyone who has previously responded to a public consultation on the Local Plan/ Core Strategy/ Dunton Garden Suburb and remains on the Council's consultation database as an interested person/organisation, will either get an email or a letter at the different stages of the Local Plan's preparation process, including consultation stages and Examination in Public.	None required.	DLP/198, DLP/572, DLP/4942, DLPQQ/982
Basildon Council has ignored the views of local residents in the past.	PREP1.18	Noted. The purpose of this consultation is to seek the views of residents, businesses and other stakeholders on the draft policies and allocations set out in the Draft Local Plan. Any comments received at this time will be used to ensure that the most appropriate options have been selected for each policy area, and to identify any outstanding issues that need to be addressed before the plan is finalised for submission. That being said, it must be recognised that national planning policy set out in the NPPF, and the Government's interpretation of this, as set out in the Planning Practice Guidance (PPG), provide direction and limitations to the scope	None required.	DLP/1360DLPQQ/11, DLPQQ/190, DLPQQ/392, DLPQQ/248, DLPQQ/697

		of local planning policies, and are consequently reflected in the Local Plan.		
Believes that the Draft Local Plan is motivated by financial incentives that benefit the Council and/or Developers, at the expense of residents/infrastructure improvements.	PREP1.19	The Council has produced a Draft Local Plan based on a comprehensive evidence base and the soundness of the plan will be determined by a Planning Inspector at examination. The Local Plan will be monitored to provide crucial feedback into the process of plan-making in order to ensure that the Local Plan policies are being implemented and are achieving their aims. The outcomes of the monitoring will be reported in the Authority's Monitoring Report, prepared to meet the requirements of Regulation 34 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Plan)(England) Regulations 2012.	None required.	DLP/1376, DLP/1733, DLP/2007, DLPQQ/83, DLPQQ/146, DLPQQ/192, DLPQQ/467, DLPQQ/667
Difficulty accessing the Local Plan Consultation Portal.	PREP1.20	There were a variety of ways to respond to the consultation. Consultees could register online through the Council's consultation portal, send an email, write a letter or return the comments form from the Borough Diary. If any problems were raised to the Council during the consultation, members of the team would assist in order to allow a consultation response to be submitted.	None required.	DLP/2170, DLP/3182, DLPQQ/952

Concerns over funding streams for infrastructure provision.	PREP1.21	There are various mechanisms available for securing the investment necessary to deliver infrastructure provision in the Basildon Borough. These are set out in the IDP, and will be used as appropriate to secure the investment necessary to support economic growth and improve the quality of life for local residents. As part of its commitment, the Council plans to introduce a new Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) to ensure new development helps contribute towards the costs of infrastructure investment.	None required.	DLP/368
The Revised Preferred Options stage of the Core Strategy DPD set out a spatial approach; the alternative option of focusing growth in Basildon from this was supported.	PREP1.22	Noted. The NPPF requires local planning authorities to have an up-to-date and relevant evidence in place to inform the Local Plan. Much of the work done to prepare the Core Strategy remains relevant, and consequently has been used to inform the preparation of the Draft Local Plan. Due to the additional detail required to allocate specific sites and to prepare development management policies, additional work on the evidence base has been necessary to provide the detail necessary to inform these policies. Policy SD2 distributes a proportionate amount of growth to each of the main settlements, having regard to the capacity of the environment to accommodate such growth, and the ability to maintain the overall purpose of the Green Belt which is its openness and permanence. Approximately 61% of the growth within the Local Plan is planned within the Basildon area.	The Council will keep this situation under review in the development of the Local Plan in the event any evidence or priorities change.	DLP/1082
Acknowledges the increase in UK's population and the need for housing.	PREP1.23	Noted.	None required.	DLP/1570, DLP/3992

<p>Believes local views will not be taken into account because developers have the financial resources to counter any oppositions to proposals for development.</p>	<p>PREP1.24</p>	<p>The Council has produced a Draft Local Plan based on a comprehensive evidence base and the soundness of the plan will be determined by a Planning Inspector at examination. The aim of the Local Plan is to set out a vision and a framework for the future development of the area, and this is the starting-point for considering whether applications can be approved. Final implementation would be determined through the planning application process where development details will be expected to be in accordance with the strategic policies contained in the Local Plan.</p>	<p>None required.</p>	<p>DLP/1570, DLP/3992</p>
<p>The map displayed at the roadshow events was different from the 'Broad Locations and Strategic Sites' map within the SA/SEA Report, particularly as it relates to the south and south west of Billericay.</p>	<p>PREP1.25</p>	<p>The Map referred to (Figure 4.1 of the SA/SEA) identifies the broad locations and strategic sites that were considered for their development potential. Following the publication of the 2013 Draft Local Plan Core Strategy, the change in the type of Plan being prepared led to additional detailed evidence being undertaken so that site boundaries could be determined. The strategic sites were therefore cross-matched with the spatial findings from the evidence base including the HELAA, Landscape Study, and Green Belt Study to identify the development site allocations. It is these specific site allocations that have been identified within the Draft Local Plan and associated Policies Map (including maps displayed at the roadshows).</p>	<p>None required.</p>	<p>DLP/2442</p>
<p>Suggests information was withheld from the public and a separate consultation that secluded the wider public has been held in selecting sites.</p>	<p>PREP1.26</p>	<p>The selection of site allocations within the Draft Local Plan was based on evidence. The Site Allocations have been identified as the most appropriate locations for development based on the findings of a range of studies taking into account infrastructure provision, the supply of suitable and deliverable sites,</p>	<p>None required.</p>	<p>DLP/2442</p>

		and environmental and historic constraints. The Draft Local Plan January 2016 sets out an initial draft of a new Local Plan for Basildon Borough, and has been prepared for the purposes of consultation under regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.		
Questions whether/hopes revisions will be made to the Draft Local Plan before it is finalised.	PREP1.27	The purpose of this consultation is to seek the views of residents, businesses and other stakeholders on the draft policies and allocations set out in the Draft Local Plan. Any comments received at this time will be used to ensure that the most appropriate options have been selected for each policy area, and to identify any outstanding issues that need to be addressed before the plan is finalised for submission. That being said, it must be recognised that national planning policy set out in the NPPF, and the Government's interpretation of this, as set out in the Planning Practice Guidance (PPG), provide direction and limitations to the scope of local planning policies, and are consequently reflected in the Local Plan.	None required.	DLP/2272, DLP/2343, DLP/3181, DLP/7141, DLP/20343DLPQQ/157

Support the preparation of a new Local Plan.	PREP1.28	Support noted.	None required.	DLP/2015, DLP/2023, DLP/2049, DLP/2071, DLP/2071, DLP/2455, DLP/2944, DLP/2290, DLP/2450, DLP/2811, DLP/2944, , DLPQQ/962
Sets out context for Duty to Co-operate and acknowledges on-going Duty to Co-operate work with Basildon Council.	PREP1.29	Noted.	None required.	DLP/2455

Acknowledges the draft Plan has been prepared and informed by evidence.	PREP1.30	Noted.	None required.	DLP/2455
enerally supportive of the 2014 Core Strategy Revised Preferred Options proposals, and has continued to work on an ongoing basis to support the preparation of the draft Local Plan.	PREP1.31	Noted and agreed.	None required.	DLP/2455
Expects further changes as proposals and infrastructure requirements are refined, and will continue to work with the Council in respect of its evidence base.	PREP1.32	Noted and agreed.	Continue to work with partners and stakeholders.	DLP/2455
Additional investment will be required in the retail centres as a result of planned growth.	PREP1.33	Policy R 1, Retail and Leisure Strategy, sets out the Council's strategy to deliver new and improved retail provision.	None required.	DLP/368
Basildon is accommodating Brentwood's housing needs.	PREP1.34	The Draft Local Plan has not taken forward the provision of a cross-boundary 'garden suburb' in the area around Dunton in conjunction with Brentwood Borough Council. There is also currently no provision within the draft plan to accommodate the unmet housing needs of neighbouring authorities. The Borough's future housing need is based on the findings of the Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) which sets out that the objectively assessed need for the Borough, in line with the NPPF, should be in the region of 15,260 to 16,740 homes in the period 2014 to 2034.	None required.	DLP/13, DLP/14,DLP/541 DLP/2959, DLP/2964, DLP/3145, DLP/3322, DLPQQ/32, DLPQQ/55, DLPQQ/56, DLPQQ/72, DLPQQ/73, DLPQQ/748, DLPQQ/505
It is misleading for the Council to present a plan for the future that starts with 2013-14. A number of years will have passed before the Local Plan can start to guide development.	PREP1.35	The NPPF requires Local Plans to be drawn up over an appropriate time scale, typically over a period of 15 to 20 years. Work started in 2014 on a new Local Plan that will provide the planning framework for the future growth and development of the Basildon Borough area until 2034. Progress towards meeting	None required.	DLP/3086

		the various indicators of the Local Planning Authority in relation to preparing the Local Plan and planning decisions in the Borough is monitored annually through the Annual Monitoring Report.		
The Council has used less frightening figures for the proportion of Green Belt that will be lost to new development in each area.	PREP1.36	Noted. The Council will consider wording changes in light of comments received.	Consider whether further detail could be given regarding urban land and green belt capacity within each settlement area.	DLP/3086
The new version of the SHMA will be very different from the Topic Paper that was published for the consultation.	PREP1.37	It is agreed that it was not desirable to progress to consultation in advance of the publication of the SHMA. However, Basildon Council was satisfied that the figures in the emerging SHMA were robust and broadly reflected likely need for housing in Basildon. The SHMA was a shared project between five Local Planning Authorities, and it was important that all parties were satisfied with the SHMA in relation to their area before it was published. This resulted in a delay to the publication of the SHMA, which put at risk the Council's timetable for the preparation of the Local Plan. A decision was therefore taken to prepare a topic paper setting out Basildon's results only to accompany the consultation. Observers will note that despite the caveats included in the topic paper, the numbers relating to Basildon in the published SHMA are unchanged compared to the topic paper.	None required.	DLP/3086

