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CORE STRATEGY

PREFERRED OPTIONS

STATEMENT OF CONSULTATION

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Statement of Consultation

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Basildon Borough Council is currently preparing their Core Strategy. Having undergone consultation in February 2012 on their Preferred Options Report, there is a need for the Council to prepare a statement to demonstrate that the legal consultation procedure has been adhered to; the main issues have been identified; and taken into consideration in the development of the Core Strategy.
- 1.2 The consultation procedures that the Council must follow are laid down in the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, the Localism Act 2011, the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2012, and Basildon Borough Council's Statement of Community Involvement.
- 1.3 Section 2 of this document provides some information on the Localism Act, whilst Section 3 and 4 provide information on the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) Regulations 2012 and Basildon Borough Council Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) 2011 retrospectively.
- 1.4 Section 5 provides a summary of the previous consultation stage for the Core Strategy; the Issues Report. Section 6 provides a summary of the next version of the Core Strategy; the Preferred Options Report. Section 7 informs what consultation processes were carried out for the Preferred Options Report.
- 1.5 Section 8 details the joint working the Council has undertaken in the production of their plan. Section 9 provides information on how comments could be made and Section 10 is the summary of the responses. Section 11 explains the next steps.

2. Localism Act

- 2.1 The Localism Act was introduced to Parliament on 13 December 2010, and was given Royal Assent on 15 November 2011, becoming an Act. The Localism Act sets out the approach Local Authorities should use when determining planning decisions, including the production of local planning policy.
- 2.2 The Localism Act is still introducing new reforms to the Planning system and providing new mechanisms for delivery such as Neighbourhood Plans and Community Right to Buy.
- 2.3 The Localism Act also spurred on the need for national planning policy to be revised. There was a requirement for a consolidation of all the national planning policy guidance and statements. In March 2012, the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) was published. The NPPF is a 54 page document that sets out the national planning policy for England.

3. Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012

- 3.1 Following on from the introduction of the Localism Act 2011 and the National Planning Policy Framework, a new set of local planning regulations were published. These regulations were the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and replaced the previous local planning regulations 2004, and 2008, as amended.

3.2 The Council must ensure that these regulations have been complied with when drawing up their Development Plan and carrying out consultation activities.

4. Basildon Borough Council Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) 2011

4.1 Basildon Borough Council adopted their Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) in 2009. The SCI sets out the consultation process for planning procedures within Basildon Borough Council, including the preparation of local planning policy.

4.2 Basildon Borough Council updated their SCI in 2011 to reflect changes in national legislation. This was adopted by the Council and replaces the 2009 SCI.

5. The Issues Report Consultation

5.1 In preparation for the Core Strategy, Basildon Borough Council published their Issues Report for consultation from 22 October 2007 to 30 November 2007. The Issues Report asked 45 questions on a range of different matters for the Borough. 2,177 comments were received by 103 consultees. One of the main concerns raised was that the Issues document did not address strategic matters, and that matters addressed in the Issues document should be dealt with through a different Development Plan Document (DPD), such as the Site Allocations or Development Management DPD.

5.2 The Council sent responses to all consultees thanking them for taking part in the consultation and that their comments would be taken into consideration during the preparation of the next stage of the Core Strategy.

6. The Preferred Options Report Consultation

6.1 Basildon Borough Council's Preferred Options Core Strategy Report was published for consultation on the 27 February 2012 to 11 April 2012. Approximately 3,400 comments were received by 370 consultees. An additional three consultees submitted their representations after the consultation had finished. Under statutory guidelines, their representations cannot be fully taken into account and their specific comments will not be included within this report. However, it has been noted that the comments made by these three consultees have already been made by other consultees.

7. The consultation procedure

7.1 Publicity material

The consultation procedure followed the Council's SCI. The Council made sure that a range of advertising was prepared so that a wide collection of people were aware of the consultation. The following procedures were carried out:

- Media releases;
- Advertisements;
- Notification Letters / Emails;
- Use of website;
- Posters / Flyers;
- Provided hard copies;
- Social Networking;
- Internal Communications;

- Article in Borough Diary;
- Briefings – including Hard to reach groups; and
- Exhibitions / Road Shows.

7.1.1 Media Releases

The media are a key publicity tool and local newspapers were used to broadcast the publication of the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report. A news release was issued on the 8 February to coincide with the release of the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report to Cabinet.

The local media championed the consultation by running several stories in line with the road shows, from 23 February 2012 to 11 April 2012. Furthermore, the Leader's Column in the Billericay and Wickford Gazette was utilised to promote the consultation.

7.1.2 Advertisements

Advertisements were placed in the local newspapers. These were used to publicise the consultation and inform when the exhibitions and roadshows were being held. In the Echo, adverts were run twice a week throughout the consultation period, the Yellow Advertiser ran an advert every week and the Billericay and Wickford Gazette ran adverts to coincide with the Billericay and Wickford exhibitions. A copy of the advert can be found in Appendix A.

7.1.3 Notifications Letters / Emails

Notification letters and emails were sent to everyone on the Local Development Framework (LDF) mailing list including the statutory consultees. A list of who was contacted can be found in Appendix B. The letters and emails raised awareness of the consultation and road shows, encouraging participation.

In addition to the LDF mailing list, 3,500 letters were sent to local businesses. Again this letter informed them about the consultation and roadshows, encouraging participation. All the letters and emails followed the same template, of which a copy can be found in Appendix C.

7.1.4 Use of website

The Council's homepage was updated with information relating to the consultations and roadshows from the 9 February 2012. The webpage provided downloadable copies of all the consultation documents, a comments form and background papers. There was also a link to the consultation portal for people to make their comments online. A hyperlink from the Council's homepage was provided so people could be easily navigated to the Core Strategy Preferred Options consultation pages.

7.1.5 Posters / Flyers

A3, A4 posters and A5 flyers were distributed to Council offices, local housing centre, libraries and Parish/Town Councils. The idea being that they would be put up on notice boards highlighting the consultation and the roadshows. Flyers and Posters were also available at the road shows to provide people with details on how to participate. For consistency and recognition, the posters and flyers were of a similar branding to the advertisements.

7.1.6 Provided hard copies

The Council provided hard copies free of charge in local libraries, at the Basildon Centre and local housing offices and at roadshows. Hard copies were also available on request from the Council.

7.1.7 Social Networking

The Council Facebook and Twitter accounts were used to publicise the consultation and roadshows. Messages were sent out weekly linking to the home page until the end of the consultation.

7.1.8 Internal Communications

Internal communication activities such as all staff emails, The Bulletin, Orange Thursdays, The Leaders message, the Chief Executive blog and the Intranet were sent out at least once a week to engage members of staff, in particular those who live within the Borough who could pass the information on through word of mouth. Agendas for all tiers of managements included an update on the consultation and a drop in session was held for members of staff in both the Basildon Centre and the Barleylands Depot.

7.1.9 Article in Borough Diary

The Borough Diary is delivered to every household and to local shopping and library outlets in the Borough every quartile. An article was published in the March edition regarding the Core Strategy Preferred Options consultation and the subsequent roadshows.

7.1.10 Briefings

A briefing note (a copy of which can be found in Appendix D) was prepared and circulated around to meetings scheduled within the Council. Most of these were with hard to reach groups and community groups. Officers attended most of the meetings and provided a presentation on the Core Strategy consultation. Consultation documents were available to take away and there was an opportunity to ask questions. A list of briefings attended can be seen in table 1 and the groups which received a briefing note can be seen in table 2 below.

Table 1: Briefings attended

Date	Briefing attended
Thursday 23 February	Local Service Partnership / Basildon Regeneration Partnership Meeting
Thursday 23 February	Parish Council meeting
Tuesday 28 February	Basildon, Billericay and Wickford Council for Voluntary Service
Wednesday 29 Feb	Wildlife Forum
Thursday 1 March	Women Together Group
Wednesday 14 March	Basildon Business Group
Thursday 15 March	Community Inclusion
Wednesday 29 March	Disability Forum
Thursday 28 March	Basildon Faith Forum

Table 2: Briefing Note received

Date	Briefing attended
Thursday 23 February	Basildon Youth Council
Thursday 23 February	Basildon Citizens Advice Bureaux

7.1.11 Exhibitions / Road Shows

Further to the internal drop in sessions held for staff, the Council provided a permanent exhibition in the Basildon Centre. Some display boards were set up showing the key messages from the Core Strategy. Hard copies of the consultation documents were made available for people to take away. Furthermore, the Council held roadshows within five areas of the Borough.

Officers were on hand to explain the display boards and answer questions, and there was consultation material available to take away. Details of the when and where the roadshows were held can be seen in table 3 below.

Table 3: Roadshows

Date	Roadshows attended
Monday 27 February	Billericay Reading Rooms
Saturday 3 March	Billericay Reading Rooms
Thursday 8 March	Basildon Sporting Village
Saturday 10 March	Eastgate Shopping Centre, Basildon
Wednesday 14 March	Wickford Community Centre
Saturday 17 March	Wickford Community Centre
Wednesday 21 March	The Place, Pitsea Leisure Centre
Thursday 22 March	Laindon Community Centre

Comments from the roadshows were recorded and can be found in Appendix E.

8. Joint working

8.1 Section 110 of the Localism Act 2011 inserted s33A into Part 2 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 which introduced a new duty on Local Planning Authorities, county councils and other bodies with statutory functions to cooperate with each other. The Council have been working closely with statutory bodies in the production of their evidence base. A list of occasions where the duty to cooperate has occurred can be found in Appendix F.

8.2 Neighbouring authorities were offered the opportunity to attend a presentation on Basildon Borough Council Core Strategy Preferred Options Report. However, due to commitments the neighbouring authorities were unable to attend. Chelmsford Borough Council attended a roadshow and updates were provided to statutory bodies at regular Essex Planning Officers Association meetings and Thames Gateway South Essex meetings.

9. How to make comments

Questions were set throughout the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report, which corresponded to the comment form. There were a number of ways that people could make comments:

- Online
- On paper
- On email

9.1 Online

The Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and the supporting documents were available online on the Council's LDF webpage. The comment form could be downloaded and returned to the Council. The document was also available on the LDF online consultation portal which could be accessed through the Council's website or through the web address provided on the publicity material. An account would have to be created or a consultee would have to be registered before comments could be made. Once a consultee was registered, comments could be made by clicking on the questions within the online document.

9.2 On paper

Paper copies of the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and the comment forms were available at local libraries, Pitsea housing office and all the public

roadshows. Copies were also available on request. All comment forms had to be submitted to the Council.

Letters could also be submitted to the Council as part of the consultation.

9.3 On email

Comment forms could also be attached as an email or an email with comments could be submitted to the Council at ldf@basildon.gov.uk.

The Council were available to answer questions on the consultation at public roadshows but also over the telephone and on email. The consultation aimed to be as inclusive as possible and reach a wide range of people.

10. Summary of responses

Eight representations were deemed inadmissible due to being of a discriminatory nature. These have not been reflected in the summary below, nor are they contained in Appendix G.

10.1 The main issues

The main issues raised as part of the Preferred Options Core Strategy Report have been split into topics that correspond to the questions asked. The topics are as follows:

- General;
- Drivers for Change, Vision, Strategic Objectives;
- Options;
- Primary Areas of Development and Change (PADC);
- Environment;
- Green Belt;
- Flooding and water management;
- Climate Change;
- Town Centres;
- Economic;
- Housing;
- Tourism;
- Leisure; and
- Infrastructure.

10.1.1 General (Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4, Q57, Q58, Q59, Q60)

The General topic address all responses received for the above questions.

- 20 year plan period is sufficient as is compliant with NPPF
- Need for shorter plan period and annual reviews
- Should not review the Plan in 2019 as should plan for long term
- Need to address existing problems rather than new ones
- Need to liaise with neighbouring authorities, parish councils and communities
- Need to make decisions using up to date evidence
- Not clear how Sustainability Appraisal (SA) has influenced Core Strategy
- Too much information and too broad
- Documents are hard to understand and lack of publicity
- No mention of Gardiner's Lane South
- There is not sufficient funding to deliver the Core Strategy
- Core Strategy was heard about through a range of publicity

- Need for more roadshows or at different times as they were informative
- Maps should be bigger
- Would prefer to make comments face to face
- NPPF should be reflected throughout the CS

10.1.2 Drivers for Change, Vision and Strategic Objectives (Q5, Q6, Q7, Q8, Q9)

The Drivers for Change were taken from the conclusions raised in the topic papers. The Drivers for Change reflected the Vision, and the Vision helped form the Strategic Objectives (SOs). The main issues from the Drivers for Change, Vision and Strategic Objectives relate to the questions in the brackets above.

- Agree with Drivers for Change, Vision and SOs
- Need for Green Belt release and revision of Preferred Option A to ensure that the Drivers for Change, Vision and SOs are deliverable
- Need to use up to date evidence in the preparation of the Drivers for Change, Vision and SOs
- Primary Area of Development and Change 10 – Nethermayne Cluster contradicts the Drivers for Change
- Should consider the Local Enterprise Partnership and Essex Thames Gateway Strategies within the Drivers for Change, Vision and SOs
- Should reference the Council's ability to Compulsory Purchase Order within the Drivers for Change, Vision and SOs
- Will require commitment, investment and partnership approach to achieve the Drivers for Change, Vision and SOs
- Need to include a lot more specific issues such as protecting the River Crouch, recognising technological advance, plant more trees, and reduce electricity wastage within the Drivers for Change, Vision and SOs.

10.1.3 Options (Q10, Q11, Q12, Q13, Q14, Q15)

The Preferred Options Reports set out three growth options for Basildon Borough. These were Option A, B and C. Option A was the Council's Preferred Option and promoted 6,500 homes, no Green Belt development and use of existing employment land. More information on the Options can be found in the Preferred Options Core Strategy [Topic Paper 9: The Spatial Options](#). The main issues on the Options relate to the above questions.

- Do not agree with any of the options as the South East cannot take any more development
- Agree with Option A as protects green belt and strikes an equal balance through conserving the environment
- Infill in the plotlands should be considered
- Option A is not compliant with the NPPF, the Council's Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) or the SA as it does not balance environmental, social and economic principles of sustainability. It does not meet need and would cause Basildon to stagnate. There is a need for Green Belt release
- Option A is based on unfair spatial distribution and the settlement hierarchy is not clear about roles for all settlements
- Option B would not meet need, it is only the minimum for development
- Option B and C are inappropriate as require too much land to be lost and infrastructure cannot cope

- Green Belt methodology used for Option B and C needs to be improved as is not sufficient or robust
- Option C is the only one to meet need and provide a positive future for the Borough, reflecting SOs, Vision, the evidence base and other strategies
- A need for an Option between B and C as would be more realistic in relation to evidence and National Planning Policy Framework
- No consideration for 20% housing buffer as required by the NPPF

10.1.4 Primary Areas of Development and Change (PADC) (Q16, Q17, Q18, Q19, Q20, Q21, Q22, Q23, Q24, Q25, Q26, Q27, Q28)

The Primary Areas of Development and Change consisted of 13 strategic areas throughout the Borough. These were PADC1 – Basildon Town Centre, PADC2 – Laindon Town Centre, PADC3 – Pitsea Town Centre, PADC4 – Wickford Town Centre, PADC5 and PADC6 – Five Links, Laindon and Craylands, PADC7 – Enterprise Parks Corridor, PADC8 – Dunton North, PADC9 – Dunton East, PADC10 – Nethermayne Cluster, PADC11 – Radford Way Employment Area, PADC12 – Barleylands Outdoor Sports Hub, and PADC13 – South Essex. The main issues with these are as follows:

- Agree with all PADCs
- Do not agree with PADC1 as college should not be moved to the town centre, should not lose bus shelter, no solution for crossing Broadmayne, no need for more retail, market should not be moved and cinema will not be viable.
- PADC2 should consider the wider area and there is a need to ensure its delivery.
- An application has been submitted for PADC3 but may be a need for CPO to make it happen.
- There is a need to secure the delivery of PADC4
- Support PADC5 and PADC6 but need to consider other estate renewals
- Need to alleviate the highways issues with PADC7 and should give consideration to using existing vacant units
- PADC8 and PADC9 are used for recreational activities and parts are designated research and development area for Ford Motor Company, areas should not be used for employment and housing
- If employment land is lost for housing in PADC9 then employment land should be provided elsewhere
- Do not support PADC10 due to its Local Wildlife Site designation (which should be included in text), subsequent habitats and landscape. It provides a local amenity and should not be lost to development which will create pollution, traffic and put a strain on the infrastructure.
- Support PADC10 as goes towards meeting housing need and will provide a mix of tenures.
- Reliance on PADC12 for recreational activities is risky and there is a need for legal agreement with the landowner as well as a strategic framework, PADC12 should not have an impact on wildlife.
- Number of homes are questioned in PADCs
- No inclusion of office space in PADC1-4
- No need for PADCs to have a separate SPD/DPD
- Should carry out sequential and exception tests on PADCs
- Other PADCs put forward were areas within the Green Belt for housing.

10.1.5 Environment (Q29, Q30, Q31, Q32)

The Environment policies CS1 and CS2 were in regard to natural and built environment, giving consideration to the historical environment and design. The main issues raised in response to the questions above were as follows:

- Agree with Policy CS1 and CS2
- Need to reference the River Crouch
- Should aim for all Local Wildlife Sites to be included under Positive Conservation Management and promote new Local Wildlife Sites
- Should reference Living Landscapes
- Land east of Southend Road is not ancient woodland
- Should protect South Essex as a beauty spot, in particular the area extending from Westley Heights to Vange Heights
- Should not built on green spaces and should protect wildlife
- Need to consider natural and built environment outside the Borough and recognise their impact on Basildon
- Should learn how to protect assets from other places in the world
- Landscape and tree planting is essential to development scheme
- Should use brownfield sites to preserve the natural environment
- Should protect churches in Crays Hill and Ramsden Bellhouse

10.1.6 Green Belt (Q33, Q34)

Green Belt Policy CS3 relates to the two questions above. The main issues raised were:

- Agree with Policy CS3 and welcome the need to enhance and reduce fragmentation of habitats and landscape.
- Green Belt boundaries need to be reviewed to provide land for new homes and facilities, so that higher wildlife areas can be protected. Releasing Green Belt land will provide healthier lifestyles and better quality of life, alleviate congestion in town centres and allow for employment opportunities, as well as reflecting national statements and policies.
- Living Landscapes and Green Belt should be separate
- Green Belt should retain the separate identity of Billericay, Wickford and Basildon
- Consideration should be given to areas that could be put back into the Green Belt
- Encourage agricultural use of the green belt and consider change of use for redundant agricultural buildings that do not affect size, scale and appearance.

10.1.7 Flooding and Water Management (Q35, Q36)

Policy CS4 of the Preferred Options Core Strategy Report was related to flooding and water management. The main issues were:

- Agree with Policy CS4 as protection from flood risk is vital to mitigate against high water levels
- Should avoid over building on the flood plain and avoid culverting
- Further detail is required on sequential and exception tests, and areas at risk of flooding
- Washland should be safeguarded from development and 20m buffer zone should be applied
- There is no policy to protect water environment from pollution or maintain and improve water quality.

10.1.8 Climate Change (Q37, Q38)

The questions in brackets above related to Policy CS5: Adapting to a Changing Climate. The main issues were:

- Agree with Policy CS5
- Should utilise all latest renewable energy technology
- Should consider the deliverability and viability to implementing climate change technology
- Should encourage the need to reduce use of the car

10.1.9 Town Centres (Q39, Q40)

The questions above relate to Policy CS6 Valued and Vibrant Town Centres. The main issues were:

- Agree with Policy CS6
- Should create thriving town centres and support should be given to small traders and local produce
- Should develop out of town centres
- Flats should be provided in town centres
- Should consider the impact of online shopping and evidence to support the floorspace identified is needed
- Need to consider the historic environment within the town centres and reference Conservation Area Management Plans
- Need to apply the sequential test to offices as there are none within town centres, which is contrary to the NPPF

10.1.10 Economic (Q41, Q42)

The questions in the brackets relate to Policy CS7: Sustaining Economic Growth. The main issues raised were:

- Agree with Policy CS7
- Need for more clerical and professional employments
- Core Strategy does not meet economic needs and is based on out of date evidence,
- Need for release of Green Belt land to support economic growth, especially land designated for employment uses is not being retained
- Need to make provision for business support facilities and support business start ups
- Need to reference Basildon's status as an economic hub to Thames Gateway

10.1.11 Housing (Q43, Q44, Q45, Q46, Q47, Q48)

All questions in the brackets related to providing homes for all. The main issues for Policy CS8: Affordable Housing, Policy CS9: Provision for Gypsies and Travellers and Policy CS10: Provision for Travelling Showpeople are:

- Agree with Policy CS8, CS9 and CS10
- Should use brownfield sites and recycle empty homes
- Need for an affordable housing viability assessment before comments can be made
- Need for a mix of tenures, should not built any more flats
- Need for more affordable homes – 35% is too low and should set a minimum requirement
- Executive homes are a waste of land

- 10% affordable housing provision for town centres cannot be justified as this is where the majority of homes are being provided
- Not clear how the affordable housing will be delivered
- Should not group affordable homes together
- Do not deal with the short term growth in the traveller community and need to make provision under the Housing Act
- European Law requires Councils to set aside a place for visiting travellers
- Traveller accommodation must be considered in the 15 year land supply of deliverable sites

10.1.12 Tourism (Q49, Q50)

The questions in the brackets above asked for comments to be made on Policy CS11: Supporting Tourism Growth. The main issues were:

- Agree with Policy CS11
- Conference facilities are required as well as a 4 star hotel
- Need for more camping facilities
- Should promote the historic areas in the Borough for tourism

10.1.13 Leisure (Q51, Q52)

The questions above in the brackets relate to Policy CS12: Providing Leisure Facilities. The main issues were:

- Agree with Policy CS12
- Should use educational facilities for public sporting activities when not being used in school times
- Should retain all existing plan facilities and provide more where necessary
- Should provide facilities to reduce anti social behaviour

10.1.14 Infrastructure (Q53, Q54, Q55, Q56)

Questions were asked on Policy CS13: Education, Health and Community Facilities and Policy CS14 Integrated and Timely Infrastructure Provision. The main issues were:

- Agree with Policy CS13 and Policy CS14
- Should provide allotments
- Should provide multi-functional community facilities
- There is too much pressure on infrastructure and local services for more development
- Need to include cultural facilities
- Should retain the equestrian facility in Dry Street
- Need to consider water shortages and droughts
- Cycling parking areas and cycle lanes should be encouraged, parking facilities need to be improved and should consider future transport technology
- Need to test Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) alongside Core Strategy; how can this be done if CIL has not been started.
- Need for better links from north – south of the Borough
- Should reference Lower Thames Crossing, expansion of nearby ports and airports
- Need to work with national grid to expand national energy infrastructure

11. The next steps

- 11.1 All comments from the consultation have now been analysed and will be taken into consideration as the Core Strategy is revised. In addition, further evidence is being commissioned by the Council in order to strengthen the Core Strategy's strategic approach and subsequent policies. The Council will continue to work with and take onboard any strategies produced by the neighbouring authorities, County Council, local service providers and other statutory bodies in the preparation of the Core Strategy.
- 11.2 The revision to the Core Strategy will then be prepared for consultation. Anyone who is registered on the LDF consultation database will receive a notification of the consultation, which in accordance with the Council's Local Development Scheme is due to be in Summer 2013.
- 11.3 If a person wishes to be registered on the LDF consultation database to receive notifications on the Development Plan, then they can contact the Council on the following details:

Use the **LDF consultation database** and register as a consultee:

<http://basildon-consult.limehouse.co.uk/common/register.jsp>

Email: ldf@basildon.gov.uk

Telephone No: 01268 294155

Address: Forward Planning Team
Basildon Borough Council
The Basildon Centre
St Martins Square
Basildon, Essex
SS14 1DL

Appendix A – Consultation Advert

'BASILDON 2031'

SHAPING THE FUTURE OF OUR BOROUGH

Basildon Council is drawing up a plan (Local Development Framework) to guide the development of the Borough for the next 20 years. It is vital that local people have their say on how the Borough should develop.

THE BIG ISSUES ARE:

- Balance between green belt and development
- Economic growth and employment
- Town centre regeneration

A public consultation for people to have their say runs from February 27th to 5pm, April 11th. To find out more information, there will be a series of road shows across the borough.

HAVE YOUR SAY!

UPCOMING ROAD SHOWS:

Billericay
Monday 27 Feb Billericay Reading Rooms, Noon - 9pm
Saturday 3 March Billericay Reading Rooms, 10am - 4pm

Basildon
Thursday 8 March Basildon Sporting Village, Noon - 9pm
Saturday 10 March Basildon Eastgate, 10am - 4pm

Laindon
Thursday 22 March Laindon Community Centre, Noon - 9pm

Wickford
Wednesday 14 March Wickford Community Centre Noon - 9pm
Saturday 17 March Wickford Community Centre 10am - 4pm

Pitsea
Wednesday 21 March The Place, Pitsea Leisure Centre Noon - 9pm

For details and how to get involved visit www.basildon.gov.uk/ldf, email ldf@basildon.gov.uk or call us on 01268 294155

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Appendix B – List of consultees

Under Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, the requirement to consult the public includes specific and general bodies, as well as consulting residents and businesses the Council considers appropriate.

Specific (Statutory) Consultation Bodies

The specific consultation bodies which must be consulted with when preparing development plan documents are listed in the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 under Regulation 2 (1). The specific consultation bodies are:

- The Regional Planning Body (Government Office for the East of England)
- The Coal Authority
- The Environment Agency
- English Heritage
- The Marine Management Organisation
- Marine and Fisheries Agency
- Ministry of Defence
- Crown Estates Commission
- Health and Safety Commission
- Health and Safety Executive
- Sport England
- Natural England
- The Secretary of State for Transport (Department for Transport)
- A regional development agency whose area is in, or adjoins, the area of the Council (Previously EEDA)
- Network Rail Infrastructure Limited and Strategic Rail Authority
- The Highways Agency
- A relevant authority, any part of whose area is in or adjoins the area of the local council, such as:
 - A Council
 - Southend-on-Sea Borough Council
 - Chelmsford City Council
 - Brentwood Borough Council
 - Castle Point Borough Council
 - Rochford District Council
 - Thurrock Borough Council
 - Thames Gateway South Essex Group
 - A County Council
 - Essex County Council
 - A Parish Council
 - Billericay Town Council
 - Great Burstead and South Green Village Council
 - Little Burstead Parish Council
 - Noak Bridge Parish Council
 - North Benfleet and Bowers Gifford Parish Council
 - Ramsden Bellhouse Parish Council
 - Ramsden Crays Parish Council

- Shotgate Parish Council
 - Mountnessing Parish Council
 - Rawreth Parish Council
 - Rayleigh Town Council
 - Rettendon and Battlesbridge Parish Council
 - Runwell Parish Council
 - West Horndon parish Council
 - Ingatestone and Fryerning Parish Council
 - Herongate and Ingrave Parish Council
 - Stock Parish Council
 - South Hanningfield Parish Council
 - A Police Authority
 - Essex Police
- Any person to whom the electronic communications code applies by virtue of a direction given under Section 106 (3)(1) of the Communications Act 2003
 - Mobile Operators Association
- Any person who owns or controls electronic communications apparatus situated in any part of the area of the Council
 - Mobile Operators Association
 - Essex Fire and Rescue Service
 - Essex Police
 - East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust
- The Homes and Communities Agency
- Any of the bodies from the following list who are exercising functions in any part of the area of the Council
 - NHS South West Essex (Local Primary Care Trust)
 - Malling Health – independent operator of GP service at Dipple Medical Centre, Pitsea
 - Person to whom a licence has been granted under Section 7(2) of the Gas Act 1986
 - National Grid Gas plc
 - Person to whom a licence has been granted under Section 6(1)(b) or (c) of the Electricity Act 1989
 - National Grid Electricity Transmission plc
 - EDF Energy
 - Sewage Undertaker
 - Anglian Water
 - Water Undertaker
 - Essex and Suffolk Water

General Consultation Bodies

The general consultation bodies are listed under Regulation 2(1). The regulations identify five types of bodies as general consultation bodies that relate to voluntary organisations representing certain groups within the community. The general consultation bodies are:

- Voluntary bodies some or all of whose activities benefit any part of the council's area
- Bodies which represent the interests of:

- Different racial, ethnic or national groups in the Local Planning Authority's area
- Different religious groups in the Local Planning Authority's area
- Disabled persons in the Local Planning Authority's area
- Persons carrying on business in the Local Planning Authority's area.

When preparing Local Plan documents, the Council must consult those general consultation bodies it considers appropriate.

Other Consultation Bodies

The key principle is that the Council carry out public consultation that is appropriate for the Local Plan document being produced. It may be appropriate to consult with other agencies and organisations in addition to those identified as specific or general consultation bodies.

Appendix C – Consultation Letter / Email

'BASILDON 2031'
SHAPING THE FUTURE OF OUR BOROUGH

Basildon Council
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Date	23 rd February 2012
Please ask for	The Forward Plans Team
Department	Planning Services
Tel. No	01268 294748
E-Mail	ldf@basildon.gov.uk
Ref	POR1/2012

Dear,

1. RE: CONSULTATION ON BASILDON BOROUGH LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK - CORE STRATEGY PREFERRED OPTIONS REPORT 2012

I am writing to advise that as part of the preparation of its Local Development Framework (LDF), Basildon Council is publishing its Core Strategy Development Plan Document: Preferred Options Report on 27 February 2012 for a 6 week public consultation.

What is the Core Strategy and why is important to tell us your views?

The Core Strategy is the Borough's main planning policy document of the LDF setting out how the Council envisage the area developing and changing over the next 20 years.

It is therefore very important that you use this opportunity to have your say on the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and its associated documents, to ensure your views are considered when preparing the final version that will be submitted to the Secretary of State next year for his consideration.

A series of questions about the Preferred Options Report and its supporting documents are posed throughout the document; the supporting documents being the:

- Sustainability Appraisal/ Strategic Environmental Assessment 2012
- Habitats Regulations Assessment 2012
- Service Impact Assessment 2012

Where can you see a copy of the Core Strategy and how can you comment?

Read and Comment Online

Comments on the Preferred Options Report can be made using the online LDF Consultation Portal accessed via the following URL: <http://basildon-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal> and answering the questions posed. If you already have an LDF Consultation Portal account you will need to login to submit your comments using your username and password. If you have forgotten your username/ password, you can request a reminder from the login page.

The Preferred Options Report, its supporting documents and Comments Forms can also be viewed/ downloaded as PDF files from our website www.basildon.gov.uk/ldf.

Comment By Post

Reference copies of the consultation documents and comment forms are being sent to all of the Borough's libraries, Customer Services at the Basildon Centre, St Martin's Square, Pitsea Area Housing Office in Maydells, Pitsea and the Russell Sharpe Tenant's Resource Centre, Westgate, Basildon.

Comment Forms can also be downloaded from www.basildon.gov.uk/ldf or posted to you by calling 01268 294155 or e-mailing ldf@basildon.gov.uk, completed and returned to the following FREEPOST address:

**Forward Plans Team, Planning Services, Basildon Borough Council,
FREEPOST ANG11276, St Martin's Square, Basildon, Essex, SS14 1ZZ.**

Visit a Public Roadshow

Alternatively, you could choose to visit one of the eight public roadshows being held in the Borough during February and March 2012. Council Planning Officers will be on hand to help you understand the Core Strategy's proposals and answer questions. The roadshows details are:

Area	Date	Time	Venue
Billericay	Monday 27 February	Noon to 9pm	Billericay Reading Rooms, 73 High Street, Billericay
	Saturday 3 March	10am to 4pm	
Basildon	Thursday 8 March	Noon to 9pm	Basildon Sporting Village, Cranes Farm Road, Basildon
	Saturday 10 March	10am to 4pm	Eastgate Shopping Centre (between Base and Starbucks, Lower Mall)
Wickford	Wednesday 14 March	Noon to 9pm	Wickford Community Centre, Market Road, Wickford
	Saturday 17 March	10am to 4pm	
Pitsea	Wednesday 21 March	Noon to 9pm	The Place: Pitsea Leisure Centre, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea
Laindon	Thursday 22 March	Noon to 9pm	Laindon Community Centre, Aston Road, Laindon

Should you have any immediate questions, I have enclosed a list of Frequently Asked Questions which may help.

Public Exhibition

There will be a permanent exhibition on the Ground Floor of the Basildon Centre in St Martin's Square, Basildon for the entire consultation period.

Closing Date

The Preferred Options Report consultation will close at **5pm on 11 April 2012**.

2. CONSULTATION ON THE STRATEGIC HOUSING LAND AVAILABILITY ASSESSMENT 2011-2012

The Government requires each Local Planning Authority to assess the amount of land available in its area for housing development as part of the preparation of its LDF. This process is called a Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment or SHLAA.

The SHLAA helps to identify future land for housing to help meet the future need for homes across the Borough. The sites assessed include those submitted to the Council during the Call for Sites exercise in 2007 and 2008, which the SHLAA now replaces.

The SHLAA is part of the evidence base for a number of LDF documents including the Core Strategy, Site Allocations and Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan Documents. The SHLAA **does not represent Council policy and does not determine whether a site should be allocated or granted permission**; it simply determines which sites are *suitable, available and achievable* for housing development in line with national planning policy requirements.

The SHLAA and its Appendices are subject to a separate public consultation from 27 February and comments can be submitted until **5pm 11 April 2012**.

The SHLAA is subject to an annual review and your comments could contribute to the undertaking of the 2012/2013 review, as well as the overall SHLAA process, whilst giving you the opportunity to identify any additional information on individual site assessments that the Council may need to consider.

Comments on the SHLAA can be submitted to the Council in the following ways:

In writing: addressed to "SHLAA Consultation 2012, Forward Plans, Planning Services, Basildon Borough Council, St Martins Square, Basildon, Essex, SS14 1DL"

By Email: shlaa@basildon.gov.uk

We have a list of Frequently Asked SHLAA Questions should you need to refer to them. They are available from the Council's LDF website, but if you can't find an answer to your question there, please contact a member of the Forward Plans Team by email or by telephone 01268 294155.

What if you want to submit a new site for future SHLAA consideration?

If you have a piece of land that isn't currently included in the SHLAA, but you would like for it to be, we are accepting submissions which can be assessed through future year's reviews. To make a SHLAA submission, you must complete and return a "SHLAA Proforma", which can be posted or emailed to you on request, or downloaded from our website.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your continued interest in the Local Development Framework and if you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Clive Simpson, Manager of Planning Services

Appendix D – Briefing Note

Basildon Core Strategy Consultation Briefing Note

Please Note: This should be read in conjunction with the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report.

The Development Option

This briefing note outlines the key points of the draft Basildon Core Strategy. The Core Strategy is a strategic planning document which will provide the overarching principles for development within the Basildon Borough to 2031. The key decisions about how much development will happen in the Borough, where it happens and when it will take place, are made in the Core Strategy.

The Council has selected its Preferred Option for the future development of the Borough from three potential options. To establish whether the appropriate option has been selected to meet the Borough's development needs, the Council is conducting a six week public consultation into the Core Strategy from **27 February 2012 to 5pm, 11 April 2012**, in which everyone will be able to have their say. To deliver the selected option, the Council have produced several accompanying policies, which we are also consulting on.

The Core Strategy includes a vision for the future development of the borough which is based on an understanding of the main issues facing the area, and an appreciation of all the positive attributes of the borough. The vision describes what the area will be like in the future and sets out the direction for development:

Basildon Borough Spatial Vision 2031

By 2031, Basildon Borough's inhabitants, communities and businesses will be flourishing; enjoying a quality of life and environment that has been enhanced through managing growth within the limits of the Green Belt, which will have an increased role in providing recreational opportunities.

The Borough's regenerated town centres, residential neighbourhoods, employment centres and green spaces will be the envy of South Essex, enriching its character and vitality as a place to live, work and play.

The Key Messages from the Core Strategy

The Core Strategy addresses ten principle aims/issues, these are:

- **Protecting and enhancing the quality of the local environment (built and natural)**
- **Protecting the Green Belt**
- **Minimising our impact on the Environment (changing climate)**
- **Creating vibrant and thriving town centres**
- **Strengthening the competitiveness of the Local Economy**
- **Delivering new homes**
- **Capitalising on local tourism opportunities**
- **Offering opportunities for healthier lifestyles**
- **Enhancing the quality of life for all**
- **Securing the Delivery of Supporting Infrastructure**

The Council's Preferred Option

The Council has identified the preferred option to deliver these aims/issues

Preferred Option (Option A): Maximising Urban Potential and Protecting the Green Belt

Option A aims to make the most of what is already in place, by regenerating our urban areas, utilising existing services and infrastructure. This option values the green belt above other considerations and makes its protection the priority for the future.

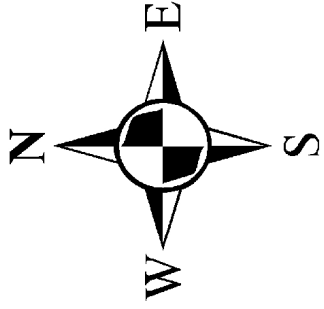
Main points of this option

- 6,500 homes in the existing urban areas.
- Long term protection to the Green Belt
- Focus on environmental enhancement, habitat restoration, land management, flood defence and recreation.
- 13 areas identified for development and change:
 - PADC 1 - Basildon town centre
 - PADC 2 - Laindon town centre
 - PADC 3 - Pitsea town centre
 - PADC 4 - Wickford town centre
 - PADC 5 - Five links, Laindon
 - PADC 6 - Craylands, Basildon
 - PADC 7 - A127 Enterprise Parks Corridor
 - PADC 8 - Dunton North West
 - PADC 9 - Dunton East
 - PADC 10 - Nethermayne Cluster
 - PADC 11 - Radford Way Employment Area
 - PADC 12 - Barleylands Outdoor Sports Area
 - PADC 13 - South Essex Marshes
- Economic development will be focused in town centres and existing employment areas (A127 corridor, for example).
- 6 hectares of land to be released for employment uses in the urban area.

Map of the Preferred Option

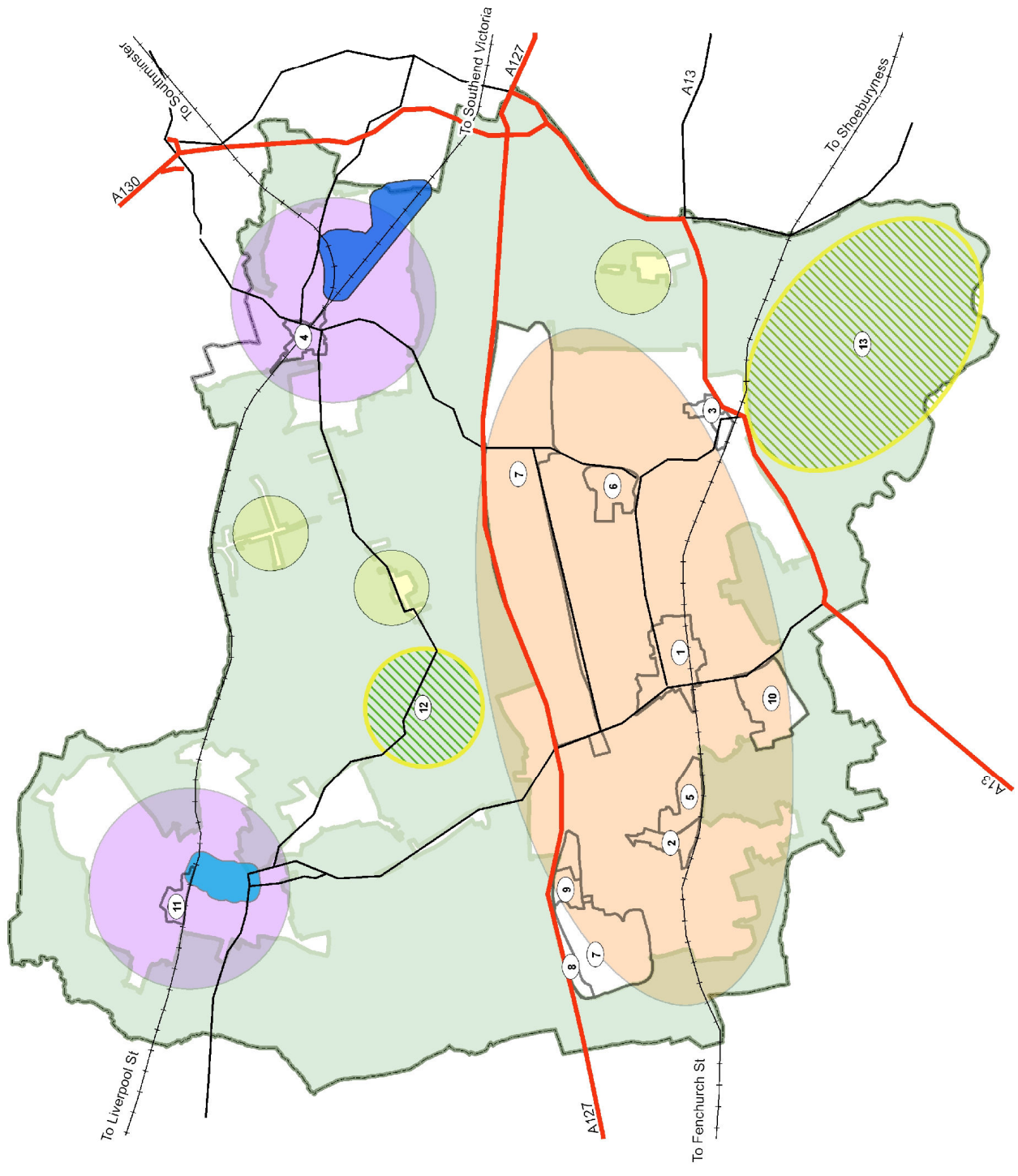
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Option A



Legend

- Green Belt
- PADC (Urban)
- PADC (Green Belt)
- Billericay Town Centre
- Wickford Employment Area
- Major Urban Area
- Towns
- Serviced Villages within GB
- Strategic Road Network
- A Roads
- Railways



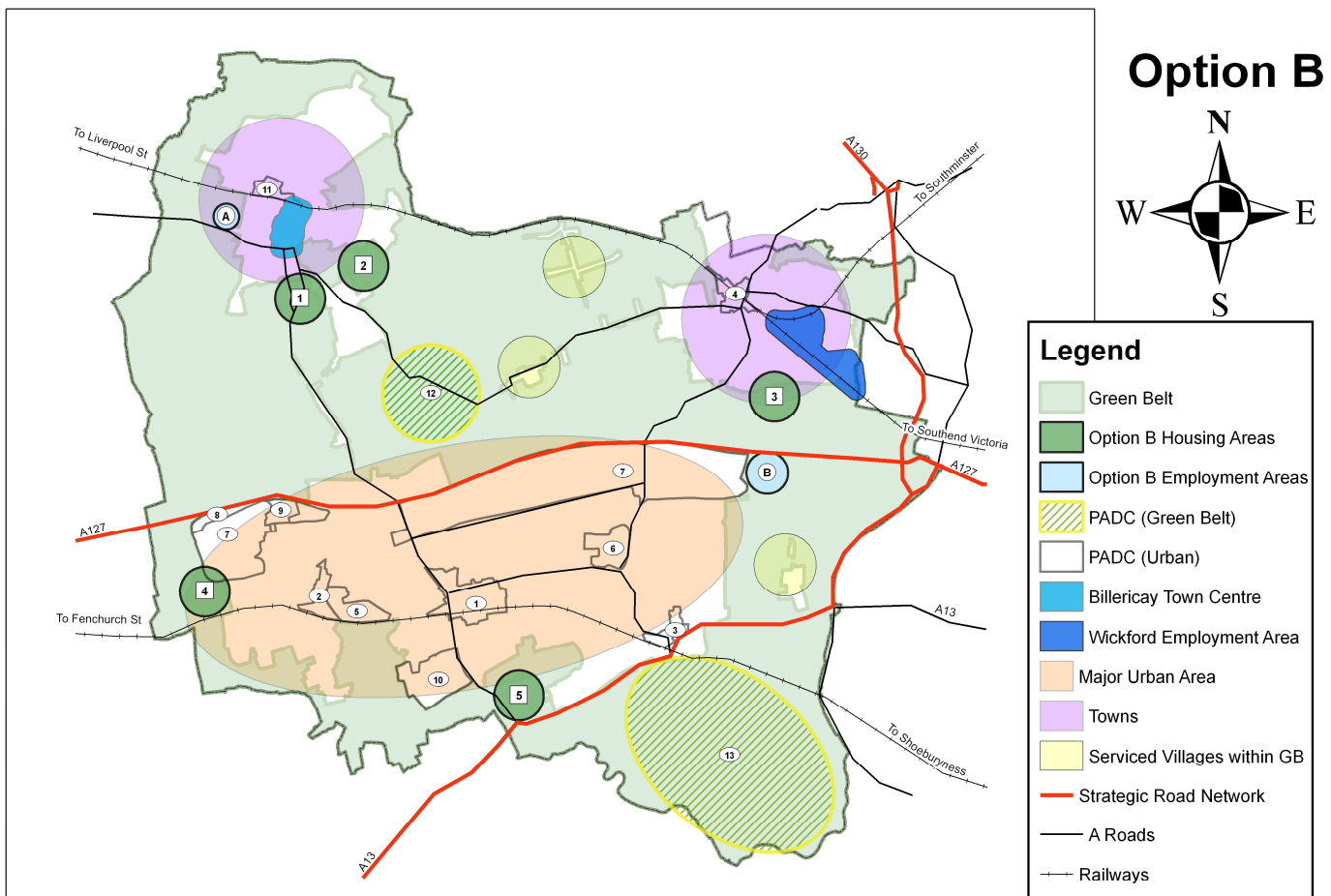
The other two options

Option B: Accommodating a growing population and strengthening economic resilience

Option B aims to provide a choice of housing whilst maximising the use of existing services and infrastructure. It aims to strengthen the economic resilience of the Borough through strategic land allocations in economically beneficial locations, whilst creating a robust, long term Green Belt boundary.

Main points of the option

- 10,100 homes (6,700 in urban areas, 3,400 in the Green Belt)
- Limited infill to be permitted in the plotlands
- Similar densities will be permitted to retain existing character
- Town centres will be the focus of regeneration and development
- Potential for low quality open space to be lost for housing, but new open space will be created
- 14 hectares of economic land (6ha in the urban area, 8ha in the Green Belt) based on a flexible approach, monitoring whether economic development is needed in the Green belt
- 13 areas identified for development and change (same as Option A)
- Maximise the use of existing infrastructure and services, with the potential for new services sensitive locations, creating a robust long-term Green belt boundary.

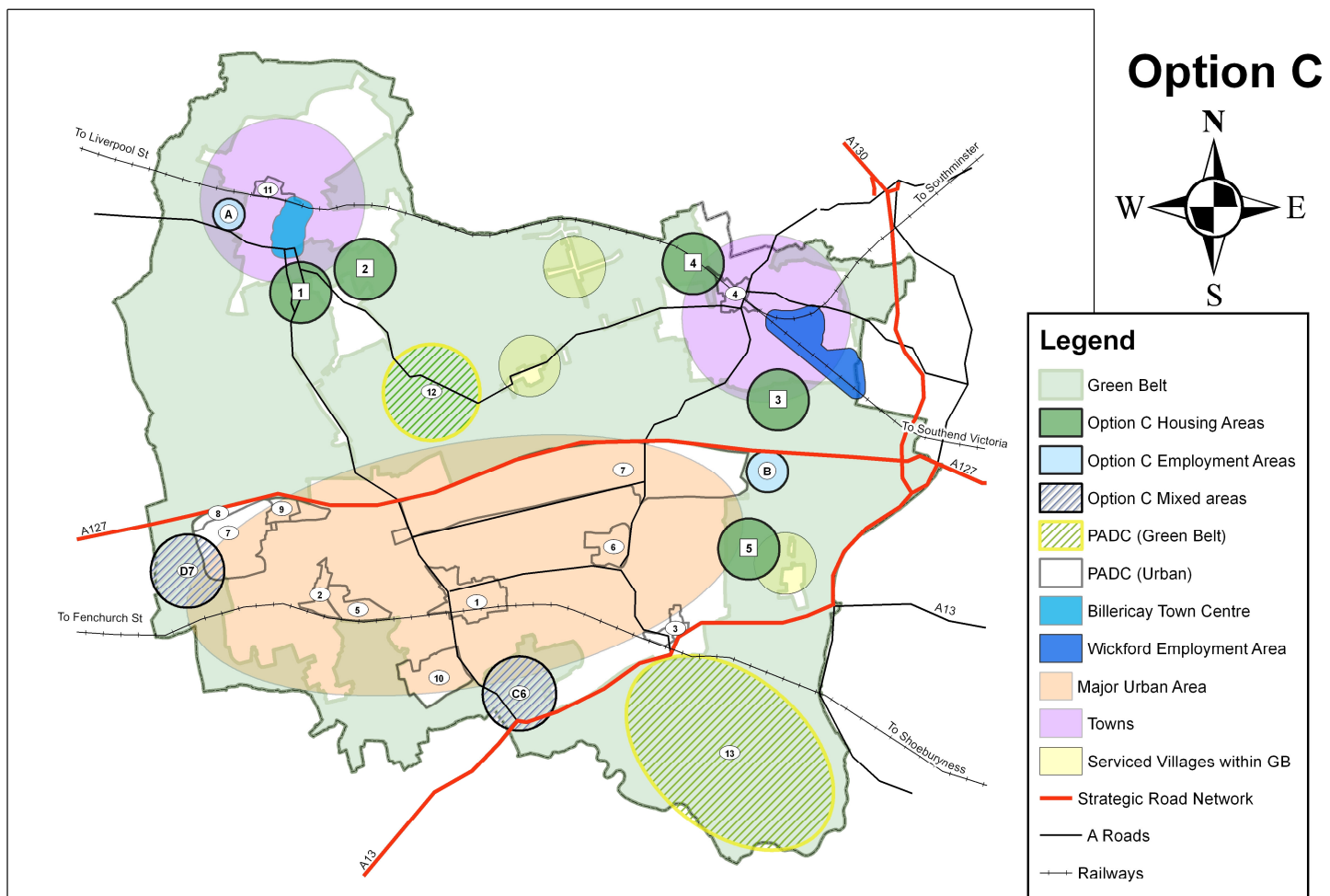


Option C: Maximise the Borough's Growth Potential

Option C aims to maximise growth, meeting households forecasts with higher density developments and providing significant new opportunities for economic development. It will provide a wide range and quantity of infrastructure, services and amenities to offer a good quality of life.

Main points of the option

- 21,600 homes (7,500 in the urban areas, 14,100 in Green belt). Higher densities will be required to achieve this level of development
- Limited infill to be permitted in the plotlands; although North Benfleet plotland and half of Fairmead plotland will form part of the proposed urban extensions
- Town centres will be the focus of regeneration and development.
- 26 hectares of economic land (6ha in the urban area, 20ha in the Green Belt) based on a flexible approach, monitoring whether economic development is needed in the Green belt
- 13 areas identified for development and change (same as Option A)
- Additional infrastructure, services and facilities will be necessary
- Green belt development in the best serviced and least environmentally sensitive locations, creating a robust long-term Green belt boundary



The Council's preferred option is Option A.

Option A is intended to be delivered through policies based on the ten principle aims/issues. The following provides a brief overview of the proposed policies which are explained in detail in the Core Strategy Preferred Options document:

Environmental Protection and Enhancement

The protection and enhancement of the Borough's natural and built environment is crucial to the success of the Borough. There are two separate policies, one on conservation and the natural environment and one on design and the built environment. The first policy describes the specific conservation designations and natural features where change will be resisted and where improvements in coverage will be sought, whilst the second examines the need to safeguard the Borough's built heritage, local neighbourhood distinctiveness and the role of high quality design in new development.

A Valued Green Belt

The continued long-term protection of the Borough's Green Belt is a central aim of the Council's Spatial Vision for 2031. Accordingly the Council's Green Belt policy has been designed to maintain the Green Belt boundary.

Limiting Environmental Impact

Policies have been designed to ensure a safer, healthier and cleaner living and working environment can be provided and the effects of a changing climate can be mitigated and adapted to.

Valued and Vibrant Town Centres

Transforming the Borough's town centres into vibrant centres of business and community life is an important part of the Council's Spatial Vision to improve the Borough by 2031. To ensure they remain the most attractive, accessible locations and provide effective consumer comparison (e.g. clothing/white goods) and convenience (e.g. groceries) choice, the town centre policy seeks to encourage their regeneration and ensure that retail and leisure growth remains focused in town centres. The policy will work with and alongside town centre master plans.

Economic Betterment

An employment policy has been produced that seeks to safeguard existing employment provision and provide additional employment land within the existing urban areas. The diversification of the economic base is promoted and greater reliance on intensifying development within town centres and existing employment locations is advocated.

Accommodating a Growing Population

The Borough aims to provide 6,500 homes. Policies have been written that provide detail on affordable homes, Gypsy and Traveller accommodation, and Travelling Show people plots. The sites allocated for these developments will be in another planning policy document.

Promoting Tourism

A tourism policy has been produced that seeks to maximise the benefits from local tourism opportunities and re-enforce the Borough's reputation as a location for business.

Healthier Lifestyles

The benefits of a healthy lifestyle are well known and to encourage greater activity amongst the Borough's residents, a policy on providing leisure facilities is proposed. This seeks to ensure that the level of playing pitch, indoor sports facility and play area provision is managed.

Improving Communities and Quality of Life

A policy is proposed on Education, Health and Community Facilities to ensure that, working with our partners, the provision of social and community facilities is adequately accounted for as part of future development proposals.

Delivering Strategic Infrastructure

The Preferred Option identified by the Council seeks to maximise the use of the existing infrastructure in the urban areas. The proposed Infrastructure policy therefore seeks to ensure that the Council works with its partners to ensure that new development is effectively integrated into the existing highway and utility networks with new or upgraded infrastructure provision delivered in a timely manner where necessary.

HAVE YOUR SAY

We would like to know your views on the Core Strategy Preferred Options by **5pm, 11 April 2012**.

Please note that all comments and the name of the individual or organisation responsible for them will be made available to view on the public consultation website. All representations may also be viewed at Council offices.

How you can take part

The Council encourages the public's views on the Core Strategy Preferred Options. We will consider all the comments made, before producing the next version of the Core Strategy.

Comments on the Core Strategy Preferred Options can be made by using the online LDF consultation system at <http://basildon-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal> and answering the questions posed throughout the document. You will need to login to submit comments. If you don't have a password, you can request one on the login page.

Alternatively the Core Strategy Preferred Options and its supporting documents can be viewed and downloaded from our website www.basildon.gov.uk/ldf, along with consultation response forms which should be completed and returned to the following address:

The Forward Plans Team
Basildon Council
The Basildon Centre
St. Martin's Square
Basildon
Essex SS14 1DL

Email: ldf@basildon.gov.uk

Tel: 01268 294155

Copies of the Core Strategy Preferred Options, the supporting documents and the consultation response forms will also be available from the Council offices, the local housing offices and the local libraries.

Public Exhibitions

The consultation on the Draft Core Strategy will be accompanied by a series of manned public exhibitions across the Borough, with planning officers on hand to answer questions, at the following venues on the dates and times listed. An unmanned exhibition will also be placed in the reception area of the Council's Basildon Centre offices, St. Martin's Square, Basildon for the duration of the consultation period.

Area	Date and time		Venue
Billericay	Monday 27 February	Noon to 9pm	Billericay Reading Rooms, 73 High Street
	Saturday 3 March	10am to 4pm	Billericay Reading Rooms, 73 High Street
Basildon	Thursday 8 March	Noon to 9pm	Basildon Sporting Village, Cranes Farm Road
	Saturday 10 March	10am to 4pm	Eastgate Shopping Centre
Wickford	Wednesday 14 March	Noon to 9pm	Wickford Community Centre, Market Road
	Saturday 17 March	10am to 4pm	Wickford Community Centre, Market Road
Pitsea	Wednesday 21 March	Noon to 9pm	Pitsea Leisure Centre, Maydell
Laindon	Thursday 22 March	Noon to 9pm	Laindon Community Centre, Aston Road

If you have any questions

If you have any questions, then please do not hesitate to contact the Forward Plans team on 01268 294155 or email us at ldf@basildon.gov.uk.

Appendix E – Exhibition comments

Date and Venue	Amount of people	Summary of event	Main questions asked
Monday 27 February, Billericay Reading Rooms	Approx 100 people	During the afternoon it was reasonably busy with generally an older generation attending. Most people were passing by and saw the sign outside the venue but there were people who had turned up especially for the event. The evening was exceptionally quiet with a small handful of people coming; these were mainly people who had seen the event advertised and were not passers by.	<p>The main questions were focused around development in Billericay with a range of views about wanting some growth in the town. Some people felt that Billericay had become stagnant but some felt that Billericay was could not accommodate any development.</p> <p>Some of the other questions raised where about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provision and funding of road infrastructure; - Provision for school places as Billericay schools already over subscribed; - Where the housing/employment areas were likely to be under options B and C; (we had printed these broad areas out on A3 plans) - The enhancements intended for the Radford Way employment area; - The number of new dwellings anticipated in Billericay under Preferred Option A (this was between 70 and 100 within urban area over 20 years) - The general number of dwellings proposed under all three options; - The high number of bars/restaurants in Billericay High Street and how the associated anti-social behaviour would be reduced; - The loss of bungalows; - Achieving better quality design both for the area in general and in relation to the historic town centre; - The need for affordable housing provision; - 'Green' housing (energy efficiency and code for sustainable homes); - Meeting elderly persons housing needs; - Facilities for young people to overcome boredom and anti-social behaviour

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Capacity of Billericay station and rail line in general; - The need to provide jobs; - Protection of the environment and the Green Belt; - Provision of more open space and allotments.
Saturday 3 March , Billericay Reading Rooms	Approx 100 people	The day was generally busy with mainly the older generation attending. The feeling was that it was predominately people who knew about the event rather than passers by. A large amount of documents were given out over the two Billericay events and on two occasions the Billericay library has requested more copies of the Core Strategy and Frequently Asked Questions.	See above.
Thursday 8 March, Basildon Sporting Village	Approx 60 people	We were located away from the reception and under the stairs in the Basildon Sporting Village. Whilst there was some footfall, people were there to attend a class or swimming lesson and were not really interested in the event. The people who did attend were a range of ages and had come down because they had heard about the consultation event. Some of the people who attended were from local businesses, some were statutory consultees and some were members of the public. A lot of people were from outside	<p>The main questions that were asked consisted of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Infrastructure concerns and how existing infrastructure was going to cope with new housing - An understanding of what the options were and the locations of the green belt developments (in Option B and C) - Concern over the low level of growth - Questions over the consultation being a tick box exercise and that it didn't matter what people said - Concern over the loss of open spaces - Confusion that this consultation process had been carried out before and that we are just repeating it - Protection of the Green Belt and the environment

		the Borough and therefore did not have any interest either.	
Saturday 10 March, Eastgate Centre, Basildon	Approx 140 people	There was a mix of different age groups that were predominantly passers by. The day was consistently busy with a mix of families, young and older people.	<p>There was a general feeling of disappointment to the Council. There were a number of questions raised, these were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The loss of green spaces - Protection for the Green Belt - The consideration of Dry Street and that this land should not be lost. - Laindon Town Centre needs to be regenerated and when was this likely to be. - Timescales of the Core Strategy and the elements within it. - Repetition of seeing some of these plans before - All development going into Basildon and the infrastructure cant cope - Money being spent on things but with no benefit to people - Concerns about Infrastructure - Its all about money and the Council do not care what people think - Could see there was an issue between the level of housing required and the need to lose some Green Belt - How could Green Belt be lost to housing when it wasn't acceptable for Dale Farm residents - Craylands and Five Links have taken ages to get of the ground and are still not finished, when will this be completed
Wednesday 14 March, Wickford Community Centre	Approx 30 people	There were not many people that turned up throughout the day. The people that did were of an older generation and knew about the events. Most people had an opinion and wanted to express their concerns rather than registering what the Core Strategy was about.	<p>The main questions were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Infrastructure concerns (especially the roads and traffic in Wickford) - Seeing all new housing going up and yet receiving no benefits from it - Concerns over Barn Hall - The loss of Green Belt - Wickford masterplan being shelved

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Loads of flats being built but not sold - Developers saying half have been sold, yet this was not evident - Too many flats and not enough houses - Wickford being left out compared to Basildon, money always goes to Basildon - General feel of the town centre, run down
Saturday 17 March, Wickford Community Centre	Approx 40 people	There were not many people that turned up throughout the day. The main group of people that came along were Councillors. Most people were interested in the proposals and wanted to find out more information. There was a feel that people were aware of the event and were not passers by.	<p>The main questions were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The dualling of the A132 Nevendon Road and why this wasn't undertaken when the Wick was developed; - The capacity of infrastructure in general; - The shortage of GP's - The replacement/expansion of the Wickford Health Centre; - The capacity of the railway line; - Whether the Council are still pursuing a development partner to guide the regeneration of the town centre; - Demand for Infill within the plotlands, particularly at Fairmead and Newhouse Farm - Restricting building heights in Wickford town centre to 3 or 4 storeys; - Providing better quality building design; - Providing more sports provision; - Providing more facilities for the young in general; - Providing a greater range of shops and independent shops; - Retaining the library; - Pedestrianisation of the High Street; - Relocating the market to the High Street and providing more pitches/stalls; - Getting better quality restaurants in the town centre, such as Italian/English etc; - Providing more 'aspirational' homes in Wickford - Proving more open space/parkland; - Concern over construction of 600 homes mooted for the Runwell Hospital site and its potential impact on the

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - infrastructure of Wickford; - Support for a bigger supermarket in the town centre/ alternative choice of supermarket; - Concern for loss of Dry Street site, given its environmental and landscape qualities
Wednesday 21 March, Pitsea Leisure Centre	Approx 130 people	<p>There was a general feeling that it was people who knew about the event who attended. There had been campaign flyers and leaflets posted about SHLAA sites, building of Green Belt. People were mainly interested in finding out what these flyers meant. There was confusion that the roadshow was about the Pitsea town centre planning application. A range of different ages attended.</p>	<p>People were quite distressed with a number of issues, but mainly the Pitsea town centre development and the loss of the Pitsea swimming pool. The other issues were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Infrastructure concerns - Basildon Town Centre regeneration - The need for a new cinema - Concern over the Popes Crescent housing development - Loss of open spaces - Nethermayne cluster development - Plotland development and the need for infill. - The market changing again - The loss of the Railway pub - Basildon receiving all the development - There is no need to relocate the college in the Town Centre - Concerns re the SHLAA results in Bowers Gifford. What does “not suitable” mean? - The only swimming pool that will be available will be at the Sporting Village and not everybody can afford to go there and there is no access by public transport, you have to drive and when you come by car, there are no car park spaces.
Thursday 22 March, Laindon Community Centre	Approx 100 people	<p>As the roadshow was in the foyer of the community centre, there was a mix of people who knew about the event and people that were using the facilities who were interested. Some of the people who were</p>	<p>At Laindon, people were very angry and distraught about the Laindon shopping centre and how it had been left. There was concerns about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development in the Nethermayne Cluster - Loss of open space - Concerns over infrastructure provision - Basildon receiving all the development, should be equally

		<p>using the facilities had read or knew about the Core Strategy. There were a mix of ages, different groups – developers, sports groups, local people, etc.</p>	<p>distributed in the Borough</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The housing waiting list and how long it takes- Immigration- Limited parking in Basildon town centre- How will the A127 and A13 cope with additional development, especially when there is an accident and roads are closed? Are the Council providing additional road?- Sporting Village: not everybody can afford to go there and there is no access by public transport, you have to drive and when you come by car, there are no car park spaces.
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Appendix F – Duty to Cooperate

When	Document / Issue	Who
2007	Open Spaces Strategy	Citizens Panel
2007 - Current	Monitoring	Essex County Council
	Monitoring	Local Strategic Partnership
2008	Issues Core Strategy Report	Stakeholders and public
	Strategic Housing Market Assessment	Thames Gateway South Essex Group – neighboring authorities, Essex County Council, Registered providers, local developers and estate agents
	Open Spaces Strategy	Focus Groups – Elderly Basildon District Access Forum, Basildon District Access Forum, Basildon Youth Council
	SA / SEA Site Assessment Methodology and Criteria	Statutory and Specialist Organisations
2009	Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment	Essex County Council and Neighbouring Authorities
	Open Spaces Strategy	Public consultation, including young people and parents in “Play in the Park”
	Statement of Community Involvement	Stakeholders and public
	Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment methodology	Stakeholders, delivery agencies, planning consultancies and housing developers
	Conservation Area Appraisal	Public, businesses, stakeholders
	Billericay, Little Burstead and Great Burstead Conservation Area Appraisals	Planning Consultants and stakeholders
2009- Current	Transport Modeling	Essex County Council
2010	Strategic Housing Market Assessment Update	Thames Gateway South Essex Group – neighbouring authorities, Essex County Council, Registered providers, local developers and estate agents
	Noak Bridge Conservation Area Appraisal	Essex County Council
	South Essex Strategic Flood Risk Assessment	Neighbouring Authorities, stakeholders

2011	Statement of Community Involvement revision	Stakeholders and public
	Open Spaces Strategy	Citizens' Panel and street surveys
	Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment	Developer Forum – Consultants, developers, registered providers
	South Essex Surface Water Management Plan	Neighboring Authorities and Essex County Council, stakeholders
	South Essex Water Cycle Study	Neighbouring Authorities, stakeholders
	Essex Population Projections	Neighboring Authorities and Essex County Council
2012	Core Strategy preferred Options Report	Stakeholders and public
	Draft Basildon Town Centre MasterPlan Interim Supplementary Planning Document	Stakeholders and public
	Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment	Essex County Council and Neighbouring Authorities
	Strategic Housing Market Assessment Update	Thames Gateway South Essex Group – neighboring authorities, Essex County Council, Registered providers, local developers and estate agents

N.B. This duty to co-operate table does not include where the Council has made comments on other Development Plans. Furthermore, this table has been provided as a point of reference to demonstrate the cross-boundary working that has occurred through the development of the Core Strategy. More detail will be provided in the Duty to Cooperate Register the Council is producing.

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Plan Period

Q1 Do you feel that the proposed Plan Period is sufficient to reflect the Vision and Strategic Objectives of the Core Strategy? If not, please explain your answer.

83 comments were made on Question 1.

Plan Period			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Actions
No comments	Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families),	Noted	N/A
Plan period is sufficient	Mrs L Kelly, Mr N Sumner, Mrs Beckinsales, Mr Capes, Mr A Lyon, Mr M Flack, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, BDSA, Mrs V Hudson, Natural England, Mrs B Wade, Campaign to Protect Rural England, Mr A Peake, Mr P Ward, Mrs S Pullin, Billericay District Residents Association, Billericay Town Council, Mr G Horgan, Mr C Narrainen, MatPlan Limited (on behalf of Millwood Designer Homes Ltd), Icen Projects (on behalf of Cogent Land LLP), Basildon Business Group, Strutt and Parker (on behalf of Pigeon Wickford Ltd), Cllr T Sargent, One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd), Mr R Gray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, Mr J Lyon, Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes), Strutt and Parker (on behalf of Chelmsford Diocese Board of Finance and Mr J Howard), Mrs A Triston, Mr E Gunn, Mr R Batty, Mr D Cundy, Mrs S Allen, Mr J Washington, Mr C Mullett, Smart Planning Limited, Ms H J Dyer, Colonnade Strategic LLP, Landon Regeneration LLP, Mr B Hyland, Mr T Knight, Cllr J Devlin	Noted	N/A
5 year plans are needed to ensure rapid growth and to meet key strategic targets.	Miss E Lyon, Mr Benton, Mr J Lyon, Dr G Saward, Ramsden Bellhouse Parish Council (Mrs K Plumridge), Mr J Washington	<p>The Government's National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) requires Local Plans to "be drawn up over an appropriate time scale, preferably a 15-year time horizon" taking account of longer term requirements. The Local Plan has to be made in accordance with the Local Development Scheme that sets out the timetable for the preparation and production of the Council's Development Plan and ensures that the plan period is of at least 15 years. Furthermore, the Council are expected to monitor the Local Plan annually and the findings are to be published in the Authority's Monitoring Report. If any areas of Local Plan are not being implemented as expected then the Council can consider reviewing the applicable policies.</p> <p>The Council recognises that the NPPF requires the Local Plan to be based on an evidence base that is proportionate and up to date, balancing the social, environmental and economic principles of sustainable development. It is the Council's vision to do the best for the local area and create opportunities for local people.</p>	Review the duration of the plan period.
Plan period is insufficient. Should not go beyond 10 years, with yearly reviews. So many changes happening, it is not	Mr Beiley, Mr S Simmons, Mrs M Heppell, Miss Missing, Mrs C Rowe	The Government's National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) requires Local Plans to "be drawn up over an	N/A

<p>possible to consider 20 years, especially with unstable economy. The Council should not rush decisions.</p>		<p>appropriate time scale, preferably a 15-year time horizon" taking account of longer term requirements. The Local Plan has to be made in accordance with the Local Development Scheme that sets out the timetable for the preparation and production of the Council's Development Plan and ensures that the plan period is of at least 15 years. Furthermore, the Council are expected to monitor the Local Plan annually and the findings are to be published in the Authority's Monitoring Report. If any areas of Local Plan are not being implemented as expected then the Council can consider reviewing applicable policies.</p> <p>The Council recognises that the NPPF requires the Local Plan to be based on an evidence base that is proportionate and up to date, balancing the social, environmental and economic principles of sustainable development. It is the Council's vision to do the best for the local area and create opportunities for local people.</p>	
<p>Need to speed up housing and economic land supply for local population and cater for shortfalls.</p>	<p>Mr R Lyon, Mr N Lyon, Mrs M Green, Mr S Lyon, Mrs G Trviett</p>	<p>Basildon Council as the Local Planning Authority has to objectively assess its housing and economic need under the National Planning Policy Framework. The responses to this consultation, the evidence base, national policy and guidance will be used when preparing the next version of the Core Strategy.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Spatial Vision is subjective so could be set against any timeframe, but 20 years in not unreasonable.</p>	<p>Mrs T Burton</p>	<p>The Government's National Planning Policy Framework requires Local Plans to "be drawn up over an appropriate time scale, preferably a 15-year time horizon" taking account of longer term requirements. The Local Plan has to be made in accordance with the Local Development Scheme that sets out the timetable for the preparation and production of the Council's Development Plan and ensures that the plan period is of at least 15 years. Furthermore, the Council are expected to monitor the Local Plan annually and the findings are to be published in the Authority's Monitoring Report. If any areas of the Local Plan are not being implemented as expected then the Council can consider reviewing applicable policies.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Should not need a review in 2019. Provisions should be indefinite. Undertaking a five year review indicates that the Council is not planning for the long term, which is consequently unsound and asks the question "is Basildon seeking to attract new business?" Employment shortfalls are recognised now, so decisions shouldn't be deferred. Need to make decisions now using up to date evidence base.</p>	<p>Campaign to Protect Rural England, Icen Projects (on behalf of Cogent Land LLP), Basildon Business Group, Strutt and Parker (on behalf of Pigeon Wickford Ltd), Colonnade Strategic LLP, Laindon Regeneration LLP</p>	<p>The National Planning Policy Framework requires Local Plans to "be drawn up over an appropriate time scale, preferably a 15-year time horizon" taking account of longer term requirements. The Local Plan has to be made in accordance with the Local Development Scheme that sets out the timetable for the preparation and production of the Council's Development Plan and ensures that the plan period is of at least 15 years. Furthermore, the Council are expected to monitor the Local Plan annually and the findings are to be published in the Authority's Monitoring Report. If any areas of Local Plan are not being implemented as expected then the Council can consider reviewing applicable policies.</p> <p>The consultation responses, the evidence base and government guidance will be used when formulating the next version of the Core Strategy.</p>	<p>Remove the text which indicates that there will be a five year review in 2019.</p>
<p>Vision and Objectives are extensive and whilst plan period is sufficient, growth will be the only way to achieve the vision and objectives, which Option A does not do.</p>	<p>Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Strutt and Parker (on behalf of Chelmsford Diocese Board of Finance and Mr J Howard), Colonnade Strategic LLP, Laindon</p>	<p>The Core Strategy was accompanied by a set of Topic Papers which highlighted the issues faced by the Borough. These issues were used to inform the Drivers for Change. The</p>	<p>Identify appropriate options that will achieve vision and objectives.</p>

	Regeneration LLP	Drivers for Change identified the areas in the Borough where change was necessary, and the Strategic Objectives and Vision set out how these changes were to be implemented. The mechanisms for the issues are set out in the policies and the Primary Areas for Development and Change (PADC). The consultation responses, the evidence base and government guidance will be used when formulating the next version of the Core Strategy.	
Council will not be able to assess all needs in the plan period set out.	Mr M Manns	Basildon Council, as the Local Planning Authority, has to objectively assess what its housing and economic needs are under the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). The consultation responses, the evidence base and government guidance will be used when formulating the next version of the Core Strategy.	N/A
Plan period is stated as being 2011-2031, but practically it would be 2014-2031, but this timescale is still in compliance with NPPF. However, timetable for plan cannot slip as Council runs the risk of having less than a 15 year plan for the area.	Cirrus (on behalf of Gladedale Ltd and Gleeson Homes Ltd)	The Government's National Planning Policy Framework requires Local Plans to "be drawn up over an appropriate time scale, preferably a 15-year time horizon" taking account of longer term requirements. The Local Plan has to be produced in accordance with the Local Development Scheme that sets out the timetable for the preparation and production of the Council's Development Plan and ensures that the plan period is of at least 15 years.	Comply with the Local Development Scheme
The Council should be addressing existing problems rather than trying to look into the future ones.	Miss Missing	The Core Strategy is a strategic document and does not address site specific issues. The Core Strategy was accompanied by a set of topic papers, which highlighted the key issues facing the Borough and were used to form the Drivers for Change. The Drivers for Change identified the areas in the Borough where change would be necessary, and the Strategic Objectives and Vision set out how these changes are to be implemented. The mechanisms for the issues are set out in the policies and the Primary Areas for Development and Change (PADC). The consultation responses, the evidence base and government guidance will be used when formulating the next version of the Core Strategy.	N/A
A mix of additional housing should be provided in the smaller settlements to utilise services and facilities.	Mr N Goodwin	Paragraph 50 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) stipulates that Local Planning Authorities should plan for a mix of housing based on current and future demographic trends, market trends and the needs of different groups in the community, including people wishing to build their own homes. The Council are committed, alongside the other South Essex authorities to carrying out an update to the Thames Gateway South Essex Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2010. This will assess Basildon Borough's housing market and advise on any shortfalls and what provisions should be made in the Borough to rectify them. The findings from this study will be considered when revising the Core Strategy. Table 5 under para 3.26 of the Core Strategy set out the Council's Settlement Hierarchy. Consideration will be given to the role of the 'serviced villages' and 'unserviced settlements' when the Core Strategy is revised.	In the Core Strategy, provide an explanation of the role of serviced villages and unserviced settlements and give more consideration as to their suitability for development.
Liaison with neighbouring authorities is essential. Green space is essential for health and welfare.	Mrs Ford	When planning for sustainable development, the Council is legally obliged to cooperate with neighbouring authorities and	Continue to work with partners and service providers where

		<p>certain Government agencies across administrative boundaries on matters which may affect neighbouring areas, natural assets or infrastructure.</p> <p>To date, the Council have carried out work with neighbouring authorities, the county council, environmental bodies and utility providers on projects such as the South Essex Surface Water Management Plan, South Essex Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and South Essex Water Cycle Study. The Council is currently working with neighbouring authorities, Registered Providers and interested groups in the review of the Strategic Housing Market Assessment and Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment as further examples. It is the Council's intention to continue working with its partners and neighbouring authorities.</p> <p>The Council recognises the importance of open space and its contribution to health and well-being. It is the Council's vision to provide a network of high quality open spaces and wildlife habitats, to improve people's physical health, mental health and well-being in the future, in tandem with the growth of the Borough.</p>	necessary.
Bio-diversity areas and amenity areas need to match increase in land lost, this should be emphasised in pre- amble.	Mr Smart	<p>Basildon Borough Council as the Local Planning Authority aim to protect, conserve and positively manage the borough's biodiversity. The Council recognises the importance of open spaces and wildlife habitats in promoting healthy living and positive well-being. This principle is reflected under the environmental role of sustainable development in the Government's National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). The NPPF identifies that a balance between the environmental, social and economic role must be met as they are mutually dependant on one another. Para 8 of the NPPF states "to achieve sustainable development, economic, social and environmental gains should be sought jointly and simultaneously through the planning system."</p> <p>It is the Council's intention to balance each of these roles when preparing its Development Plan to ensure a positive environment for Basildon Borough now and in the future.</p>	N/A
Do not understand questions and consultation has not been formally advertised. Should be longer consultation period.	Mrs J Zeffers, Mr J Addicott, Mr M Belcher, Mr C Foster, Mr B Foster, Mr P Rackley	<p>All planning consultations comply with the Council's statutory Statement of Community Involvement 2011. This ensures that minimum consultation standards are met which are set by legislation, in addition to other standards the Council has agreed to locally. The Council notes however that the Core Strategy consultation was a complicated process.</p> <p>The Core Strategy Preferred Options consultation forms a key part of the development of the document and the Council recognises the importance of informing the Borough's residents, businesses and stakeholders.</p>	The Council will look to improve its consultation

Sustainability Appraisal (SA) /Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Report

Q2 Do you have comments on the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) /Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Report and its findings?