<p>Issues with the availability of publication materials and supporting documents for the Draft Local Plan.</p>	<p>PREP1.38</p>	<p>The Draft Local Plan and all its documentation could be viewed online by visiting the secure Local Plan Consultation Portal. Alternatively there were viewable and downloadable PDF files of the Local Plan, Policies Map, Supporting Documents and the evidence base studies from the Council's website. The documents were also available to view at Basildon, Billericay, Wickford, Laindon, Fryerns, Pitsea and Vange libraries. It is considered that the methods used were sufficient to reach a wide range of demographics within the Borough and this is reflected in the high number of consultation responses received.</p>	<p>None required.</p>	<p>DLP/456, DLP/3086,</p>
<p>The consultation period was not sufficient.</p>	<p>PREP1.39</p>	<p>The statutory time period for Regulation 18 consultation is 6 weeks which the Council has exceed by allowing 8 weeks for comments. The Draft Local Plan and the supporting evidence have been positively prepared and are consistent with national policy, this is required for the Local Plan to be found sound.</p>	<p>None required.</p>	<p>DLP/3086, DLP/3180</p>
<p>The cost of the local plan documentation was prohibitive for members of the public to purchase.</p>	<p>PREP1.40</p>	<p>Given their availability to view in libraries, online and at the Basildon Centre, copies of Local Plan documentation were not freely available. The £10 fee charged was only a contribution towards the cost of printing the documents. The Council did not apply a full cost recovery fee on this occasion, given the need to ensure as many people as possible felt able to consider the plan and its proposals. Therefore the Council does not consider this to be cost prohibitive.</p>	<p>None required.</p>	<p>DLP/3180</p>

<p>The Draft Local Plan must be informed by a Sustainability Appraisal.</p>	<p>PREP1.41</p>	<p>In line with Section 19 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, the Council has carried out a 'sustainability appraisal' of the proposals in the Local Plan. This overlaps with some of the requirements in the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004, which gives effect to European Union Directive 2001/42/EC on the assessment of effect of certain plans and programmes on the environment. In addition, a Habitat Regulation Assessment is a requirement from the European Habitat Directive (92/43/EEC) and is necessary to assess the impact of the Local Plan's policies and proposals on sites of international importance. Both assessments make recommendations to the policies that the Council must take account of in the preparation of the Local Plan and its policies. Further mitigation and recommendations identified through the consultation comments and new/updated evidence will be reviewed and taken forward as necessary during development of the next version of the Plan.</p>	<p>None required.</p>	<p>DLP/5032</p>
<p>The Council should consider Neighbourhood Plans in future iterations of the Local Plan.</p>	<p>PREP1.42</p>	<p>There are currently no adopted Neighbourhood Development Plans or Neighbourhood Development Orders in the Borough, however the Council has formally designated the Hovefields and Honiley Neighbourhood Area and the Bowers Gifford and North Benfleet Neighbourhood Area. As stated within the plan, the Local Plan may be further supplemented by Neighbourhood Plans, prepared by Local Councils or Neighbourhood Forums over the plan period, in accordance with the Localism Act 2011. These could set out additional planning policies for the management of development</p>	<p>None required.</p>	<p>DLP/5032</p>

		in smaller, distinctive localities, in accordance with the Local Plan. The Council intends to support the Local Councils or Neighbourhood Forums as they take steps to prepare Neighbourhood Plans or Orders.		
Laindon centre should be a priority for redevelopment.	PREP1.43	The regeneration and redevelopment of Laindon town centre is a key priority of the Council and will be delivered in accordance with a development brief or masterplan as stated in Policy R3.	None required.	DLP/264, DLP/368, DLPQQ/208, DLPQQ/390, DLPQQ/882, DLPQQ/505, DLPQQ/728, DLPQQ/666, DLPQQ/626
The Lower Thames Crossing will have a negative impact on people's quality of life.	PREP1.44	Options are currently being developed for a Lower Thames Crossing and it is expected that a decision on the preferred route will be taken by the Minister for Transport later in 2016. Until the preferred route is selected, the effects of the Lower Thames Crossing on the Borough cannot be fully assessed. However, it is recognised that the route which comes closest to Basildon presents both opportunities for the economy and connectivity, and also challenges for transport planning locally, and across Essex. It is therefore necessary for Basildon Borough Council to work closely with Highways England, Essex County Council and its neighbouring authorities to ensure that challenges arising from the Lower Thames Crossing to the local transport network are fully addressed, should the need arise.	The Council will keep this situation under review in the development of the Local Plan in the event any evidence or priorities change.	DLP/368DLPQQ/468, DLPQQ/479

<p>The Draft Local Plan ignores the findings and recommendations of 2014 Core Strategy Revised Preferred Options Report.</p>	<p>PREP1.45</p>	<p>The Core Strategy was intended to set out the Council's Spatial Vision and Strategic Objectives, and the Spatial Strategy and Strategic Policies for delivering these. The assessment undertaken for the Core Strategy was done at a strategic level, and therefore excluded large parcels of land from consideration, taking no account of local variations in character. A key issue arising from the consultation on the Core Strategy Revised Preferred Options Report was the need for more detail to be provided around the allocation of land to meet the need for development and change going forward, and the infrastructure required to support such growth. Much of the work done to prepare the Core Strategy remains relevant, and consequently has been used to inform the preparation of the Draft Local Plan. However, due to the additional detail required to allocate specific sites and to prepare development management policies, additional work on the evidence base has been necessary to provide the detail necessary to inform these policies. Furthermore, due to the passage of time, some evidence base work has had to be updated in order to ensure it still provides sufficient justification for the strategic approach being taken and the overall need and distribution of growth. A schedule of the evidence that has been collected to inform the Draft Local Plan is included at Appendix 1. The Draft Local Plan has been prepared having regard to this evidence base.</p>	<p>None required.</p>	<p>DLPQQ/23</p>
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Maps were not clear.	PREP1.46	Noted. There is a limit to the resolution that can be acquired on graphic file formats that are optimised for web use, especially given the level of detail that needs to be presented on a borough-wide map. The plan and its supporting documents were made available in various formats, including printed copies. A viewable and downloadable PDF file of the Policies Map was also available on the web, which presented information regarding the site allocations on a larger scale, with the option to zoom in and out of the image. If any problems were reported to the Council during the consultation, members of the team were able to provide the necessary assistance, including providing larger-scale extract maps that focused on areas of interest as requested.	The Council will keep this situation under review in preparing the next version of the Local Plan.	DLP/10128DLPQQ/901, DLPQQ/268, DLPQQ/869, DLPQQ/697, DLPQQ/995, DLPQQ/741, DLPQQ/729, DLPQQ/586, DLPQQ/587
Should consult the local community.	PREP1.47	It is a statutory requirement to consult with the local community and the Council has carried out a public consultation in line with Regulation 18 as required at this stage of the Draft Local Plan.	None required.	DLP/297, DLP/16161,
Public exhibition event was helpful.	PREP1.48	Positive comment regarding one method of consultation noted.	None required.	DLP/14225
Believes views won't be taken into account.	PREP1.49	Noted. It is a statutory requirement to consult with the local community, businesses and other stakeholders and the Council has carried out a public consultation in line with Regulation 18 as required at this stage of the Draft Local Plan. Any comments received at this time will be used to ensure that the most appropriate options have been selected for each policy area, and to identify any outstanding issues that need to be addressed before the plan is finalised for submission. That being said, it must be recognised that national planning policy set out in the NPPF, and the Government's	None required.	DLP/907, DLP/4587 DLP/20051, DLP/20222,DLPQQ/415

		interpretation of this, as set out in the Planning Practice Guidance (PPG), provide direction and limitations to the scope of local planning policies, and are consequently reflected in the Local Plan.		
Areas should have proportionate representation to comment on the Local Plan based on Council Tax contribution.	PREP1.50	Such an approach to take into account comments is unlikely to be found appropriate by a Planning Inspector during the examination of the Local Plan. The consultation on the Draft Local Plan has been carried out in accordance with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement. Anyone is able to make a representation to the consultation and it is the validity of the comments received that inform any subsequent changes to the Local Plan and not the volume of comments received. Furthermore, parished areas including Billericay are represented by town, village or parish councils who are elected by constituents and provide comments on their behalf.	None required.	DLP150, DLP/20222,
Council should consider the views of existing residents before the Local Plan is finalised	PREP1.51	The purpose of this consultation is to seek the views of residents, businesses and other stakeholders on the draft policies and allocations set out in the Draft Local Plan. Any comments received at this time will be used to ensure that the most appropriate options have been selected for each policy area, and to identify any outstanding issues that need to be addressed before the plan is finalised for submission. That being said, it must be recognised that national planning policy set out in the NPPF, and the	None required.	DLP/4942DLPQQ/968