64 comments were made on Question 2.

SA/SEA			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Actions
No comments	Mrs L Kelly, Mr R Lyon, Mrs N Lyon, Mr M Flack, Mr P Arnold, BDSA, Mrs V Hudson, Mr P Ward, Mr M Manns, Billericay Town Council, Mr C Narrainen, Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families), GL Hearn (on behalf of Homes and Communities Agency, South Essex College and Basildon Borough Council), Mr R Batty, Mr J Washington, Mr B Hyland	Noted.	No Action.
<p>Sustainability Report adequately considers impact of Core Strategy on natural environment.</p> <p>However, whilst the SA report considers significant effects, it does not consider the synergistic effect of the CS (in combination with other plans and policies); more detail should be given in the methodology.</p> <p>There should be reference to the key messages and summary of baseline info from the Scoping Report.</p> <p>Support positive impact SO1 and 2 have on SA Objective 1 and 2, but unclear what recommendations on SOs are and seek clarity on what is meant by negative or positive environmental impact and impact on SO 8, 9 and 10 on environmental objectives.</p> <p>Support positive impact on environmental Option A will have but should acknowledge potential impacts on designated conservation sites and the need to protect these.</p> <p>Need for Policy CS9 and CS10 to protect the natural environment when planning G and T sites and Travelling Showpeople sites.</p> <p>Policy CS11 should consider detrimental impacts on the natural environment that tourism might have.</p> <p>In Policy CS12, provision of new play pitches should contribute to green infrastructure.</p> <p>Recommendations in section 6 of SA Report should be set out more clearly and is unclear what policies/sections, recommendations in 7.4 relate to.</p>	Natural England	Noted. The Council will take these comments into account when applying the SA/SEA methodology for the next draft of the Core Strategy.	The Council will take these comments into account when applying the SA/SEA methodology for the next draft of the Core Strategy.
<p>Several observations need to be considered and reviewed: Section 3 would benefit from further details on findings being provided and support the SA objectives.</p> <p>Provide clarification on potentially incompatible,</p>	Environment Agency	Noted. The Council will take these comments into account when applying the SA/SEA methodology for the next draft of the Core Strategy.	The Council will take these comments into account when applying the SA/SEA methodology for the next draft of the Core Strategy.

<p>compatible, no links.</p> <p>Suggest some amendments to Strategic Objectives in CS and then need to review amendments in SA.</p> <p>Section 5 would benefit from more detail.</p> <p>Question conclusion in para 6.3 - Option A performed well in relation to environmental issues comment is not backed up by Table 4 scores. Inconsistencies between commentaries for three options set out in Appendix 5.</p> <p>Should further explain how potentially incompatible objectives can be mitigated under section 6.</p> <p>Supportive of recommendations.</p>			
<p>Insufficient time to study</p>	<p>Campaign to Protect Rural England</p>	<p>Noted.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>CS is based on data collected five years ago and climate has changed since then.</p>	<p>Mr A Peake</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Baseline Report was published in 2008 and revised in 2011. Each time the SA Baseline is applied to an emerging Development Plan Document, up to date data from the UK Climate Impact Programme, as well as other sources such as Office for National Statistics, DEFRA, etc, is used to ensure assessments are informed by latest data and account for latest trends.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Under the SA Report, Option A is not the most sustainable and does not comply with the three strands, social, economic and environmental, of sustainable development in the NPPF. Options B and C represent more sustainable options. Option A will have less impact on environment; however Options B and C ensure development in the lowest environmental constrained areas, which are well served by local amenities. With regard to economic, each option supports town centre regeneration but Option A provides limited employment land provided for long term growth, whereas Option B and C enable authority to enhance job prospects. Housing development can improve economic sustainability does not meet need in Option A, whereas Options B and C meet some needs and provides appropriate levels of affordable housing, assisting with meeting social objectives. New infrastructure is not provided for in Option A whereas Options B and C allow for new provision, enabling better social prospects. Have concerns that SA does not provide sound evidence base and potentially not sound.</p>	<p>Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Icen Projects (on behalf of Cogent Land LLP), Basildon Business Group, One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd), Mr R Gray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes), Strutt and Parker (on behalf of Chelmsford Diocese Board of Finance and Mr J Howard), Colonnade Strategic LLP, Landon Regeneration LLP, Chelmsford Borough Council, Smart Planning Limited</p>	<p>The purpose of the Sustainability Appraisal process is to appraise the social, environmental and economic effects of a plan from the outset. In doing so it will help ensure that decisions are made that contribute to achieving sustainable development.</p> <p>The sustainability appraisal is integral to the plan making process as it performs a key role in providing a sound evidence base for the plan. It should be transparent and open to public participation. The sustainability appraisal should inform the decision making process and should help demonstrate that the plan is the most appropriate given the reasonable alternatives.</p> <p>The Council will prepare the next version of the Core Strategy which will result in another SA/SEA.</p>	<p>The Council will take these comments into account when applying the SA/SEA methodology for the next draft of the Core Strategy.</p>
<p>Do not agree with conclusion in SA/SEA report that both Options B and C perform better than Option A. Do not agree that Options B and C have an adverse impact on habitats and biodiversity just because it is Green Belt. Green Belt can be agricultural land and have little biodiversity. There is an assumption that Option A reduces performs better in reducing traffic congestion, but greater opportunity can lie on the outskirts of towns.</p>	<p>Cirrus (on behalf of Gladedale Ltd and Gleeson Homes Ltd), One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd)</p>	<p>The purpose of the sustainability appraisal process is to appraise the social, environmental and economic effects of a plan from the outset. In doing so it will help ensure that decisions are made that contribute to achieving sustainable development.</p> <p>The sustainability appraisal is integral to the plan making process as it performs a key role in providing a sound</p>	<p>The Council will take these comments into account when applying the SA/SEA methodology for the next draft of the Core Strategy.</p>

		<p>evidence base for the plan. It should be transparent and open to public participation. The sustainability appraisal should inform the decision making process and should help demonstrate that the plan is the most appropriate given the reasonable alternatives.</p> <p>The Council will prepare the next version of the Core Strategy which will result in another SA/SEA.</p>	
<p>Not clear how SA/SEA has influenced Core Strategy. Recommendations have not been reflected in PADC and Core Policies, not clear how mitigation measures will be reflected in CS as not connected to policies</p>	<p>Cirrus (on behalf of Gladedale Ltd and Gleeson Homes Ltd), Environment Agency</p>	<p>The purpose of the sustainability appraisal process is to appraise the social, environmental and economic effects of a plan from the outset. In doing so it will help ensure that decisions are made that contribute to achieving sustainable development.</p> <p>The sustainability appraisal is integral to the plan making process as it performs a key role in providing a sound evidence base for the plan. It should be transparent and open to public participation. The sustainability appraisal should inform the decision making process and should help demonstrate that the plan is the most appropriate given the reasonable alternatives.</p> <p>The Council will prepare the next version of the Core Strategy which will result in another SA/SEA.</p>	<p>The Council will take these comments into account when applying the SA/SEA methodology for the next draft of the Core Strategy.</p>
<p>SA/SEA is inline with Directive but would be advantage in reviewing reasons for selection of alternatives.</p>	<p>Essex County Council</p>	<p>Noted. The Council will take these comments into account when applying the SA/SEA methodology for the next draft of the Core Strategy.</p>	<p>The Council will take these comments into account when applying the SA/SEA methodology for the next draft of the Core Strategy.</p>
<p>SA/SEA report and CS make mention of countryside and environment outside green belt, as reflected in Spatial vision, yet plan to build on PADC10. Should build on brownfield.</p>	<p>Cllr G Williams, Mrs Page</p>	<p>The purpose of the sustainability appraisal process is to appraise the social, environmental and economic effects of a plan from the outset. In doing so it will help ensure that decisions are made that contribute to achieving sustainable development.</p> <p>The sustainability appraisal is integral to the plan making process as it performs a key role in providing a sound evidence base for the plan. It should be transparent and open to public participation. The sustainability appraisal should inform the decision making process and should help demonstrate that the plan is the most appropriate given the reasonable alternatives.</p> <p>The Council will prepare the next draft of the Core Strategy which will result in another SA/SEA.</p>	<p>The Council will take these comments into account when applying the SA/SEA methodology for the next draft of the Core Strategy.</p>
<p>Can't see Sustainability Report and the form is onerous. Have to assume that all the evidence bases have been used to choose the Preferred Option A.</p>	<p>Mrs T Burton</p>	<p>Noted.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Questions whether SA/SEA takes account of possible changes in employment and social/leisure patterns. Is there flexibility built into design and build of new developments (in relation to advances in technology)</p>	<p>Mr P Rackley</p>	<p>This consideration is not the remit of the SA/SEA but the Core Strategy itself.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>More attention should be given to road layout and traffic flows. Infrastructure cannot cope.</p>	<p>Mrs Ford, Mr G Horgan</p>	<p>This consideration is not the remit of the SA/SEA but the Core Strategy itself.</p>	<p>N/A</p>

More commercial space is required in Basildon town centre and should not be used for college.	Mrs Ford	This consideration is not the remit of the SA/SEA but the Core Strategy itself.	N/A
More consideration should be given to the protection of the River Crouch	Mr Bailey	This consideration is not the remit of the SA/SEA but the Core Strategy itself.	N/A
Bowers and Vange Marsh RSPB Reserves should be mentioned and monitoring should be in association with conservation bodies.	Mr Smart	Noted. The Council will take these comments into account when applying the SA/SEA methodology for the next draft of the Core Strategy.	The Council will take these comments into account when applying the SA/SEA methodology for the next draft of the Core Strategy.
No mention of off-setting environmental damage	Mr N Sumner	Noted. The Council will take these comments into account when applying the SA/SEA methodology for the next draft of the Core Strategy.	The Council will take these comments into account when applying the SA/SEA methodology for the next draft of the Core Strategy.
Most of the development should be in East Basildon, there is an underestimate for new homes required, and building of flats and apartments could be unsightly and run down, over estimates homes that could be built on brown field. Option C should be Preferred Option.	Mrs Beckinsales, Mr A Green, Mrs M Green, Mr S Lyon, Mr M Adams	Noted. The role of each settlement and its spatial distribution is important to the Core Strategy. The Council have committed to carry out a green belt study that will look at the appropriateness of the Green Belt around each settlement to accommodate development or strengthen the Green Belt boundary. The findings of this study will inform the next draft of the Core Strategy.	Undertake a Green Belt Study and together with the settlement hierarchy inform the next draft of Core Strategy.
Water and food production are concerns for the future and land should not be given over when green areas in Basildon are suitable for these uses for the long term.	Captain B Beale	Noted. The Council will take these comments into account when applying the SA/SEA methodology for the next draft of the Core Strategy.	The Council will take these comments into account when applying the SA/SEA methodology for the next draft of the Core Strategy.
Couldn't access document but site assessment methodology is flawed. Brownfield by Council's definition are previously developed sites but propose development on recreational and agricultural land. Environment assessment does not take local water table, supply and demand of essential services, and impact on air quality into account. Results of wildlife assessments have been disregarded.	Mrs M Heppell	The Borough is required by national government to objectively assess their housing and employment needs. In order to provide sustainable development to meet needs the Council have to utilise the land within their Borough. The Borough is constrained by Green Belt and it is only through a review of the Local Plan that changes to the Green Belt boundaries can be made. Whilst the Green Belt consists of brownfield land, the Borough has limited brownfield land within its urban settlements. Therefore in order to accommodate sustainable development without developing intensely into the Green Belt, the Council has to consider developing within its urban area where possible.	N/A
Library copy was falling apart and not clear to read. Plain English should be used.	Mrs Z Jeffers, Mrs B Wade, Mrs S Pullin	Noted. In future consultations the Council will try and improve the availability of the number of SA Reports. The Council acknowledges that assessments of this nature use technical language. The Council included a Non Technical Summary/Briefing Note to help with its interpretation and this was made publically available.	The Council will look to improve its consultation
Only large developers can develop in town	Miss Missing	Paragraph 50 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) stipulates that Local Planning Authorities should plan for a mix of housing based on current and future demographic trends, market trends and the needs of different groups in the community, including people wishing to build their own homes.	Carry out the Thames Gateway South Essex Strategic Housing Market Assessment.

		The Council are committed, alongside the other South Essex authorities to carrying out an update to the Thames Gateway South Essex Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2010. This will assess Basildon Borough's housing market and advise on any shortfalls and what provisions should be made in the Borough to rectify them. The findings from this study will be considered when revising the Core Strategy.	
Are not making good use of energy and knowledge of parish councils	Mrs B Foster	Noted. The Core Strategy does not have the remit to instruct Parish Councils and is a matter that should be taken up with elected members and Parish Councils directly. However, the Council will continue to work with Parish Councils where applicable. All parish Councils have been consulted on the Core Strategy and their comments will be processed accordingly.	Continue to liaise with parish Councils
Agree with approach as take balanced view of priorities, legal commitments and limitations of resources.	Rev J Maizel-Long	Noted.	N/A
Irrelevant as should focus on habitats in the Borough	Mr C Mullett	The scope of the Sustainability Appraisal is wider than focussing on habitats as it must appraise the economic and social sustainability of the plan as well as environmental.	N/A
Hard to understand if Local Development Framework is part of Core Strategy, thought it was meant to be easier. From past policy, residents views are not listened to, lots of statements but no practical solutions.	Miss Missing	The Core Strategy is part of the Local Development Framework rather than the other way round.	N/A

Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Report

Q3 Do you have comments on the Core Strategy Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Report and its findings?

53 comments were made on Question 3.

HRA			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Actions
No comments	Mrs Beckinsales, Mr R Lyon, Mr A Lyon, Mrs M Green, Mr J Lyon, Mr M Flack, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, BDSA, Mrs S Bummet, Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Mr P Ward, Mr M Manns, Billericay Town Council, Mr C Narrainen, Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families), Mr R Gray, Mrs T bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, GL Hearn (on behalf of Homes and Communities Agency, South Essex College and Basildon Borough Council), Mr R Batty, Mr P Rackley, Laindon Regeneration LLP, Mr B Hyland	Noted.	N/A.
Protect nature reserves and open spaces and should provide wildlife corridors and prevent removal of hedges. More consideration should be given to the River Crouch. Welcome impact on Natura 2000 sites it only targets estuarine habitats, need to recognise other habitat types - marshland, arable farmland, woodland, parks, etc.	Mrs L Kelly, Mr Beiley, Mr N Sumner, Mrs J Zeffers, Mrs V Hudson	<p>Undertaking a Habitats Regulation Assessment is a legal requirement for the Council to meet its obligations under the European Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and Wild Flora and Fauna which provides legal protection for certain habitats and species of European importance (Natura 2000 sites).</p> <p>The Directive requires an Appropriate Assessment (AA) to be carried out in relation to 'any plan or project not directly connected with or necessary to the management of the site but likely to have significant effects thereon, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects.'</p> <p>AA is designed to assess the impacts of a plan (or project) against the conservation objectives of a Natura 2000 site. A HRA is an assessment on these habitats only. The consideration of the impact the Core Strategy might have on other habitats is considered by other legislation and processes.</p> <p>Whilst there are no Natura 2000 sites in the Basildon Borough, there are a number within 15 km of its boundary and a few further afield that play a role in the providing the Borough with drinking water.</p>	N/A.
To improve biodiversity, specialists in ecology should be consulted to ensure EU Directives are being followed.	Mr Smart, Mrs V Hudson	The Habitats Regulation Assessment was prepared by Essex County Council's qualified ecologists who are familiar with the legal and legislative documents relating to these issues.	N/A.
Current Dry Weather Flow (DWF) is 31,095 cum/d changed from 24,400, increase to reflect situation rather than accommodate growth. WWTW can accommodate Option A and B. Option C would require revised flow consent, revised water quality consent parameter and process enhancement to meet consent. Flow is predicted to reduce in real terms but there will be increase in the loading on the works. Sufficient capacity at Basildon WWTW to accommodate Option A and parts of Options B	Anglian Water (Mrs Sue Bull)	Noted.	Amend HRA for next draft of Core Strategy to correct current DWF consent and consider infrastructure capacity, phasing and investment when determining the level of growth to set for the Borough.

and, but this depends on the planned growth programme and required investment.			
Considers impacts of plan on water quality and water resources. The Water Cycle Study indicates there is no capacity for further growth but Anglian Water have advised there is capacity due to a planning application. Clarification from them on the issue and if the same issue applies to Wickford WWTW is required. Suggest contact them on for update. Policy CS14 should ensure development delivered in phased manner to enable infrastructure to be upgraded.	Environment Agency	Noted. Notwithstanding the findings of the Water Cycle Study, Anglian Water have indicated that there is currently WWTW capacity in the Borough to accommodate Option A and B, but this would depend on phasing and development locations, as some works have greater capacity than others. Option C would require investment in the form of revised flow consents, water quality consents and process enhancements.	Ensure Core Strategy takes into account Water Cycle Study and waste water infrastructure requirements. Amend Policy CS14 to ensure development is delivered in a phased manner to enable infrastructure to be upgraded.
Thorough consideration of significant effects on Natura 2000 sites in HRA but full evaluation of PAD13 has not been undertaken and further justification to establish conclusion is necessary. After the consultation started, DEFRA announced Greater Thames Marshes is included in list of 12 Nature Improvement Areas; this should be included in revised versions of HRA. Effects of air quality is not identified in potential hazards list after table 3 and due to increase in traffic, further detail on this is needed. In-combination effects have not been identified for Brentwood Replacement Local Plan and Southend on Sea Transport Plan. Requires further evaluation for PAD13 in Table 4 and Appendix 3 to identify significant effects on International Sites, justification of finding columns is incomplete and therefore conclusion is inconclusive. Test in Report on PAD13 should reflect full evaluation to support conclusion of no significant effects. These areas need to be addressed before HRA can be signed off.	Natural England	Noted.	Undertake a more extensive evaluation of PAD13 to identify likely significant effects on international sites. Include Greater Thames Marshes new status as Nature Improvement Area in HRA Report. Provide further detail on effects of air quality arising from increased traffic. Identify any relevant in-combination effects with Brentwood Replacement Local Plan and Southend on Sea Transport Plan.
Natura 2000 sites are not within Basildon administrative boundaries but sites within reasonable distance should be taken into account. Four of the seven sites in table 1 are outside or on limit of 15km buffer zone but para 3.3.1 states sites have been screened within 15km. Core Strategy should reduce adverse impacts of international sites affected in HRA. HRA warns recreational participants accompanied by dogs could cause noise and visual disturbance but contradicts this through stating that recreational impacts on international sites should be minimised, but should provide areas for dog walking. Should provide open space closer so that international sites are not overused, which are more likely to come forward through Option B and C. Water capacity will be available for growth beyond Option A due to the Abberton reservoir enlargement and water quality will be available for growth beyond Option A.	Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes)	Noted.	Review HRA to ensure any contradictions in assessment are avoided
HRA only considers Option A and as this is unrealistic level of growth then HRA will need to be revised.	Cirrus (on behalf of Gladedale Ltd and Gleeson Homes Ltd)	Noted. The HRA is subject to revision at each draft stage of the Core Strategy.	Revise HRA for next draft of Core Strategy.
HRA focuses on European level sites, should reference topic paper that covers local habitat issues.	Dr G Seward	Undertaking a Habitats Regulation Assessment is a legal requirement for the Council to meet its obligations under the European Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and Wild Flora and Fauna which provides legal protection for certain habitats and species of European	N/A.

		<p>importance (Natura 2000 sites).</p> <p>The Directive requires an Appropriate Assessment (AA) to be carried out in relation to 'any plan or project not directly connected with or necessary to the management of the site but likely to have significant effects thereon, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects.'</p> <p>AA is designed to assess the impacts of a plan (or project) against the conservation objectives of a Natura 2000 site. A HRA is an assessment on these habitats only. The consideration of the impact the Core Strategy might have on other habitats is considered by other legislation and processes.</p> <p>Whilst there are no Natura 2000 sites in the Basildon Borough, there are a number within 15 km of its boundary and a few further afield that play a role in the providing the Borough with drinking water.</p>	
No sites assessed in HRA affect East Basildon, however would be helpful if sites were mapped with more details on their vulnerabilities	Colonnade Strategic LLP	<p>Noted.</p> <p>As the Borough's water supply is partially met by moving water from outside Essex, any new growth in Basildon Borough could impact on Natura 2000 habitats.</p>	Consider using maps to help explain habitat vulnerabilities.
Does not consider green belt release, Option C is only appropriate option	Mr M Adams, One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd)	<p>Noted.</p> <p>It is not the remit of the HRA to consider Green Belt release.</p>	No Action.
Document not easily visible, Nethermayne meadows have not been assessed since 2009 and this may exist at other sites. Wildlife at Gloucester Park has been disregarded and not protected and areas of the park have been damaged by tree felling.	Mrs M Heppell	<p>Undertaking a Habitats Regulation Assessment is a legal requirement for the Council to meet its obligations under the European Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and Wild Flora and Fauna which provides legal protection for certain habitats and species of European importance (Natura 2000 sites).</p> <p>The Directive requires an Appropriate Assessment (AA) to be carried out in relation to 'any plan or project not directly connected with or necessary to the management of the site but likely to have significant effects thereon, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects.'</p> <p>AA is designed to assess the impacts of a plan (or project) against the conservation objectives of a Natura 2000 site. A HRA is an assessment on these habitats only. The consideration of the impact the Core Strategy might have on other habitats is considered by other legislation and processes.</p> <p>Whilst there are no Natura 2000 sites in the Basildon Borough, there are a number within 15 km of its boundary and a few further afield that play a role in the providing the Borough with drinking water.</p>	N/A.
Insufficient time to study	Campaign to Protect Rural England	Noted.	N/A
CS is based on data collected five years ago and climate	Mr A Peake	The HRA uses the latest climate change forecasts prepared	N/A.

has changed since then		by the UK Climate Impact Programme to base its assessment on.	
Too much Information and is too broad	Mrs S Pullin	Noted. Unfortunately the nature of the Core Strategy, which is a statutory requirement set by central Government, is that it includes extensive and detailed information. The document is also intended to be high-level which is subsequently elaborated on through other documents in the Local Development Plan of which the Core Strategy is the parent document. The document which will actually be adopted will be somewhat shorter and more focussed, but at the preferred options stage, which this consultation was on, significant detail is required to demonstrate the options being considered and their reasoning.	N/A
Not clear to read, plain English should be used.	Mrs J Zeffers	It is noted that the HRA uses a lot of technical and ecological terminology and in order to comply with the legal requirements, this is unavoidable. We will endeavor however to prepare an Executive Summary so the findings of the report are easier to understand.	Prepare an Executive Summary with each HRA report so the findings are easier to understand.
All greenland that has not been previously developed should remain	Mr M Belcher	Noted. It is not the remit of the HRA to consider the type of land that is released for development.	No Action.

Service Impact Assessment (SIA) Report

Q4 Do you have comments on the Core Strategy Service Impact Assessment (SIA) Report and its findings?

45 comments were made on Question 4.

SA/SEA			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Responses	Actions
No comments	Mrs L Kelly, Mr N Sumner, Mrs Beckinsales, Mr R Lyon, Mr A Lyon, Mrs M Green, Mr J Lyon, Mr M Flack, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, BDSA, Mrs S Bummet, Mr A Peake, Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Mr P Ward, Mr M Manns, Billericay Town Council, Mr C Narrainen, Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families), One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd), Mr R Gray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, Mr R Batty, Mr B Hyland	Noted	N/A.
There is a need for a statement in the SIA that shows the Council's obligations under Article 14 of the European Convention of Human Rights have been considered.	Mr Beiley	Noted. This will be considered as part of the Service Impact Assessment when the Core Strategy is revised.	Ensure the Council's obligations under Article 14 of the ECHR are demonstrate the Council has met its obligations in the revision to the SIA.
Agree with SIA, fairness is essential	Mr Smart, Rev J Maizel-Long	Noted	N/A
Travellers should be treated with humanity and decency and their way of life should be respected. The negative media from the Council does not help this matter.	Mrs J Zeffers	Noted	N/A
Consider droughts, extreme weather and climate change.	Mrs V Hudson	Noted, although it is the Sustainability Appraisal which would consider these issues and not the Service Impact Assessment.	N/A
<p>SIA recognises Option A is not based on population forecasts. Council should place housing and economic needs as priority, which it is failing to do. No evidence of duty to co-operate or how growth will be met elsewhere.</p> <p>Option A will lead to out-migration and it will be people who are socially and economically mobile, which will result in difficulties to recruit skilled people and increase deprivation. Those that find work in the Borough will find it difficult to relocate, resulting in more in-commuting.</p> <p>Option A risks will fail in delivering skills and training and threaten increases in spending power, putting town centre regeneration priorities at risk.</p>	Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes) Colonnade Strategic LLP, Laindon Regeneration LLP	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The Government's National Planning Policy Framework makes it clear that LPAs should positively seek opportunities to meet the development needs of the area, with sufficient flexibility to adapt to rapid change.</p> <p>One of the NPPF's Core Planning Principles is to make every effort to objectively identify and then plan for ways to meet the housing, business and other development needs of an area and respond positively to wider opportunities for growth.</p> <p>The Core Strategy's Preferred Options Report placed greatest weight on the environmental role of the planning system in securing sustainable development. The NPPF states that the economic, social and environmental roles should not be undertaken in such isolation, because they are mutually dependant.</p> <p>For these reasons, the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report must be revised to guide future development in a wholly sustainable manner.</p>	The Council should revise its Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and use its Evidence Base to inform the scale and distribution of development needs over the plan period.
Supports RSIA as sets out that Core Strategy will ensure environment and Green Belt are protected, allowing people to enjoy open countryside and landscapes.	Natural England	Noted. The Council will revisit their Green Belt and assess the qualities and vulnerabilities of the Borough's landscapes.	Revisit Green Belt Review and commission specialist landscape study.
Insufficient time to study	Campaign to Protect Rural England	Noted.	N/A

<p>As well as identifying that the Council are not providing for future housing needs as part of their Human Rights, the Council are also not providing sufficient land to meet employment needs, which could result in large scale of out commuting. Intensification in urban areas could impact quality of life due to higher densities, loss of open space, limited services and infrastructure.</p>	<p>Basildon Business Group</p>	<p>Noted. The Government's National Planning Policy Framework makes it clear that LPAs should positively seek opportunities to meet the development needs of the area, with sufficient flexibility to adapt to rapid change. One of the NPPF's Core Planning Principles is to make every effort to objectively identify and then plan for ways to meet the housing, business and other development needs of an area and respond positively to wider opportunities for growth. The Core Strategy's Preferred Options Report placed greatest weight on the environmental role of the planning system in securing sustainable development. The NPPF states that the economic, social and environmental roles should not be undertaken in such isolation, because they are mutually dependant. For these reasons, the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report must be revised to guide future development in a wholly sustainable manner.</p>	<p>The Council should revise its Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and use its Evidence Base to inform the scale and distribution of development needs over the plan period.</p>
<p>Consultation form is biased to professionals and people with planning knowledge. Consultation was poorly reported in local press, and only few roadshows were held that excluded larger numbers due to hours opened. Basildon centre boards had no people at them, Consultation form is not available in other languages, and a simple open form asking for comments could have been distributed instead. All in all, this has resulted in a low turnout.</p>	<p>Mrs M Heppell</p>	<p>All planning consultations comply with the Council's statutory Statement of Community Involvement 2011. This ensures that minimum consultation standards are met which are set by legislation, in addition to other standards the Council has agreed to locally. The Council notes however that the Core Strategy consultation was a complicated process.</p> <p>The Core Strategy Preferred Options consultation forms a key part of the development of the document and the Council recognises the importance of informing the Borough's residents, businesses and stakeholders.</p> <p>The Council provides the document in large print, in other languages and on tape if requested.</p>	<p>The Council will look to improve its consultation</p>
<p>Can only be conjecture until changes have had time for their impacts to be properly analysed.</p>	<p>Mr B Foster</p>	<p>Noted.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>How can we ensure non-discrimination when policy objectives apply to green belt and not green land, less urban people are likely to suffer disproportionately.</p>	<p>Mr P Rackley</p>	<p>Clarification is required to what is meant by 'green land'. Assessments into the quality and quantity of open spaces have been carried out on the Borough as part of the PPG17 Open Space Assessment endorsed by Cabinet in March 2010. The Council applies open space standards to the Borough ensuring that appropriate level and quality of open space is available for new and existing residents. Policy CS1 makes reference to PPG17 assessments to ensure these standards are complied with but clarification for this can be sought when the Core Strategy is revised.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Applies to chapter 3, anomaly in figures, pg 30 states 172,000 population in 2007 and pg34 states 103,600 residents, how reliable is para 3.13 on education? Should try and understand why students applying for schools in North and understand class size. Laindon and Gardiners Lane South are failures and sporting village encourages use of car.</p>	<p>Miss Missing</p>	<p>Noted. The Core Strategy should be underpinned by an up-to date evidence base that is robust. Further work to expand and update the evidence base is being commissioned by the Council and the findings will inform the next draft of the Core Strategy. The Council have a Duty to Cooperate and intend to work with its partners and neighbouring authorities to ensure that the Core Strategy is effective and deliverable.</p> <p>The Core Strategy is a strategic document and does not go into detail about specific sites, but Laindon and Gardiners Lane South as part of Primary Areas for Development and Change will be considered when the Core Strategy is revised.</p>	<p>Ensure that the Core Strategy is consistent with data. Should carry out further work on evidence base and work with partners to identify ways in which to deliver supporting infrastructure.</p>

Drivers for Change

Q5 Do you agree with the Local Drivers for Change that have been identified from the Topic Papers? If not please explain your answer.

Q6 Are there any others that you feel should have been included? If yes please explain your answer.

126 comments were made on Question 5 and 6.

Drivers for Change			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Actions
No comments	Mrs S Bummet, Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families), One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd)	Noted.	N/A
ENVIRONMENT			
Agree with environment drivers for change.	Mrs L Kelly, Dr T Nicklin, Mr M Flack, Mrs V Hudson, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, BDSA, Natural England, Mr A Peake, Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Mr P Ward, Mr P Ward, Mr C Narrainen, Mark Jackson Planning (on behalf of Reliant Building Contractors Limited), Mark Jackson Planning (on behalf of Mr and Mrs Beckwith), Mr R Gray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, GL Hearn (on behalf of Homes and Communities Agency, South Essex College and Basildon Borough Council), Environment Agency, Barton Wilmore (on behalf of Philip Jean Homes Ltd), Mrs A Triston, Mr C Mullet	Noted.	N/A
Need for Green Belt release to support need, which will provide long term defensive boundaries and secure local identity for settlements. Growth and coalescence can help places have a sense of identity as experienced through many great cities in the world. No growth leads to stagnation and lack of investment.	Basildon Business Group, Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes), Colonnade Strategic LLP	<p>Noted. The Government's National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) makes it clear that LPAs should positively seek opportunities to meet the development needs of the area, with sufficient flexibility to adapt to rapid change. One of the NPPF's Core Planning Principles is to meet objectively assessed need and respond positively to wider opportunities for growth. The NPPF also defines sustainable development as having three strands; economic, social and environment. The Core Strategy's Preferred Options Report placed greatest weight on the environmental role. The NPPF states that the economic, social and environmental roles should not be undertaken in isolation, because they are mutually dependant. For these reasons, the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report must be revised to guide future development in a wholly sustainable manner.</p> <p>The Council will revise its Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and use its Evidence Base to inform the scale and distribution of development needs over the next twenty years.</p> <p>The Council have committed to carry out additional studies such as the Strategic Housing Market Assessment, an Employment Land Review, a Gypsy & Traveller Local Needs Accommodation Assessment and a landscape study. All these studies alongside new national planning reforms (such as the National Planning Policy Framework), Government initiatives, regulations, legislation and the Core Strategy consultation responses will be used in the revision of the Core Strategy.</p>	Select and option which better achieves the vision, objectives and drivers set out by the Council and which reflects the evidence.
More explanation is required; add 'wildlife biodiversity' as it is valuable. Add reducing light and noise pollution and	Mr Smart, Mr N Sumner, Campaign to Protect Rural England	Noted. Wording changes will be considered during the revisions of the Core Strategy.	Consider wording changes.

energy wastage as have detrimental effect on natural world.			
Will be difficult to achieve green infrastructure without funding	Colonnade Strategic LLP	Noted The Drivers for Change section of the Core Strategy identifies issues and needs which the Council should look to cater for through the Core Strategy. It is the duty of the Core Strategy to set policies and identify how these issues may be overcome including the consideration of potential funding.	N/A
No change is needed	Mr J Ward, Mr M Belcher	Noted.	N/A
HOUSING			
Agree with Housing drivers for change.	Dr T Nicklin, Mr M Flack, Mrs V Hudson, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, Natural England, Mr A Peake, Mr P Ward, Mr P Ward, Mr C Narrainen, Mark Jackson Planning (on behalf of Reliant Building Contractors Limited), Mark Jackson Planning (on behalf of Mr and Mrs Beckwith), Mr R Gray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, Environment Agency, Barton Wilmore (on behalf of Philip Jean Homes Ltd), Mrs A Triston, Mr T Mortlock, Mr C Mullet	Noted.	N/A
Housing does not match local needs and expectations, should reflect evidence base.	Mrs L Kelly, Miss E Lyon, Mrs Beckinsales, Mr N Lyon, Mrs M Green, Mrs S Lyon, Mr J Lyon, BDSA, Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Mrs G Trivett, MatPlan Limited (on Behalf of Millwood Designer Homes Ltd), Basildon Business Group, Strutt and Parker (on behalf of Pigeon Wickford Ltd), Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Martin Grant Homes), Mr J Lyon, Mr M Adams, Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes), Laidon Regeneration LLP	<p>Noted. The Government's National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) makes it clear that LPAs should positively seek opportunities to meet the development needs of the area, with sufficient flexibility to adapt to rapid change. One of the NPPF's Core Planning Principles is to meet objectively assessed need and respond positively to wider opportunities for growth. The NPPF also defines sustainable development as having three strands; economic, social and environment. The Core Strategy's Preferred Options Report placed greatest weight on the environmental role. The NPPF states that the economic, social and environmental roles should not be undertaken in isolation, because they are mutually dependant. For these reasons, the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report must be revised to guide future development in a wholly sustainable manner.</p> <p>The Council will revise its Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and use its Evidence Base to inform the scale and distribution of development needs over the next twenty years.</p> <p>The Council have committed to carry out additional studies such as the Strategic Housing Market Assessment, an Employment Land Review, a Gypsy & Traveller Local Needs Accommodation Assessment and a Green Belt study. All these studies alongside new national planning reforms (such as the National Planning Policy Framework), Government initiatives, regulations, legislation and the Core Strategy consultation responses will be used in the revision of the Core Strategy.</p>	Select and option which better achieves the vision, objectives and drivers set out by the Council and which reflects the evidence.
Should clarify what homes for all means. Reference provision of affordable homes for all and meeting Gypsy and Traveller provision	Mrs Z Jeffers, Billericay District Residents Association, Billericay Town Council, Mrs A Kobayashi, Mrs M Heppell, Irish Traveller Movement in Britain	Noted.	Consider revising and/or elaborating on terminology for clarity.
Add 'offer choice of urban, rural locations and protect character, ensure access to green space in accordance with ANGST guidelines'.	Mr N Sumner, Natural England	Noted. ANGST Standards are established in the Councils PPG17 assessments. Policy CS1(4) relates to this specifically.	Consider wording addition to account for ANGST guidelines.
Delete high quality design as is something already achieved and no change necessary, delete homes for all	Mr J Ward	The Drivers for Change section of the Core Strategy identifies issues and needs which the Council should look to cater for	N/A

as impossible goal in current economic climate, modify housing delivery as housing market to satisfy the demand of population and borough should assist this.		through the Core Strategy. Noted. The Government's National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) makes it clear that LPAs should positively seek opportunities to meet the development needs of the area, with sufficient flexibility to adapt to rapid change. One of the NPPF's Core Planning Principles is to meet objectively assessed need and respond positively to wider opportunities for growth. The NPPF also defines sustainable development as having three strands; economic, social and environment. The Core Strategy's Preferred Options Report placed greatest weight on the environmental role. The NPPF states that the economic, social and environmental roles should not be undertaken in isolation, because they are mutually dependant. For these reasons, the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report must be revised to guide future development in a wholly sustainable manner.	
Should reduce unused housing stock	Billericay District Residents Association, Billericay Town Council	There is an initiative for empty homes to be brought back into use between Castle Point, Southend on Sea, Basildon, Thurrock and Rochford. However, the implementation and take up from landowners is not as fast moving as desired. The five Councils are continuing to work with landowners and have introduced a new scheme to bring forward more empty homes. Furthermore, the Council have committed to carrying out an update to the Thames Gateway South Essex Strategic Housing Market Assessment. This will assess Basildon's housing market and address any shortfalls and what provisions should be made in the Borough. The findings from this study will be considered when revising the Core Strategy.	Consider whether wording can be modified to have regard to the need to reduce unused housing stock. This may be more appropriate in an alternative area of the Core Strategy.
Should clarify 'end designation borough'	Billericay District Residents Association, Billericay Town Council	Noted.	Consider any necessary wording changes.
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT			
Agree with economic development	Dr T Nicklin, Mr M Flack, Mrs V Hudson, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, Natural England, Mr A Peake, Mr P Ward, Mr P Ward, Mr C Narrainen, Mark Jackson Planning (on behalf of Reliant Building Contractors Limited), Mark Jackson Planning (on behalf of Mr and Mrs Beckwith), Mr R Gray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, GL Hearn (on behalf of Homes and Communities Agency, South Essex College and Basildon Borough Council), Environment Agency, Barton Wilmore (on behalf of Philip Jean Homes Ltd), Mrs A Triston, Mr C Mullet	Noted.	N/A
Economic development should consider infrastructure, parking and water provision should be considered,	Mrs L Kelly, BDSA	Noted. The Council continue to encourage sustainable development which will in-turn, require consideration and/or provision of parking, infrastructure and water. Relevant guidance and legislation is also in place to ensure that such things are considered through the planning process. The Core Strategy needs to include appropriate testing of the options for a variety of infrastructure needs. This will need to be built into the preparation timescales for future iterations.	The Council will work with Essex County Council to identify the impacts of growth in the Borough on its service areas.

Regarding economic development, Council is using out of date evidence and a review of employment land testing the Options is required immediately. Should use London to enhance Basildon as there is risk of unemployment.	Basildon Business Group, Colonnade Strategic LLP, Laindon Regeneration LLP	Noted. The Council have committed to undertaking a new employment land review which will inform the revisions of the Core Strategy and the rest of the LDF.	Undertake an up to date Employment Land Review.
Delete enhancing vibrancy and vitality of town centres, accommodating and promoting tourism, use plain English and delete an end destination borough - all these drivers can be achieved by providing right incentives to attract business, need to lower business rates.	Mr J Ward	<p>The role of tourism is considered to be a valued facet of the economy and therefore should not be ignored by the Council. Business and the economy remain a central concern to the Borough but are not just restricted to manufacturing, offices and logistics etc. Furthermore, the role of tourism is championed by the National Planning Policy Framework as a way to support rural economies and town centres.</p> <p>The Council have committed to undertaking a new employment land review which will inform the revisions of the Core Strategy and the rest of the LDF.</p> <p>Wording changes will also be considered when the Core Strategy is revised.</p>	Undertake an up to date Employment Land Review and consider wording changes to provide clarity.
Economic land does not match local needs and expectations. Identifying infill opportunities is high risk and does not result in job growth. Unemployment and the need to increase skill levels can only be achieved by providing growth and additional investment than Option A is offering. Must not be eluded that tourism will solve economic problems and must work on attracting visitors. Does not recognise importance of retailing and attracting new residents to the economic industry, which is put at risk by Option A.	Miss E Lyon, Mrs M Green, Mrs S Lyon, Mr J Lyon Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Mrs G Trivett, Basildon Business Group, Strutt and Parker (on behalf of Pigeon Wickford Ltd), Mr J Lyon, Mr M Adams, Laindon Regeneration LLP	<p>Noted. The Government's National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) makes it clear that LPAs should positively seek opportunities to meet the development needs of the area, with sufficient flexibility to adapt to rapid change. One of the NPPF's Core Planning Principles is to meet objectively assessed need and respond positively to wider opportunities for growth. The NPPF also defines sustainable development as having three strands; economic, social and environment. The Core Strategy's Preferred Options Report placed greatest weight on the environmental role. The NPPF states that the economic, social and environmental roles should not be undertaken in isolation, because they are mutually dependant. For these reasons, the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report must be revised to guide future development in a wholly sustainable manner.</p> <p>The Council have committed to undertaking a new employment land review which will inform the revisions of the Core Strategy and the rest of the LDF.</p>	Undertake an up to date Employment Land Review.
TOWN CENTRES AND RETAILING			
Agree with town centres drivers for change.	Mrs L Kelly, Dr T Nicklin, Mr M Flack, Mrs V Hudson, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, BDSA, D2 Planning (on behalf of London and Cambridge Properties Ltd), Natural England, Mr A Peake, Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Mr P Ward, Mr P Ward, Mr C Narrainen, Mark Jackson Planning (on behalf of Reliant Building Contractors Limited), Mark Jackson Planning (on behalf of Mr and Mrs Beckwith), Mr R Gray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, GL Hearn (on behalf of Homes and Communities Agency, South Essex College and Basildon Borough Council), Environment Agency, Barton Wilmore (on behalf of Philip Jean Homes Ltd), Mrs A Triston, Mr C Mullet,	Noted.	N/A
Modify competition with neighbouring town to include shopping malls and delete parking charges, delete town	Mr J Ward, Mr T Mortlock	The Core Strategy can only have regard to those aspects which it can have an effect on. Parking charges are not within	N/A

centre environments. Modify meeting expansion demands as should not be a limit on retail and must allow change of use if not enough space. Need to attract greater retail choice so modify regenerate and improve retail offer.		its remit. The Core Strategy, as advised through the National Planning Policy Framework, takes a town centre first approach and it is hoped that through regeneration and masterplanning, retail choice will increase and the health of our town centres will improve.	
Town centre regeneration should be met with more residents, housing and employment to retain expenditure.	Basildon Business Group, Colonnade Strategic LLP, Laidon Regeneration LLP	The National Planning Policy Framework requires the Council to show that the sequential approach has been taken. This requires that the town centres are recognised as the heart of the communities and considered first for development opportunities. Residential development can play an important role in ensuring town centres viability and vitality. Only if suitable sites are not available should out of centre sites be considered.	N/A
COMMUNITY			
Agree with community driver for change	Mrs L Kelly, Mr M Flack, Mrs V Hudson, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, BDSA, Natural England, Mr A Peake, Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Mr P Ward, Mr P Ward, Mr C Narrainen, Mark Jackson Planning (on behalf of Reliant Building Contractors Limited), Mark Jackson Planning (on behalf of Mr and Mrs Beckwith), Mr R Gray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, Environment Agency, Barton Wilmore (on behalf of Philip Jean Homes Ltd), Mrs A Triston, Mr C Mullet	Noted.	N/A
Should reference the need for green open spaces need homes, which will have an impact on healthy lifestyles.	Mrs Z Jeffers	Assessments into the quality and quantity of open spaces have been carried out on the Borough as part of the PPG17 assessment methodology endorsed by Cabinet. The Council applies open space standards to the Borough ensuring that appropriate level and quality of open space is available for residents. Policy CS1 makes reference to PPG17 assessments to ensure these standards are complied with but clarification for this can be sought when the Core Strategy is revised.	Consider wording amendment to place more emphasis on healthy lifestyles and PPG17 assessment standards included within the policy.
Reference improve and support education and further educational opportunities	GL Hearn (on behalf of Homes and Communities Agency, South Essex College and Basildon Borough Council), Mr J Ward	Noted.	Consider wording amendment to place more emphasis on education. This may be more appropriately done in an alternative section of the Core Strategy.
Replace Improving Civic Pride with celebrating cultural diversity and meeting ethnic minorities' needs.	Mrs Z Jeffers, Irish Traveller Movement in Britain	Noted.	Consider wording addition rather than replacement. This may be more appropriate in an alternative section of the Core Strategy.
CHANGING CLIMATE			
Agree with changing climate drivers for change.	Mrs L Kelly, Mr M Flack, Mrs V Hudson, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, Natural England, Mr A Peake, Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Mr P Ward, Mr P Ward, Mr C Narrainen, Mark Jackson Planning (on behalf of Reliant Building Contractors Limited), Mark Jackson Planning (on behalf of Mr and Mrs Beckwith), Mr R Gray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, GL Hearn (on behalf of Homes	Noted.	N/A

	and Communities Agency, South Essex College and Basildon Borough Council), Environment Agency, Barton Wilmore (on behalf of Philip Jean Homes Ltd), Mrs A Triston, Mr C Mullet, Laindon Regeneration LLP		
Should say reduce climate change and deal with effects	Mrs Z Jeffers	It is not possible to reduce Climate Change but we can mitigate against its effects and encourage a more sustainable way of living. The Core Strategy can only set out what it can viably contribute to stemming the effects of Climate Change and this will be done through the relevant design policies.	Consider elaborating on low carbon technologies and how this will be implemented through policy.
Reducing greenhouse gas is government objective, flood risk should be monitored but not part of changing climate, quality of drinking water is fine, need to establish effects of climate change before making buildings more resilient, all industries should be encouraged and not focused on low carbon.	Mr J Ward	Noted. It is not possible to reduce Climate Change but we can mitigate against its effects and encourage a more sustainable way of living. The Core Strategy can only set out what it can viably contribute to stemming the effects of Climate Change and this will be done through the relevant design policies.	Consider elaborating on low carbon technologies and how this will be implemented through policy.
Support objective to encourage low carbon industries, but no options has stated how this will be achieved.	Basildon Business group, Colonnade Strategic LLP	Noted. It is not possible to reduce Climate Change but we can mitigate against its effects and encourage a more sustainable way of living. The Core Strategy can only set out what it can viably contribute to stemming the effects of Climate Change and this will be done through the relevant design policies.	Consider elaborating on low carbon technologies and how this will be implemented through policy.
No proposals to achieve reducing effects of climate change. Only feasible way to develop buildings that are more resilient to climate change is build new ones and then demolish and replace old buildings. No reference to renewable energy and energy from waste plant.	Alan Pipe and Partners (on behalf of Mr B Stone)	Noted. Officers do not agree that old buildings should be demolished for the construction of ones which are more resilient. Not only are some older buildings more Climate resilient due to how they were constructed, but demolition and rebuild can incur significant environmental and monetary cost. The Core Strategy can only set out what it can viably contribute to stemming the effects of Climate Change and this will be done through the relevant design policies. Essex County Council as the Minerals and Waste Authority will deal with Energy from Waste policies. The Waste Development Plan Document produced by Essex County Council forms part of Basildon's Development Plan.	Consider elaborating on low carbon technologies and how this will be implemented through policy.
TRANSPORT AND UTILITIES			
Agree with transport drivers for change and A127 improvements	Mrs L Kelly, Mr M Flack, Mrs V Hudson, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, BDSA, Natural England, Mr A Peake, Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Mr P Ward, Mr P Ward, Mr C Narrainen, Basildon Business Group, Mark Jackson Planning (on behalf of Reliant Building Contractors Limited), Mark Jackson Planning (on behalf of Mr and Mrs Beckwith), Mr R Gray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, GL Hearn (on behalf of Homes and Communities Agency, South Essex College and Basildon Borough Council), Environment Agency, Barton Wilmore (on behalf of Philip Jean Homes Ltd), Mr A Triston, Colonnade Strategic LLP	Noted.	N/A
Should be improved for future inclusive requirements as current infrastructure is inadequate.	Mrs L Kelly, Mr N Sumner, Mr J Ward, Mr C Mullet	Noted. The Council continue to encourage sustainable development which will in-turn, require consideration and/or provision of parking, infrastructure and water. Relevant guidance and legislation is also in place to ensure that such things are considered through the planning process. The Core Strategy does need to include appropriate testing of the options for a variety of infrastructure needs. This will need to be built into the preparation timescales for future iterations.	The Council will work with Essex County Council to identify the impacts of growth in the Borough on its service areas.

Provide incentives for high capacity internet	Mr J Ward	Noted.	Consider a telecommunications policy either independently or as part of a wider policy.
Contradiction between increasing transport and reduce the need to travel.	Billericay District Residents Association, Billericay Town Council, Mr J Ward, Cllr J Devlin	Noted. The role of the Council is to provide people with options and encourage sustainable travel. It cannot however, stop people from using cars but still have to cater for those who prefer and rely on personal transport and other road users. Wording changes will be made when the Core Strategy is revised.	Wording changes to amend 'increasing transport'.
GENERAL			
With a growing population and the opening of a large port in Thurrock London Gateway, Lower Thames Crossing and NPPF, there is a need and pressure for Basildon to expand to become a successful and affluent town	Miss E Lyon, Mrs Beckinsales, Mr R Lyon, Mr N Lyon, Mr A Lyon, Mrs M Green, Mrs S Lyon, Mr J Lyon, Mrs G Trivett, Basildon Business Group, Barton Wilmore (on behalf of Philip Jean Homes Ltd), Colonnade Strategic LLP, Laindon Regeneration LLP	Noted. The Council have committed to undertaking a new employment land review which will inform the revisions of the Core Strategy and the rest of the LDF. The Council are continuing to work with the County Highways Authority on Transport matters along with others in the Thames Gateway on all related matters.	Undertake an up to date Employment Land Review and continue to liaise accordingly with Essex County Council and those within the Thames Gateway.
Need for better educated workforce	Mrs Roberts	Noted. Educational consideration remains a key issue for the Borough and ensuring the Core Strategy includes viable options/policies for improving skills and increasing employability will remain in the document.	Consider wording amendment to place more emphasis on education. This may be more appropriately done in an alternative section of the Core Strategy.
Why are we competing with neighbouring towns?	Mrs Z Jeffers	The Core Strategy is not about competing with neighbouring towns, per se, but it is about retaining interest in our towns for the benefit of prosperity and business. Therefore, the Council have to work hard to ensure it continues to attract businesses, visitors, shoppers and new residents to the area.	N/A
Can Council confirm Green Belt will protect under all circumstances?	Mrs B Wade	Due to changing circumstances, no Authority can offer this guarantee. The Green Belt is a national designation and an area covered by national planning policy. The Local planning authority have the responsibility to ensure that the Green Belt boundaries are robust and for the long-term. Consequently, the Council have committed to revisit their Green Belt study so that the Borough's green belt can be understood further and assessed to establish if and where areas continue to serve the 5 purposes set out in the NPPF.	Revisit the Green Belt Study and use to inform the Core Strategy.
Too much information and too broad	Mrs S Pullin	Noted. Unfortunately the nature of the Core Strategy, which is a statutory requirement set by central Government, is that it includes extensive and detailed information. The document is also intended to be high-level which is subsequently elaborated on through other documents in the Local Development Plan of which the Core Strategy is the parent document. The document which will actually be adopted will be somewhat shorter and more focussed, but at the preferred options stage, which this consultation was on, significant detail is required to demonstrate the options being considered and their reasoning.	N/A
PADC10 Nethermayne Cluster contradicts Drivers for Change	Cllr G William	Dry Street is designated as an Area of Special Reserve in the Basildon District Local Plan 1998. Consequently, this means the area is not designated as Green Belt and has been reserved for housing. The Planning Inspector for the	N/A

		examination in the Basildon District Local Plan 1998 concluded that Dry Street was an appropriate area for development. Option A of the Core Strategy focused development within the urban areas and subsequently this included the Dry Street Area (PADC10). It is noted that policy has changed since the designation of Dry Street in the Basildon District Local Plan 1998 and consideration should be given to its environmental status as a Local Wildlife Site. However, development should also be compliant with national planning policy which requires Local Planning Authorities to objectively assess their housing need and ensure sustainable development. All these elements will be given consideration when the Core Strategy is revised.	
All drivers for change contradict what is happening in reality	Mrs M Heppell	The Drivers for Change have been constructed to cover a wide range of topics and issues. The Drivers for Change section of the Core Strategy identifies issues and needs which the Council should look to cater for through the Core Strategy. It is the duty of the Core Strategy to set policies and identify how these issues may be overcome including the consideration of potential funding.	N/A
Option A will not deliver any of these drivers for change	Strutt and Parker (on behalf of Pigeon Wickford Ltd), Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Martin Grant Homes), Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Permission Homes), Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes), Strutt and Parker (on behalf of Chelmsford Diocese Board of Finance and Mr J Howard), Barton Wilmore (on behalf of Philip Jean Homes Ltd), Colonnade Strategic LLP	Noted. The Government's National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) makes it clear that LPAs should positively seek opportunities to meet the development needs of the area, with sufficient flexibility to adapt to rapid change. One of the NPPF's Core Planning Principles is to meet objectively assessed need and respond positively to wider opportunities for growth. The NPPF also defines sustainable development as having three strands; economic, social and environment. The Core Strategy's Preferred Options Report placed greatest weight on the environmental role. The NPPF states that the economic, social and environmental roles should not be undertaken in isolation, because they are mutually dependant. For these reasons, the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report must be revised to guide future development in a wholly sustainable manner. The Council will revise its Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and use its Evidence Base to inform the scale and distribution of development needs over the next twenty years.	Select an option which better achieves the vision, objectives and drivers set out by the Council and which reflects the evidence.
Aims are nearer minimum required	Mr B Foster	The Drivers for Change have been constructed to cover a wide range of topics and issues. The Drivers for Change section of the Core Strategy identifies issues and needs which the Council should look to cater for through the Core Strategy. It is the duty of the Core Strategy to set policies and identify how these issues may be overcome including the consideration of potential funding. Drivers for change must be realistic, evidence based, deliverable and viable.	N/A
Billericay lacks a discrete camping site and cyclists from abroad only have Barleylands.	Mr Smart	The role of tourism is considered to be a valued facet of the economy and therefore should not be ignored by the Council. The role of tourism is championed by the National Planning Policy Framework as a way to support rural economies and	Consider the role of cycle provision through appropriate policies of the Core Strategy or in subsequent Development

		town centres.	Plan Documents. Address any opportunities to expand on tourism accommodations and business accommodations.
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Additional Drivers for Change			
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Summary of comments	Consultee		
No comments	Mrs S Bummet, Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families)	Noted.	N/A
Ensure improvements are made to infrastructure and developments are as green as possible, including cycle ways.	Mrs L Kelly, BDSA, Campaign to Protect Rural England, Mr M Belcher, Mr R Masters, Mr J Washington	<p>Noted. The Council continue to encourage sustainable development which will in-turn, require consideration and/or provision of parking, infrastructure and water. Relevant guidance and legislation is also in place to ensure that such things are considered through the planning process.</p> <p>The Core Strategy does need to include appropriate testing of the options for a variety of infrastructure needs. This will need to be built into the preparation timescales for future iterations.</p> <p>Noted. It is not possible to reduce Climate Change but we can mitigate against its effects and encourage a more sustainable way of living. The Core Strategy can only set out what it can viably contribute to stemming the effects of Climate Change and this will be done through the relevant design policies.</p>	<p>The Council will work with Essex County Council to identify the impacts of growth in the Borough on its service areas.</p> <p>Consider the role of cycle provision through appropriate policies of the Core Strategy or in subsequent Development Plan Documents.</p>
Should include reference for traveller community	Dr T Nicklin	Noted. The Council have committed to undertake a comprehensive Gypsy & Traveller Local Needs Accommodation Assessment. The content of this study will inform revisions to the Core Strategy.	Undertake a Gypsy & Traveller Local Needs Accommodation Assessment.
Encouraging installation of solar arrays and panels and consider Wind turbines	Mr Smart	Noted. It is not possible to reduce Climate Change but we can mitigate against its effects and encourage a more sustainable way of living. The Core Strategy can only set out what it can viably contribute to stemming the effects of Climate Change and this will be done through the relevant design policies.	Consider elaborating on low carbon technologies and how this will be implemented through policy.
Reducing water consumption and capacity, increasing water harvesting and reducing use of cars to commute locally, including public sector employees should be included	Mr Beiley, Mrs V Hudson, Environment Agency	<p>The Council have had regard to the Basildon Borough Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA, 2011) in determining its preferred option and will continue to do so in any future revisions and throughout the Local Development Plan process. The SFRA, alongside the National Planning Policy Framework highlight the importance of regard to flooding in an area.</p> <p>As flooding is not a significant issue for the borough it has not been included in the vision but will continue to be a matter of consideration in the planning and plan making process. Direct mention of flooding has also been identified in Strategic Objective 3 and Policy CS4.</p> <p>The Council continue to encourage sustainable development which will in-turn, require consideration and/or provision of parking, infrastructure and water. Relevant guidance and legislation is also in place to ensure that such things are considered through the planning process.</p> <p>The Core Strategy does need to include appropriate testing of</p>	The Council must continue to work with Essex County Council as Highways Authority to understand the transport context of the Borough, and test the Core Strategy Options for their impact to determine appropriate mitigation.

		<p>the options for a variety of infrastructure needs. This will need to be built into the preparation timescales for future iterations.</p> <p>Highways will be consulted and their comments will be considered in the determination of a planning application.</p>	
Add health and minimising stress, access to healthy food and natural green space, and encourage communities in outdoor conservation projects as key drivers	Mr N Sumner, Mrs V Hudson	<p>Assessments into the quality and quantity of open spaces have been carried out on the Borough as part of the PPG17 assessment methodology endorsed by Cabinet. The Council applies open space standards to the Borough ensuring that appropriate level and quality of open space is available for residents. Policy CS1 makes reference to PPG17 assessment standards but clarification on this can be sought when the Core Strategy is revised.</p> <p>The Council has undertaken a Playing Pitch Study and Indoor Sports and Recreation Study examining public and private provision of these types of facilities to inform the Core Strategy's policy standards for providing additional sports facilities as part of development.</p>	Wording changes to clarify PPG17 standards are used in Policy CS1.
Better quality homes in sustainable locations	Mr R Lyon	Noted. This is central to the ethos of the Core Strategy and the Councils vision.	N/A
No other Local Drivers for Change	Mr M Flack, Mr P Arnold, Natural England, Mr P Ward, Mr C Narrainen, Mr R Gray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, Mrs A Triston	Noted.	N/A
Other Drivers for Change should be educational facilities, possible need for additional medical services, ensure public transport to Sporting Village, new places for worship.	Mrs V Hudson	The topic papers produced to support the production of the Core Strategy were devised from information set out in varying evidence bases and demographic profiles for the area. The Drives For Change reflect the issues identified and are used to guide the objectives and policies of the Core Strategy. Any additional needs which are identified will be dealt with accordingly in the revisions of the document.	Consider any additional needs for the drivers for change section in the revision process of the Core Strategy.
Future need for land to face the near-future worldwide demand for food	Captain B Beale	The Green Belt is a national designation and an area covered by national planning policy. The Local planning authority have the responsibility to ensure that the Green Belt boundaries are robust and for the long-term. Consequently, the Council have committed to revisit their Green Belt study so that the Borough's green belt can be understood further and assessed to establish if and where areas continue to serve the 5 purposes set out in the NPPF.	Revisit the Green Belt Study & use to inform the Core Strategy.
Protecting wildlife and landscape should be separate driver and should contact RSPB and Wildlife Trust	Campaign to Protect Rural England, Mr S Simmons	<p>All planning consultations comply with the Council's statutory Statement of Community Involvement 2011. This ensures that minimum consultation standards are met which are set by legislation, in addition to other standards the Council has agreed to locally.</p> <p>The Core Strategy Preferred Options consultation forms a key part of the development of the document and the Council recognises the importance of informing the Borough's residents, businesses and stakeholders.</p> <p>The RSPB and Wildlife Trust are registered consultees in the Local Development Plan process and this will continue.</p>	N/A

Improve parking provision in town centres	Billericay District Residents Association, Billericay Town Council, Cllr J Devlin	Noted.	Consider the issue of parking more thoroughly, where appropriate, in town centre specific policies.
Should include South East Local Enterprise Partnership goal to promote steady, sustained economic growth over next two decades. Consideration to the wider area and to meeting the objectives of LEP (to create most enterprising economy in England)	Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes)	Noted. The Council have committed to undertaking a new employment land review which will inform the revisions of the Core Strategy and the rest of the LDF.	Undertake an up to date Employment Land Review.
Should add quality of life for residents and communities.	Mrs M Heppell	Noted. This is central to the ethos of the Core Strategy and the Councils vision.	N/A
Reduce influence on activities best left to market forces and reduce costs by less regulation.	Mr J Ward	<p>Noted. The Government's National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) makes it clear that LPAs should positively seek opportunities to meet the development needs of the area, with sufficient flexibility to adapt to rapid change. One of the NPPF's Core Planning Principles is to meet objectively assessed need and respond positively to wider opportunities for growth. The NPPF also defines sustainable development as having three strands; economic, social and environment. The Core Strategy's Preferred Options Report placed greatest weight on the environmental role. The NPPF states that the economic, social and environmental roles should not be undertaken in isolation, because they are mutually dependant. For these reasons, the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report must be revised to guide future development in a wholly sustainable manner.</p> <p>Whilst it is appreciated that the market decides elements of the development process, the Council has a responsibility to manage growth and this is done through the Development Plan process.</p>	Noted.
PADC10 should be an additional driver for change.	GL Hearn (on behalf of Homes and Communities Agency, South Essex College and Basildon Borough Council)	PADC10 is a strategic policy, and potentially a way of contributing to overcoming the issues identified in the drivers for change and delivering on the vision and strategic objectives. PADC10 is not a driver in its own right and it would be inappropriate to include it here.	N/A
Sewerage water should be included. Should amend reducing water quality to maintaining or improving.	Environment Agency	Noted.	Wording will be amended accordingly where appropriate.
Issues should be more specific, limited level of family housing for example. Reference to Essex Thames Gateway and Basildon is a priority area for growth and sufficient housing to meet economic growth should be separate driver. Emphasis should be placed on economic growth to meet Essex Thames Gateway strategy should be separate driver	Barton Wilmore (on behalf of Philip Jean Homes Ltd)	<p>The Drivers for Change have been constructed to cover a wide range of topics and issues. It is important that all necessary factors are considered and breaking down each issue into an extensive list would not add anything to the intention which is clearly set out. Should anything be missing however, the Council will take note.</p> <p>The Council are continuing to work with the County Highways Authority on Transport matters along with others in the Thames Gateway on all related matters.</p>	N/A

Spatial Vision

Q7 Do you agree with the Spatial Vision 2031? If not, please explain what changes you would make and why.

90 comments were made on Question 7.

Spatial Vision			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Actions
No comments	Mrs S Bummet, Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families),	Noted.	N/A
Agree with Spatial Vision	Mrs L Kelly, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold., BDSA, Mrs V Hudson, Natural England, Mrs T Burton, Mr P Ward, Mrs S Pullin, Billericay District Residents Association, Billericay Town Council, Mr C Narrainen, Basildon Business Group, Mr R Gray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, Drivers Jonas Deloitte (on behalf of Ford Motor Company), GL Hearn (on behalf of Homes and Communities Agency, South Essex College and Basildon Borough Council), Environment Agency, Drivers Jonas Deloitte (on behalf of Universities Superannuation Scheme Ltd), Mrs A Triston, Mr T Mortlock, Mrs C Foster, Rev J Maizel-Long, Mr N Lamb, Mr J Washington, Miss S Barber, Mr C Mullett, Mr H J Dyer, Mr M Bushell, Cllr J Devlin	Noted.	N/A
Should reference Nature Reserves and recognise that communities (including faith communities) add to areas. Improve habitats and biodiversity. Green belt should stay open	Dr T Nicklin, Mr Smart, Mr N Sumner, Natural England, Mr S Simmons, Mr J Lyon, Mr M Adams, Mr P Rackley, Mr H J Dyer, Colonnade Strategic LLP, Laindon Regeneration LLP, Countryside Properties (on behalf of Mr R Thomas)	<p>The spatial vision of the Core Strategy paints a clear picture of where the community would like the Borough to be by 2031. It encapsulates the aspirations of the Sustainable Community Strategy which is a key document in the Development Plan process. The Spatial Vision is influenced by drivers for change and provides a sense of focus and direction for the objectives, policies and proposals of the Core Strategy.</p> <p>The Green Belt is a national designation and an area covered by national planning policy. The Local planning authority have the responsibility to ensure that the Green Belt boundaries are robust and for the long-term. Consequently, the Council have committed to revisit their Green Belt study so that the Borough's green belt can be understood further land assessed to establish if and where areas continue to serve the 5 purposes set out in the NPPF.</p> <p>Nature reserves are a consideration of the sustainability of areas and will remain that way throughout the plan making process.</p>	<p>Wording will be changed accordingly where appropriate.</p> <p>Revisit the Green Belt Study & use to inform the Core Strategy.</p>
Release of green belt should be mentioned as will improve standard of living, encourage people to move to the Borough, stop overcrowding and provide wider, better quality of homes.	Miss E Lyon, Mr Benton, Mrs Beckinsales, Mr R Lyon, Mrs N Lyon, Mr A Lyon, Mrs M Green, Mr S Lyon, Mr J Lyon, MatPlan Limited (on behalf of Millwood Designer Homes Ltd), Cirrus (on behalf of Gladedale Ltd and Gleeson Homes Ltd), Mark Jackson Planning (on behalf of Reliant Building Contractors Limited), JB Planning Associates Ltd (on behalf Gleeson Homes Ltd), Mark Jackson Planning (on behalf of Mr and Mrs Beckwith), Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes)	The Green Belt is a national designation and an area covered by national planning policy The Local planning authority have the responsibility to ensure that the Green Belt boundaries are robust and for the long-term. Consequently, the Council have committed to revisit their Green Belt study so that the Borough's green belt can be understood further and assessed to establish if and where areas continue to serve the 5 purposes set out in the NPPF.	Revisit the Green Belt Study & use to inform the Core Strategy.
Too wide and detailed. It must be strategic and measurable.	Mr Beiley	Noted. Unfortunately the nature of the Core Strategy, which is a statutory requirement set by central Government, is that it includes extensive and detailed information. The document is	Wording will be changed accordingly where appropriate.

		also intended to be high-level which is subsequently elaborated on through other documents in the Local Development Plan of which the Core Strategy is the parent document. The document which will actually be adopted will be somewhat shorter and more focussed, but at the preferred options stage, which this consultation was on, significant detail is required to demonstrate the options being considered and their reasoning.	
Improve education standards to promote well being and respect	Mr N Sumner , Mr H J Dyer	Educational consideration remains a key issue for the Borough and ensuring the Core Strategy includes viable options/policies for improving skills and increasing employability will remain in the document. Education is noted within the Vision of the Core Strategy, within the Strategic Objectives and implemented in Policy CS13.	N/A
Need to be innovative with resources to not risk pollution and debt	Mr N Sumner	Noted. The Core Strategy is the opportunity for innovation and an opportunity to improve the quality of life. The Core Strategy can only set out what it can viably contribute to stemming the effects of Climate Change and this will be done through the relevant design policies.	Consider elaborating on low carbon technologies and how this will be implemented through policy.
Need to consider town centre regeneration carefully to be successful, should reference Council ability to CPO	Mrs Roberts, D2 Planning (on behalf of London and Cambridge Properties Ltd)	Noted. A masterplan is being carried out for Basildon town centre to ensure it is carefully planned. Planning applications for the other town centres are given careful consideration when they are determined. The Core Strategy does not deal with specific matters or CPO powers. These matters are dealt with independently of the Core Strategy.	N/A
Need for Parish Councils as help to implement development successfully	Mr M Flack	Noted. The Core Strategy does not have the remit to instruct Parish Councils and is a matter that should be taken up with elected members and Parish Councils directly. However, the Council will continue to work with Parish Councils where applicable. All parish Councils have been consulted on the Core Strategy and their comments will be processed accordingly.	Continue to liaise with stakeholders, including Parish Councils.
No high rise buildings, green roofs, care for green space to improve physical and mental health and treat everyone fairly. New homes people should be affordable and should provide space for Gypsy and Traveller. Not FEEL safe, be safe. Brooke house to be looked after.	Mrs Z Jeffers	Noted. Design policies regarding sustainability, designing out crime and encouraging community facilities will be an important part of the Core Strategy. Policies CS2, 5, 8 and 9 will be important in achieving these factors and may be expanded upon through Development Management Policies in a later document. The Council have committed to undertake a comprehensive Gypsy & Traveller Local Needs Accommodation Assessment. The content of this study will inform revisions to the Core Strategy. Any wording changes will be considered when the Core Strategy is revised.	Consider expanding upon appropriate design policies both in the Core Strategy and through the Development Management Policies Development Plan Document. Undertake a Gypsy & Traveller Local Accommodation Needs Assessment and use the findings to inform the revisions of the Core Strategy. Consider wording changes.
Cannot implement Spatial Vision under Option A and fails to meet needs and NPPF, it will lead to worsening economic and social problems. Putting Green Belt is illogical and is not supported by evidence base, which consider landscape and recreational value. Question how recreational opportunities will be promoted as land around main settlements is designated for development.	Alan Pipe and Partners (on behalf of Mr B Stone), Basildon Business Group, MatPlan Limited (on behalf of Millwood Designer Homes Ltd), Cirrus (on behalf of Gladedale Ltd and Gleeson Homes Ltd), JB Planning Associates Ltd (on behalf of Gleeson Homes Ltd), Mark Jackson Planning (on behalf of Mr and Mrs Beckwith), Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Icen Projects (on behalf of Cogent Land LLP), Strutt	Noted. The Government's National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) makes it clear that LPAs should positively seek opportunities to meet the development needs of the area, with sufficient flexibility to adapt to rapid change. One of the NPPF's Core Planning Principles is to meet objectively assessed need and respond positively to wider opportunities for growth. The NPPF also defines sustainable development	Select an option which achieves the vision, objectives and drivers set out by the Council.

<p>Won't help to regenerate town centres, due to negative economic performance as a result of Option A. Relying on brownfield causes stagnation as more expensive and time consuming. Not enough homes will push businesses out of Borough and high density homes do not sit well with Vision's provision for large aspirational home. No mention of meeting housing need, provision of new homes (including vulnerable residents) and reducing costs for first time buyers, where as Green belt, open space and design is mentioned numerous times. Does not align with Strategic Objectives and Thames Gateway to deliver new homes, employment and meet need. Places no emphasis on maintaining competitive positioning or support economic regeneration and infrastructure provision.</p>	<p>and Parker (on behalf of Pigeon Wickford Ltd), Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Martin Grant Homes), Edward Grittins & Associates (on behalf of Mr David Keeling), Martin Robeson Planning Practice (on behalf of Hartsfield Developments Ltd), JB Planning Associates Ltd (on behalf Gleeson Strategic Land Ltd), One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd), Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Permission Homes), Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Permission Homes), Mrs M Heppell, Strutt and Parker (on behalf of Chelmsford Diocese Board of Finance and Mr J Howard), Barton Wilmore (on behalf of Philip Jean Homes Ltd), Irish Traveller Movement in Britain, Miss Missing, Colonnade Strategic LLP, Laidon Regeneration LLP, Countryside Properties (on behalf of Mr R Thomas)</p>	<p>as having three strands; economic, social and environment. The Core Strategy's Preferred Options Report placed greatest weight on the environmental role. The NPPF states that the economic, social and environmental roles should not be undertaken in isolation, because they are mutually dependant. For these reasons, the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report must be revised to guide future development in a wholly sustainable manner.</p>	
<p>Spatial Vision is subjective and objective and too many words and may not be able to be delivered</p>	<p>Mrs T Burton, Mr A Peake, Mrs S Pullin, JB Planning Associates Ltd (on behalf Gleeson Homes Ltd), Mark Jackson Planning (on behalf of Mr and Mrs Beckwith), Mrs C Foster</p>	<p>Noted. It is important for the Spatial Vision to reflect the aspirations of the Borough and has been designed to align with the Spatial Objectives.</p>	<p>Consider streamlining the Spatial Vision.</p>
<p>Should include plot lands development as part of spatial vision</p>	<p>Mr M Manns</p>	<p>Noted. Plotlands currently lie within the green belt and there is a presumption, both nationally and locally, against development in the green belt. In order for plotland development to take place, the Council will need to review its approach towards the green belt and be informed by robust evidence. The preferred option A presented in the Core Strategy does not support green belt development and therefore is not appropriate in the Spatial Vision.</p> <p>The NPPF places greater emphasis on local areas making local planning policy choices for the future. The Core Strategy presents the opportunity to appraise whether any development could be accommodated in them as part of the Borough's future growth.</p> <p>The Green Belt is a national designation and an area covered by national planning policy. The Local planning authority have the responsibility to ensure that the Green Belt boundaries are robust and for the long-term. Consequently, the Council have committed to revisit their Green Belt study so that the Borough's green belt can be understood further and assessed to establish if and where areas continue to serve the 5 purposes set out in the NPPF.</p>	<p>The Council should consider the potential for the Borough's Plotlands to contribute to residential land supply and environmental enhancement through the process of infilling as stated possible in Paragraph 89 of the NPPF. This will need to be supported by the evidence base and there is a need to revisit the Green belt study.</p>
<p>PADC10, Nethermayne Cluster contradicts Spatial Vision</p>	<p>Cllr G Williams</p>	<p>Dry Street is designated as an Area of Special Reserve in the Basildon District Local Plan 1998. Consequently, this means the area is not designated as Green Belt and has been reserved for housing. The Planning Inspector for the examination in the Basildon District Local Plan 1998 concluded that Dry Street was an appropriate area for development. Option A of the Core Strategy focused development within the urban areas and subsequently this included the Dry Street Area (PADC10). It is noted that policy has changed since the designation of Dry Street in the Basildon District Local Plan 1998 and consideration should be given to its environmental status as a Local Wildlife Site. However, development should also be compliant with national</p>	<p>N/A</p>

		planning policy which requires Local Planning Authorities to objectively assess their housing need and ensure sustainable development. All these elements will be given consideration when the Core Strategy is revised.	
Spatial Vision meets economic, social and environmental aspects of sustainability. But very limited mention on transport so little connection with transport aspects of document. 'Prosperous and thriving' are not reflected in transport content of document and reference to sustainable transport should be in the 'More environmentally responsible and distinctive' part. Review to ensure clear links from evidence base, key drivers, spatial vision and strategic objectives to spatial strategy and supporting policies.	Essex County Council	<p>Noted. The role of the Council is to provide people with options and encourage sustainable travel. It cannot however, stop people from using cars but still have to cater for those who prefer and rely on personal transport and other road users. The Council must continue to work with Essex County Council as Highways Authority to understand the transport context of the Borough, and test the Core Strategy Options for their impact to determine appropriate mitigation.</p> <p>The Core Strategy needs to include appropriate testing of the options for a variety of infrastructure needs. This will need to be built into the preparation timescales for future iterations.</p> <p>Wording changes will be considered when the Core Strategy is revised.</p>	<p>Consider noting sustainable travel in the 'More environmentally responsible and distinctive'.</p> <p>The Council must continue to work with Essex County Council as Highways Authority to understand the transport context of the Borough, and test the Core Strategy Options for their impact to determine appropriate mitigation.</p>
Should include reference to Gypsy and Traveller need	Mrs A Kobayashi, Irish Traveller Movement in Britain	Noted. The Council have committed to undertake a comprehensive Gypsy & Traveller Local Needs Accommodation Assessment. The content of this study will inform revisions to the Core Strategy.	Undertake a Gypsy & Traveller Local Needs Accommodation Assessment and include reference to G & T in vision.
Are plans robust to deliver 4 town regeneration? Why are house numbers so high in all three options when we have little land and green belt to protect, growth should be at sustainable levels and infrastructure should be put in place before houses are built. Education is priority but need to overcome NEET /unskilled young people. Vision should be focused on primary education and early intervention projects as well as higher education. Should make it clear how going to meet localism agenda to improve communities life and engage in future. Core Strategy has not consulted with people as far too intellectual. Development in community capacity building is needed.	Cllr T Sargent	<p>Noted. The Government's National Planning Policy Framework makes it clear that Local Planning Authorities should positively seek opportunities to meet the development needs of the area, with sufficient flexibility to adapt to rapid change. The Government does not state that the South East cannot take any more development and encourages communities to accept growth through its NPPF.</p> <p>Policies in the Local Development Plan must be deliverable and the Council believe that a concentration on four town centres is not only deliverable but will have significant benefits for our economy and communities. The regeneration in the town centres will be balanced with the necessary infrastructure and this will be determined through discussions with developers during the application process.</p> <p>Educational consideration remains a key issue for the Borough and ensuring the Core Strategy includes viable options/policies for improving skills and increasing employability will remain in the document. The prospect of elaborating on the needs of primary education can be explored in discussions with the Education Authority who will be fundamental in ensuring the Basildon Core Strategy covers the necessary provisions for education.</p> <p>The Council have committed to undertaking a new employment land review which will inform the revisions of the Core Strategy and the rest of the LDF.</p> <p>Unfortunately the nature of the Core Strategy, which is a statutory requirement set by central Government, is that it</p>	<p>Consider wording which elaborates on 'all types of education' in the vision.</p> <p>Undertaken an up to date Employment Land study to inform the revisions of the Core Strategy.</p>

		includes extensive and detailed information. The document is also intended to be high-level which is subsequently elaborated on through other documents in the Local Development Plan of which the Core Strategy is the parent document. The document which will actually be adopted will be somewhat shorter and more focussed, but at the preferred options stage, which this consultation was on, significant detail is required to demonstrate the options being considered and their reasoning. Therefore, consultation at all stages remain important and should be undertaken with officers on hand to help explain the documents if needed. The Council feel that this has been done.	
PADC9 will contribute to the vision by creating high quality living environment, mix of size, tenure and open space.	Drivers Jonas Deloitte (on behalf of Bellway Homes)	Noted.	N/A
Specific reference to reducing risk of all forms of flooding is needed	Environment Agency	The Council have had regard to the Basildon Borough Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA, 2011) in determining its preferred option and will continue to do so in any future revisions and throughout the Local Development Plan process. The SFRA, alongside the National Planning Policy Framework highlight the importance of regard to flooding in an area. Direct mention of flooding has been identified in Strategic Objective 3 and Policy CS4.	Consider whether reference to flooding should be reworded and/or elaborated on within the vision.
Should be distributed to businesses, schools, voluntary and religious organisations to build community cohesion.	Rev J Maizel-Long	Noted. The Vision and full Core Strategy Preferred Options Report was widely distributed and published as part of the statutory consultation process. This included various businesses, religious and voluntary organisations as well as Essex County Council who is the education authority. All planning consultations comply with the Council's statutory Statement of Community Involvement 2011. This ensures that minimum consultation standards are met which are set by legislation, in addition to other standards the Council has agreed to locally. The Core Strategy Preferred Options consultation forms a key part of the development of the document and the Council recognises the importance of informing the Borough's residents, businesses and stakeholders.	The Council will look to improve its consultation
Emphasis that all new development should meet Code for Sustainable Homes Level 4 with a time scale to make level 5 the minimum standard	Mr J Washington	The planning system at the national level is undergoing reform through the introduction and adoption of the Localism Act 2011 and the National Planning Policy Framework. As such whilst the Code for Sustainable Homes (CFSH) still exists, there continues to be uncertainty in its mandatory status. The Council have not written a policy which is strictly related to the CFSH to prevent creating a policy which becomes ineffective should the CFSH be replaced or revoked. The Core Strategy can only set out what it can viably contribute to stemming the effects of Climate Change and this will be done through the relevant design policies.	Consider elaborating on low carbon technologies and how this will be implemented through policy.