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<p>The Draft Local Plan is unsound/flawed.</p>	<p>PREP1.52</p>	<p>An evidence-based approach has been taken in the preparation of the Local Plan in order to ensure that the plan is robust and responds positively to local issues. The Draft Local Plan is based on up-to-date and relevant evidence about the economic, social and environmental characteristics and prospects on the Borough which is in accordance with the NPPF. The soundness of the plan will be determined by a Planning Inspector at examination.</p>	<p>None required.</p>	<p>DLP/783, DLP/819 DLP/4972, DLP/7169, DLP/7624, DLP/7630, DLP/7636, DLP/7642, DLP/7648, DLP/7654, DLP/7660, DLP/7666, DLP/7672, DLP/7678, DLP/7684, DLP/7696, DLP/7702, DLP/7708, DLP/7714, DLP/7720, DLP/7726, DLP/7732, DLP/7738, DLP/7748, DLP/7754, DLP/7760, DLP/7766, DLP/7772, DLP/7778, DLP/7784, DLP/7790, DLP/7796, DLP/7802, DLP/7808, DLP/7820, DLP/7826, DLP/7832, DLP/7838, DLP/7844, DLP/7850, DLP/7856, DLP/7862, DLP/7868, DLP/7874, DLP/7880, DLP/7886, DLP/7892, DLP/7898, DLP/7904, DLP/7910, DLP/7916, DLP/7922, DLP/7928, DLP/7936, DLP/7942, DLP/7949, DLP/7951, DLP/7957, DLP/7963, DLP/7969 DLP/7975, DLP/7981, DLP/7987, DLP/7993, DLP/7999, DLP/8005, DLP/8049, DLP/8055, DLP/8061, DLP/8067, DLP/8073, DLP/8079, DLP/8085, DLP/8091, DLP/8097, DLP/8103, DLP/8109, DLP/8115, DLP/8121,</p>
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Generally support the Draft Local Plan but have some changes.	PREP1.53	Support noted. The Council will consider the recommendations given.	Consider recommendations.	DLPQQ/128, DLPQQ/182, DLPQQ/607

<p>Local Plan is too detailed and difficult to understand.</p>	<p>PREP1.54</p>	<p>The Council is required to prepare a Local Plan that sets out and provides for the future development needs within its administrative area which is supported and justified by evidence. This is stipulated within national policy and legislation. The Local Plan must identify existing and future sites allocated for development as well as specify what must be delivered on these sites. It must also provide policy direction to assist with determining planning applications. This requires a series of policies to be produced that provide guidance on what types of proposals would be acceptable as well as providing protection to areas or special features that would otherwise be negatively impacted. The policies cover a range of themes including employment, wildlife, heritage, climate change, design, transport and housing. The Council produced a special edition of the Borough Diary which provided a summary of the Draft Local Plan as the Council was appreciative that the Plan was large, contained detailed information, and the key points contained within it may not be easily identified by the public. The Council also produced Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) to assist with any specific questions that members of the public may have. In addition, public exhibitions were held on ten dates around the Borough between 13 February and 16 March 2016, where Planning Officers were on hand to help anyone to understand the proposals in the Draft Local Plan and answer questions.</p>	<p>None required.</p>	<p>DLP/169, DLP/2710DLPQQ/125</p>
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Concerns regarding the distribution of the Borough diary.	PREP1.55	The Council has minimum requirements (set out in the relevant regulations) to meet for notifying the public and statutory consultees of the consultation on Local Plan documents. There is no statutory requirement to write directly to every single household within the borough, as this is often cost and labour intensive, and also it is expected that residents would keep abreast of local news and activities as part of their civic responsibility. However, the Council have strived to exceed these requirements by distributing a Special Edition of the Borough Diary to 74,000 households, in addition to other statutory consultation methods. Copies of the Borough Diary were also placed at the regular pick-up dump bin locations at supermarkets, community and leisure centres. It is considered that the methods used were sufficient to reach a wide range of demographics within the Borough and this is reflected in the high number of consultation responses received.	None required.	DLPQQ/67, DLPQQ/784
Concerns about past developments.	PREP1.56	Noted. However, these development proposals have already received planning permission and therefore the decision to allocate the sites for development has already been made outside the preparation of the Draft Local Plan. Moreover, some developments have permitted development rights without the need for planning permission. The aim of a new Local Plan is to ensure that all development are located in the right place, at the right time, and to ensure that development proposals contribute positively towards the plan. The Local Plan comprises the full suite of strategic policies, allocation policies and development management policies that will	None required.	DLPQQ/83, DLPQQ/122, DLPQQ/500, DLPQQ/527, DLPQQ/324, DLPQQ/425, DLPQQ/484, DLPQQ/454, DLPQQ/522, DLPQQ/528, DLPQQ/570

		guide development to designated parts of the Borough, and put in place mechanisms for delivering infrastructure and protecting and enhancing the Green Belt and other key features of the environment.		
The consultation is biased and doesn't represent any alternative opinion.	PREP1.57	The Council has produced a Draft Local Plan based on a comprehensive evidence base and the soundness of the plan will be determined by an independent Planning Inspector at examination. Following the consultation on the Draft Local Plan between 28 January to 24 March 2016, the responses received will be considered and used, where appropriate, to amend the Draft Local Plan. A final version of the Local Plan will then be prepared for submission to the Planning Inspectorate. This will be subject to a further period of consultation prior to submission, in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (Regulations) 2012.	None required.	DLPQQ/125
EMPTY - REUSE	PREP1.58			
The plan was written and presented well for the lay reader.	PREP1.59	Noted.	None required.	DLPQQ/182
The consultation events were well-managed.	PREP1.60	Feedback on consultation events noted.	None required.	DLPQQ/182
Support the democratic process of the consultation.	PREP1.61	Support noted.	None required.	DLPQQ/545, DLPQQ/927
The borough needs to be improved.	PREP1.62	Noted.	None required.	DLP/4325DLPQQ/704

Accepts that the proposals put forward have been prepared by professionals and elected representatives.	PREP1.63	Noted.	None required.	DLPQQ/257
Council Tax increased due to Green Belt, if more is built on it should be reduced accordingly.	PREP1.64	Noted. However, this is not a valid planning consideration that the Council can take into account when developing its Local Plan.	None required.	DLPQQ/1002
The consultation for the Draft Local Plan was a waste of time as the Council will do what it wants and has to be seen to consult with the public.	PREP1.65	It is a statutory requirement to consult with the local community and the Council has carried out a public consultation in line with Regulation 18 as required at this stage of the Draft Local Plan. The Council has produced a Draft Local Plan based on a comprehensive evidence base and the soundness of the plan will be determined by an independent Planning Inspector at examination. Following the consultation on the Draft Local Plan between 28 January to 24 March 2016, the responses received will be considered and used, where appropriate, to amend the Draft Local Plan. A final version of the Local Plan will then be prepared for submission to the Planning Inspectorate. This will be subject to a further period of consultation prior to submission, in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (Regulations) 2012.	None required.	DLPQQ/976
Basildon Council did not meet with the public and would only discuss planning via a written submission.	PREP1.66	Basildon Council held a number of exhibitions during the Draft Local Plan consultation where members of the public could attend and speak to a planning officer about their concerns. Council officers were also available to answer queries on the phone, in person at the customer service centre, via email and in writing. The Council is unable to accept verbal representations and they must be submitted in writing to be taken into account.	None required.	DLPQQ/946