Strategic Objectives

Q8 Do you agree with the Core Strategy's Preferred Strategic Objectives?

Q9 Are there any other Strategic Objectives which you think should be included?

134 comments were made on Question 8 and 9.

Strategic Objectives			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Actions
No comments	Mr R Lyon, Mrs S Bummet, Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families), One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd)	Noted.	N/A
Agree with Strategic Objectives	Mrs L Kelly, Dr T Nicklin, Miss E Lyon, Mr N Sumner, Mrs Beckinsales, Mrs Roberts, Mrs M Green, Mr J Lyon, Mr M Flack, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, BDSA, Homes and Communities Agency, Mr V Hudson, D2 Planning (on behalf of London and Cambridge Properties Ltd), Natural England, Mr A Peake, Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Mr P Ward, Norsey Wood Society, Mrs S Pullin, Billericay District Residents Association, Mr C Narrainen, Mark Jackson Planning (on behalf of Reliant Building Contractors Limited), Mark Jackson Planning (on behalf of Mr and Mrs Beckwith), Strutt and Parker, Essex County Council, Mr R Gray, Mrs T Gray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes), Drivers Jonas Deloitte (on behalf of Bellway Homes), Drivers Jonas Deloitte (on behalf of Ford Motor Company), GL Hearn (on behalf of Homes and Communities Agency, South Essex College and Basildon Borough Council), Environment Agency, Drivers Jonas Deloitte (on behalf of Universities Superannuation Scheme Ltd), Strutt and Parker (on behalf of Chelmsford Diocese Board of Finance and Mr J Howard), Mrs A Triston, Mr T Mortlock, Mrs C Foster, Mr B Foster, Rev J Maizel-Long, Miss S Barber, Ms H J Dyer, Mr M Bushell, Cllr J Devlin	Noted.	N/A
Will require commitment, investment and partnership approach to achieve Strategic Objectives	Shire Consulting (on behalf of Barclays Bank), Mr Beiley	Noted.	N/A
Wildlife Objective should be applicable to all new housing and landscaping should be considered to design out crime.	Mr Smart	Noted.	N/A
Option C is the only option that meets Strategic Objectives and helps to provide the infrastructure and services required for the Borough	Alan Pipe and Partners (on behalf of Mr B Stone)	Noted.	Select and option which achieves the vision, objectives and drivers set out by the Council.
Preferred Options does not meet Strategic Objectives and question their delivery. Strategic Objective to provide sufficient homes cannot be met under Preferred Option A. By not providing for need and putting the Green Belt first, there are negative social consequences, which do not comply with Strategic Objective 9 to enhance quality of life. Strategic Objectives 5 and 8 can also not be achieved under Option A. There is not enough land to achieve Strategic Objective 5. Need to reflect the National Planning Policy Framework.	Cirrus (on behalf of Gladedale Ltd and Gleeson Homes Ltd), Basildon Business Group, Mark Jackson Planning (on behalf of Reliant Building Contractors Limited), Mark Jackson Planning (on behalf of Mr and Mrs Beckwith), Strutt and Parker (on behalf of Pigeon Wickford Ltd), Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Martin Grant Homes), Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Permission Homes), Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes), Strutt and Parker (on behalf of Chelmsford Diocese Board of Finance and Mr J Howard), Mrs A Triston, Mr P Rackley, Colonnade Strategic LLP, Landon Regeneration LLP	Noted. The Government's National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) makes it clear that LPAs should positively seek opportunities to meet the development needs of the area, with sufficient flexibility to adapt to rapid change. One of the NPPF's Core Planning Principles is to meet objectively assessed need and respond positively to wider opportunities for growth. The NPPF also defines sustainable development as having three strands; economic, social and environment. The Core Strategy's Preferred Options Report placed greatest weight on the environmental role. The NPPF states that the economic,	Select and option which achieves the vision, objectives and drivers set out by the Council.

		social and environmental roles should not be undertaken in isolation, because they are mutually dependant. For these reasons, the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report must be revised to guide future development in a wholly sustainable manner.	
Weighting should be given to the Strategic Objectives	Strutt and Parker (on behalf of Pigeon Wickford Ltd), Edward Grittins and Associates (on behalf of Mr David Keeling, Strutt and Parker (on behalf of Chelmsford Diocese Board of Finance and Mr J Howard), Barton Wilmore (on behalf of Philip Jean Homes Ltd), Mr T Mortlock	Noted. Policies in the Core strategy should link back to the relevant Strategic Objectives, each of which must be covered in the drafting of policies. It is through the appropriate policies that weighting is attributed to the objectives of the plan.	Select an option which achieves the vision, objectives and drivers set out by the Council.
Strategic Objectives should be flexible	Mrs S Pullin	The topic papers produced to support the production of the Core Strategy were devised from information set out in varying evidence bases and demographic profiles for the area. The Drives For Change reflect the issues identified and are used to guide the Strategic objectives and policies of the Core Strategy. It is noted that this list may not be exhaustive and represents key objectives which will have indirect benefits across varying areas of community life. As such the Council feel that this list highlights key objectives but remains relatively flexible in impact and the Council will work towards general benefits in all areas for our economy and communities. The Council will have to demonstrate that there is flexibility in their Plan at the Examination in Public.	N/A
No sensible or nice objectives	Mrs Z Jeffers	The topic papers produced to support the production of the Core Strategy were devised from information set out in varying evidence bases and demographic profiles for the area. The Drives For Change reflect the issues identified and are used to guide the Strategic objectives and policies of the Core Strategy. It is noted that this list may not be exhaustive and represents key objectives which will have indirect benefits across varying areas of community life. As such the Council feel that this list highlights key objectives but remains relatively flexible in impact and the Council will work towards general benefits in all areas for our economy and communities	N/A
Are plans robust to deliver 4 town centre regeneration schemes? House numbers are too high in all three options when there is little land and green belt should be protected, growth should be at sustainable levels and infrastructure should be put in place before houses are built. Education is priority.	Cllr T Sargent	Noted. The Government's National Planning Policy Framework makes it clear that Local Planning Authorities should positively seek opportunities to meet the development needs of the area, with sufficient flexibility to adapt to rapid change. The Government does not state that the South East cannot take any more development and encourages communities to accept growth through its NPPF. Policies in the Local Development Plan must be deliverable and the Council believe that a concentration on four town centres is not only deliverable but will have significant benefits for our economy and communities. The regeneration in the town centres will be balanced with the necessary infrastructure and this will be determined through discussions with developers during the application process. Educational consideration remains a key issue for the Borough and ensuring the Core Strategy includes viable options/policies for improving skills and increasing employability will remain in the document. The prospect of	N/A

		elaborating on the needs of primary education can be explored in discussions with the Education Authority who will be fundamental in ensuring the Basildon Core Strategy covers the necessary provisions for education.	
Strategic Objectives do not reflect what is happening on the ground. Leisure facilities and open spaces are being destroyed, poor quality housing, no service provision with lack of consultation.	Mrs M Heppell	<p>Noted. By considering options the Council can determine the most sustainable and beneficial areas for growth and development and weigh up the pro's and con's for the entire borough. Through the use of the Council's evidence bases, the Council will seek to protect the most valued open spaces and parks for the long-term and deliver quality housing as and where it is needed.</p> <p>Assessments into the quality and quantity of open spaces have been carried out on the Borough as part of the PPG17 assessment methodology endorsed by Cabinet. The Council applies open space standards to the Borough ensuring that appropriate level and quality of open space is available for residents.</p> <p>Design policies regarding sustainability, designing out crime, quality of housing and encouraging community facilities will be an important part of the Core Strategy. Policies CS2, 5, 8 and 9 will be important in achieving these factors and may be expanded upon through Development Management Policies in a later document.</p>	N/A
Nothing on how objectives will be achieved, raises questions about how support teachers, bullying, encourage students, improve access, tackle anti-social behaviour, ensure good quality health, education, design out crime, encourage community involvement?	Miss Missing	The Core Strategy and the Planning System can only do so much and is a part of the wider delivery mechanisms for the Councils improvement agenda. The Council will continue to work with their delivery partners. Design policies regarding sustainability, designing out crime and encouraging community facilities will be an important part of the Core Strategy. Policies CS2, 5, 8 and 9 will be important in achieving these factors and may be expanded upon through Development Management Policies in a later document.	Continue to work with partners. Consider expanding upon appropriate design policies both in the Core Strategy and through the Development Management Policies Development Plan Document.
SPECIFIC STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES			
Add 'increase' before protect, conserve and positively manage the Borough's biodiversity	Mr N Sumner	Noted.	Add the word 'increase' into SO1 at the appropriate location.
Significant reduction from Regional Spatial Strategy housing figure (which is still valid) and National Planning Policy Framework states housing needs should be met.	Homes and Communities Agency, Barton Wilmore (on behalf of Philip Jean Homes Ltd)	<p>Noted. The Government's National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) makes it clear that LPAs should positively seek opportunities to meet the development needs of the area, with sufficient flexibility to adapt to rapid change. One of the NPPF's Core Planning Principles is to meet objectively assessed need and respond positively to wider opportunities for growth.</p> <p>The NPPF also defines sustainable development as having three strands; economic, social and environment. The Core Strategy's Preferred Options Report placed greatest weight on the environmental role. The NPPF states that the economic, social and environmental roles should not be undertaken in isolation, because they are mutually dependant. For these reasons, the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report must be revised to guide future development in a wholly sustainable manner.</p>	Select an option which better achieves the vision, objectives and drivers set out by the Council and as supported by relevant evidence and guidance.

		The Council will revise its Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and use its Evidence Base to inform the scale and distribution of development needs over the next twenty years.	
Evidence base should be robust enough to stand up to challenge	Homes and Communities Agency	Noted. The Council have committed to carry out additional studies such as the Strategic Housing Market Assessment, an Employment Land Review, a Gypsy & Traveller Local Needs Accommodation Assessment and a landscape study. All these studies alongside new national planning reforms (such as the National Planning Policy Framework), Government initiatives, regulations, legislation and the Core Strategy consultation responses will be used in the revision of the Core Strategy.	Ensure that the Core Strategy reflects the evidence base.
PADC10 contradicts Strategic Objectives 1 and 2 about protecting landscape, biodiversity, countryside and habitats	Mr and Mrs Nice, Cllr G Williams	Dry Street is designated as an Area of Special Reserve in the Basildon District Local Plan 1998. Consequently, this means the area is not designated as Green Belt and has been reserved for housing. The Planning Inspector for the examination in the Basildon District Local Plan 1998 concluded that Dry Street was an appropriate area for development. Option A of the Core Strategy focused development within the urban areas and subsequently this included the Dry Street Area (PADC10). It is noted that policy has changed since the designation of Dry Street in the Basildon District Local Plan 1998 and consideration should be given to its environmental status as a Local Wildlife Site. However, development should also be compliant with national planning policy which requires Local Planning Authorities to objectively assess their housing need and ensure sustainable development. All these elements will be given consideration when the Core Strategy is revised.	N/A
Development will cause traffic congestion and pollution, which contradicts Strategic Objective 19 as well as other objectives due to limited room.	Mr and Mrs Nice, Mr C Mullet	The Council will continue to work with Essex County Council as the Highways Authority to understand the transport context of the Borough, and test the Core Strategy Options for their impact to determine appropriate mitigation. Highways will be consulted and their comments will be considered in the determination of a planning application. The Core Strategy does need to include appropriate testing of the options for a variety of infrastructure needs. This will need to be built into the preparation timescales for future iterations. Any wording changes will be included when the Core Strategy is revised.	The Council will work with Essex County Council and relevant service providers to identify the impacts of growth in the Borough on its service areas.
No explanation of cultural facilities in document but are mentioned in Strategic Objectives 8 and 9, Spatial Vision. Distinction between cultural facilities and cultural assets should be made in Strategic Objectives 7, 8 and 9.	Theatres Trust	Noted.	Elaborate on cultural facilities through the revisions to the Core Strategy.
Strategic Objective 4 to include town centres (as in the NPPF)	Theatres Trust	The Core Strategy must be in conformity with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and its content. Once adopted the Core Strategy will function alongside the NPPF and therefore the role of town centres set out in the NPPF will	N/A

		be inherent.	
Strategic Objective 9 should reference importance of ensuring natural environment is accessible for promotion of health and well-being.	Natural England	Noted.	Consider including the reference to the importance of ensuring the natural environment is accessible for the promotion of health.
Strategic Objective 5 should emphasis re-using industrial sites and brownfield first approach.	Campaign to Protect Rural England	Noted.	Consider making reference to the possibility of re-using land for employment purposes.
Strategic Objective 6 should be limited to Option A.	Campaign to Protect Rural England	Noted. The Government's National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) makes it clear that LPAs should positively seek opportunities to meet the development needs of the area, with sufficient flexibility to adapt to rapid change. One of the NPPF's Core Planning Principles is to meet objectively assessed need and respond positively to wider opportunities for growth. The NPPF also defines sustainable development as having three strands; economic, social and environment. The Core Strategy's Preferred Options Report placed greatest weight on the environmental role. The NPPF states that the economic, social and environmental roles should not be undertaken in isolation, because they are mutually dependant. For these reasons, the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report must be revised to guide future development in a wholly sustainable manner.	The Council will revise its Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and use its Evidence Base to inform the scale and distribution of development needs over the next twenty years.
Separate landscape and character to emphasis their importance	Campaign to Protect Rural England	The Council believe that both landscape and character are important and can be viewed independently. However, it does not feel that Strategic Objective 1, as it has been written, undermines this.	N/A
Conflict between Strategic Objective 2 (safeguarding Green Belt) and Strategic Objective 6 (achieving prosperity and housing). Should protect Green Belt where it is not required for housing	Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes)	The Green Belt is a national designation and an area covered by national planning policy. The Local planning authority have the responsibility to ensure that the Green Belt boundaries are robust and for the long-term. Consequently, the Council have committed to revisit their Green Belt study so that the Borough's green belt can be understood further and assessed to establish if and where areas continue to serve the 5 purposes set out in the NPPF.	Revisit the Green Belt Study and use to inform the Core Strategy.
Clarification on what 'providing enough land and suitable locations' means.	Mr P Ward	Noted. The amount of land needed can only be determined in line with a proposed housing/employment figure. Once the Council determine how much land is required know then they have to identify the location of this land. The purpose of the Core Strategy preferred options is to provide these figures and possible locations in the form of options. These were presented as options A-C in the document. The role of the Core Strategy is to set high level policy and highlight strategic sites in the best locations which could be developed to fulfil the housing and employment requirements. 'Suitable location' relates to sites which could be appropriate taking into consideration things like transport access and environmental impact etc. Not all sites submitted to the Council for consideration are suitable and this is subject to a process of careful and in-depth consideration based on	N/A

		information from evidence based studies.	
Strategic Objective 8 should ensure 'local' access to help reduce effects of climate change as encourage people to travel sustainability.	Mr P Ward	<p>Noted. However, the role of the Council is to provide people with options and encourage sustainable travel. It cannot however, stop people from using cars but still have to cater for those who prefer and rely on personal transport and other road users.</p> <p>The Council must continue to work with Essex County Council as Highways Authority to understand the transport context of the Borough, and test the Core Strategy Options for their impact to determine appropriate mitigation.</p> <p>The Core Strategy needs to include appropriate testing of the options for a variety of infrastructure needs. This will need to be built into the preparation timescales for future iterations.</p>	<p>Consider whether inserting 'local access' into SO8 is appropriate.</p> <p>The Council will work with Essex County Council and relevant service providers to identify the impacts of growth in the Borough on its service areas.</p>
Strategic Objective 2 should include limited infilling within suitable areas of plotlands.	Mr M Manns	<p>Noted. Plotlands currently lie within the green belt and there is a presumption, both nationally and locally, against development in the green belt. In order for plotland development to take place, the Council will need to review its approach towards the green belt and be informed by robust evidence. The preferred option A presented in the Core Strategy does not support green belt development and therefore is not appropriate in the Spatial Vision.</p> <p>The NPPF places greater emphasis on local areas making local planning policy choices for the future. The Core Strategy presents the opportunity to appraise whether any development could be accommodated in them as part of the Borough's future growth.</p> <p>The Green Belt is a national designation and an area covered by national planning policy. The Local planning authority have the responsibility to ensure that the Green Belt boundaries are robust and for the long-term. Consequently, the Council have committed to revisit their Green Belt study so that the Borough's green belt can be understood further and assessed to establish if and where areas continue to serve the 5 purposes set out in the NPPF.</p>	<p>The Council should consider the potential for the Borough's Plotlands to contribute to residential land supply and environmental enhancement through the process of infilling as stated possible in Paragraph 89 of the NPPF. This will need to be supported by the evidence base and there is a need to revisit the Green belt study.</p>
Insert 'and historic' into Strategic Objective 1 between 'built environment' to recognise contribution to Borough's character made by historic environment. Provision and improvement of safe walking and cycle routes to be included in SO8, 9 and 10.	Essex County Council	Noted.	Insert a reference to the historic environment into the appropriate Spatial Objective.
Include education in Strategic Objective 4 and Strategic Objective 6 should include 'allocate suitable land for new housing'.	GL Hearn (on behalf of Homes and Communities Agency, South Essex College and Basildon Borough Council)	Noted.	<p>Consider having regard to 'education' into Strategic Objective 4.</p> <p>Insert 'allocate suitable land for new housing' into Strategic Objective 6.</p>
SO3 is missing improving water quality; efficient use of resources during construction, occupation and demolition. SO3 should clarify and be positively word that people ARE protected from ALL forms of flooding. SO10 does not refer waste water infrastructure and	Environment Agency	Noted. Matters of water and resource efficiency are important to the Council and will be regarded accordingly through the development plan process. Policy CS4 has been provided for the benefit of flood mitigation and water management.	Consider including reference to 'improving water quality' in Strategic Objective 3 and elaborate on matters of efficiency where appropriate. It

evidence shows upgrades are needed.			<p>may be more appropriate to consider efficiencies of construction and demolition, in another section of the Core Strategy or in an alternative document such as the Development Management policies DPD.</p> <p>Have regard to waste water in the appropriate Strategic Objective.</p>
Too much focus on green belt rather than green spaces in Strategic Objective 2 and need to be more proactive rather than waiting for market under Strategic Objective 4.	Mr P Rackley	<p>Noted. Whilst it is agreed that there is an emphasis on Green Belt in SO2, the Green Belt represents a key consideration for Basildon Borough Council and it is appropriate for it to be a separate Strategic Objective.</p> <p>Clarification is required to what is meant by 'green land'. Assessments into the quality and quantity of open spaces have been carried out on the Borough as part of the PPG17 assessment methodology endorsed by Cabinet. The Council applies open space standards to the Borough ensuring that appropriate level and quality of open space is available for residents. Policy CS1 makes reference to PPG17 assessment standards but clarification on this can be sought when the Core Strategy is revised.</p>	<p>Expand on the importance of green spaces and recreation grounds in the appropriate Strategic Objective.</p> <p>Wording changes to clarify PPG17 standards are used in Policy CS1.</p>
S07 is not practical; there is a need to concentrate on business.	Mr C Mullett	<p>The role of tourism is considered to be a valued facet of the economy and therefore should not be ignored by the Council. Business and the economy remain a central concern to the Borough but is not just restricted to manufacturing, offices and logistics etc. Furthermore, the role of tourism is championed by the National Planning Policy Framework as a way to support rural economies and town centres.</p> <p>Basildon Borough has a strong trend of business tourists from those visiting the borough for meetings and business related activities. This is something that should be encouraged.</p>	N/A

Additional Strategic Objectives			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Actions
No comments	Mrs S Bummet, Billericay Town Council, Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families), One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd)	Noted.	N/A
No other Strategic Objectives to be included as good range.	Mrs L Kelly, Mr N Sumner, Mr M Flack, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, BDSA, Natural England, Campaign to Protect Rural England, Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes) , Mr M Manns, Billericay District Residents Association, Billericay Town Council, Mr C Narrainen, Basildon Business Group, Mrs A Triston, Colonnade Strategic Ltd, Laindon Regeneration LLP, Cllr J Devlin	Noted.	N/A
Accommodation of a rapidly growing population and the need to use evidence base to ensure full requirements of market and affordable homes are met.	Miss E Lyon, Mrs Beckinsales, Mr J Lyon, Mrs G Trivett, Mr J Lyon, Barton Wilmore (on behalf of Philip Jean Homes Ltd)	The Council consider this to be an important consideration for the Core Strategy and that is why the Strategic Objective 'Housing for all' covers this. The detail is more appropriately located within the most sustainable Option for growth and an appropriate housing and design policy.	N/A

High quality housing with gardens sourced from sustainable sourced materials with good thermal/sound insulation. Housing should reflect all members of communities.	Miss E Lyon, Mr Benton, Mr Smart, Mrs Beckinsales, Mr R Lyon, Mr A Lyon, Mrs M Green, Mr S Lyon, Mr J Lyon, Mrs T Burton, Mrs B Wade, Mrs G Trivett, Mr R Gray, Mrs T Gray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, Mr J Lyon, Mr M Adams, Ms H J Dyer	The Council consider this to be an important consideration for the Core Strategy and that is why the Strategic Objective 'Housing for all' covers this. The detail is more appropriately located within an appropriate housing and sustainable design policy.	N/A
Green Belt review is required to ensure green belt (of poor quality) is released to accommodate growth and protect valuable areas of Green Belt.	Miss E Lyon, Mrs Beckinsales, Mrs N Lyon, Mr A Lyon, Mr S Lyon, Cirrus (on behalf of Gladedale Ltd and Gleeson Homes Ltd), Cllr G Williams, Mr R Gray Mrs T Gray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, Barton Wilmore (on behalf of Philip Jean Homes Ltd), Colonnade Strategic LLP	Noted. The Council have committed to revising their Green Belt Study to advise the future drafts of the Core Strategy and plan making process.	Revisit the Green Belt Study to inform the Core Strategy.
Development should not be allowed on Green Belt. Green Belt should be protected and managed.	Mr Beiley, Mr S Simmons, Mrs C Foster	The Green Belt is a national designation and an area covered by national planning policy. The Local planning authority have the responsibility to ensure that the Green Belt boundaries are robust and for the long-term. Consequently, the Council have committed to revisit their Green Belt study so that the Borough's green belt can be understood further and assessed to establish if and where areas continue to serve the 5 purposes set out in the NPPF.	Revisit the Green Belt Study to inform the Core Strategy.
Planning consent should be retrospective	Mr Beiley	All planning permissions should be lawfully obtained ahead of development in accordance with the legislation set out in the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 which the Council and prospective applicants are duty bound to comply with. Assessing applications for planning permission ahead of development enables the Council to manage development. Retrospective applications and/or those without permission could be subject to action in line with the Councils enforcement policies.	N/A
Protect River Crouch	Mr Beiley	Noted.	Consider whether there is a need to expand on detail relating to the River Crouch.
Should maximise what the developer should do, including provision of integral nest boxes.	Mr Smart	Noted. Individual design aspects and requirements of developers who undertake building work is considered through policy CS2 – Design and the Built Environment. Further design matters will also be determined in discussion with applicants and detail provided in the Development Management Development Plan Document.	Design details to be considered in the Development Management DPD.
Stop building on green space	Mrs N Lyon, Mrs S Simmons	Noted. Clarification is required to what is meant by 'green space'. Assessments into the quality and quantity of open spaces have been carried out on the Borough as part of the PPG17 assessment methodology endorsed by Cabinet. The Council applies open space standards to the Borough ensuring that appropriate level and quality of open space is available for residents. Policy CS1 makes reference to PPG17 assessment standards but clarification on this can be sought when the Core Strategy is revised. If this is applicable to Green Belt, then the Green Belt is a national designation and an area covered by national planning policy. The Local planning authority have the responsibility to ensure that the Green Belt boundaries are robust and for the long-term. Consequently, the Council have committed to revisit their Green Belt study so that the Borough's green belt can be understood further and assessed to establish if and where areas continue to serve the 5 purposes set out in the	Wording changes to clarify PPG17 standards are used in Policy CS1. Revisit the Green Belt study and use to inform the Core Strategy

		NPPF.	
Need to build out of town centres to support healthier lifestyles, improve quality of life, and reduce congestion and overcrowding.	Miss E Lyon, Mrs Beckinsales, Mr R Lyon, Mrs M Green, Mr S Lyon, Mr J Lyon, Mrs G Trivett	The National Planning Policy Framework requires the Council to show that the sequential approach has been taken. This requires that the town centres are recognised as the heart of the communities and considered first for development opportunities. Residential development can play an important role in ensuring town centres viability and vitality. Only if suitable sites are not available should out of centre sites be considered.	N/A
Travellers should be able to live on Dale Farm	Mrs Z Jeffers	The Council have committed to undertake a comprehensive Gypsy & Traveller Local Needs Accommodation Assessment. The content of this study will inform revisions to the Core Strategy. This will be utilised to inform any future allocations for traveller accommodation in the most appropriate locations.	Undertake a Gypsy & Traveller Local Needs Accommodation Assessment.
Ensure there is space for people to live and exercise with good transport links to encourage walking and cycling, which will promote civic pride, reduce emissions and build communities.	Mrs Z Jeffers, Mr M Adams, Mr B Foster, Ms H J Dyer	Noted. It is the Council's intention to offer sustainable travel opportunities and improve quality of life. These are expressed through the Vision and the Strategic Objectives set out in the Core Strategy.	N/A
Treat everyone fairly	Mrs Z Jeffers	Noted.	N/A
Reduce electricity wastage, eliminate wastage in public buildings, reduce street lighting and ensure lower heating levels in stores	Mrs V Hudson	The Core Strategy can only set out what it can viably contribute to stemming the effects of Climate Change and this will be done through the relevant design policies.	Consider elaborating on low carbon technologies and how this will be implemented through policy.
Design should be considered	Mrs T Burton, Mr R Gray, Mrs T Gray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray	Design aspects and required of developers who undertake building work and this is considered, in the main, through policy CS2 – Design and the Built Environment. Further design matters will also be determined in discussion with applicants. The Development Management Policies DPD will also play a role in determining design policy.	N/A
Should reference allotments	Mrs S Pullin	Noted. Allotments are the responsibility of Parish Council but the Core Strategy can provide clarification in a Core Strategy policy when the Core Strategy is revised.	Consider the role of allotments for the Borough and include a necessary reference to them where necessary in the Core Strategy.
Need to address NEET /unskilled young people. Should make it clear how going to meet localism agenda to improve communities life and engage in future.	Cllr T Sargent	Educational consideration remains a key issue for the Borough and ensuring the Core Strategy includes viable options/policies for improving skills and increasing employability will remain in the document.	N/A
Reduce out-commuting and should reference growth in relation to Thames Gateway	Barton Wilmore (on behalf of Philip Jean Homes Ltd)	Noted. Policy CS7 Economic Growth identifies the Boroughs relationship within the Thames Gateway. In terms of housing growth, however, there is little information and the Council will seek to consider reference to this.	Consider implications of the Thames Gateway and growth requirements on the Gateway. Include references and have regard in the Core Strategy where appropriate.
Need to recognise technological advance and changing in buying	Mr P Rackley	The role of online business and retail, along with a change in business practices is important to the Council. Traditional high street retailing continues to play a key role in both the leisure activities of the borough and its economy. The future of business and retailing is changing and this needs to be addressed. The Council have committed to undertaking an up to date Employment Land review which will assess the economic	Undertake an up to date Employment Land and Premises Review to inform the revisions of the Core Strategy.

		state of the borough, consider how change in practice should be considered and what our potential is as an economic hub.	
Should add social and community cohesion as do not mention about rapidly growing ethnic diversity. Encouraging good feeling about diversity will be a good thing	Rev J Maizel-Long	Demographic analysis will be considered throughout the production of the Core Strategy and subsequent policy documents produced by the Council. Where there is an evidence based need to make provision for growing ethnic diversity, this will be accounted for.	Continue to analyse population demographics and make appropriate provisions where necessary.
Need to increase housing density in urban area to achieve objectives	Mr C Mullett	Noted. Due to the Central Government Planning Reforms, a minimum density of homes per hectare has been removed and the responsibility to determine this has been passed back to the Local Planning Authority. The Council will do this in discussions with applicants and will make sure that any permitted densities are both viable and sustainable for developers and residents alike.	N/A
The need to plant more trees should be recognised	Mr M Flack	Policy CS2 Design and the Built Environment have regard to the role of landscaping in development. Design factors will also be considered in later policy documents such as Development Management Policies DPD and determined through individual planning applications.	N/A

The Options

Q10 Which Option do you think best reflects the challenges facing the Borough?

Q11 Are there any options or combinations of options which you think the Council has failed to consider?

Q12 Do you think these options reflect the findings of the SA/SEA and HRA Reports?

Q13 Do you agree that this should be the Council's Preferred Option? Please explain your answer.

Q14 If you do not agree, what would be your Preferred Option? Please explain your answer

Q15 Do you think the Preferred Options reflects the findings of the SA/SEA,HRA and SIA reports?

615 comments on Questions 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15

The Options			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Actions
None of the options as 6,500 homes is too many. South East cannot take any more development and development will not contribute vibrant communities. Option A is the least detrimental.	Mrs Z Jeffers, Mr S King, Mrs A Armfield, Mrs J Green, Mr R Green, Mr J E M Lee, Mr P Carless, Mr M Hughes, Mr and Mrs Waylett, Mr and Mrs McCreedy, Mr D Parrott, Mrs J Partner, Mrs M Heppell, Mr and Mrs Smith, G Avart, Mr B Belcher, Mr D Salt	Noted. The Government's National Planning Policy Framework makes it clear that Local Planning Authorities should positively seek opportunities to meet the development needs of the area, with sufficient flexibility to adapt to rapid change. The Government does not state that the South East cannot take any more development and encourages communities to accept growth through its NPPF.	N/A
Option A as green belt protects character of area and developments should use brownfield first. Option A creates least disturbance and respects ecology and wildlife. Option A strikes a balance between green space, businesses and housing. Allows for habitat creations, prevents flooding and rainfall to be absorbed. Moving allotments would increase the use of the car. Infrastructure and services are already at capacity. Losing green belt would cause towns to merge.	Mrs L Kelly, Great Burstead and South Green Village, Dr T Nicklin, Mr and Mrs Marshall, Mr Smart, Mr N Sumner, Mrs C Wennell, Mr Capes, Mr J J Hurrell, Mayflower Archers, Mr M Flack, Mr C Parrott, M Wharton, Mr A and Mrs S Carter, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, Mrs C Pratley, Billericay District Residents Association, Mrs M Bloom, Mr B Ferguson, Mrs Hudson, Shotgate Parish Council, Mr B and Mrs D Hall, Ms J Goodey, Mr and Mrs R Stew, Mrs F Smith, Mr and Mrs Williams, Mr K Wildman, Mrs M Porter, Mr L Defoe, Mr M Reeves, Mrs M Larkin, Mr and Mrs Coxhead, Mr and Mrs Cragg, Mrs M Gray, Mrs L Scates, Mr R Scates, Mrs T Burton, Mrs S Bummet, Mrs B Wade, Campaign to Protect Rural England, Mr A Peake, Mr R Zeffie, Mrs L Zeffie, Mr T Thorne, Mrs S Randall, Mrs S McCornack, Mrs S Lack, Mrs G White, Mr and Mrs Washington, Mr P Hudson, Mrs R Stevens, Mr P Ward, S and B Jackson, Mr C Capon, Mrs P Capon, Mr O Capon, Mr A Capon, Mr J Capon, Norsey Wood Society, Mrs J Lorton, Mrs A Lamb, Mrs S Pullin, D.J and C.M Brooks, Mr and Mrs Clarke, Mr J Hyslop, Mrs C Hyslop, Mrs J Penny, Mr and Mrs Acton, Mr and Mrs Sullivan, Billericay Town Council, T.J White, Mr and Mrs Zammit, Mr G Horgan, Mr D Smith, Mr R Reeves, Mr K Moody, Mr D McCornack, Mr and Mrs Edmonson, Mrs S Goody, Mr R Verlander, Mr C Morris, Mr and Mrs Bromley, K Beston, Mrs G Atkins, Mr R Lazarus, Mrs K Lamb, Mr S Simmons, Mrs V Atkins, Mrs S Atkins, Mrs J Atkins, Cllr T Sargent, Mrs D Packer, B Vickers, Mr and Mrs Jackson, Mr and Mrs C F Evans, Mr and Mrs Daffin, Mr and Mrs Moshseni, Mrs V Hutchings, Mr and Mrs Hutchings, Mr and Mrs Beesley, Mr A Henderson, Mrs C Norris, Mr R Smillie, Little Burstead Parish Council, Mr and Mrs Spooner, G	Noted. The Government's NPPF makes it clear that LPAs should positively seek opportunities to meet the development needs of the area, with sufficient flexibility to adapt to rapid change. One of the NPPF's Core Planning Principles is to ensure that every effort has been made to objectively identify and then meet the housing, business and other development needs of an area and respond positively to wider opportunities for growth. The Core Strategy's Preferred Options Report placed greatest weight on the environmental role of the planning system in securing sustainable development. The NPPF states that the economic, social and environmental roles should not be undertaken in isolation, because they are mutually dependant. For these reasons, the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report must be revised to guide future development in a wholly sustainable manner.	The Council will revise its Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and use its Evidence Base to inform the scale and distribution of development needs over the next twenty years.

	A Wiggins, Mr J Ward, Mrs B McMillian, Mrs A Triston, Mr T Mortlock, Mr C Foster, Mr B Foster, Mrs J Addicott, Mrs D Dunne, Mr D Dear, Mrs M Dear, Rev J Maizel-Long, Mr N Lamb, Ramsden Bellhouse Parish Council, Mrs D Cundy, Mr S Allen, Mr R Masters, Mr A Cundy, Mr C Mullett, Mrs G Gaynor, Mr M Manning, Mr B Hyland, Mr D Harrison, Mr G Townsend, Mr T Knight, Hughes, Cllr J Devlin		
Would like a special development policy for infilling in the plotlands. This would make the area tidier and safer and provide opportunities. Some plotlands would provide for executive or larger homes. Would assist in meeting the three principles of sustainability.	Mrs C Pratley, Ms J Goodey, Mr and Mrs Williams, Mrs M Larkin, Mr C Hill, Mr C Larkin, Mr and Mrs Coxhead, Mr and Mrs Cragg, Mrs L Scates, Mr R Scates, Mr D A Bannister, Mr G Gorham, Mr and Mrs Casey, Mrs R Stevens, Mr M Manns, Mrs J Green, D.J and C.M Brooks, Mr and Mrs Clarke, Mr J Hyslop, Mrs C Hyslop, Mrs D Neil, E M Payne, Ilfracombe Avenue, Mr and Mrs Scates, Mr and Mrs Zammit, Mr C Morris, Mr and Mrs Bromley, D Parry, Mr and Mrs Reeve, Mark Jackson Planning (on behalf of Mr and Mrs Beckwith), Cllr T Sargent, Mrs D Packer, B Vickers, Mr and Mrs Jackson, Mr and Mrs C F Evans, Mr and Mrs Daffin, Mr and Mrs Mosheni, Mrs V Hutchings, Mr and Mrs Hutchings, Mr R Bray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, Mrs C Norris, Mr R Smillie, Mr G Brewster, Little Burstead Parish Council, Mr and Mrs Spooner, Mr C Wheatley, G A Wiggins, Mr D Best,	Noted. The NPPF places greater emphasis on local areas making local planning policy choices for the future. Plotlands currently lie within the green belt and there is a presumption, both nationally and locally, against development in the green belt. In order for plotland development to take place, the Council will need to review its approach towards the green belt and be informed by robust evidence. The preferred option A presented in the Core Strategy does not support green belt development and therefore is not appropriate in the Spatial Vision. The NPPF places greater emphasis on local areas making local planning policy choices for the future. The Core Strategy presents the opportunity to appraise whether any development could be accommodated in them as part of the Borough's future growth.	The Council should consider the potential for the Borough's Plotlands to contribute to residential land supply and environmental enhancement through the process of infilling as stated possible in Paragraph 89 of the NPPF. This will need to be supported by the evidence base and there is a need to revisit the Green belt study.
Supports general approach outlined as welcome opportunities such as town centre regeneration and recognises changing demographics. However, to maintain a strong green belt, flexible and proactive approach to removing barriers to development is required. There is a need for robust evidence to meet challenge for 6,500 homes.	Homes and Communities Agency	Noted.	The Council should review the robustness and suitability of its Evidence Base.
Option A focuses on environmental enhancement, habitat restoration and recreation (which is supported) but allocates the Nethermayne Cluster as an area for development, which will destroy habitats and cover green spaces.	Mrs J Cole, Mrs J Millwood, Essex Wildlife Trust, Natural England, Mrs Purser, Campaign to Protect Rural England, Mr M Manns, Mr and Mrs Shadrake	Noted. Dry Street is designated as an Area of Special Reserve in the Basildon District Local Plan 1998. Consequently, this means the area is not designated as Green Belt and has been reserved for housing. The Planning Inspector for the examination in the Basildon District Local Plan 1998 concluded that Dry Street was an appropriate area for development. Option A of the Core Strategy focused development within the urban areas and subsequently this included the Dry Street Area (PADC10). It is noted that policy has changed since the designation of Dry Street in the Basildon District Local Plan 1998 and consideration should be given to its environmental status as a Local Wildlife Site. However, development should also be compliant with national planning policy which requires Local Planning Authorities to objectively assess their housing need and ensure sustainable development. All these elements will be given consideration when the Core Strategy is revised.	The Council should clarify whether the Nethermayne Cluster remains an appropriate area for development in the next draft of the Core Strategy.
Options A would not meet need and cause Basildon to stagnate. Should provide a flexible approach for employment and housing. Option A does not accord with Government's agendas and policies, including the National Planning Policy Framework. Option A will not meet objectives or vision, will not achieve broad range of housing, will not provide affordable homes as identified	Mr Beiley, Mrs M Green, Mr G Rudkins, Alan Pipe and Partners (on behalf of Mr B Stone), Mrs T Burton, Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Mr R Vince, Cirrus (on behalf of Gladedale Ltd and Gleeson Homes Ltd), MatPlan Limited (on behalf of Millwood Designer Homes Ltd), Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families), Home Building Federation, (on behalf of Cogent Land LLP), Basildon	Noted. The Government's NPPF makes it clear that LPAs should positively seek opportunities to meet the development needs of the area, with sufficient flexibility to adapt to rapid change. One of the NPPF's Core Planning Principles is to ensure that every effort has been made to objectively identify and then meet the housing, business and other development needs of an area and respond positively to wider opportunities	Change Core Strategy. The Council should revise its Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and use its Evidence Base to inform the scale and distribution of development

<p>in the Strategic Housing Market Assessment, improve skills base, reduce in-commuting, improve spending power and create thriving town centres. Option A will not provide for economic needs and will not be able to retain business and contrary to regional policies. Consultation has been wasted opportunity as unrealistic option chosen and methodology is flawed in its assumptions. Uncertain about delivery of all sites put forward under Option A; it would mean all urban sites in the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment would have to come forward and appears to be some double counting, evidence bases (economic development topic paper, Strategic Housing Review 2007) states there is limited land available for development in the urban areas. Option A only provides for a third of projections and is not in compliance with Sustainable Community Plan, its Sustainability Appraisal or recognised economic hub. No consideration for Thames Gateway. Reliance on brownfield sites is risky as sites can be complex, unviable and take a long time to remediate. Option A does not provide for long term green belt boundaries and will risk ad-hoc developments in green belt as not providing for future.</p>	<p>Business Group, Icen Projects (on behalf of Lakehouse), Mark Jackson Planning (on behalf of Reliant Building Contractors Limited), JB Planning Associates Ltd (on behalf of Gleeson Homes Ltd), Mark Jackson Planning (on behalf of and Mrs Beckwith), Strutt and Parker (on behalf of Pigeon Wickford Ltd), Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Martin Grant Homes), Edward Grittins & Associates (on behalf of Mr David Keeling), Martin Robeson Planning Practice (on behalf of Hartsfield Developments Ltd), Essex County Council, Mrs A Kobayashi, JB Planning Associates Ltd (on behalf of Gleeson Strategic Land Ltd), One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd), Mr R Bray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Permission Homes), Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes), Mrs M Heppell, Barton Wilmore (on behalf of Philip Jean Homes Ltd), Irish Traveller Movement in Britain, Mr R J French, Mr N Lambert, Mr B Foster, Mr P Rackley, Mr G French, Croudace Strategic (on behalf of Ms A Walker), Smart Planning Limited, Colonnade Strategic LLP, Laindon Regeneration LLP, The JTS Partnership (Mr M Driscoll), Chelmsford Borough Council, Countryside Properties (on behalf of Mr R Thomas), Mrs C Rowe, Rochford District Council</p>	<p>for growth. The Core Strategy's Preferred Options Report placed greatest weight on the environmental role of the planning system in securing sustainable development. The NPPF states that the economic, social and environmental roles should not be undertaken in isolation, because they are mutually dependant.</p> <p>For these reasons, the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report must be revised to guide future development in a wholly sustainable manner.</p> <p>Policy CS7 Economic Growth identifies the Boroughs relationship within the Thames Gateway. In terms of housing growth, however, there is little information and the Council will seek to consider reference to this.</p>	<p>needs over the next twenty years.</p> <p>Consider implications of the Thames Gateway and growth requirements on the Gateway. Include references and have regard in the Core Strategy where appropriate.</p>
<p>Option B may be acceptable but sites should be sensitively designed and carefully monitored.</p>	<p>Miss L Nicholls, Mr A Mower, Mrs S Bummer, Mr M Manns, Mr C Narrainen, Mark Jackson Planning (on behalf of Reliant Building Contractors Limited), Mr M Hewitt, Mr C Wheatley, Strutt and Parker (on behalf of Chelmsford Diocese Board of Finance and Mr J Howard), Mr N Lambert, Mr D Best, Mr G French, Smart Planning Limited, The JTS Partnership (Mr M Driscoll), Chelmsford Borough Council, Countryside Properties (on behalf of Mr R Thomas), Rochford District Council</p>	<p>Noted. The Government's NPPF makes it clear that LPAs should positively seek opportunities to meet the development needs of the area, with sufficient flexibility to adapt to rapid change. One of the NPPF's Core Planning Principles is to ensure that every effort has been made to objectively identify and then meet the housing, business and other development needs of an area and respond positively to wider opportunities for growth. The Core Strategy's Preferred Options Report placed greatest weight on the environmental role of the planning system in securing sustainable development. The NPPF states that the economic, social and environmental roles should not be undertaken in isolation, because they are mutually dependant. For these reasons, the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report must be revised to guide future development in a wholly sustainable manner.</p>	<p>The Council will revise its Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and use its Evidence Base to inform the scale and distribution of development needs over the next twenty years.</p>
<p>Option B would not meet need and cause stagnation but is the minimum for development. It does not rationalise using public open space and the need for additional amenities are not explained</p>	<p>Mr Beiley, Alan Pipe and Partners (on behalf of Mr B Stone), Icen Projects (on behalf of Lakehouse), Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Permission Homes), Croudace Strategic (on behalf of Ms A Walker)</p>	<p>Noted. The Government's NPPF makes it clear that LPAs should positively seek opportunities to meet the development needs of the area, with sufficient flexibility to adapt to rapid change. One of the NPPF's Core Planning Principles is to ensure that every effort has been made to objectively identify and then meet the housing, business and other development needs of an area and respond positively to wider opportunities for growth. The Core Strategy's Preferred Options Report placed greatest weight on the environmental role of the planning system in securing sustainable development. The NPPF states that the economic, social and environmental roles should not be undertaken in isolation, because they are mutually dependant. For these reasons, the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report must be revised to guide future development in a wholly sustainable manner.</p>	<p>The Council will revise its Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and use its Evidence Base to inform the scale and distribution of development needs over the next twenty years.</p>
<p>Option B and C would destroy huge areas of land and</p>	<p>Mr Smart, Natural England, Campaign to Protect Rural</p>	<p>Noted. The Government's NPPF makes it clear that LPAs</p>	<p>The Council should revise its</p>

<p>cause adverse effects on natural environment. Agricultural land should remain to provide for any food shortages. Recognises that Options B and C build rate per year could not be achieved based on past trends, the importance of Billericay's green belt is significant to the area, accords with national policy to protect green belt, questionable whether Options B and C can secure funding to work with South East LEP to improve A127, Wickford and Basildon have areas that have transport capacity issues that can be improved through development.</p>	<p>England, Billericay District Residents Association, Mrs A Hughes, Mr R Lazarus, Mrs J Price, Mr J Little</p>	<p>should positively seek opportunities to meet the development needs of the area, with sufficient flexibility to adapt to rapid change. One of the NPPF's Core Planning Principles is to ensure that every effort to has been made to objectively identify and then meet the housing, business and other development needs of an area and respond positively to wider opportunities for growth. The Core Strategy's Preferred Options Report placed greatest weight on the environmental role of the planning system in securing sustainable development. The NPPF states that the economic, social and environmental roles should not be undertaken in isolation, because they are mutually dependant.</p> <p>For these reasons, the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report must be revised to guide future development in a wholly sustainable manner.</p>	<p>Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and use its Evidence Base to inform the scale and distribution of development needs over the next twenty years.</p> <p>Revisit the Green Belt study and use it to inform the Core Strategy.</p> <p>The Council must continue to work with Essex County Council as Highways Authority to understand the transport context of the Borough, and test the Core Strategy Options for their impact to determine appropriate mitigation.</p>
<p>Option C is only one to meet Objectives and need, reflects evidence base and assessments, caters for population growth, and offers good standard of living. Green Belt should be protected but not at the expense of Borough's prosperity. Option C will provide regeneration opportunities for other areas.</p>	<p>Miss E Lyon, Mr Benton, Mrs Beckinsales, Mr R Lyon, Mrs N Lyon, Mrs E Benton, Mr A Lyon, Mr S Lyon, Mr J Lyon, Alan Pipe and Partners (on behalf of Mr B Stone), Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Mrs G Trivett, Mr R Vince, Cllr L Williams, (on behalf of Cogent Land LLP), Icen Projects (on behalf of Lakehouse), Martin Robeson Planning Practice (on behalf of Hartsfield Developments Ltd), Mr J Lyon, Mr M Adams, Strutt and Parker (on behalf of Chelmsford Diocese Board of Finance and Mr J Howard), Mr R J French, Smart Planning Limited, Mrs C Rowe, Rochford District Council</p>	<p>Noted. The Government's NPPF makes it clear that LPAs should positively seek opportunities to meet the development needs of the area, with sufficient flexibility to adapt to rapid change. One of the NPPF's Core Planning Principles is to ensure that every effort to has been made to objectively identify and then meet the housing, business and other development needs of an area and respond positively to wider opportunities for growth. The Core Strategy's Preferred Options Report placed greatest weight on the environmental role of the planning system in securing sustainable development. The NPPF states that the economic, social and environmental roles should not be undertaken in isolation, because they are mutually dependant.</p> <p>For these reasons, the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report must be revised to guide future development in a wholly sustainable manner.</p>	<p>The Council should revise its Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and expand its Evidence Base to inform the scale and distribution of development needs over the next twenty years.</p>
<p>Green Belt methodology for Option B and C is flawed as fine line between whether areas of the green belt meets the five purposes of the Green belt as set out in the National Planning Policy. Sub areas in Green Belt methodology are too large, not enough detail is provided and the assessment is too basic not taking into consideration landscaping and red, amber, green approach.</p>	<p>Cirrus (on behalf of Gladedale Ltd and Gleeson Homes Ltd), Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families), Mr R Lazarus, One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd)</p>	<p>Noted. The Green Belt is a national designation and an area covered by national planning policy. The Local planning authority have the responsibility to ensure that the Green Belt boundaries are robust and for the long-term. Consequently, the Council have committed to revisit their Green Belt study so that the Borough's green belt can be understood further and assessed to establish if and where areas continue to serve the 5 purposes set out in the NPPF.</p>	<p>Revisit the Green Belt study and use it to inform the Core Strategy.</p>
<p>Majority supported Option A but some supported Option C</p>	<p>Youth Council</p>	<p>Noted.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Support any of the Options as includes PADCs, due to land interests.</p>	<p>Drivers Jonas Deloitte (on behalf of Bellway Homes), Drivers Jonas Deloitte (On behalf of Ford Motor Company), GL Hearn (on behalf of Homes and Communities Agency, South Essex College and Basildon Borough Council)</p>	<p>Noted.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Do not agree with any of the Options as do not meet need. Housing should be higher than Option C and need to provide more employment land. Have removed</p>	<p>KTI Energy Limited, Basildon Business Group, Barton Wilmore (on behalf of Philip Jean Homes Ltd), Mr P Rackley, Laidon Regeneration LLP</p>	<p>Noted. The Government's NPPF makes it clear that LPAs should positively seek opportunities to meet the development needs of the area, with sufficient flexibility to adapt to rapid</p>	<p>Revisit the Green Belt study and use it to inform the Core Strategy.</p>

<p>allocation for employment at Dunton East and Gardiners Lane is not included, so need to provide this employment land provided elsewhere.</p>		<p>change. One of the NPPF's Core Planning Principles is to ensure that every effort has been made to objectively identify and then meet the housing, business and other development needs of an area and respond positively to wider opportunities for growth. The Core Strategy's Preferred Options Report placed greatest weight on the environmental role of the planning system in securing sustainable development. The NPPF states that the economic, social and environmental roles should not be undertaken in isolation, because they are mutually dependant. For these reasons, the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report must be revised to guide future development in a wholly sustainable manner.</p> <p>The Council have committed to undertaking an up to date Green Belt study and Employment Land & Premises Review to inform the revisions of the Core Strategy.</p>	<p>The evidence base will include a Green Belt Study and Employment Land and Premises Study to assess needs, demands and constraints to a better degree.</p>
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General Comments on Options			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Actions
<p>Five year review indicates plan is not sound. Plans should provide for the long term and be flexible to deal with changing environments.</p>	<p>Iceni Projects (on behalf of Lakehouse)</p>	<p>Noted. The NPPF (Para 157) states that "Local Plans should be drawn up over an appropriate time scale, preferably a 15 year time horizon and take account of longer term requirements...allocating sites to promote development and flexible use of land"</p> <p>The Local Development Plan has to be made in accordance with the Local Development Scheme that sets out the timetable for the preparation and production of the Council's Development Plan and ensures that the plan period is of at least 15 years. Furthermore, the Council are expected to monitor the Local Plan annually and the findings are to be published in the Authorities Monitoring Report. If any areas of Local Plan are not being implemented as expected then the Council should considering reviewing applicable policies.</p> <p>The Council recognises that the NPPF requires the Local Plan to be based on an evidence base that is proportionate and up to date, balancing the social, environmental and economic principles of sustainable development.</p>	<p>Remove references to Core Strategy being reviewed in 2019</p>
<p>Options A, B and C comply with South Essex Outline Water Cycle Study</p>	<p>Anglian Water</p>	<p>Noted.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Partnership approach is required. No evidence to address where shortfall of homes will be provided, as required by duty to cooperate.</p>	<p>Mr Beiley, Alan Pipe and Partners (on behalf of Mr B Stone), Home Building Federation, Iceni Projects (on behalf of Cogent Land LLP), Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Martin Grant Homes), Essex County Council, Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Permission Homes), Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes), Barton Wilmore (on behalf of Philip Jean Homes Ltd), Mr S Allen</p>	<p>Noted. When planning for sustainable development, the Council is legally obliged to cooperate with neighbouring authorities and certain Government agencies across administrative boundaries on matters which may affect neighbouring areas, natural assets or infrastructure.</p> <p>To date, the Council have carried out work with neighbouring authorities, the county council, environmental bodies and utility providers on projects such as the South Essex Surface Water Management Plan, South Essex Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and South Essex Water Cycle Study. The Council is currently working with neighbouring authorities, Registered Providers and interested groups in the review of</p>	<p>Continue to work with partners and local services providers.</p>

		the Strategic Housing Market Assessment and Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment as further examples. It is the Council's intention to continue working with its partners and neighbouring authorities.	
Unfair spatial distribution and would mean substantial urban concentration	Mr Beiley, Langdon Hills Living Landscapes, Mr D Lovey, MatPlan Limited (on behalf of Millwood Designer Homes Ltd), Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families), Cllr L Williams, Martin Robeson Planning Practice (on behalf of Hartsfield Developments Ltd), Mr R J French, Mrs E Knott	Noted. The Government's NPPF makes it clear that LPAs should positively seek opportunities to meet the development needs of the area, with sufficient flexibility to adapt to rapid change. One of the NPPF's Core Planning Principles is to ensure that every effort has been made to objectively identify and then meet the housing, business and other development needs of an area and respond positively to wider opportunities for growth. The Core Strategy's Preferred Options Report placed greatest weight on the environmental role of the planning system in securing sustainable development. The NPPF states that the economic, social and environmental roles should not be undertaken in isolation, because they are mutually dependant. For these reasons, the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report must be revised to guide future development in a wholly sustainable manner	The Council should revise its Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and expand its Evidence Base to inform the scale and distribution of development needs over the next twenty years.
Settlement hierarchy does not make it clear about serviced villages roles.	Edward Grittins & Associates (on behalf of Mr David Keeling), Martin Robeson Planning Practice (on behalf of Hartsfield Developments Ltd)	Noted. Table 5 under para 3.26 of the Core Strategy set out the Council's Settlement Hierarchy. Consideration will be given to the role of the 'serviced villages' and 'unserviced settlements' when the Core Strategy is revised.	In the Core Strategy, provide an explanation of the role of serviced villages and unserviced settlements and give more consideration as to their suitability for development.
Not been able to undertake transport and education assessments but made some comments: key junctions would be impacted but low level growth would not provide sufficient resource to mitigate, the preferred option should be assessed using transport modelling, education has not undertaken capacity assessments but rough estimates assume a new primary school(s) and early year and childcare facilities would be required. Further work is required to ensure infrastructure delivery.	Essex County Council	Noted. The Council must continue to work with Essex County Council as Highways Authority to understand the transport context of the Borough, and test the Core Strategy Options for their impact to determine appropriate mitigation. The Core Strategy needs to include appropriate testing of the options for a variety of infrastructure needs. This will need to be built into the preparation timescales for future iterations.	The Council will work with Essex County Council and relevant service providers to identify the impacts of growth in the Borough on its service areas.
In accordance with National Planning Policy Framework, consideration for 20% buffer on housing delivery as have not supplied sufficient housing in the past.	Cirrus (on behalf of Gladedale Ltd and Gleeson Homes Ltd), MatPlan Limited (on behalf of Millwood Designer Homes Ltd), Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families), Home Building Federation, (on behalf of Cogent Land LLP), Icen Projects (on behalf of Lakehouse), JB Planning Associates Ltd (on behalf Gleeson Homes Ltd), Mark Jackson Planning (on behalf of Mr and Mrs Beckwith), Strutt and Parker (on behalf of Pigeon Wickford Ltd), Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Martin Grant Homes), Edward Grittins & Associates (on behalf of Mr David Keeling), Martin Robeson Planning Practice (on behalf of Hartsfield Developments Ltd), JB Planning Associates Ltd (on behalf Gleeson Strategic Land Ltd), Strutt and Parker (on behalf of Chelmsford Diocese Board of Finance and Mr J Howard)	Noted. The Government's NPPF makes it clear that LPAs should positively seek opportunities to meet the development needs of the area, with sufficient flexibility to adapt to rapid change. One of the NPPF's Core Planning Principles is to ensure that every effort has been made to objectively identify and then meet the housing, business and other development needs of an area and respond positively to wider opportunities for growth. The NPPF states that the economic, social and environmental roles should not be undertaken in isolation, because they are mutually dependant. For these reasons, the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report must be revised to guide future development in a wholly sustainable manner. For these reasons, the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report must be revised to guide future development in a wholly sustainable manner.	The Council will revise its Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and use its Evidence Base to inform the scale and distribution of development needs over the next twenty years.
Too little work done on Gypsy and Traveller and need to provide land. Does not reflect national planning policy or the Strategic Objectives.	Mr Beiley, Mrs A Koboyashi, Mrs C Norris, Irish Traveller Movement in Britain	The Council have committed to undertake a comprehensive Gypsy & Traveller Local Needs Accommodation Assessment. The content of this study will inform revisions to the Core Strategy. This will be utilised to inform any future allocations for traveller accommodation in the most appropriate locations.	Undertake a Gypsy & Traveller Local Needs Accommodation Assessment.

Developers should build schools and fund NHS before or during developments	Mrs Z Jeffers	Noted. The NPPF is clear that the Government does not expect the development industry to fund all forms of infrastructure.	N/A
Against principle of losing Green Belt after Dale Farm eviction	Miss L Nicholls, G Avart	Noted. The Government's NPPF makes it clear that LPAs should positively seek opportunities to meet the development needs of the area, with sufficient flexibility to adapt to rapid change. Whilst the NPPF states that as a general principle Green Belts should remain protected from development, it does give local councils the ability to amend their local green belt boundaries to meet development needs. The Council have committed to revisiting their Green Belt Study which will inform the revisions of the Core Strategy going forward.	Revisit the Green Belt study and use it to inform the Core Strategy.
Sort out existing problems with water and parking before building more.	Mr K Gutteridge,	Noted. The Council has completed a Water Cycle Study with technical oversight from the two water companies which operate in the Borough, Natural England and the Environment Agency. Parking provision is addressed through Core Strategy's design policy CS2 and would be further supported by complementary policies in the Development Management Development Plan Document and the latest Essex Vehicle Parking Standards Supplementary Planning Document.	Use the findings of the Water Cycle Study and Surface Water Management Plan to inform the next draft of the Core Strategy where appropriate and provide supporting policies in the Development Management Development Plan Document where appropriate.
Infrastructure needs have not been considered	Alan Pipe and Partners (on behalf of Mr B Stone)	The Council continue to encourage sustainable development which will in-turn, require consideration and/or provision of parking, infrastructure and water. Relevant guidance and legislation is also in place to ensure that such things are considered through the planning process. The Core Strategy needs to include appropriate testing of the options for a variety of infrastructure needs. This will need to be built into the preparation timescales for future iterations. Highways will be consulted and their comments will be considered in the determination of a planning application and the existing infrastructure evidence bases will be utilised.	The Council must continue to work with Essex County Council as Highways Authority to understand the transport context of the Borough, and test the Core Strategy Options for their impact to determine appropriate mitigation.
Do not want to turn into an extension of London	Mrs T Burton, Mrs F Adams	Noted.	N/A
Should re-evaluate empty properties that can be turned into affordable homes.	Mrs K Lack, Miss Missing	Noted. There is an initiative for empty homes to be brought back into use between Castle Point, Southend on Sea, Basildon, Thurrock and Rochford. However, the implementation and take up from landowners is not as fast moving as desired. The five Councils are continuing to work with landowners and have introduced a new scheme to bring forward more empty homes. Furthermore, the Council have committed to carrying out an update to the Thames Gateway South Essex Strategic Housing Market Assessment. This will assess Basildon's housing market and address any shortfalls and what provisions should be made in the Borough. The findings from this study will be considered when revising the Core Strategy.	Carry out the Thames Gateway South Essex Strategic Housing Market Assessment and continue to work with Housing Strategy on the Empty Homes Initiative.
Private gardens should be used for development as services already exist.	Mr J Little	Noted. The Government's National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) insists that Local Planning Authorities consider the case for setting out policies to resist	N/A

		inappropriate development of residential gardens, for example where it would cause harm to the local area. Gardens fall outside the definition of "Brownfield" sites and would therefore be Greenfield development. Furthermore, it cannot be assumed that these services have the capacity to serve additional development of this nature.	
Should put homes in North Essex as South Essex is too overcrowded.	Mr S Allen	Noted. The Government's National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) makes it clear that Local Planning Authorities should positively seek opportunities to meet the development needs of the area, with sufficient flexibility to adapt to rapid change. The Government does not state that the South East cannot take any more development and encourages communities to accept growth through its NPPF by developing Local Plans.	N/A
Some successful developments in Basildon such as sporting village and Bas Vegas	Mr M Hughes	Noted.	N/A
Need to provide varied arts and cultural facilities	Mr P Rackely	Noted.	The Council will consider expanding and further detailing information on arts and cultural facilities where appropriate.
If plan to build 20,000 homes for next 20 years what about 20 years after that. A127 and A13 are at full capacity and this won't be helped by new housing. Tinkering with junctions wont help, new roads / railways are needed.	Mr D Scannell	Noted. The Government's National Planning Policy Framework makes it clear that Local Planning Authorities should positively seek opportunities to meet the development needs of the area, with sufficient flexibility to adapt to rapid change. The NPPF (Para 157) states that "Local Plans should be drawn up over an appropriate time scale, preferably a 15 year time horizon [and] take account of longer term requirements...allocating sites to promote development and flexible use of land" There will be future reviews of the Core Strategy for future plan periods that will need to re-examine how the Borough has developed and changed and determine the most appropriate strategy to meet development needs.	N/A
No mention of the existing hydrological water supply.	Mr S King	Noted. In 2011, the Council published a Water Cycle Study, prepared alongside the Environment Agency, Essex and Suffolk Water and Anglian Water Serviced Ltd which looked at drinking water and waste water infrastructure capacities and future upgrade requirements needed to service development and future populations.	N/A

Growth Locations in Options B and C			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Actions
Oppose to Option B and C as do not want houses built on Green Farm Lane. Area serves important wildlife corridor and development will impact species and vistas. Open space and character of Billericay will be compromised. Local amenities will be affected and are at capacity. This area would cause Great Burstead and South Green to merge.	Mrs E Gull, Ms L Alger, Mrs S McCaffery, Mr A Abela, Mrs D Chiles, Mr and Mrs C Wilkins, Mrs K Morris, Mr P Gibson, Ms G Hardwicke, Mrs J Abelan, Mr K Wildman, Mrs G Coombes, Mr J Hewitt, Mrs T Mason, Mrs L Ramsay, Mill Meadows Society, Mr P Baines, Mrs C Collins, Mr D Lebeau, Mrs A Lebeau, Mr N Gladwin, Mrs B Baines, Mrs C Sisseam, Mrs E Cunningham, Mr J Addicott, Mr and Mrs Howard, Mr and Mrs	Noted.	The Council should revise its Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and use its Evidence Base to inform the scale and distribution of development needs over the next twenty years.

	Washington, Billericay Design Statement Association, Mr P Hudson, Mrs C Capon, Norsey Wood Society, Mrs K Jones, Ms J Marks, Mr A Price, Billericay District Residents Association, Billericay Town Council, Mrs B M Avery, Mrs J Element, Mr P Jessup, Mr B Bott, Mr H Bott, Mr A Henderson, Mr F Adams, Mrs R Fairweather, Mrs J Addicott, Mr S Jordan		Revisit the Green Belt study and use it to inform the Core Strategy.
Area in Billericay in Option B and C for economic use would be detrimental to residents due to increased pollution, congestion, limited public services, not enough soil, lack of water storage systems, ruin views and residential character. Should use existing employment areas.	Mr D J Clark, Mr G Rudkins, Mr E Rudkins, Mr B Thomas, Billericay Design Statement Association, Billericay District Residents Association, Billericay Town Council, T. J White, Mr R Masters	The Council have committed to revisiting their Green Belt Study and commissioning an Employment Land and Premises Study to inform the revisions of the Core Strategy.	The Council should revise its Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and use its Evidence Base to inform the scale and distribution of development needs over the next twenty years. Revisit the Green Belt study and use it to inform the Core Strategy. The evidence base will include a Green Belt Study and Employment Land and Premises Study to assess needs, demands and constraints to a better degree.
Object to green belt employment land in Billericay as is more suited to housing	Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Permission Homes), Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes)	The Council have committed to undertaking an up to date Green Belt Study and Employment Land and Premises Study to inform the revisions of the Core Strategy.	The Council should revise its Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and use its Evidence Base to inform the scale and distribution of development needs over the next twenty years. Revisit the Green Belt study and use it to inform the Core Strategy. The evidence base will include a Green Belt Study and Employment Land and Premises Study to assess needs, demands and constraints to a better degree.
Area to the south of Billericay is a school playing field and would impact upon wildlife corridors.	Billericay Design Statement Association, Billericay District Residents Association, Billericay Town Council	Noted. It is acknowledged that this broad growth area does include the Billericay School Playing Field. The options consisted of broad areas of search and it does not mean that the whole area would come forward for development.	The Council should revise its Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and use its Evidence Base to inform the scale and distribution of development needs over the next twenty years. Revisit the Green Belt study and use it to inform the Core Strategy.
Object to development on Nottinghamshire County Council land	Ms J Goodey, Mr and Mrs Beesley, Mr and Mrs Smith	Noted.	The Council should revise its Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and use its Evidence

			<p>Base to inform the scale and distribution of development needs over the next twenty years.</p> <p>Revisit the Green Belt study and use it to inform the Core Strategy.</p>
Support land East of Burnt Mills, but there are issues with other employment areas.	Basildon Business Group, Colonnade Strategic LLP	Noted. The most appropriate land for development will be considered through the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment and the development plan process. Various aspects of housing need, environmental matters and conservation will all be factored in.	<p>The Council should revise its Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and use its Evidence Base to inform the scale and distribution of development needs over the next twenty years.</p> <p>Revisit the Green Belt study and use it to inform the Core Strategy.</p> <p>In addition, it should re-examine the need for the Borough to accommodate additional employment land via an Employment Land and Premises Study.</p>
Mandeville Way is good location for general and specialist housing.	Mark Jackson Planning (on behalf of Reliant Building Contractors Limited)	Noted. The most appropriate land for development will be considered through the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment and the development plan process. Various aspects of housing need, environmental matters and conservation will all be factored in.	<p>The Council should revise its Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and use its Evidence Base to inform the scale and distribution of development needs over the next twenty years.</p> <p>Revisit the Green Belt study and use it to inform the Core Strategy.</p>
Land to south of Wickford could provide for 900 dwellings and would be appropriate for Council objectives, create communities in compliance with National Planning Policy Framework.	Strutt and Parker (on behalf of Pigeon Wickford Ltd)	Noted. The most appropriate land for development will be considered through the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment and the development plan process. Various aspects of housing need, environmental matters and conservation will all be factored in.	<p>The Council should revise its Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and use its Evidence Base to inform the scale and distribution of development needs over the next twenty years.</p> <p>Revisit the Green Belt study and use it to inform the Core Strategy.</p>
East Basildon is a prime location for development as will improve communities, quality of life and use low value green belt.	Miss E Lyon, Mr R Lyon, Mrs N Lyon, Mrs E Benton, Mr A Lyon, Mr S Lyon, Mr J Lyon, Barton Wilmore (on behalf of Philip Jean Homes Ltd), Colonnade Strategic LLP	Noted. The most appropriate land for development will be considered through the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment and the development plan process. Various aspects of housing need, environmental matters and conservation will all be factored in.	The Council should revise its Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and use its Evidence Base to inform the scale and distribution of development

			<p>needs over the next twenty years.</p> <p>Revisit the Green Belt study and use it to inform the Core Strategy.</p> <p>In addition, it should re-examine the need for the Borough to accommodate additional employment land via an Employment Land and Premises Study.</p>
Small industrial site to south of London Road, Billerica that is more suitable for employment	Billerica Design Statement Association, Billerica District Residents Association, Billerica Town Council	Noted. The Council have committed to revisiting their Green Belt study so that the Borough's green belt can be understood further and assessed to establish if and where areas continue to serve the 5 purposes set out in the NPPF. In addition, an Employment Land and Premises Study will be reviewing the need for further employment land.	<p>The Council should revise its Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and use its Evidence Base to inform the scale and distribution of development needs over the next twenty years.</p> <p>Revisit the Green Belt study and use it to inform the Core Strategy.</p> <p>In addition, it should re-examine the need for the Borough to accommodate additional employment land via an Employment Land and Premises Study.</p>
Area 28 of the green belt methodology did not consider local centres at Morris Avenue in the service provision analysis. This area would be more suitable for housing.	Billerica Design Statement Association, Billerica District Residents Association, Billerica Town Council	<p>Noted. The Council have committed to revisiting their Green Belt study so that the Borough's green belt can be understood further and assessed to establish if and where areas continue to serve the 5 purposes set out in the NPPF</p> <p>A review of Local Centres will also be carried out to determine the validity of their current status.</p>	<p>The Council should revise its Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and use its Evidence Base to inform the scale and distribution of development needs over the next twenty years.</p> <p>Revisit the Green Belt study and use it to inform the Core Strategy.</p>
Noak Hill Golf Course is green belt but brownfield. Buildings are run down; roads need improvement, which can be aided by developing parts of the Noak Hill Golf Course. Housing, employment and leisure facilities can be provided on site and the golf course will remain	Noak Hill Golf Course	Noted The most appropriate land for development will be considered through the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment and the development plan process. Various aspects of housing need, environmental matters and conservation will all be factored in.	<p>The Council should revise its Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and use its Evidence Base to inform the scale and distribution of development needs over the next twenty years.</p> <p>Revisit the Green Belt study and use it to inform the Core Strategy.</p> <p>In addition, it should re-examine</p>

			the need for the Borough to accommodate additional employment land via an Employment Land and Premises Study.
Consider Friern Manor Farm for employment and residential use, as well as combined heat and power supply.	KTI Energy Limited	Noted. The most appropriate land for development will be considered through the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment and the development plan process. Various aspects of housing need, environmental matters and conservation will all be factored in.	<p>The Council should revise its Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and use its Evidence Base to inform the scale and distribution of development needs over the next twenty years.</p> <p>Revisit the Green Belt study and use it to inform the Core Strategy.</p> <p>In addition, it should re-examine the need for the Borough to accommodate additional employment land via an Employment Land and Premises Study.</p>
Land South of Billericay should be a broad area of housing	Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families)	Noted. The most appropriate land for development will be considered through the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment and the development plan process. Various aspects of housing need, environmental matters and conservation will all be factored in.	<p>The Council should revise its Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and use its Evidence Base to inform the scale and distribution of development needs over the next twenty years.</p> <p>Revisit the Green Belt study and use it to inform the Core Strategy.</p> <p>In addition, it should re-examine the need for the Borough to accommodate additional employment land via an Employment Land and Premises Study.</p>
North East Of Wickford should be included.	Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Martin Grant Homes)	Noted. The most appropriate land for development will be considered through the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment and the development plan process. Various aspects of housing need, environmental matters and conservation will all be factored in.	<p>The Council should revise its Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and use its Evidence Base to inform the scale and distribution of development needs over the next twenty years.</p> <p>Revisit the Green Belt study and use it to inform the Core Strategy.</p> <p>In addition, it should re-examine the need for the Borough to</p>

			accommodate additional employment land via an Employment Land and Premises Study.
South Basildon growth area is supported	Iceni Projects (on behalf of Lakehouse)	Noted.	N/A
Tompkins Farm is considered to make positive contribution to meet housing need.	Strutt and Parker (on behalf of Chelmsford Diocese Board of Finance and Mr J Howard)	Noted.	N/A
Object to development in west Basildon as will compete with Laindon town centre regeneration. Site has poor access and would attract employees outside Basildon; development would be visible, not served well by services and has flood issues.	Laindon Regeneration LLP	Noted. The most appropriate land for development will be considered through the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment and the development plan process. Various aspects of housing need, environmental matters and conservation will all be factored in.	The Council should revise its Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and use its Evidence Base to inform the scale and distribution of development needs over the next twenty years. Revisit the Green Belt study and use it to inform the Core Strategy. In addition, it should re-examine the need for the Borough to accommodate additional employment land via an Employment Land and Premises Study.
Option C allocates growth areas that are near to Chelmsford Borough boundary. Chelmsford has sound Development Plan Documents that identify sites and the necessary infrastructure to deliver these. Development in Basildon close to Chelmsford boundary could risk deliverability of Chelmsford sites.	Chelmsford City Council	Noted. The Council has not selected option C as its Preferred Option for the Core Strategy and the Council notes that Chelmsford City Council has now embarked upon a focussed review of its Core Strategy. Basildon Borough Council will continue to consider all cross border implications and liaise with appropriate bodies and neighbouring authorities going forward in accordance with best practices and the requirements of the 'duty to cooperate'.	Continue to liaise with neighbouring authorities, partners and services providers.
Noak Bridge area in green belt methodology should be allocated for development as was identified as high priority for growth. Was not identified in Core Strategy due to waste water constraints, but dispute that this is an issue. Should remove South Wickford (800 homes - as identified as unsuitable for housing in SHLAA) from areas of growth for land at Noak Bridge (530 homes) and distribute the remaining 170 homes at Laindon and Pitsea.	Croudace Strategic (on behalf of Ms A Walker)	Noted. The most appropriate land for development will be considered through the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment and the development plan process. Various aspects of housing need, environmental matters and conservation will all be factored in.	The Council should revise its Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and use its Evidence Base to inform the scale and distribution of development needs over the next twenty years. Revisit the Green Belt study and use it to inform the Core Strategy.
Need to provide more employment land and should expand areas close to A127	Basildon Business Group, Mr R J French	Noted. The Council have committed to undertaking an up to date Employment Land & Premises Study to inform the revisions of the Core Strategy.	Undertake an up to date Employment Land and Premises Review to inform the revisions of the Core Strategy.