Public exhibition event was not helpful.	PREP1.67	Noted.	None required.	DLPQQ/268
The Draft Local Plan only 'seeks to' enforce policies rather than guarantee to enforce them.	PREP1.68	The Council will consider wording changes.	Consider wording changes.	DLPQQ/892
Location of gypsy and traveller sites in Wickford are not shown on the policy map.	PREP1.69	The proposed gypsy and traveller site in Wickford is located within H 16 and is shown as a red hatched area on the policy map.	None required.	DLPQQ/875
The Council did not consult with the public before drawing up the plans.	PREP1.70	The selection of site allocations within the Draft Local Plan was based on evidence. The Site Allocations have been identified as the most appropriate locations for development based on the findings of a range of studies taking into account infrastructure provision, the supply of suitable and deliverable sites, and environmental and historic constraints. The Draft Local Plan January 2016 sets out an initial draft of a new Local Plan for Basildon Borough, and has been prepared for the purposes of consultation under regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.	None required.	DLPQQ/552, DLPQQ/553
Work is already underway in some areas to facilitate the proposals in the draft plan.	PREP1.71	The preparation of a new local plan is not intended to bring development to a halt in an area. The Council manages the development and use of land and buildings through the planning application process. For now, the saved policies of the Basildon District Local Plan (1998) remain part of the Development Plan until such time as they have been superseded by adopted policies in the new Local Plan. If a planning application is submitted prior to the adoption of the new Local Plan, it will be determined in accordance with the current Development Plan, which was adopted by the Council in 1998. . However, some limited weight could	None required.	DLPQQ/655

		be given to emerging Local Plan policies, particularly as they have been developed having regard to current evidence and national policy set out in the NPPF.		
Acknowledges receipt of the special edition of the Borough Diary.	PREP1.72	Noted.	None required.	DLPQQ/987
Dissatisfied with the public exhibition event.	PREP1.73	The public exhibitions were held on ten dates around the Borough between 13 February and 16 March 2016, where Planning Officers were on hand to help anyone to understand the proposals in the Draft Local Plan and answer questions. If any problems were reported to the Council during the consultation, members of the team were able to provide the necessary assistance.		DLP/644DLPQQ/697, DLPQQ/995
Concerns over wages of the Council staff.	PREP1.74	Noted. However, this is not a valid planning consideration that the Council can take into account when developing its Local Plan.	None required.	DLPQQ/570
Suggestions on how to generate funds.	PREP1.75	Noted. However, this is outside the remit of the Local Plan.	None required.	DLPQQ/570
Introduction				
The Local Plan should cover a ten year period in order to prevent greenfield sites from being developed before brownfield sites, if all sites are released at once.	INT1.1	The NPPF (paragraph 157) sets out the requirements for Local Plans. They should be drawn up over an appropriate time scale, preferably a 15-year time horizon. The Draft Local Plan does not seek to phase development sites identified in this plan, except in cases where infrastructure is required in advance of development. It has however prepared a trajectory of supply,	None required.	DLP/475

		based on its understanding of development constraints, developer readiness and build rates. This will be monitored by the Council through its Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) to determine whether any phases can come forward earlier, or where others may need to be delayed due to infrastructure issues, or other unforeseen circumstances.		
Objects to the Local Plan as it currently does not protect and enhance the Borough.	INT1.2	Objection noted.	None required.	DLP/188
There is no indication of where developments sit in the context of planning permission.	INT1.3	The aim of the Local Plan is to set out a vision and a framework for the future development of the area, and this is the starting-point for considering whether applications can be approved. Final implementation, including matters relating to design and access, would be determined through the planning application process by the Local Planning Authority. Development details will be expected to seek to be delivered in accordance with the strategic policies contained in the Local Plan.	None required.	DLP/915
It is not worth producing a Neighbourhood Plan if it has to be in accordance with the Local Plan.	INT1.4	National legislation determines the requirements for Neighbourhood Plans to be in accordance with Local Plans and this is outside the control of the LPA.	None required.	DLP/919
The evidence base and residents experience does reveal constraints with regards to flood risk which conflicts with paragraph 1.11.	INT1.5	Paragraph 1.11 states that evidence reveals where there are constraints on growth in the Borough in relation to areas at risk of flooding.	None required.	DLP/3297
Suggestions that other land may be more suitable for development than what is proposed in the Local Plan.	INT1.6	An extensive evidence base has led to the proposed development sites being allocated. The Regulation 18 consultation will allow for further review of evidence and changes to be made before submission of the Local Plan to Government for review.	None required.	DLP/190

The Green Belt and Landscape Appraisal evidence base does not correspond with policies H 20, H 22, H 23, H 25 and H 26.	INT1.7	Noted. The Council will review the evidence base in light of comments received.	Review the evidence base.	DLP/306
London Boroughs are providing financial incentives for people to move out of London, and the Council should consider this as a different form of migration.	INT1.8	National planning practice guidance advises how housing market areas should be defined and sets out how migration from other areas should be considered. The evidence presented in the SHMA has been structured around the methodological steps set out within the PPG for assessing housing need, using the analysis to arrive at a recommended objective assessment of need (OAN) range for Basildon Borough, in compliance with the PPG and the NPPF. If London Boroughs are providing financial incentives this is outside of Basildon Council's control.	None required.	DLP/3295DLPQQ/541
Some of the site allocations include land recommended by the Green Belt Study 2015 to remain as green belt.	INT1.9	Evidence and justification for each housing site allocation has been set out within the Draft Local Plan, including any reasoning for amendments to the Green Belt. The Site Allocations within the Draft Local Plan have been identified as the most appropriate locations for development which are suitable based on the findings of a range of studies taking into account infrastructure provision, the supply of suitable and deliverable sites, settlement hierarchy, and environmental and historic constraints.	None required.	DLP/345
Disagrees with the landscape appraisal in terms of areas acceptable for development.	INT1.10	Evidence and justification for each housing site allocation has been set out within the Draft Local Plan, including any reasoning for amendments to the Green Belt. The Site Allocations within the Draft Local Plan have been identified as the most appropriate locations for development which are suitable based on the findings of a range of studies taking into account infrastructure provision,	None required.	DLP/345

		the supply of suitable and deliverable sites, settlement hierarchy, and environmental and historic constraints.		
The NPPF sets out that unmet housing need does not outweigh harm to the Green Belt.	INT1.11	Policy restrictions, such as Green Belt, are not a factor in calculating the housing need. However they can be a factor in determining the housing target for an area and this has been considered by the Council where it would be unable to accommodate all of its OAN within the urban area. Unmet housing need has not been the only consideration when determining whether revisions to the Green Belt boundary constitutes 'exceptional circumstances'. Economic and social impacts for not delivering housing has also been considered as has the findings of the Green Belt Review which assessed whether all of the Borough's Green Belt still contributes to the Green Belt purposes. In reviewing Green Belt boundaries the NPPF states that land that is unnecessary to keep permanently open should not be included. The Council will keep this situation under review in the development of the Local Plan in the event any evidence or priorities change.	Keep Green Belt extent under review in the development of the Local Plan.	DLP/345
Releasing Green Belt for development will not solve social and economic problems in the borough.	INT1.12	It is recognised that the borough, like many parts of England faces social and economic challenges and this is reflected in articulating the Council's vision for the future of the Borough. While it will not be possible to address all of these ambitions through the planning process alone, the planning system can contribute towards many of these ambitions by creating well planned, attractive communities that are linked to services and job opportunities. The Council's aspiration to	None required.	DLP/345

		support local residents is reinforced by Policy E 1 Economic Growth Strategy, which among other criteria, expresses support for facilitating the training and education of local people to gain skills required to enter or remain part of the local workforce.		
Harm is caused to people by not being in close proximity to open countryside.	INT1.13	The Council encourages access to open space and understands the role it plays in relation to health. The Local Plan sets out that open space will be an important part of new development and its loss will be considered carefully and offset where possible.	None required.	DLP/345
The Borough is full and cannot take on more growth.	INT1.14	Paragraph 47 of the NPPF states that Local Plans should plan to meet the full, objectively assessed need for housing. The Borough's future housing need is based on the findings of the Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) which sets out that the objectively assessed need for the Borough, in line with the NPPF, should be in the region of 15,260 to 16,740 homes in the period 2014 to 2034. There is currently capacity to accommodate approximately 6,500-7,000 homes within the Borough's urban area. In order to accommodate the remainder of the growth, the Green Belt has been reviewed to make provision for around 8,000 to 8,500 new homes. The review has ensured that the purpose of the wider Green Belt is maintained, and that those parts of the Green Belt of higher landscape and/or ecological value are protected, and enhanced where possible, in accordance with the NPPF.	None required.	DLP/189DLPQQ/402, DLPQQ/403, DLPQQ/350, DLPQQ/318, DLPQQ/450, DLPQQ/666

Objects to the Draft Local Plan.	INT1.15	Objection noted.	None required.	DLP/1, DLP/792, DLP/1605, DLP/1651, DLP/1679, DLP/1700, DLP/1708, DLP/1723, DLP/1731, DLP/1786, DLP/1831, DLP/1905, DLP/1958, DLP/2057, DLP/2141, DLP/2355, DLP/2369, DLP/2412, DLP/2601, DLP/2629, DLP/2649, DLP/2659, DLP/2670, DLP/2833, DLP/2838, DLP/2890, DLP/2904, DLP/2915, DLP/2926, DLP/2984, DLP/3001, DLP/3170, DLP/4774, DLP/4814, DLP/4831, DLP/4898, DLP/5806, DLP/5915, DLP/6060, DLP/6453, DLP/6564, DLP/6821, DLP/7099, DLP/7117, DLP/7169, DLP/7181, DLP/7183, DLP/7190, DLP/7207, DLP/7212, DLP/7216, DLP/7221, DLP/7225, DLP/7229, DLP/7234, DLP/7241, DLP/7245, DLP/7253, DLP/7259, DLP/7624, DLP/7630, DLP/7636, DLP/7642, DLP/7648, DLP/7654, DLP/7660, DLP/7666, DLP/7672, DLP/7678, DLP/7684, DLP/7696, DLP/7702, DLP/7708, DLP/7714, DLP/7720, DLP/7726, DLP/7732, DLP/7738, DLP/7746,
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Recommends creating a Wickford Town Council.	INT1.16	The formulation of a parish/town council is not within the remit of the Local Plan. The Council's Corporate Governance and Support Team will be able to provide assistance.	None required.	DLP/20228
Chp 2 Policy Context				

Highlights criteria set within the NPPF in order for the Local Plan to be found compliant.	PC1.1	Noted.	None required.	DLP/1782, DLP/2811
Welcomes the inclusion of the County Policy Context.	PC1.2	Noted.	None required.	DLP/2511
Observations regarding wording changes to Paragraphs 2.13 and 2.14 to replace references to the Integrated County Strategy (ICS) 2010 with other updated documents.	PC1.3	Noted. The Council will apply wording changes in light of comments received.	Amend paragraphs 2.13 and 2.14 with the appropriate references.	DLP/2511
Support reference to the Minerals and Waste Local Plans in paragraphs 2.16-2.21.	PC1.4	Support noted.	None required.	DLP/2511
Support the statements in Paragraph 2.5.	PC1.5	Support noted.	None required.	DLP/3301
The Council has failed to make appropriate provision for community aspirations/facilities in the Borough.	PC1.6	The document should be read as a whole. The Local Plan comprises the full suite of strategic policies, allocation policies and development management policies that will guide development to designated parts of the Borough, and put in place mechanisms for delivering infrastructure and protecting and enhancing the Green Belt and other key features of the environment.	None required.	DLP/175, DLP/787
The new homes planned in Thurrock and Basildon is in excess of the 23,000 new homes envisaged by SELEP for the South East region.	PC1.7	The aim of the SE LEP Growth Deal is to facilitate growth and the necessary investments in the region, and is not in itself a calculation of housing needs. The Borough's future housing need is based on the findings of the Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) which sets out the objectively assessed need for the Borough, in line with the NPPF and forms the basis for the target in the Draft Local Plan. The Local Plan identifies SE LEP as one of the mechanisms available for securing the investment necessary to deliver infrastructure	None required.	DLP/307

		provision, support economic growth and improve the quality of life for local residents in Basildon Borough.		
Agree with the key elements of the Integrated County Strategy.	PC1.8	Noted. However, it should be noted that the representation submitted by ECC (summary Pol1.3) confirms that the Integrated County Strategy has been replaced with other updated documents.	Amend paragraphs 2.13 and 2.14 with the appropriate references.	DLP/3303
The regeneration of town centres and attracting new businesses will be important for sustainable growth in the borough.	PC1.9	Chapter 8, Ensuring the Vitality of Town Centres, sets out the Council's strategy to deliver new and improved retail provision across the borough. The Council's aspiration to support businesses is reinforced by Chapter 7 Building a Strong Competitive Economy, which expresses support for facilitating sustainable growth of the local economy and the provision of a flexible supply of employment land.	None required.	DLP/3303
Welcomes the references made to the Essex Minerals Local Plan.	PC1.10	Noted.	None required.	DLP/2487
A Minerals Resource Assessment is not required prior to extraction in the Mineral Safeguarding Areas (MSAs) for sand and gravel.	PC1.11	Noted. The Council will consider additional wording to paragraph 2.16 to improve its content, in light of comments received.	Consider wording changes.	DLP/2487
Welcomes the references made to the Waste Local Plan.	PC1.12	Noted.	None required.	DLP/2488
Support the provision of waste management facilities which is consistent with the waste management hierarchy within sustainable development, and in	PC1.13	Support noted.	None required.	DLP/2488

accordance with national policy and guidance.				
Will continue to work with Basildon Council on waste issues.	PC1.14	Noted and agreed.	None required.	DLP/2488
Requests further clarity on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Essex Highways, Thurrock Council and Southend-on-Sea Council on South Essex's strategic planning issues.	PC1.15	Noted. The Council will consider additional wording to paragraph 2.24 to improve its content, in light of comments received.	Consider wording changes.	DLP/3307
Objection to the Lower Thames Crossing.	PC1.16	Noted. Options are currently being developed for a Lower Thames Crossing and it is expected that a decision on the preferred route will be taken by the Minister for Transport later in 2016. Until the preferred route is selected, the effects of the Lower Thames Crossing on the Borough cannot be fully assessed. However, it is recognised that the route which comes closest to Basildon presents both opportunities for the economy and connectivity, and also challenges for transport planning locally, and across Essex. It is therefore necessary for Basildon Borough Council to work closely with Highways England, Essex County Council and its neighbouring authorities to ensure that challenges arising from the Lower Thames Crossing to the local transport network are fully addressed, should the need arise.	The Council will keep this situation under review in the development of the Local Plan in the event any evidence or priorities change.	DLP/821, DLP/822, DLP/823, DLP/832, DLPQQ/468, DLPQQ/908, DLPQQ/95

<p>Support the Lower Thames crossing strategy, provided appropriate highways infrastructure is provided in the borough.</p>	<p>PC1.17</p>	<p>Support for Lower Thames Crossing noted. Additional transport infrastructure is proposed as part of this plan, as set out in chapter 9. Policies H7 to H29 identify the site specific infrastructure to be provided alongside individual developments. Development will be phased to align with any improvements required to accommodate growth as set out within chapter 18, Implementation.</p>	<p>None required.</p>	<p>DLP/3308</p>
<p>The Local Plan should focus on the challenges faced by Basildon Borough Council only.</p>	<p>PC1.18</p>	<p>The Council has a statutory duty to provide for its development needs in line with the Government's growth agenda, which impacts on an area wider than the Borough; such as the Thames Gateway, the East of England, the South East and the UK. Paragraph 47 of the NPPF states that Local Plans should plan to meet the full, objectively assessed need for housing. Paragraph 159 confirms that such calculations of need should include both migration and demographic change. This is confirmed within the Planning Practice Guidance, and forms the basis for the target in the Draft Local Plan.</p>	<p>None required.</p>	<p>DLP/3308DLPQQ/962, DLPQQ/803</p>
<p>There should be no further discussion with Brentwood in relation to the 'Dunton Garden Suburb'.</p>	<p>PC1.19</p>	<p>As stated within the PPG, local planning authorities are required to make every effort to secure the necessary cooperation on strategic cross boundary matters before they submit their Local Plans for examination. Given the proposals emerging in both the Basildon and Brentwood Local Plans, a situation whereby limited discussion is occurring is unlikely to be considered effective, and may give rise to a challenge on procedure during the examination of the Basildon Local Plan. It is therefore considered necessary to reduce this risk by Basildon leading greater efforts to re-engage with Brentwood on more meaningful</p>	<p>None required.</p>	<p>DLP/3334DLPQQ/749</p>

		dialogue. Records of these efforts would be retained as it will be essential to demonstrate meaningful cooperation has at least been attempted.		
Strategic planning for the Langdon Hills ridge should be included in the Council's strategic cross boundary matters.	PC1.20	Noted. Paragraph 16.15 makes reference to the South Essex Green Grid Strategy which describes and analyses the network of green infrastructure in the Thames Gateway South Essex. This includes the strategic landscape offering key views at Langdon Hills. As also stated in Policy NE 1, 'the Council will work with partners to deliver projects which contribute towards the aims and objectives of the South Essex Green Grid Strategy and the Greater Thames Marshes Nature Improvement Area'.	None required. See Policy NE1.	DLP/20497
Local Wildlife Sites have been lost to development in the past.	PC1.21	Noted. Development proposals that have already received planning permission are outside the preparation of the Draft Local Plan. However, there is a presumption against development which will have negative impacts on Local Wildlife Sites as set within Policy NE 4.	None required.	DLP/20497
A permanent cross-boundary forum should be set up, to oversee the planning of the Langdon Hills ridge.	PC1.22	Noted. However, this is not within the scope of preparing a Local Plan. The Local Plan may however be further supplemented by Neighbourhood Plans, prepared by Local Councils or Neighbourhood Forums, in accordance with the Localism Act 2011. These could set out additional planning policies for the management of development in smaller, distinctive localities, in accordance with the Local Plan.	None required.	DLP/20497