Alternative Options			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Actions
Option A, B and C are relevant	Mr Smart	Noted.	N/A
Could build on green belt of low value	Mr N Sumner, Mrs J Cole, Mr D Lovey, Miss Missing	The Green Belt is a national designation and an area covered by national planning policy. The Local planning authority have the responsibility to ensure that the Green Belt boundaries are robust and for the long-term. Consequently, the Council have committed to revisit their Green Belt study so that the Borough's green belt can be understood further and assessed to establish if and where areas continue to serve the 5 purposes set out in the NPPF.	The Council should revise its Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and use its Evidence Base to inform the scale and distribution of development needs over the next twenty years. Revisit the Green Belt study and use it to inform the Core Strategy.
Combination of A and B if pressurised	Mrs C Wennell, Mr M Flack	Noted.	N/A
Between Option B and Option C. Demographic evidence suggest this would level of growth is realistic and would be in accordance with National Planning Policy Framework. Ranges between 12,000 to 18,500 based on own demographic assessments	Mr R Lyon, Mr A Mower, Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Cirrus (on behalf of Gladedale Ltd and Gleeson Homes Ltd), MatPlan Limited (on behalf of Millwood Designer Homes Ltd), Mark Jackson Planning (on behalf of Reliant Building Contractors Limited), JB Planning Associates Ltd (on behalf Gleeson Homes Ltd), Mark Jackson Planning (on behalf of Mr and Mrs Beckwith), Strutt and Parker (on behalf of Pigeon Wickford Ltd), Mr R Bray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes), Strutt and Parker (on behalf of Chelmsford Diocese Board of Finance and Mr J Howard), Croudace Strategic (on behalf of Ms A Walker)	Noted.	The Council should revise its Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and use its Evidence Base to inform the scale and distribution of development needs over the next twenty years. Revisit the Green Belt study and use it to inform the Core Strategy. These should both be considered when carrying out the fundamental review of the Strategic Housing Market Assessment in 2012.

SA/SEA, HRA and SIA on Options			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Actions
SA/SEA was difficult to interpret	Mr N Sumner	Noted.	The Council will take these comments into account when applying the SA/SEA methodology for the next draft of the Core Strategy.
No contradiction with SIA but level of detail was incompatible	Mr N Sumner	Noted.	The Council will take these comments into account when applying the SA/SEA methodology for the next draft of the Core Strategy.
HRA was of limited value as didn't consider all habitats.	Mr N Sumner	Noted. It is not intended to be an assessment of all habitats. The Habitat Regulations 2010 define which habitats need to be assessed to comply with the Habitats Directive.	N/A
SA/SEA and HRA reflect Options and nature bodies will be happy with assessment	Dr T Nicklin, Mr Beiley, Mr Smart, Mrs C Wennell, Mr M Flack, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, Mrs V Hudson, Mrs B Wade,	Noted.	N/A

	Mr M Manns, Mrs S Pullin, Mr C Narrainen, Mr R Bray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, Mr M Belcher, Mrs A Triston, Mr T Mortlock		
Option C is the only one that reflects assessments.	Mrs Beckinsales, Miss E Lyon, Mr R Lyon, Mrs N Lyon, Mr A Lyon, Mrs M Green, Mr S Lyon, Mr J Lyon, Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Cirrus (on behalf of Gladedale Ltd and Gleeson Homes Ltd), Mr J Lyon, Mr M Adams	Noted.	The Council will take these comments into account when applying the SA/SEA methodology for the next draft of the Core Strategy.
Option A is not the most sustainable and does not comply with the economic, social and environment principles of sustainable development by putting green belt protection above other considerations. Each option supports regeneration but Option A provides limited employment land for long term growth. Option B and C enable job prosperity and sufficient housing will improve economics sustainability. Option A provides insufficient levels of affordable homes and no new infrastructure, and therefore does not meet social objectives.	Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), (on behalf of Cogent Land LLP), Basildon Business group, Icen Projects (on behalf of Lakehouse), Strutt and Parker (on behalf of Pigeon Wickford Ltd), Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Martin Grant Homes), Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes), Barton Wilmore (on behalf of Philip Jean Homes Ltd), Colonnade Strategic LLP, Laindon Regeneration LLP, Rochford District Council	Noted. The Government's NPPF makes it clear that LPAs should positively seek opportunities to meet the development needs of the area, with sufficient flexibility to adapt to rapid change. One of the NPPF's Core Planning Principles is to ensure that every effort has been made to objectively identify and then meet the housing, business and other development needs of an area and respond positively to wider opportunities for growth. The Core Strategy's Preferred Options Report placed greatest weight on the environmental role of the planning system in securing sustainable development. The NPPF states that the economic, social and environmental roles should not be undertaken in isolation, because they are mutually dependant. For these reasons, the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report must be revised to guide future development in a wholly sustainable manner. For these reasons, the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report must be revised to guide future development in a wholly sustainable manner.	The Council should revise its Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and use its Evidence Base to inform the scale and distribution of development needs over the next twenty years. Revisit the Green Belt study and use it to inform the Core Strategy.
No comments	Mrs L Kelly, Billericay District Residents Association, Mrs S Bummet, Billericay Town Council, Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families), One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd)	Noted.	N/A
Sustainability Report adequately considers impact of Core Strategy on natural environment. However does not consider the synergistic effect of the CS (in combination with other plans and policies); more detail should be given in the methodology. There should be reference to the key messages and summary of baseline info from the Scoping Report.	Natural England	Noted.	The Council will take these comments into account when applying the SA/SEA methodology for the next draft of the Core Strategy.
Insufficient time to study	Campaign to Protect Rural England	Noted.	N/A
Options B and C are not included in HRA and therefore there is no information to say whether conclusions would be different	Cirrus (on behalf of Gladedale Ltd and Gleeson Homes Ltd)	Noted.	The Council will take this comment into account when applying the HRA to the next draft of the Core Strategy.
Questions the SA/SEA and HRA conclusions	Mr R Bray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray	Noted.	The Council will take these comments into account when applying the SA/SEA methodology for the next draft of the Core Strategy.
Shortcomings of options from SA and HRA have not been reflected in Core Strategy or topic paper 9. Option B and C score more compatibles than option A so how	Environment Agency	Noted.	The Council will take these comments into account when applying the SA/SEA

<p>can option A score well environmentally as stated in section 6.3 of SA. Inconsistencies between three options in Appendix 5 which could revise scoring in table 4. Further explanation as to how potentially incompatible issues can be mitigated, giving consideration to the policies that provide mitigation measures.</p>			<p>methodology for the next draft of the Core Strategy.</p>
<p>Reference to Sustainability Appraisal of Regional Spatial Strategies and Local Development Framework 2005 which justifies the difference in Sustainability Appraisal conclusion and Preferred Option was superseded by PPS12, which has now been superseded by NPPF. The Sustainability Appraisal has not informed the Core Strategy and therefore is not sound or legally compliant.</p>	<p>Barton Wilmore (on behalf of Philip Jean Homes Ltd)</p>	<p>Noted.</p>	<p>The Council will take these comments into account when applying the SA/SEA methodology for the next draft of the Core Strategy.</p>
<p>The findings of the SA/SEA, HRA and SIA do not have to be met in the Borough as it will become one large urban area and growth should be met in more spacious area. Should be considered Essex wide.</p>	<p>Mr S Allen</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The Government's National Planning Policy Framework makes it clear that Local Planning Authorities should positively seek opportunities to meet the development needs of the area, with sufficient flexibility to adapt to rapid change.</p> <p>The Government does not state that the South East cannot take any more development and encourages communities to accept growth through its NPPF.</p>	<p>N/A</p>

Primary Area for Development and Change (PADC) 1 – Basildon Town Centre

Q16 Do you agree with PADC1 Basildon Town Centre or is there anything you would change? Please explain your answer.

89 comments were made on Question 16.

PADC1 Basildon Town Centre			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Actions
No comments	Mrs L Kelly, BDSA, Billericay Town Council, Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families), One Property Group (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd), Mr R Bray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray	Noted.	N/A
Agree with PADC1 as suitable place for active floor space. Like to know more detail and should be aesthetically pleasing with more trees.	Dr T Nicklin, Shire Consulting (on behalf of Barclays Bank), Mr N Sumner, Mr A Lyon, Mr M Flack, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, Homes and Community Agency, Mrs V Hudson, Mr L Defoe, Natural England, Mr A Peake, Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Mr P Ward, Cirrus (on behalf of Gladedale Ltd and Gleeson Homes Ltd), Mrs S Ranford, Mr C Narrainen, Strutt and Parker (on behalf of Pigeon Wickford Ltd), Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes), GL Hearn (on behalf of Homes and Communities Agency, South Essex College and Basildon Borough Council), Mrs A Triston, Mrs C Foster, Mr B Foster, Mr C Mullet, Colonnade Strategic LLP, Laidon Regeneration LLP	Noted. Design policies regarding sustainability, designing out crime. landscaping and encouraging community facilities will be an important part of the Core Strategy. Policies CS2, 5, 8 and 9 will be important in achieving these factors and may be expanded upon through Development Management Policies in a later document.	Consider the role of landscaping through the relevant policies of the Core Strategy and the Development Management Policies DPD.
Do not agree with PADC1, 1700 homes, college, open spaces should not be crowded in town centre. College is in larger area and car parking would be an issue. Area is too high density.	Miss E Lyon, Mrs Beckinsales, Mr R Lyon, Mrs N Lyon, Mrs M Green, Mr S Lyon, Mrs J. D Millwood, Mr and Mrs Cox, Mr and Mrs Webster, Mr and Mrs Boswell, Mrs M J Waylett, Ms K Upton, Mr and Mrs Rowling, Mrs D Rowling, Langdon Hills Living Landscapes, Mrs Purser, Mr and Mrs Bryan, Mr and Mrs Hawkes, Mrs S Bummet, Mrs K Lack, Mrs G Trivett, Dr R Role, Mrs M Craighead, Cllr G Williams, Cllr L Williams, Mr and Mrs Shadrake, Mr and Mrs McCready, Mr J Lyon, Mrs M Heppell, Mr M Belcher, Mr P Rackley, Mrs L Low	Noted. The National Planning Policy Framework requires the Council to show that the sequential approach has been taken. This requires that the town centres are recognised as the heart of the communities and considered first for development opportunities. Residential development can play an important role in ensuring town centres viability and vitality, and only if suitable site are not available should out of centre sites be considered. Further detail regarding the Basildon Town Centre regeneration will be published through the Basildon Town Centre Masterplan in due course.	N/A
Parking should be free and need good park and ride	Mr Beiley, Mr R Lazarus, Mrs M Heppell	Noted. The Core Strategy can only have regard to those aspects which it can have an effect on. Parking charges and park and ride schemes are not within its remit. Discussions with highways officers will continue throughout the plan making process.	N/A
Development should be carried out to high quality and should be careful that Council staff are not overloaded with so much development coming forward	Mr Smart	Noted.	N/A
What is PADC1?	Mrs Z Jeffers	The Core Strategy identifies 13 areas that require coordinated development or change to support the sustainable development of the local area. In the Core Strategy, these areas were known as Primary Areas of Development and Change (PADC). PADC1 is the strategic area identified in the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report encompassing Basildon Town Centre and southern Gloucester Park.	N/A
Consider guidelines on evening activities as will differ from daytime	Theatres Trust	Noted.	Review whether further detail is necessary of town centre evening activities when revising

			Core Strategy.
Cross reference in Policy CS1 to ensure natural environment is conserved	Natural England	Noted.	Should reference natural environment policy (Policy CS1) in PAD1.
Only Option C will provide PAD1 with enough money for high quality transport improvements	Alan Pipe and Partners (on behalf of Mr B Stone)	Noted.	N/A
Want no change	Mrs B Wade	Noted.	N/A
Concerned about loss of bus shelter, erosion of Gloucester park, no emergency service provision, no solution for crossing Broadmayne, no need for more retail as in decline. Doubt cinema will be viable.	Campaign to Protect Rural England, Mr D Lovey, Cllr G Williams. Cllr L Williams	Noted. The Core Strategy provides the broad principles for the redevelopment of Basildon Town Centre. These detailed comments will be fed into the Basildon Town Centre Masterplan team.	Review broad principles and pass on detailed comments onto Basildon Town Centre Masterplan team.
Need more evidence the area can support 1,700 homes and demand for high density flats. Little assurance that remaining 25% off site contribution will be sought. Question 3,400 convenience floor space	Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Cirrus (on behalf of Gladedale Ltd and Gleeson Homes Ltd) Strutt and Parker (on behalf of Pigeon Wickford Ltd), Colonnade Strategic LLP, Laindon Regeneration LLP	Noted. The Core Strategy provides the broad principles for the redevelopment of Basildon Town Centre. These detailed comments will be fed into the Basildon Town Centre Masterplan team.	Review broad principles and pass on detailed comments onto Basildon Town Centre Masterplan team.
Market should remain where existing; it cannot be enhanced in smaller location.	Mr D Lovey, Dr R Cole, Cllr G Williams, Mr and Mrs McCready, Mrs L Low	Noted. The Core Strategy provides the broad principles for the redevelopment of Basildon Town Centre. These detailed comments will be fed into the Basildon Town Centre Masterplan team.	Review broad principles and pass on detailed comments onto Basildon Town Centre Masterplan team.
Need to improve curriculum and management of college	Dr R Cole	Noted. The Core Strategy provides the broad principles for the redevelopment of Basildon Town Centre. These detailed comments will be fed into the Basildon Town Centre Masterplan team.	Review broad principles and pass on detailed comments onto Basildon Town Centre Masterplan team.
No mention of office development in town centre as has significant spending power. The masterplan mentioned 25,000 sqm of office space.	Basildon Business Group	Noted. The Core Strategy provides the broad principles for the redevelopment of Basildon Town Centre. These detailed comments will be fed into the Basildon Town Centre Masterplan team.	Review broad principles and pass on detailed comments onto Basildon Town Centre Masterplan team.
Band stand to be located in front of post office.	Mr S Simmons	Noted. The Core Strategy provides the broad principles for the redevelopment of Basildon Town Centre. These detailed comments will be fed into the Basildon Town Centre Masterplan team.	Review broad principles and pass on detailed comments onto Basildon Town Centre Masterplan team.
Education and transport modelling is required and could mean more impacts are identified, initially recognise that 1,700 homes could require more school places and possibly a new school. Highway improvements will be necessary.	Essex County Council	Noted. The Core Strategy provides the broad principles for the redevelopment of Basildon Town Centre. These detailed comments will be fed into the Basildon Town Centre Masterplan team.	Review broad principles and pass on detailed comments onto Basildon Town Centre Masterplan team.
No policy that sets out settlement hierarchy and provides framework for settlements	Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes)	Noted. Table 5 under para 3.26 of the Core Strategy set out the Council's Settlement Hierarchy. But the settlements roles can be given further consideration when the Core Strategy is revised.	Review whether Settlement Hierarchy needs to be included in a specific policy when revising Core Strategy.
To be compliant with NPPF and to ensure flexible should review need to produce SPD/DPD under PAD1. It	GL Hearn (on behalf of Homes and Communities Agency, South Essex College and Basildon Borough Council)	Noted.	Review broad principles and pass on detailed comments onto

cannot be justified.		The Core Strategy provides the broad principles for the redevelopment of Basildon Town Centre. These detailed comments will be fed into the Basildon Town Centre Masterplan team.	Basildon Town Centre Masterplan team.
Do not identify environmental constraints or opportunities. Refer to Water Cycle Study, SFRA and SWMP, as well as River Basin Management Plan and Catchment Flood Management Plan to identify recommendations for PADC. For example, to consider phasing that may be required.	Environment Agency	Noted. The Council will consider environmental constraints and opportunities using the evidence base when revising the Core Strategy. However, the PADC's are not intended to be read in isolation of other policies including Policy CS4 which refers specifically to the necessary documents which play a key role in dealing with flood and water management.	Review Water Cycle Study, Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and Surface Water Management Plan, alongside River Basin Management Plan and Catchment Flood Management Plan to determine any relevant environmental constraints and/ or opportunities for PADC1.
Should consider a farmers market	Mr B Foster	Noted. The Core Strategy provides the broad principles for the redevelopment of Basildon Town Centre. These detailed comments will be fed into the Basildon Town Centre Masterplan team.	Review broad principles and pass on detailed comments onto Basildon Town Centre Masterplan team.
Roundacre should be revamped	Mrs L Low	Noted. The Core Strategy provides the broad principles for the redevelopment of Basildon Town Centre. These detailed comments will be fed into the Basildon Town Centre Masterplan team.	Review broad principles and pass on detailed comments onto Basildon Town Centre Masterplan team.

Primary Area for Development and Change (PADC) 2 – Laindon Town Centre

Q17 Do you agree with PADC2 Laindon Town Centre or is there anything you would change. Please explain your answer.

46 comments were made on Question 17.

PADC2 Laindon Town Centre			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Actions
No comments	Mrs L Kelly, Mr R Lyon, Mr M Flack, Billericay District Residents Association, Billericay Town Council, Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families), One Property Group (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd), Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes), Mr Beiley	Noted	N/A
Could move shopping area closer to station to overcome conflict between long and short need car parking.	Dr T Nicklin	Noted. PADC2 seeks to ensure that the regeneration of Laindon town centre meets the needs of local residents and businesses in a way that is commercially viable and locally acceptable.	N/A
Bowers and Vange Marsh RSPB Reserves, Wat Tyler Country Park should be mentioned. Green tourism should be taken into consideration.	Mr Smart	Noted. The Council will take these areas into consideration and mention them where appropriate when revising the Core Strategy.	Consider whether Bowers and Vange Marsh RSPB Reserves, Wat Tyler Country Park and the benefits and impacts of Green tourism should be included within Core Strategy.
Agree with PADC2 as need to develop Laindon Shopping Centre, need of investment and facilities.	Mrs Beckinsales, Mr A Lyon, Mr J Lyon, M Wharton, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, Mrs V Hudson, Natural England, Mrs S Bummet, Mr A Peake, Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Mr P Ward, Mr D Lovey, Mr M Manns, Mr and Mrs Acton, Mr C Narrainen, Basildon Business Group, Mrs M Heppell, Mrs A Triston, Mr P Rackley	Noted	N/A
Housing and facilities should be built out of town centres	Mr S Lyon	The National Planning Policy Framework requires Council to show that a sequential approach to certain types of development has been undertaken. This requires that the town centres are recognised as the heart of the communities and considered first for any development opportunities. Residential development can play an important role in ensuring town centres viability and vitality, and only if suitable sites were not available should out of centre sites be considered.	N/A
What is PADC2?	Mrs Z Jeffers	The Core Strategy identifies 13 areas that require coordinated development or change to support the sustainable development of the local area. In the Core Strategy, these areas were known as Primary Areas of Development and Change (PADC). Laindon Town Centre was one of these 13 areas and for ease of reference was called PADC2. The Core Strategy set out the main objectives for this PADC in relation to its regeneration.	N/A
Cross reference in Policy CS1 to ensure natural environment is conserved	Natural England	Noted.	Should reference natural environment policy (Policy CS1) in PADC2.
Regeneration is much needed but question its delivery, retail space demand and whether infrastructure and services are in place for new houses.	Mr D Lovey, Campaign to Protect Rural England, Mrs S Pullin	An agreement between the current owners of the Laindon town centre, Laindon Regeneration LLP, property company Wrenbridge Land and Basildon Council has been made. In 2010, the Council commissioned London based consultancy White Yong Green (WYG) to review its current	N/A.

		convenience and comparison retail floorspace provision and capacity to make sure the Borough does not lose trade to neighbouring areas and provides retail facilities which meet the needs of local residents and businesses. There has been interest in a supermarket-led development in the area in the last year. The details for the mixed use development would be contained within a planning application.	
Should not delay. Need wider masterplanning of Laindon area. This will avoid cherry picking.	Basildon Business Group, Mr R Bray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, Mrs M Heppell	An agreement between current owners of the Laindon town centre, Laindon Regeneration LLP, leading property company Wrenbridge Land and Basildon Council has been made. A planning application for a major supermarket chain in the area is expected shortly. The details for new homes, retail, and other facilities will be expected in a separate planning application, which will be considered by the Council. The wider Laindon area can be considered through implementing PAD2 in site allocations, development management policies and Supplementary Planning Documents.	Re-examine the role of Laindon Town Centre to its surroundings to ensure the Core Strategy brings benefits to Laindon as a whole.
Do not agree with PAD2 as should allow area to grow naturally. Independent retailers are required	Mr J Ward	An agreement between current owners of the Laindon town centre, Laindon Regeneration LLP, leading property company Wrenbridge Land and Basildon Council has been made. However, a planning application including the details for new homes, retail, and other facilities will be required by the Council.	N/A
Do not identify environmental constraints or opportunities. Refer to Water Cycle Study, SFRA and SWMP, as well as River Basin Management Plan and Catchment Flood Management Plan to identify recommendations for PAD2. For example, to consider phasing that may be required.	Environment Agency	Noted. The Council will consider environmental constraints and opportunities using the evidence base when revising the Core Strategy. However, the PAD2's are not intended to be read in isolation of other policies including Policy CS4 which refers specifically to the necessary documents which play a key role in dealing with flood and water management.	Review Water Cycle Study, Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and Surface Water Management Plan, alongside River Basin Management Plan and Catchment Flood Management Plan to determine any relevant environmental constraints and/ or opportunities for PAD2.
Could be difficult due to existing constraints, including too many vacant shops. Existing retailers will move and not replace old ones	Mr M Belcher, Mr B Foster	An agreement between current owners of the Laindon town centre, Laindon Regeneration LLP, leading property company Wrenbridge Land and Basildon Council has been made. However, a planning application including the details for new homes, retail, and other facilities will be required by the Council.	N/A
Support PAD2 and making improvements to Laindon but not at expense of viability and encouraging uses which should be in town centre. Should apply sequential test. Unrealistic to include masterplan as will add time and anchor supermarket is already in place. Unsure what 23 hectares of vacant and underused land relates to as only undeveloped land is Laindon centre 14 acre site and former Laindon hotel, which has permission for residential and offices. There is a small site opposite the station. Policy should reflect this and be clear of expected outputs for 200 dwellings at Laindon centre.	Colonnade Strategic LLP, Laindon Regeneration LLP	The National Planning Policy Framework requires Council to show that the sequential approach has been taken. This requires that the town centres are recognised as the heart of the communities and considered first for development opportunities. Residential development can play an important role in ensuring town centres viability and vitality, and only if suitable sites are not available should out of centre sites be considered. The Core Strategy will reflect outputs for PAD2 when it is revised.	Should apply sequential tests. Should consider need for PAD2 to have a masterplan. Need to clarify the '23 hectares of vacant and underused land' in PAD2. Policy should be clear of expected outputs for 200 dwellings at Laindon centre.

Primary Area for Development and Change (PADC) 3 – Pitsea Town Centre

Q18 – Do you agree with PADC3 Pitsea Town Centre or is there anything you would change? Please explain your answer.

57 comments were made on Question 18.

PADC3 Pitsea Town Centre			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Actions
No comments	Mrs L Kelly, Mr Beiley, Billericay District Residents Association, Mr Acton and Mrs Hillebrand, Billericay Town Council, Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families), One Property Group (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd), Mr R Bray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes)	Noted.	N/A
Agree with PADC3 as there is sufficient room and need to diversify	Dr T Nicklin, Mr A Lyon, Mr M Flack, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, D2 planning (on behalf of London and Cambridge Properties Ltd), Natural England, Mrs S Bummet, Mr A Peake, Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Mr P Ward, Mr D Lovey, Mr C Narrainen, Basildon Business Group, Mr M Belcher, Mrs A Triston, Mr D Salt, Mrs C Foster, Mr B Foster, Mr P Rackley	Noted.	N/A
Do not agree with PADC3 as new homes should be outside town centres. Existing housing has ruined landscapes.	Miss E Lyon, Mrs Beckinsales, Mr R Lyon, Mrs N Lyon, Mrs M Green, Mr S Lyon, Mr J Lyon, Mrs V Hudson, Mrs G Trivett, Mr J Lyon, Ms H J Dyer	The National Planning Policy Framework requires the Council to show that the sequential approach has been taken. This requires that the town centres are recognised as the heart of the communities and considered first for development opportunities. Residential development can play an important role in ensuring town centres viability and vitality, and only if suitable sites are not available should out of centre sites be considered.	N/A
St Nicholas Church, Laindon and fields adjacent should be protected from development.	Mr Smart	Noted. Policy CS1 of the Core Strategy supports this area as a landscape feature within the borough. The most appropriate land for development will be considered through the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment and the development plan process. Various aspects of housing need, environmental matters and conservation will all be factored in. The Council have committed to revisit their Green Belt study so that the Borough's green belt can be understood further and assessed to establish if and where areas continue to serve the 5 purposes set out in the NPPF.	Revisit the Green Belt study and use to inform the Core Strategy.
What is PADC3?	Mrs Z Jeffers	The Core Strategy identifies 13 areas that require coordinated development or change to support the sustainable development of the local area. In the Core Strategy, these areas were known as Primary Areas of Development and Change (PADC). PADC3 relates to 'Primary Area of Development and Change' at Pitsea Town Centre and can be viewed spatially in the map on page 111 of the Core Strategy document.	N/A
Submitted application for new supermarket, refurbishment of Pembroke House and existing terrace of shops, erection of new retail units, new market on site, improvements to public realm, demolition of some buildings. Whilst London and Cambridge Properties Ltd own most of land, there maybe a need for Council to use CPO powers and this	D2 planning (on behalf of London and Cambridge Properties Ltd)	Noted. The Core Strategy does not deal with specific matters of an application or CPO powers. These matters are dealt with independently of the Core Strategy.	N/A

should be made explicit within the Making it Happen section.			
Cross reference in Policy CS1 to ensure natural environment is conserved	Natural England	Noted.	Should reference natural environment policy (Policy CS1) in PAD3.
Do not identify environmental constraints or opportunities. Refer to Water Cycle Study, SFRA and SWMP, as well as River Basin Management Plan and Catchment Flood Management Plan to identify recommendations for PAD3. For example, to consider phasing that may be required.	Environment Agency	Noted. The Council will consider environmental constraints and opportunities using the evidence base when revising the Core Strategy. However, the PAD3's are not intended to be read in isolation of other policies including Policy CS4 which refers specifically to the necessary documents which play a key role in dealing with flood and water management.	Should identify environmental constraints or opportunities for the PAD3s using the Water Cycle Study, SFRA and SWMP, as well as River Basin Management Plan and Catchment Flood Management Plan for PAD3.
Do not agree with loss of swimming pool and Railway Hotel	Mrs S Bummet, Mr P Ward, Mr S Simmons, Mrs M Heppell	Noted. The most appropriate land for development will be considered through the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment and the development plan process. Various aspects of housing need, environmental matters and conservation will all be factored in.	N/A
Question demand for retail space and whether infrastructure is in place for new homes	Campaign to Protect Rural England, Mrs S Pullin, Mrs M Heppell, Ms H J Dyer, Mr M Bushell	Noted. The Council and developers have a responsibility to balance the need for homes with a need for infrastructure. Any form of allocated growth, including retail, business and homes will be informed by various evidence bases the Council have undertaken. The Council continue to encourage sustainable development which will in-turn, require consideration and/or provision of parking, infrastructure and water. Relevant guidance and legislation is also in place to ensure that such things are considered through the planning process. The Core Strategy needs to include appropriate testing of the options for a variety of infrastructure needs. This will need to be built into the preparation timescales for future iterations.	The Council must continue to work with Essex County Council as Highways Authority to understand the transport context of the Borough, and test the Core Strategy Options for their impact to determine appropriate mitigation.
No reference to office space, which is just as important as retailing and leisure. Need to attract anchors and create balance for sustainable prosperity.	Basildon Business Group, Mr M Bushell, Colonnade Strategic LLP, Laindon Regeneration LLP	Noted. The Council have committed to undertaking a new employment land review which will inform the revisions of the Core Strategy and the rest of the LDF.	Undertake an up to date Employment Land Review.
Education and transport modelling is required and could mean more impacts are identified, but initially PAD3 should reference enhancements to highway, walking and cycling network.	Essex County Council	The Council continue to encourage sustainable development which will in-turn, require consideration and/or provision of parking, infrastructure and water. Relevant guidance and legislation is also in place to ensure that such things are considered through the planning process. The Core Strategy needs to include appropriate testing of the options for a variety of infrastructure needs. This will need to be built into the preparation timescales for future iterations. Highways will be consulted and their comments will be considered in the determination of a planning application and the existing infrastructure evidence bases will be utilised.	The Council must continue to work with Essex County Council as Highways Authority to understand the transport context of the Borough, and test the Core Strategy Options for their impact to determine appropriate mitigation.
Market traders have strong tradition	Mrs M Heppell	Noted.	N/A
Need to provide adequate car parking and better transport links	Mr D Salt, Mr B Foster, Ms H J Dyer	The Council continue to encourage sustainable development which will in-turn, require consideration and/or provision of parking, infrastructure and water. Relevant guidance and legislation is also in place to ensure that such things are considered through the planning process.	The Council must continue to work with Essex County Council as Highways Authority to understand the transport context of the Borough, and test the

		<p>The Core Strategy needs to include appropriate testing of the options for a variety of infrastructure needs. This will need to be built into the preparation timescales for future iterations.</p> <p>Highways will be consulted and their comments will be considered in the determination of a planning application and the existing infrastructure evidence bases will be utilised.</p>	<p>Core Strategy Options for their impact to determine appropriate mitigation.</p>
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Primary Area for Development and Change (PADC) 4 – Wickford Town Centre

Q19 Do you agree with PADC4 Wickford Town Centre or is there anything you would change? Please explain your answer.

38 comments were made on Question 19.

PADC4 Wickford Town Centre			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Actions
No comments	Mrs L Kelly, Mr M Flack, BDSA, Mr Acton and Mrs C Hillebrand, Billericay Town Council, Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families), One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd), Mr R Bray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes), Colonnade Strategic LLP	Noted.	N/A
Agree with PADC4	Dr T Nicklin, Mr Smart, Mr A Lyon, Mr S Lyon, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, Mrs S Bummet, Mr A Peake, Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Mr P Ward, Mr M Manns, Mr C Narrainen, Basildon Business Group, Strutt and Parker (on behalf of Pigeon Wickford Ltd), Mrs A Triston, Laindon Regeneration LLP	Noted.	N/A
Do not agree with PADC4 as new homes should be outside town centres	Miss E Lyon	The National Planning Policy Framework requires the Council to show that the sequential approach has been taken. This requires that the town centres are recognised as the heart of the communities and considered first for development opportunities. Residential development can play an important role in ensuring town centres viability and vitality, and only if suitable sites are not available should out of centre sites be considered.	N/A
50 homes is not sufficient	Mr Beiley	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The Government's NPPF makes it clear that LPAs should positively seek opportunities to meet the development needs of the area, with sufficient flexibility to adapt to rapid change.</p> <p>One of the NPPF's Core Planning Principles is to ensure that every effort has been made to objectively identify and then meet the housing, business and other development needs of an area and respond positively to wider opportunities for growth.</p> <p>The Core Strategy's Preferred Options Report placed greatest weight on the environmental role of the planning system in securing sustainable development. The NPPF states that the economic, social and environmental roles should not be undertaken in isolation, because they are mutually dependant.</p> <p>For these reasons, the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report must be revised to guide future development in a wholly sustainable manner. For these reasons, the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report must be revised to guide future development in a wholly sustainable manner.</p>	<p>The Council should revise its Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and use its Evidence Base to inform the scale and distribution of development needs over the next twenty years.</p> <p>Revisit the Green Belt study and use it to inform the Core Strategy.</p>
Improvements to railway station, roads and additional services are needed	Mr Beiley, Mrs V Hudson, Mrs S Pullin, Mrs A Triston	Noted. The Council and developers have a responsibility to balance the need for homes with a need for infrastructure. Any form of allocated growth, including retail, business and homes	The Council must continue to work with Essex County Council as Highways Authority to

		<p>will be informed by various evidence bases the Council have undertaken. The Council continue to encourage sustainable development which will in-turn, require consideration and/or provision of parking, infrastructure and water. Relevant guidance and legislation is also in place to ensure that such things are considered through the planning process.</p> <p>The Core Strategy needs to include appropriate testing of the options for a variety of infrastructure needs. This will need to be built into the preparation timescales for future iterations.</p>	<p>understand the transport context of the Borough, and test the Core Strategy Options for their impact to determine appropriate mitigation.</p>
Cross reference in Policy CS1 to ensure natural environment is conserved	Natural England	Noted.	Should reference natural environment policy (Policy CS1) in PAD4.
Do not identify environmental constraints or opportunities. Refer to Water Cycle Study, SFRA and SWMP, as well as River Basin Management Plan and Catchment Flood Management Plan to identify recommendations for PAD4. For example, to consider phasing that may be required.	Environment Agency	Noted. The Council will consider environmental constraints and opportunities using the evidence base when revising the Core Strategy. However, the PAD4's are not intended to be read in isolation of other policies including Policy CS4 which refers specifically to the necessary documents which play a key role in dealing with flood and water management.	Should identify environmental constraints or opportunities for the PAD4s using the Water Cycle Study, SFRA and SWMP, as well as River Basin Management Plan and Catchment Flood Management Plan for PAD4.
Question demand for retail space	Campaign to Protect Rural England	<p>Noted. The Council and developers have a responsibility to balance the need for homes with a need for infrastructure. Any form of allocated growth, including retail, business and homes will be informed by various evidence bases the Council have undertaken. The Council continue to encourage sustainable development which will in-turn, require consideration and/or provision of parking, infrastructure and water. Relevant guidance and legislation is also in place to ensure that such things are considered through the planning process.</p> <p>The Core Strategy needs to include appropriate testing of the options for a variety of infrastructure needs. This will need to be built into the preparation timescales for future iterations.</p>	The Council must continue to work with Essex County Council as Highways Authority to understand the transport context of the Borough, and test the Core Strategy Options for their impact to determine appropriate mitigation.
Community facilities to be retained	Mr P Ward	Noted. The most appropriate land for development will be considered through the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment and the development plan process. Various aspects of housing need, environmental matters and conservation will all be factored in.	N/A
No reference to office development	Basildon Business Group	Noted. The Council have committed to undertaking a new employment land review which will inform the revisions of the Core Strategy and the rest of the LDF.	Undertake an up to date Employment Land Review.
Evidence supports Wickford town centre regeneration but preferred option A will not deliver the improvements. There are empty units in Wickford town centre and as Masterplan was pre-recession, it is out of date and should seek to improve existing units before providing more.	Strutt and Parker (on behalf of Pigeon Wickford Ltd)	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The Government's NPPF makes it clear that LPAs should positively seek opportunities to meet the development needs of the area, with sufficient flexibility to adapt to rapid change. One of the NPPF's Core Planning Principles is to ensure that every effort has been made to objectively identify and then meet the housing, business and other development needs of an area and respond positively to wider opportunities for growth.</p> <p>The Core Strategy's Preferred Options Report placed greatest weight on the environmental role of the planning system in</p>	<p>The Council should revise its Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and use its Evidence Base to inform the scale and distribution of development needs over the next twenty years.</p> <p>Revisit the Green Belt study and use it to inform the Core Strategy.</p>

		<p>securing sustainable development. The NPPF states that the economic, social and environmental roles should not be undertaken in isolation, because they are mutually dependant.</p> <p>For these reasons, the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report must be revised to guide future development in a wholly sustainable manner. For these reasons, the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report must be revised to guide future development in a wholly sustainable manner.</p>	
<p>Education and transport modelling is required and could mean more impacts are identified, but initially PAD4 should reference enhancements to highway, walking and cycling network.</p>	<p>Essex County Council</p>	<p>Noted. The Council and developers have a responsibility to balance the need for homes with a need for infrastructure. Any form of allocated growth, including retail, business and homes will be informed by various evidence bases the Council have undertaken. The Council continue to encourage sustainable development which will in-turn, require consideration and/or provision of parking, infrastructure and water. Relevant guidance and legislation is also in place to ensure that such things are considered through the planning process.</p> <p>The Core Strategy needs to include appropriate testing of the options for a variety of infrastructure needs. This will need to be built into the preparation timescales for future iterations.</p>	<p>The Council must continue to work with Essex County Council as Highways Authority to understand the transport context of the Borough, and test the Core Strategy Options for their impact to determine appropriate mitigation.</p>

Primary Area for Development and Change (PADC) 5 – Five Links and Primary Area for Development and Change (PADC) 6 – Craylands

Q20 – Do you agree with PADC5 Five Links and PADC6 Craylands or is there anything you would change? Please explain your answer.

39 comments were made on Question 20.