Proper measures should be adopted to preserve the borough's landscape and natural environment.	PC1.23	Noted. Through Policy NE 1 the Council seeks to work with partners to plan positively and deliver projects which create, protect, extend, enhance and manage the networks of green infrastructure and biodiversity, creating new habitats and providing links for wildlife and people. Development proposals which would impact landscape and landscape features will be considered against the requirements of Policy NE 6 which seeks to protect key natural and semi-natural features and the character of the landscape from inappropriate development.	None required.	DLP/20497
The Council should consult with neighbouring authorities.	PC1.24	As stated within the PPG, local planning authorities are required to make every effort to secure the necessary cooperation on strategic cross boundary matters before they submit their Local Plans for examination. All councils and specific consultation bodies now collaborate on strategic cross boundary issues through the "Duty to Cooperate".	None required.	DLPQQ/996
Chp 3 Spatial Portrait				
Observations regarding wording changes to paragraph 3.10 to make appropriate references to London Southend and London Stansted Airports.	SP1.1	Noted. The Council will apply wording changes in light of comments received.	Amend paragraph 3.10 with the appropriate references.	DLP/2512
Port of Tilbury should be included in all references to international ports.	SP1.2	Noted. The Council will apply wording changes in light of comments received.	Amend paragraph 3.10 with the appropriate references.	DLP/2512
Figure 3.2 should be updated to include the suggested changes to paragraph 3.10.	SP1.3	Noted. The Council will apply changes to Figure 3.2 in light of comments received.	Amend Figure 3.2 with suggested changes.	DLP/2512
Welcomes the recognition of the special qualities and features of Basildon's natural environment.	SP1.4	Noted.	None required.	DLP/2680

Reference should be made to geodiversity, local landscape and high quality soils/best and most versatile land to provide consistency and continuity on these matters.	SP1.5	Noted. The Council will consider wording changes in light of comments received.	Consider wording changes.	DLP/2680
The plan should take a strategic approach to the protection and enhancement of the natural environment.	SP1.6	Noted. Through Policy NE 1 the Council seeks to work with partners to plan positively and deliver projects which create, protect, extend, enhance and manage the networks of green infrastructure and biodiversity, creating new habitats and providing links for wildlife and people.	None required.	DLP/2680DLPQQ/991, DLPQQ/307
The plan should seek to contribute to the objectives and targets of the local Biodiversity Action Plan, Rights of Way Improvement Plans and Green Infrastructure Strategy.	SP1.7	Noted. The Council will consider including references to the Biodiversity Action Plan, Rights of Way Improvement Plans and Green Infrastructure Strategy.	Consider references to additional plans and strategies.	DLP/2680
Key issues/threats to the natural environment, including changes in water quality, air quality and increased recreational pressure, should be set out at the early stage in the Plan.	SP1.8	Noted. The Council has considered all environmental constraints when formulating the Local Plan, including detailed ecological assessments of sites identified as preferred options and alternative options for development. The policies in chapter 16 will also play a key role in helping to ensure the value of green spaces and urban landscapes is recognised, retained and enhanced where possible. It is noted that there are concerns about air quality which have not been addressed through the Local Plan. Additional data will be collected in regard to Air Quality which will be used to inform the submission Local Plan.	Undertake additional air quality monitoring work, and use this to inform the allocations and any policy requirements in the submission Local Plan.	DLP/2680
The plan should recognise that social and economic benefits can be delivered through environmental gains, having	SP1.9	The Council will consider updating the evidence base in light of comments received.	Consider updating evidence base.	DLP/2680

regard to Natural England's evidence base (MEBIE2).				
The plan should recognise the potential for brownfield sites to support significant biodiversity interest and the need for proposals to be accompanied by detailed Ecological Impact Assessment.	SP1.10	The Council plans to optimise the use of previously developed land in the urban areas where it is possible to do so in the first instance. As set out in Policy H 1, Housing Strategy, the Council will seek opportunities to ensure new development contribute towards the creation of sustainable communities through location and design, in order to achieve the wider objectives of the plan. Policy NE5 also states that 'proposals affecting ecologically sensitive sites and designated sites should be accompanied by an ecological assessment which should conform with guidance set out by the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM) or an equivalent standard'.	None required.	DLP/2680
Policies to deliver transport infrastructure, water and sewerage, flood protection and recreation and leisure requirements should have regard to their potential impacts on the natural environment.	SP1.11	Noted. Development proposals which would impact on ecology, biodiversity, landscape and landscape features will be considered against the requirements of Policies NE5 and NE6 which seek to protect key biodiversity and natural features of the natural environment from inappropriate development.	None required.	DLP/2680

<p>The projected increase in housing stock is disproportionate with historical trends.</p>	<p>SP1.12</p>	<p>Paragraph 47 of the NPPF states that Local Plans should plan to meet the full, objectively assessed need for housing. In objectively assessing housing needs and to comply with the NPPF and PPG, the Council has a statutory duty to provide for its development needs in line with the Government's growth agenda, which impacts on an area wider than the Borough; such as the Thames Gateway, the East of England, the South East and the UK. The approach to calculating OAN for housing within the Planning Practice Guidance has been applied in the South Essex SHMA 2016. The PPG suggests that the historic rate of development should be considered as a market signal, in order to establish whether this has met planned levels of supply. The SHMA therefore uses the sub-national household projections (SNHP) as the 'starting point' for the estimate of overall need, which is adjusted to reflect local demographic factors and evidence; the need to support economic growth; and the need to take account of appropriate market signals.</p>	<p>None required.</p>	<p>DLP/177, DLP/784DLPQQ/301, DLPQQ/343, DLPQQ/376</p>
<p>Historical trends should not be used as an indicator of future growth.</p>	<p>SP1.13</p>	<p>Paragraph 47 of the NPPF states that Local Plans should plan to meet the full, objectively assessed need for housing. In objectively assessing housing needs and to comply with the NPPF and PPG, the Council has a statutory duty to provide for its development needs in line with the Government's growth agenda, which impacts on an area wider than the Borough; such as the Thames Gateway, the East of England, the South East and the UK. The approach to calculating OAN for housing within the Planning Practice Guidance has been applied in the South Essex SHMA 2016. The PPG suggests that the historic rate of development should be</p>	<p>None required.</p>	<p>DLP/3335</p>

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Observations regarding wording changes to paragraph 3.11 to make appropriate references to rail services.	SP1.14	Noted. The Council will consider wording changes in light of comments received.	Consider wording changes.	DLP/1676, DLP/3336
There are not enough bungalows in the borough.	SP1.15	Parts 2 and 3 of policy H33 require the provision of specialist accommodation types which enable those with disabilities and older people to live in their own homes. The Whole Plan Viability Assessment shows that these requirements are likely to incur a cost on development. However, policy H33 does not specify the physical form that this development will take. This provides the flexibility that developers need to ensure that their sites remain viable. Such flexibility is a requirement of the NPPF. By introducing a specific requirement for bungalows to meet the housing needs of older people, the flexibility within policy H33 would be removed. Bungalows require large footprints, and may ultimately affect the land budget and viability of schemes. Therefore, whilst some developers may meet the requirements of policy H33 by providing bungalows, it should not be a specific requirement to do so, as it may render development unviable, and/or result in the loss of other planning	None required.	DLP/243

		requirements such as community infrastructure provision, provision of affordable housing or less on-site open space provision.		
Chp 4 Drivers of Change				
Observations regarding wording changes to paragraph 4.19 to make the appropriate reference to London Southend Airport.	DC1.1	Noted. The Council will apply wording changes in light of comments received.	Change references to 'Southend Airport' to 'London Southend Airport'.	DLP/2513, DLP/3022
Welcomes recognition of the need to mitigate the effects of climate change.	DC1.2	Noted.	None required.	DLP/2699
Reference should be made to geodiversity, local landscape and high quality soils/best and most versatile land to provide consistency and continuity on these matters.	DC1.3	Noted. The Council will consider wording changes in light of comments received.	Consider wording changes.	DLP/2699
Support the section 'Protecting the Environment' as set out in paragraphs 4.7 to 4.9.	DC1.4	Support noted.	None required.	DLP/2858
Support the section 'Climate Change and Flood Risk' as set within paragraphs 4.10 to 4.13.	DC1.5	Support noted.	None required.	DLP/2858
Other effects from climate change such as impacts on water resources, increases in temperature and the need for people and wildlife to adapt to	DC1.6	Noted. The Council will consider wording changes in light of comments received.	Consider wording changes.	DLP/2858

these changes, should be referenced.				
Observations regarding wording changes to paragraph 4.19 to reflect the policy thrust of the Joint Area Action Plan (JAAP).	DC1.7	Noted. The Council will apply wording changes in light of comments received.	Apply wording changes.	DLP/3022
Observations regarding wording changes to paragraph 4.2 to reflect the distinction between the New Town and Billericay/Wickford.	DC1.8	Noted. The Council will consider wording changes in light of comments received.	Consider wording changes.	DLP/80, DLP/741
The suggestion that the size of the labour force would decline due to the ageing population is incorrect.	DC1.9	The Borough's future housing need is based on the findings of the Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) which sets out that the objectively assessed need for the Borough, in line with the NPPF, should be in the region of 15,260 to 16,740 homes in the period 2014 to 2034. The Council has given consideration to growth within this range, and will seek to meet the overall objectively assessed need for at least 15,260 homes within Basildon Borough over the plan period. Growth at the lower end of the scale assumes participation by older people within the local economy at the rates set out by the Office of Budget Responsibility (OBR). This is considered to be a broadly appropriate position with regard to the economic potential of those over 60 years of age.	None required.	DLP/364

<p>The Draft Local Plan fails to address some of the concerns raised during previous consultation on the Core Strategy revised Preferred Options Report.</p>	<p>DC1.10</p>	<p>Much of the work done to prepare the Core Strategy remains relevant, and consequently has been used to inform the preparation of the Draft Local Plan. However, due to the additional detail required to allocate specific sites and to prepare development management policies, additional work on the evidence base has been necessary to provide the detail necessary to inform these policies. Furthermore, due to the passage of time, some evidence base work has had to be updated in order to ensure it still provides sufficient justification for the strategic approach being taken and the overall need and distribution of growth. A schedule of the evidence that has been collected to inform the Draft Local Plan is included at Appendix 1. The Draft Local Plan has been prepared having regard to this evidence base.</p>	<p>None required.</p>	<p>DLP/840</p>
<p>Basildon is taking an excessive amount of growth in the Borough, and this could be addressed by reducing the overall OAN and removing policies H10 and H13 from the plan.</p>	<p>DC1.11</p>	<p>The Borough's future housing need is based on the findings of the Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) which sets out that the objectively assessed need for the Borough, in line with the NPPF, should be in the region of 15,260 to 16,740 homes in the period 2014 to 2034. The NPPF requires Local Planning Authorities to identify key sites which are critical to the delivery of the housing strategy over the plan period, and states that significant development should be focused in sustainable locations. The Site Allocations within the Draft Local Plan have been identified as the most appropriate locations for development which are suitable based on the findings of a range of studies taking into account infrastructure provision, the supply of suitable and deliverable sites, settlement hierarchy, and environmental and historic constraints. Policy SD2 specifically</p>	<p>None required.</p>	<p>DLP/840</p>

		distributes a proportionate amount of growth to each of the main settlements, having regard to the capacity of the environment to accommodate such growth, and the ability to maintain the overall purpose of the Green Belt which is its openness and permanence.		
No alternative green belt sites are provided, other than those identified in the plan.	DC1.12	The Green Belt review examined whether land currently designated as Green Belt continues to meet the purposes and aims for which it was first designated including whether it has prevented and continues to prevent urban sprawl. This is in accordance with the requirements set out in Chapter 9 of the NPPF which was produced by national government. Those areas that were found to only partly contribute or no longer contribute to these purposes were assessed by other studies on other matters as to whether development would be appropriate, including assessing the landscape, ecology, historic environment and infrastructure improvements. The findings of all these studies combined informed the proposed site allocations in the Draft Local Plan.	Review appropriateness of development locations in light of merits of counter proposals and new/updated evidence.	DLP/840

There has been no Member input or scrutiny of the site allocations within the Draft Local Plan.	DC1.13	Noted. Prior to the Cabinet Meeting on 7 January 2016 which considered whether it should refer the Basildon Borough Draft Local Plan and Preliminary Draft Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule (CIL) to Full Council for authority to publish them for public consultation, three Member briefings were held by the Council. The first session on 23 November 2016 was on the 'Objectively Assessed Housing Needs and Strategic Housing Market Assessment'; the second session on 30 November 2016 was the 'Local Plan Workshop on Infrastructure Provision'; and the third session on 7 December 2015 focused on the 'Housing and Employment Site Selection Workshop'. Further Member Briefings and Srutiny Sessions are planned be held in accordance with the Council's timetable, before the plan is finalised for submission.	None required.	DLP/840
There is no evidence to support climate change, so it should be dismissed.	DC1.14	In accordance with the NPPF, Local Plans should seek to achieve each of the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development, including strategic policies to deliver climate change mitigation and adaption.	None required.	DLP/523
Suggests specific landscaping requirements for new development.	DC1.15	Noted. The NPPF states that design policies should avoid unnecessary prescription or detail, but rather concentrate on guiding the overall physical form of new development. All development will be expected to incorporate good quality landscape design suitable for the type of development and appropriate to the character of the site and its context as set out within Policies DES 5 and DES 6.	None required.	DLP/767
Concerns about the the relocation and re-provision of South Essex College into Basildon town centre.	DC1.16	Noted. However, the development proposal has already received planning permission and therefore the decision to allocate the site for development has already been made	None required.	DLP/830

		outside the preparation of the Draft Local Plan.		
The Basildon Town Centre Masterplan is currently out of date, and is likely to remain so given that it is reviewed less frequently than the Local Plan.	DC1.17	Noted. The New Local Plan will inform the overall development plan for the Borough, and a review of Basildon Town Centre Masterplan is expected to be undertaken following the adoption of the Local Plan. Masterplans have been introduced into the planning system on a formal basis as Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs), and set out detailed proposals for development in the context of strategic policies set out in the Local Plan. The need to review SPDs will be considered in light of both national changes (for instance potential changes to the NPPF), and as the Local Plan Review is pursued as this is expected to provide the context for reviewing and updating as necessary other SPDs.	None required.	DLP/2031
The significant projects focus on Basildon only.	DC1.18	As explained in paragraph 4.17, these projects are neither within the administrative boundary of the Basildon town nor the Borough as a whole. It is expected that there will be spin-off opportunities from these significant projects elsewhere in South Essex, and there are no policy restrictions as to who will be able to benefit from such opportunities.	None required.	DLP/82
The impact of London Southend Airport should be factored into the transport modelling.	DC1.19	The Council has prepared an Infrastructure Delivery Plan that determines what infrastructure is required to support the development proposed in the Local Plan. In preparing the IDP, the Council has worked with a number of infrastructure providers to understand the current position within the Borough and what further infrastructure requirements will be needed to support	Continue to work with partners and stakeholders to inform the preparation of the Pre-Submission Plan.	DLP/743

		additional growth. Each of the infrastructure providers have taken into consideration growth within the Borough and outside to provide an accurate picture of what the future needs will be.		
The impact of the Lower Thames Crossing should be factored into the transport modelling.	DC1.20	Options are currently being developed for a Lower Thames Crossing and it is expected that a decision on the preferred route will be taken by the Minister for Transport later in 2016. Until the preferred route is selected, the effects of the Lower Thames Crossing on the Borough cannot be fully assessed. However, it is recognised that the route which comes closest to Basildon presents both opportunities for the economy and connectivity, and also challenges for transport planning locally, and across Essex. It is therefore necessary for Basildon Borough Council to work closely with Highways England, Essex County Council and its neighbouring authorities to ensure that challenges arising from the Lower Thames Crossing to the local transport network are fully addressed, should the need arise.	The Council will keep this situation under review in the development of the Local Plan in the event any evidence or priorities change.	DLP/744DLPQQ/182, DLPQQ/941, DLPQQ/930, DLPQQ/722
The proposed new Lower Thames crossing has not been considered.	DC1.21	Options are currently being developed for a Lower Thames Crossing and it is expected that a decision on the preferred route will be taken by the Minister for Transport later in 2016. Until the preferred route is selected, the effects of the Lower Thames Crossing on the Borough cannot be fully assessed. However, it is recognised that the route which comes closest to Basildon presents both opportunities for the economy and connectivity, and also challenges for transport planning locally, and across Essex.	The Council will keep this situation under review in the development of the Local Plan in the event any evidence or priorities change.	DLPQQ/746, DLPQQ/926

		It is therefore necessary for Basildon Borough Council to work closely with Highways England, Essex County Council and its neighbouring authorities to ensure that challenges arising from the Lower Thames Crossing to the local transport network are fully addressed, should the need arise.		
Chp 5 Vision Objectives				
The Local Plan vision focuses on Basildon town, with little consideration for Billericay and Wickford.	VO1.1	There is no statement within the Local Plan Vision to indicate that a particular settlement or section of the community is being singled out for development. As stated in paragraph 5.1, the Council has sought to articulate a vision for the future of the Borough, building on the current spatial and policy context in which Basildon Borough sits as a whole. Through Policy SD2, the Council has distributed a proportionate amount of growth to each of its settlements, having regard to the capacity of the environment to accommodate such growth.	None required.	DLP/134
Support for SO4, Creating Vibrant and Thriving Town Centres.	VO1.2	Support noted.	None required.	DLP/2033, DLP/3280
Considers that the introduction of residential accommodation in town centres is supported by the NPPF.	VO1.3	Noted.	None required.	DLP/2033
Observations regarding wording changes to the Vision, to state that the Plan will specifically seek to provide appropriate levels of older people accommodation, being the largest source of population growth in the Borough.	VO1.4	Noted. The Council will consider wording changes in light of comments received.	Consider wording changes.	DLP/1776

Observations regarding wording changes to SO6, Delivering New Homes, to make specific reference to meeting the diverse housing needs of older people.	VO1.5	Noted. The Council will consider wording changes in light of comments received.	Consider wording changes.	DLP/1776
Explains the dimensions to sustainable development as set out within the NPPF.	VO1.6	Noted.	None required.	DLP/2233
Observations regarding wording changes to the Local Plan Vision, in relation to the natural environment and biodiversity.	VO1.7	Noted. The Council will consider wording changes in light of comments received.	Consider wording changes.	DLP/2233
Observations regarding wording changes to paragraph 5.2 'Infrastructure', in relation to the natural environment and biodiversity.	VO1.8	Noted. The Council will consider wording changes in light of comments received.	Consider wording changes.	DLP/2233
Developers should be expected to produce a masterplan for the GI in each development.	VO1.9	Noted. Not all developments will require a masterplan. All development will however be expected to incorporate good quality landscape design suitable for the type of development and appropriate to the character of the site and its context as set out within Policies DES 5 and DES 6. Details of these will be set out in a Landscaping Scheme and/or summarised in the Design and Access Statement.	None required.	DLP/2233
Welcomes the inclusion of a clear and concise vision within the Local Plan, consistent with the national planning guidance, Vision for Essex (2013-2017) and the Corporate Outcomes Framework adopted in 2014.	VO1.10	Support noted.	None required.	DLP/2514
Observations regarding wording changes to paragraph 5.2, to recognise the importance of the environmental role for	VO1.11	Noted. The Council will consider wording changes in light of comments received.	Consider wording changes.	DLP/2514

completeness, and as set out in the vision, strategic objectives and throughout the draft plan.				
Observations regarding wording changes to paragraph 5.2, 'Education and Skills' to improve the content.	VO1.12	Noted. The Council will consider wording changes in light of comments received.	Consider wording changes.	DLP/2514
Observations regarding wording changes to paragraph 5.2, 'Employment and Business', to make a link with 'Education and Skills' and specific reference to apprenticeships.	VO1.13	Noted. The Council will consider wording changes in light of comments received.	Consider wording changes.	DLP/2514
Observations regarding wording changes to paragraph 5.2 'Infrastructure', to make additional reference to transport infrastructure and reducing congestion.	VO1.14	Noted. The Council will consider wording changes in light of comments received.	Consider wording changes.	DLP/662, DLP/2514,
Observations regarding wording changes to paragraph 5.2 'Health', to place emphasis on emotional health and well-being.	VO1.15	Noted. The Council will consider wording changes in light of comments received.	Consider wording changes.	DLP/2514
Support SO1, Protecting and Enhancing the Quality of the Local Environment and SO3, Minimise our Impact on the Environment.	VO1.16	Support for SO1 and SO3 noted.	None required.	DLP/2680, DLP/2859
Wishes to see a stronger commitment in the Vision to the protection and enhancement of biodiversity as part of the GI network.	VO1.17	Noted. The Council will consider wording changes in light of comments received.	Consider wording changes.	DLP/2680

The Plan should identify impacts and opportunities for the natural environment with particular emphasis on designated environmental assets.	VO1.18	Chapter 16, Conserving and Enhancing the Natural Environment, establishes a framework for protecting and improving the Borough's natural environment. Policies H7 to H29 identify the site specific infrastructure to be provided alongside individual developments. Chapter 18 sets out the mechanisms of how infrastructure provision will be delivered.	None required.	DLP/2680
The need to enhance the natural environment should be recognised in the vision for the plan.	VO1.19	Noted. The Council will consider wording changes in light of comments received.	Consider wording changes.	DLP/2859
The importance of blue infrastructure should be recognised within SO1.	VO1.20	Noted. The Council will consider wording changes in light of comments received.	Consider wording changes.	DLP/2859
Support SO7, Capitalising on Local Tourism Opportunities.	VO1.21	Support for SO7 noted.	None required.	DLP/2859
No comment on Chapter 5, Vision and Objectives.	VO1.22	Noted.	None required.	DLP/3023
Observations regarding wording changes to SO2, Improve the Quality and Value of the Green Belt, to remove reference to accommodating the OAN within the Green Belt.	VO1.23	Noted. The Council will consider wording changes in light of comments received.	Consider wording changes.	DLP/2074
Support the Local Plan Vision.	VO1.24	Support for Local Plan Vision noted.	None required.	DLP/2515, DLP/4212, DLP/5439,
Development on Land West of Gardiners Lane South can contribute to the Local Plan Vision and Strategic Objectives.	VO1.25	Noted.	None required.	DLP/4212
Support SO6, Delivering New Homes.	VO1.26	Support for SO6 noted.	None required.	DLP/5439
There is no evidence for the provision of additional school places in Billericay.	VO1.27	Essex County Council, as the Education Authority, has provided comments on the implications of potential growth for education provision which are set out within the IDP.	None required.	DLP/83

		Any significant new housing development will require the provision of additional school places either through the expansion of existing schools and/or the establishment of a new school.		
Observations regarding wording changes to paragraph 5.2, to recognise the protection of the natural environment, green belt and open space.	VO1.28	Noted. The Council will consider wording changes in light of comments received.	Consider wording changes.	DLP/309
A new primary or secondary school is not mentioned for the West of Basildon.	VO1.29	Policy H10 sets out such requirements.	None required.	DLP/201, DLP/202
Planning to build more houses does not promote a reduction in car usage.	VO1.30	In line with the NPPF, the Council must demonstrate that its objectively assessed need can be met on sites that are ready for development. Through Policy TS1, the Council will seek to deliver improved accessibility to jobs, services and facilities via an enhanced and better integrated transport network. New development will be well located and designed to minimise the need for travel, encourage the use of sustainable modes of travel as an alternative to the private car, and provide or contribute towards necessary transport infrastructure, including local and strategic highways mitigation and sustainable travel services, routes and facilities.	None required.	DLP/201, DLP/202
There is no mention of health services.	VO1.31	Policy HC3, Strategic Approach to Health & Social Care, sets out such a policy.	None required.	DLP/201, DLP/202
Observations regarding wording changes to paragraph 5.2 and SO6, that the Council will boost the supply of housing, consistent with paragraph 47 of the NPPF.	VO1.32	Noted. The Council will consider wording changes in light of comments received.	Consider wording changes.	DLP/1378

Support SO8, Helping Local People Maintain Healthier Lifestyles.	VO1.33	Support for SO8 noted.	None required.	DLP/49
Observations regarding wording changes to SO1, Protecting and Enhancing the Quality of the Local Environment, to improve the content.	VO1.34	Noted. The Council will consider wording changes in light of comments received.	Consider wording changes.	DLP/716, DLP/2234
Observations regarding wording changes to SO5 Strengthening the Competitiveness of the Local Economy, to make reference to digital economy.	VO1.35	Noted. The Council will consider wording changes in light of comments received.	Consider wording changes.	DLP/658
Observations regarding wording changes to SO10 Securing the Delivery of Supporting Infrastructure, to make reference to digital connectivity.	VO1.36	Noted. The Council will consider wording changes in light of comments received.	Consider wording changes.	DLP/658
An additional Strategic Objective should be added relating to Accessibility.	VO1.37	Noted. The Council will consider wording changes in light of comments received.	Consider wording changes.	DLP/658
Observations regarding wording changes to SO3, Minimise our Impact on the Environment, to give emphasis to the protection of Local Wildlife Sites.	VO1.38	Noted. The Council will consider wording changes in light of comments received.	Consider wording changes.	DLP/2234
Observations regarding wording changes to SO8, Helping Local People Maintain Healthier Lifestyles, to make reference to access to semi-natural green space.	VO1.39	Noted. The Council will consider wording changes in light of comments received.	Consider wording changes.	DLP/2234
Observations regarding wording changes to SO9, Enhancing the Quality of Life for All, to make reference to access to semi-natural green space.	VO1.40	Noted. The Council will consider wording changes in light of comments received.	Consider wording changes.	DLP/2234

Health and well-being not sufficiently considered.	VO1.41	The Local Plan Vision sets out that the Borough will have a high quality of health and wellbeing. Further reference is given to the importance of health and wellbeing in Chapter 13 Promoting healthy communities.	None required.	DLP/3998, DLP/7130DLPQQ/1014, DLPQQ/991
Why are there no new schools proposed in Billericay, can existing schools take expansion.	VO1.42	Essex County Council, as the Education Authority, has provided comments on the implications of potential growth for education provision which are set out within the IDP. Any significant new housing development will require the provision of additional school places either through the expansion of existing schools and/or the establishment of a new school.	None required.	DLPQQ/979