PADC5 and PADC6 Five Links and Craylands			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Actions
No comments	Mrs L Kelly, Mr Smart, BDSA, Mr D Lovey, Mr Acton and Mrs Hilleband, Billericay Town Council, Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families), One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd), Mr R Bray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes), Mr P Rackley	Noted.	N/A
Agree with PADC5 and PADC6, and changing to traditional design, enhance the area and make the place safer.	Dr T Nicklin, Miss E Lyon, Mr A Lyon, Mr M Flack, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, Homes and Communities Agency, Mrs V Hudson, Campaign to Protect Rural England, Mr A Peake, Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Mr P Ward, Mr M Manns, Mrs S Pullin, Mr C Narrainen, Basildon Business Group, Mrs A Triston, Mr B Foster	Noted.	N/A
Should include allocation for Travellers	Mr Beiley	Noted. The Council is commissioning a Gypsy and Traveller Local Needs Accommodation Assessment in Autumn 2012 to inform the policies of the Core Strategy and Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan Documents.	Commission a Gypsy and Traveller Local Needs Accommodation Assessment in Autumn 2012 to inform the policies of the Core Strategy and Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan Document.
Disagree with PADC5 and PADC6 as should be building high quality houses rather than replacing houses	Mr S Lyon	Noted.	N/A
Housing is too high density, not enough green space, and needs more mature trees in PADC5	Mrs S Bummet	Noted.	N/A
Need to develop other estate renewal projects, Felmores for example	Basildon Business Group, Colonnade Strategic LLP	Noted. The Council will keep under review the need to undertake estate renewal projects in the Borough.	The Council will keep under review the need to undertake estate renewal projects in the Borough.
Do not identify environmental constraints or opportunities. Refer to Water Cycle Study, SFRA and SWMP, as well as River Basin Management Plan and Catchment Flood Management Plan to identify recommendations for PADC. For example, to consider phasing that may be required.	Environment Agency	Noted. The Council will consider environmental constraints and opportunities using the evidence base when revising the Core Strategy. However, the PADC's are not intended to be read in isolation of other policies including Policy CS4 which refers specifically to the necessary documents which play a key role in dealing with flood and water management.	Review Water Cycle Study, Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and Surface Water Management Plan, alongside River Basin Management Plan and Catchment Flood Management Plan to determine any relevant environmental constraints and/ or opportunities for PADC5 and 6.
Five Links regeneration should integrate to Laindon centre and access to station	Laindon Regeneration LLP.	Noted. The regeneration of Five Links commenced in the mid 1990's and is now entering into its final phases. The integration with the Laindon Centre has therefore largely been determined by the planning applications that have approved its redevelopment. It is therefore more critical that the Laindon Centre's redevelopment ensures it integrates with surrounding neighbourhoods including Five Links and considers access to the station.	N/A

Primary Area for Development and Change (PADC) 7 A127 Enterprise Parks Corridor

Q21 – Do you agree with PADC7 A127 Enterprise Parks Corridor or is there anything you would change? Please explain your answer.

48 comments were made on Question 21.

PADC7 A127 Enterprise Parks Corridor			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Actions
No comments	Mrs L Kelly, Mr M Flack, BDSA, Billericay Town Council, Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families, One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd), Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes	Noted.	N/A
Agree with PADC7 as should maximise existing facility and economic development should be driver for growth.	Dr T Nicklin, Miss E Lyon, Mr Smart, Mr A Lyon, Mr S Lyon, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, Mrs V Hudson, Mr L Defoe, Mrs S Bummet, Campaign to Protect Rural England, Mr A Peake, Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Mr P Ward, Mr M Manns, Mrs S Pullin, Mr Acton and Mrs Hilleband, Mr C Narrainen,), Mr R Bray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, Drivers Jonas Deloitte (on behalf of Universities Superannuation Scheme Ltd), Mrs A Triston, Colonnade Strategic LLP, Laindon Regeneration LLP	Noted.	N/A
Need to alleviate problems with PADC7, including its highways capacity and stop rat runs being created. Should use area to improve training and skills.	Mr Beiley, Captain B Beale, Campaign to Protect Rural England, Mrs A Triston, Mr B Foster	Noted. The Council and developers have a responsibility to balance the need for homes with a need for infrastructure. Any form of allocated growth, including retail, business and homes will be informed by various evidence bases the Council have undertaken. The Council continue to encourage sustainable development which will in-turn, require consideration and/or provision of parking, infrastructure and water. Relevant guidance and legislation is also in place to ensure that such things are considered through the planning process. The Core Strategy needs to include appropriate testing of the options for a variety of infrastructure needs. This will need to be built into the preparation timescales for future iterations.	The Council must continue to work with Essex County Council as Highways Authority to understand the transport context of the Borough, and test the Core Strategy Options for their impact to determine appropriate mitigation.
Intention to bring some sites forward for economic use.	Homes and Community Agency	Noted.	N/A
Cross reference in Policy CS1 to ensure natural environment is conserved	Natural England	Noted.	Should reference natural environment policy (Policy CS1) in PADC7.
Do not identify environmental constraints or opportunities. Refer to Water Cycle Study, SFRA and SWMP, as well as River Basin Management Plan and Catchment Flood Management Plan to identify recommendations for PADC. For example, to consider phasing that may be required.	Environment Agency	Noted. The Council will consider environmental constraints and opportunities using the evidence base when revising the Core Strategy. However, the PADC's are not intended to be read in isolation of other policies including Policy CS4 which refers specifically to the necessary documents which play a key role in dealing with flood and water management.	Should identify environmental constraints or opportunities for the PADCs using the Water Cycle Study, SFRA and SWMP, as well as River Basin Management Plan and Catchment Flood Management Plan.
No reference to rail link with C2C and no thought given to PADC7 impact on Borough and beyond. No consideration to land owned by Ford Motor Company. Proposal for new road to run parallel with A127 in front of Fords to Dunton flyover and could be extended to A128.	Alan Pipe and Partners (on behalf of Mr B Stone)	PADC1 gives reference to the national rail link which is appropriate to its location in Basildon Town Centre. PADC7 can only give reference to a potential rail link if it has been promoted by the rail companies or a private investor and proves a viable option. With regard to Ford Motor Company lands, this is covered through PADC8: Dunton North and PADC9: Dunton East. The	N/A

		<p>Borough is required by national government to objectively assess their housing and employment needs. In order to provide sustainable development to meet needs the Council have to utilise the land within their Borough. The Borough is constrained by Green Belt and it is only a review of the Local Plan that can make changes to the Green Belt boundaries. Whilst the Green Belt consists of brownfield land, the Borough has limited brownfield land within its urban settlements. Therefore in order to accommodate sustainable development without developing intensely into the Green Belt, the Council has to consider developing within its urban area. There is no evidence to suggest that the research and development designation is applicable to this area anymore and Ford Motor Company has evidently stated there do not require this land.</p> <p>Similar to new rail links, new road links cannot be proposed without a known source of funding, viability testing and direct proposals from the highway agency, highways authority or legitimate provider. As the Council has no knowledge of this happening, no reference is considered through the Core Strategy. The Council are awaiting the final outcomes of the traffic modelling work that has been ongoing and this will be considered and inform the later drafts of the Core Strategy.</p>	
A127 should be northern boundary of Basildon to stop development in Green Belt	Campaign to Protect Rural England	<p>Noted. The most appropriate land for development will be considered through the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment and the development plan process. Various aspects of housing need, environmental matters and conservation will all be factored in including green belt.</p> <p>The Green Belt is a national designation and an area covered by national planning policy. The Local planning authority have the responsibility to ensure that the Green Belt boundaries are robust and for the long-term. Consequently, the Council have committed to revisit their Green Belt study so that the Borough's green belt can be understood further and assessed to establish if and where areas continue to serve the 5 purposes set out in the NPPF.</p>	<p>The Council must continue to work with Essex County Council as Highways Authority to understand the transport context of the Borough, and test the Core Strategy Options for their impact to determine appropriate mitigation.</p> <p>Revisit the Green Belt and use to inform the Core Strategy.</p>
No mention of Gardiners Lane South. Area has been blighted for while and clarification on its future is required.	Mr D Lovey, Mr P Rackley	Gardiner Lane South is included within PAD7 A127 Enterprise Parks Corridor. Revisions to the Core Strategy will be made should discussions and firm proposals on the site become viable.	N/A
Clarification on where recreational activities are to be located if employment is intensified.	Mr D Lovey	<p>Noted. The Council and developers have a responsibility to balance the need for homes with a need for infrastructure including recreational space.</p> <p>Part of the evidence base for the Core Strategy is the PPG17 Green Spaces Assessment. This study assesses the quality of the green/recreation spaces in the Borough and determines where there are sufficient spaces and identifies where provision needs to be made. New open spaces and recreation areas will need to be allocated through the subsequent Site Allocations Development Plan Document.</p>	Consider including a 'standards' policy for open space provision in new development.
Land adjacent A127 and Endeavour Drive, former	Mr Acton and Mrs Hilleband	Noted. Land adjacent A127 and Endeavour Drive, former	Undertake an up to date

<p>Ford/Visteon plant and First Data building should be used. Not convinced new sites are needed.</p>		<p>Ford/Visteon plant and First Data buildings are included within PAD7 A127 Enterprise Parks Corridor. The Council will seek the reuse of existing sites as a priority. The Council have also committed to undertaking a new employment land review which will inform the revisions of the Core Strategy and the rest of the LDF.</p>	<p>Employment Land Review.</p>
<p>Should consider commercial, industrial and residential extension of A127 at Fryern Manor Farm</p>	<p>KTI Energy Limited</p>	<p>Noted. The most appropriate land for development will be considered through the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment and the development plan process. Various aspects of housing need, environmental matters and conservation will all be factored in including green belt. The Council will, however, only allocate additional land if needed to meet any identified need. The Council have also committed to undertaking a new employment land review which will inform the revisions of the Core Strategy and the rest of the LDF.</p>	<p>Undertake an up to date Employment Land Review.</p>
<p>Does not reference floorspace required or the job numbers provided, which fails to meet requirements of NPPF. Concerns over deliverability as contradicting evidence in topic papers; can't maximise capacity of PAD7 if there is a dwindling land supply and limited opportunities in this area.</p>	<p>Iceni Projects (on behalf of Cogent Land LLP), Basildon Business Group</p>	<p>Noted. The Council have committed to undertaking a new employment land review which will inform the revisions of the Core Strategy and the rest of the LDF.</p>	<p>Undertake an up to date Employment Land Review.</p>
<p>No evidence to support a policy to restrict development to infilling and intensification, which will limit ability to attract new business. As Gardiners Lane South and Dunton East are no longer to be used for employment, there are special circumstances to release Green belt, which will not compromise its five purposes. Allocate at least 40 hectares in suitable business locations.</p>	<p>Basildon Business Group, Colonnade Strategic LLP, Laindon Regeneration LLP</p>	<p>Noted. One of the NPPF's Core Planning Principles is to make every effort to have been made to objectively identify and then meet the housing, business and other development needs of an area and respond positively to wider opportunities for growth.</p> <p>The Core Strategy's Preferred Options Report placed greatest weight on the environmental role of the planning system in securing sustainable development. The NPPF states that the economic, social and environmental roles should not be undertaken in isolation, because they are mutually dependant.</p> <p>For these reasons, the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report must be revised to guide future development in a wholly sustainable manner.</p> <p>For these reasons, the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report must be revised to guide future development in a wholly sustainable manner. For these reasons, the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report must be revised to guide future development in a wholly sustainable manner.</p> <p>The Council have committed to undertaking a new employment land review which will inform the revisions of the Core Strategy and the rest of the LDF.</p>	<p>The Council should revise its Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and use its Evidence Base to inform the scale and distribution of development needs over the next twenty years.</p> <p>Revisit the Green Belt study and use it to inform the Core Strategy.</p> <p>Undertake an up to date Employment Land Review.</p>
<p>Education and transport modelling is required and could mean more impacts are identified, but initially PAD7 should reference enhancements to highway, walking and cycling network. Different name and number of jobs in para 3.16.</p>	<p>Essex County Council</p>	<p>Noted. The Council and developers have a responsibility to balance the need for homes with a need for infrastructure. Any form of allocated growth, including retail, business and homes will be informed by various evidence bases the Council have undertaken. The Council continue to encourage sustainable development which will in-turn, require consideration and/or provision of parking, infrastructure and water. Relevant guidance and legislation is also in place to ensure that such</p>	<p>The Council must continue to work with Essex County Council as Highways Authority to understand the transport context of the Borough, and test the Core Strategy Options for their impact to determine appropriate mitigation.</p>

		<p>things are considered through the planning process.</p> <p>The Core Strategy needs to include appropriate testing of the options for a variety of infrastructure needs. This will need to be built into the preparation timescales for future iterations.</p> <p>Educational consideration remains a key issue for the Borough and ensuring the Core Strategy includes viable options/policies for improving skills and increasing employability will remain in the document.</p> <p>Wording changes will be made when the Core Strategy is revised.</p>	<p>Highways will be consulted and their comments will be considered in the determination of a planning application.</p> <p>Make sure job numbers and land allocations are the same through the Core Strategy.</p>
Need to diversify uses outside of B class for flexible approach. PAD7 is mislabelled on map 9.	Drivers Jonas Deloitte (on behalf of Universities Superannuation Scheme Ltd)	<p>Noted. The Council have committed to undertaking a new employment land review which will inform the revisions of the Core Strategy and the rest of the LDF.</p> <p>Any wording or changes to the maps will be made when the Core Strategy is revised.</p>	<p>Undertake an up to date Employment Land Review.</p> <p>Amend maps to ensure PAD7 is correctly labelled.</p>
Do not agree with PAD7 as sites in East of Basildon are suitable for economic development.	Mr N Lambert	<p>Noted. The most appropriate land for development will be considered through the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment and the development plan process. Various aspects of housing need, environmental matters and conservation will all be factored in including green belt. The Council will, however, only allocate additional land if needed to meet any identified need. The Council have also committed to undertaking a new employment land review which will inform the revisions of the Core Strategy and the rest of the LDF.</p>	<p>Undertake an up to date Employment Land Review.</p>
Supersedes Bas E1 but more information is required.	Miss Missing	<p>Noted. The Council have committed to undertaking a new employment land review which will inform the revisions of the Core Strategy and the rest of the LDF.</p> <p>Any wording changes will be made when the Core Strategy is revised.</p>	<p>Undertake an up to date Employment Land Review.</p> <p>Provide more clarity on what happens when Local Plan Policies are superseded.</p>

Primary Area for Development and Change (PADC) 8 Dunton North

Q22 – Do you agree with PADC8 Dunton North or is there anything you would change? Please explain your answer.

43 comments were made on Question 22.

PADC8 Dunton North			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Action
No comments	Mrs L Kelly, BDSA, Billericay Town Council, Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families), One Property Group (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd), Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes)	Noted.	N/A
Agree with PADC8 as will take pressure of other locations and economic development should be driver for growth.	Miss E Lyon, Mr Beiley, Mr Smart, Mr A Lyon, Mr M Flack, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, Mr A Peake, Mr P Ward, Mr M Manns, Mrs S Pullin, Mr C Narrainen, Mr R Bray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, Mrs A Tristan	Noted.	N/A
Protect landscape towards North and East of Dunton. Local Wildlife Site should be protected and minimise development by landscaping.	Natural England, Campaign to Protect Rural England	Noted. The Council have committed to revisit their Green Belt study so that the Borough's green belt can be understood further and assessed to establish if and where areas continue to serve the 5 purposes set out in the NPPF. The Council have also committed to commissioning a local Landscape Study.	Revisit the Green Belt study and use to inform the Core Strategy. Commission a Local Landscape Study.
Do not agree with PADC8 as area is used for recreational activities and provides an important research and development area for Ford Motor Company. It is full of wildlife and too narrow for any suitable development. It is not right type of land in right place at right time and so is not in compliance with National Planning Policy Framework. Should be returned to green belt if not needed for research and development.	Dr T Nicklin, Mrs V Hudson, Mrs S Bummet, Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Mr N Sumner, Mr Acton and Mrs Hilleband, Basildon Business Group, Mr P Rackley, Colonnade Strategic LLP, Laindon Regeneration LLP	Noted. The Council have committed to undertaking a new employment land review which will inform the revisions of the Core Strategy and the rest of the LDF. Up to date and comprehensive understanding of the employment/housing needs for the borough will be considered alongside the rest of the extensive evidence bases including landscape and environmental studies. Part of the evidence base for the Core Strategy is the PPG17 Green Spaces Assessment. This study assesses the quality of the green/recreation spaces in the Borough and determines where there are sufficient spaces and identifies where provision needs to be made. New open spaces and recreation areas will need to be allocated through the subsequent Site Allocations Development Plan Document.	Undertake an up to date Employment Land Review. Consider including a 'standards' policy for open space provision in new development.
Does not reference who is providing access onto A127	Alan Pipe and Partners (on behalf of Mr B Stone)	This information is not relevant to the content of the Core Strategy.	N/A
Not sustainable and should use land to the west beyond A127 instead.	Alan Pipe and Partners (on behalf of Mr B Stone)	Noted. The most appropriate land for development will be considered through the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment and the development plan process. Various aspects of housing need, environmental matters and conservation will all be factored in including green belt. The Council will, however, only allocate additional land if needed to meet any identified need.	N/A
Need to consider implications of Essex Waste Development.	Alan Pipe and Partners (on behalf of Mr B Stone)	It is a requirement that the Essex County Council Waste & Minerals Local Development Plan feed into the Core Strategy where appropriate.	N/A
Concerns over traffic levels, public transport should be made available.	Mr A Peake, Mrs S Pullin	Noted. The role of the Council is to provide people with options and encourage sustainable travel. It cannot however, stop people from using cars but still have to cater for those who prefer and rely on personal transport and other road users. The Council are awaiting the final outcome of the traffic	The Council must continue to work with Essex County Council as Highways Authority to understand the transport context of the Borough, and test the Core Strategy Options

		<p>modelling work that has been ongoing and this will be considered and inform the later drafts of the Core Strategy.</p> <p>Wording changes will be considered when the Core Strategy is revised.</p>	for their impact to determine appropriate mitigation.
Shown on Policy CS7 map so development in this area was expected	Mr D Lovey	Policy CS7 is a general policy relating to Economic Growth. Areas detailed in Map 9 relate to strategic sites where an element of employment will be expected as part of the wider development proposed. These sites are not exhaustive.	N/A
Does not go towards meeting business needs and providing enough employment land	Basildon Business Group, Colonnade Strategic LLP, Laindon Regeneration LLP	Noted. The Council have committed to undertaking a new employment land review which will inform the revisions of the Core Strategy and the rest of the LDF.	Undertake an up to date Employment Land Review.
Pleased for area to be removed from research and development policy, but would like policy to be more flexible as have no plans for area at present. Dunton East development provides access road and cycle provision to any proposals in this area. Errors on Appendix 3 map; west part of PAD7 should read PAD9, but exclude Ford Technical Centre as its employment land.	Drivers Jonas Deloitte (on behalf of Ford Motor Company)	Noted. Any wording or changes to the maps will be made when the Core Strategy is revised.	Rectify errors on Map 3.
Do not identify environmental constraints or opportunities. Refer to Water Cycle Study, SFRA and SWMP, as well as River Basin Management Plan and Catchment Flood Management Plan to identify recommendations for PAD. For example, to consider phasing that may be required.	Environment Agency	Noted. The Council will consider environmental constraints and opportunities using the evidence base when revising the Core Strategy. However, the PAD's are not intended to be read in isolation of other policies including Policy CS4 which refers specifically to the necessary documents which play a key role in dealing with flood and water management.	Review Water Cycle Study, Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and Surface Water Management Plan, alongside River Basin Management Plan and Catchment Flood Management Plan to determine any relevant environmental constraints and/or opportunities for PAD8.
Question if community facilities are in place to support development.	Mr M Belcher	<p>Noted. The Core Strategy is a strategic document and will not provide the exact details for community facilities and infrastructure required. These would come from later LDF documents or the planning application process.</p> <p>The Council and developers have a responsibility to balance the need for homes with a need for infrastructure. Any form of allocated growth, including retail, business, community facilities and homes will be informed by various evidence bases the Council have undertaken. The Council continue to encourage sustainable development which will in-turn, require consideration and/or provision of parking, infrastructure and water. Relevant guidance and legislation is also in place to ensure that such things are considered through the planning process.</p> <p>The Core Strategy needs to include appropriate testing of the options for a variety of infrastructure needs. This will need to be built into the preparation timescales for future iterations.</p>	The Council must continue to work with Essex County Council as Highways Authority and other service providers to understand the infrastructure context of the Borough, and test the Core Strategy Options for their impact to determine appropriate mitigation.

Primary Area for Development and Change (PADC) 9 Dunton East

Q23 – Do you agree with PADC9 Dunton East or is there anything you would change? Please explain your answer.

42 comments were made on Question 23.

PADC9 Dunton East			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Actions
No comments	Mrs L Kelly, BDSA, Billericay Town Council, Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families), One Property Group (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd), Mr R Bray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes)	Noted	N/A
Agree with PADC9 as takes pressure away from other areas to accommodate development.	Miss E Lyon, Mr Smart, Mr A Lyon, Mr M Flack, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, Mr A Peake, Mr P Ward, Mr M Manns, Mrs S Pullin, Mr C Narrainen, Drivers Jonas Deloitte (on behalf of Bellway Homes), Mrs A Triston, Laindon Regeneration LLP	Noted	N/A.
New development should include allocation for Travellers.	Mr Beiley	Noted. The Council is commissioning a Gypsy and Traveller Local Needs Accommodation Assessment in Autumn 2012 to inform the policies of the Core Strategy and Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan Documents.	Commission a Gypsy and Traveller Local Needs Accommodation Assessment in Autumn 2012 to inform the policies of the Core Strategy and Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan Documents.
Reference that Victoria Park should be used for amenity and wildlife and extended as loss of Laindon School fields. Protect key landscape and ecological features, including landscape towards North and East Dunton.	Mr Smart, Mr N Sumner, Natural England, Mrs S Bummet, Campaign to Protect Rural England, Mr Acton and Mrs Hillebrand	Assessments into the quality and quantity of open spaces have been carried out on the Borough as part of the PPG17 Open Space Assessment endorsed by Cabinet in 2010. The Council intends to apply its open space standards to development proposals in the Borough to ensure an appropriate level and quality of open space is available for residents. The Council have committed to revisit their Green Belt study so that the Borough's green belt can be understood further and assessed to establish if and where areas continue to serve the 5 purposes set out in the NPPF. The Council have also committed to commissioning a local Landscape Study.	Revisit the Green Belt study and use to inform the Core Strategy. Commission a Local Landscape Study.
Do not agree with PADC9 and land released at Ford Dunton for development, as should use brownfield sites.	Mrs V Hudson, Mrs S Bummet	The Borough is required by the National Planning Policy Framework to objectively assess their current and future housing and employment needs. In order to provide sustainable development to meet these needs, the Council have to utilise the land within their Borough. The Borough is constrained by Green Belt and therefore the Core Strategy's Preferred Option A had to focus development on land which was in the urban areas and not constrained by Green Belt policy. The Borough has limited brownfield land within its urban boundaries. Therefore in order to accommodate sustainable development without developing intensively into the Green Belt, the Council had to consider reviewing its existing urban land allocations to determine what future land uses they are more appropriate for depending on current needs.	N/A
No provision for shops and community services. Should avoid integrated pathways as part of the development.	Mrs T Burton	Noted. The Core Strategy is a strategic document and will not provide the exact details for community facilities and	The Council must continue to work with Essex County

		<p>infrastructure required. These would come from later LDF documents or the planning application process.</p> <p>The Council and developers have a responsibility to balance the need for homes with a need for infrastructure. Any form of allocated growth, including retail, business, community facilities and homes will be informed by various evidence bases the Council have undertaken. The Council continue to encourage sustainable development which will in-turn, require consideration and/or provision of parking, infrastructure and water. Relevant guidance and legislation is also in place to ensure that such things are considered through the planning process.</p> <p>The Core Strategy needs to include appropriate testing of the options for a variety of infrastructure needs. This will need to be built into the preparation timescales for future iterations.</p>	<p>Council as Highways Authority and other service providers to understand the infrastructure context of the Borough, and test the Core Strategy Options for their impact to determine appropriate mitigation.</p> <p>Prepare an Infrastructure Delivery Plan to accompany the Core Strategy and inform development phasing and funding mechanisms.</p>
<p>Agree with PAD9 but have concerns over traffic levels. Public transport should also be made available.</p>	<p>Mr A Peake, Mrs S Pullin</p>	<p>Noted. The Core Strategy is a strategic document and will not provide the exact details for community facilities and infrastructure required. These would come from later LDF documents or the planning application process.</p> <p>The Council and developers have a responsibility to balance the need for homes with a need for infrastructure. Any form of allocated growth, including retail, business, community facilities and homes will be informed by various evidence bases the Council have undertaken. The Council continue to encourage sustainable development which will in-turn, require consideration and/or provision of parking, infrastructure and water. Relevant guidance and legislation is also in place to ensure that such things are considered through the planning process.</p> <p>The Core Strategy needs to include appropriate testing of the options for a variety of infrastructure needs. This will need to be built into the preparation timescales for future iterations.</p>	<p>The Council must continue to work with Essex County Council as Highways Authority and other service providers to understand the infrastructure context of the Borough, and test the Core Strategy Options for their impact to determine appropriate mitigation.</p> <p>Prepare an Infrastructure Delivery Plan to accompany the Core Strategy and inform development phasing and funding mechanisms.</p>
<p>Shown on Policy CS7 map so development in this area was expected</p>	<p>Mr D Lovey</p>	<p>Noted</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Do not agree with PAD9 as area provides an important research and development area for Ford Motor Company and housing in Laindon is excessive. If area is not required for research and development then should be returned to the Green Belt.</p>	<p>Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Mrs M Heppell, Mr P Rackley</p>	<p>The Borough is required by the National Planning Policy Framework to objectively assess their current and future housing and employment needs. In order to provide sustainable development to meet these needs, the Council have to utilise the land within their Borough. The Borough is constrained by Green Belt and therefore the Core Strategy's Preferred Option A had to focus development on land which was in the urban areas and not constrained by Green Belt policy.</p> <p>The Borough has limited brownfield land within its urban boundaries. Therefore in order to accommodate sustainable development without developing intensively into the Green Belt, the Council had to consider reviewing its existing urban land allocations to determine what future land uses they are more appropriate for depending on current needs.</p> <p>The Council will be undertaking an Employment Land and</p>	<p>The Council should revise its Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and use its Evidence Base to inform the scale and distribution of development needs over the next twenty years.</p> <p>Revisit the Green Belt study and use it to inform the Core Strategy.</p> <p>Undertake an up to date Employment Land Review.</p>

		Premises Study to determine what its future employment land needs are and whether areas can be changed to provide for other development needs.	
If this employment area is to be lost for housing then should provide employment land elsewhere.	Basildon Business Group, Colonnade Strategic LLP,	The Council are committed to carrying out an up to date Employment Land and Premises Study which will be used to determine what its future employment land needs are and to inform the revision to the Core Strategy.	Undertake an up to date Employment Land and Premises Study.
The new access road from A127 is being provided as part of PADC8, which can also be used to serve PADC9. It is noted that Policy BAS E5 of 1998 Local Plan would be superseded. There are errors on Appendix 3 map. PADC7 is shown twice and that the west one should read PADC9, but be revised to exclude Ford Technical Centre as is employment land.	Drivers Jonas Deloitte (on behalf of Bellway Homes), Drivers Jonas Deloitte (on behalf of Ford Motor Company)	Noted and amendments to maps will be carried out as part of the Core Strategy revision.	Change Map 3.
Do not identify environmental constraints or opportunities. Refer to Water Cycle Study, SFRA and SWMP, as well as River Basin Management Plan and Catchment Flood Management Plan to identify recommendations for PADC. For example, to consider phasing that may be required.	Environment Agency	Noted. The Council will consider environmental constraints and opportunities using the evidence base when revising the Core Strategy. However, the PADC's are not intended to be read in isolation of other policies including Policy CS4 which refers specifically to the necessary documents quoted which play a key role in dealing with the Borough's flood and water management.	Review Water Cycle Study, Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and Surface Water Management Plan, alongside River Basin Management Plan and Catchment Flood Management Plan to determine any relevant environmental constraints and/or opportunities for PADC9.
Question if community facilities are in place to support development.	Mr M Belcher	Noted. The Core Strategy is a strategic document and will not provide the exact details for community facilities and infrastructure required. These would come from later LDF documents or the planning application process. The Council and developers have a responsibility to balance the need for homes with a need for infrastructure. Any form of allocated growth, including retail, business, community facilities and homes will be informed by various evidence bases the Council have undertaken. The Council continue to encourage sustainable development which will in-turn, require consideration and/or provision of parking, infrastructure and water. Relevant guidance and legislation is also in place to ensure that such things are considered through the planning process. The Core Strategy needs to include appropriate testing of the options for a variety of infrastructure needs. This will need to be built into the preparation timescales for future iterations.	The Council must continue to work with Essex County Council as Highways Authority and other service providers to understand the infrastructure context of the Borough, and test the Core Strategy Options for their impact to determine appropriate mitigation.

Primary Area for Development and Change (PADC) 10 – Nethermayne Cluster

Q24 – Do you agree with PADC10 Nethermayne Cluster or is there anything you would change? Please explain your answer.

100 comments were made on Question 24.

PADC10 Nethermayne Cluster			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Actions
No comments	Mrs L Kelly, Billericay District Resident Association, Billericay Town Council, Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families), One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd), Mr R Bray, Mrs T Gray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes)	Noted.	N/A
Oppose PADC10 as area should be retained for its existing character. Site is for health, education and community not for housing. Area acts as a buffer zone from housing to Langdon Hills Country Park (an ETW Nature Reserve). Development will increase pollution, noise and traffic. Area is already at capacity with services and infrastructure struggling to cope. Area is high in wildlife and a Local Wildlife Site (Ba24, UK BAP habitat and used for recreational facilities. Amenities will be lost and there would be drainage and surface water issues. Long distance views and vistas would be destroyed. Emergency vehicles will experience difficulty getting around traffic. Previous applications and appeals have been dismissed as the area is not appropriate for development. Development would contradict Strategic Objectives 1, 2 about protecting wildlife and 19 about reducing traffic. Should return area back to Green Belt. The equestrian centre would be loss which is a vital local asset.	Dr T Nicklin, Miss E Lyon, Mr Smart, Mr N Sumner, Mr and Mrs Bell, Essex Badger Protection, Mrs Toulson, Mr S Lyon, Mrs J. D Millwood, Mrs J Cole, Mr P Furze, Mr and Mrs Way, Mr and Mrs Cox, Mr and Mrs Webster, Mr and Mrs Boswell, Mrs M J Waylett, Mrs B J Taylor, Mr F Noakes, Ms K Upton, Mr and Mrs J Rowling, Mrs D Rowling, Mrs J Noakes, Essex Wildlife Trust, Mrs V Hudson, Mr and Mrs Nice, Basildon Natural History Society, Langdon Hills Living Landscapes, Mr L Defoe, Cambridgeshire and Essex Butterfly Conservation, Mr and Mrs , Natural England, Mr S King, Mrs Purser, Mr and Mrs Bryan, Mr and Mrs Hawkes, Campaign to Protect Rural England, Mr A Peake, Mrs K Lack, Mr P Ward, Mr D Lovey, Mr and Mrs Acton, Mrs S Ranford, Dr R Cole, Mrs M Craighead, Mrs L Smith, Mr J E M Lee, Mr N Stanley, Cllr G Williams, Cllr L Williams, Mrs J Reid, Mr M Hughes, Mrs A Hughes, Basildon Business Group, Mr S Simmons, Mr and Mrs Shadrake, Mrs J Price, Mr and Mrs McCready, Mr B J Reeves, Mr and Mrs Gray, Mr C Pajdowski, Mr G Rowling, Mr M Belcher, Mr P Rackley, Mr C Mullett, Mrs A Fisher, Mrs E Knott, Green Action Group and petition of 2,300 people.	Noted. Dry Street is designated as an Area of Special Reserve in the Basildon District Local Plan 1998. Consequently, this means the area is not designated as Green Belt and has been reserved for housing. The Planning Inspector for the examination in the Basildon District Local Plan 1998 concluded that Dry Street was an appropriate area for development. Option A of the Core Strategy focused development within the urban areas and subsequently this included the Dry Street Area (PADC10). It is noted that policy has changed since the designation of Dry Street in the Basildon District Local Plan 1998 and consideration should be given to its environmental status as a Local Wildlife Site. However, development should also be compliant with national planning policy which requires Local Planning Authorities to objectively assess their housing need and ensure sustainable development. All these elements will be given consideration when the Core Strategy is revised.	The Council should clarify whether the Nethermayne Cluster remains an appropriate area for development in the next draft of the Core Strategy.
Agree with PADC10 as contributes to meeting housing needs with mix of units, tenures and associated community facilities and retail.	Mr Beiley, Mr A Lyon, Mr M Flack, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, Mrs J Jackson, Homes and Communities Agency, Mrs S Bummet, Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Mr M Manns, Mrs S Pullin, Mr C Narrainen, GL Hearn (on behalf of Homes and Communities Agency, South Essex College and Basildon Borough Council), Mr B Foster, Colonnade Strategic LLP, Laindon Regeneration LLP	Noted.	N/A
Core Strategy does not reference that area is a Local Wildlife Site and UK BAP habitat. Description of PADC10 is wrong as does not encompass land to boundary of Langdon Hills Country Park, but to Langdon Nature Reserve	Basildon Natural History Society, Mr D Lovey, Cllr G Williams	Noted. The Core Strategy cross references the Essex Local Wildlife Sites Register and local studies which have examined land of UK BAP habitat across the Borough. This can be made clearer in future iterations of the Core Strategy so information is in one place; however the register is constantly evolving. The reference to Langdon Hills Country Park can be changed where appropriate.	Add greater background to supporting policy so that the hierarchy of habitats can be understood in context. References to Langdon Hills Country Park in PADC10 should be changed to Langdon Nature Reserve where appropriate.

Other Areas that have been included in Options B and C that can be used instead of PAD10.	Mrs J Cole	Noted. Preferred Option A sought to maximise the use of land in the Borough's urban areas, rather than developing in the Green Belt. Broad locations for development in Options B and C included Green Belt locations in Billericay, Wickford and Basildon. If the Council was still determined to continue with the principle of no green belt development, the Council would oppose all development in these locations and this approach would be supported through the policies of the Core Strategy. The Core Strategy would still need to be found 'sound' at examination by the Planning Inspectorate in order to be able to implement this approach.	The Council should review whether the Nethermayne Cluster remains an appropriate area for development in the next draft of the Core Strategy.
Relocation of species does not work and will end up destroying all species	Cambridgeshire and Essex Butterfly Conservation	Noted. Natural England is the government's advisor on the natural environment and regulates how the planning system considers biodiversity issues. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) states that the planning system should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by minimising impacts on biodiversity and providing net gains in biodiversity where possible. The NPPF states that when determining planning applications, local planning authorities should refuse planning permission if significant harm resulting from a development cannot be avoided, adequately mitigated or as a last resort compensated.	N/A
Bell Hills plotland should be included in this area.	Mr M Manns The NPPF however places greater emphasis on local areas making local planning policy choices for the future. The Borough's Plotlands, including Bells Hill are in the Green Belt and the Core Strategy presents the opportunity to appraise whether any development could be accommodated in them as part of the Borough's future growth.	Noted. PAD10 is not the Green Belt but the Bell Hill Plotlands is. The NPPF places greater emphasis on local areas making local planning policy choices for the future. Plotlands currently lie within the green belt and there is a presumption, both nationally and locally, against development in the green belt. In order for plotland development to take place, the Council will need to review its approach towards the green belt and be informed by robust evidence. The preferred option A presented in the Core Strategy does not support green belt development and therefore is not appropriate in the Spatial Vision. The NPPF places greater emphasis on local areas making local planning policy choices for the future. The Core Strategy presents the opportunity to appraise whether any development could be accommodated in them as part of the Borough's future growth.	The Council should consider the potential for the Borough's Plotlands to contribute to residential land supply and environmental enhancement through the process of infilling as stated possible in Paragraph 89 of the NPPF. This will need to be supported by the evidence base and there is a need to revisit the Green belt study.
Support relocation of college	Basildon Business Group, Mrs A Triston	Noted.	N/A
Education and transport modelling is required and could mean more impacts are identified, but initially highways have serious concerns over PAD10 to accommodate the level of development proposed.	Essex County Council	Noted. The Council and developers have a responsibility to balance the need for homes with a need for infrastructure. Any form of allocated growth, including retail, business, community facilities and homes will be informed by various evidence bases the Council have undertaken. The Council continue to encourage sustainable development which will in-turn, require consideration and/or provision of parking, infrastructure and water. Relevant guidance and legislation is also in place to ensure that such things are considered through the planning process.	The Council must continue to work with Essex County Council as Highways Authority and other service providers to understand the infrastructure context of the Borough, and test the Core Strategy Options for their impact to determine appropriate mitigation.

		The Core Strategy needs to include appropriate testing of the options for a variety of infrastructure needs. This will need to be built into the preparation timescales for future iterations.	
To be compliant with NPPF, DPD site allocation for PADC10 is not required. First Para should reference sites lies wholly outside of green belt. Market testing and consultation with Hospital have suggested insufficient need for B class uses and unlikely to be viable, attractive or deliverable, therefore should be removed from Core Strategy. No reference to employment, should reword second sentence. Enhanced public realm and public transport must be viable, appropriate and proportionate to development. Hospital to remain on site and PADC10 is college site and fields only. Reword PADC10 description.	GL Hearn (on behalf of Homes and Communities Agency, South Essex College and Basildon Borough Council)	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The Council's statutory Local Development Scheme 2011-2014 states that the Council will be preparing a Site Allocation DPD; as such any strategic site in the Core Strategy cross references it.</p> <p>The Council is carrying out an Employment Land and Premises Study to determine the need for B Class uses over the next 20 years. It will be used to inform the next draft of the Core Strategy.</p> <p>PADC10 does not suggest that the hospital will be moving and instead recognises that in the interests of achieving best practice in planning and design, the entire area, including the adjacent Area of Special Reserve and college site should be considered as a whole, so that they can operate and exist sustainably, side by side.</p>	Carry out Employment Land and Premises Study to inform the next draft of the Core Strategy.
Do not identify environmental constraints or opportunities. Refer to Water Cycle Study, SFRA and SWMP, as well as River Basin Management Plan and Catchment Flood Management Plan to identify recommendations for PADC. Need to consider phasing that may be required.	Environment Agency	Noted. The Council will consider environmental constraints and opportunities using the evidence base when revising the Core Strategy. However, the PADC's are not intended to be read in isolation of other policies including Policy CS4 which refers specifically to the necessary documents which play a key role in dealing with flood and water management.	Review Water Cycle Study, Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and Surface Water Management Plan, alongside River Basin Management Plan and Catchment Flood Management Plan to determine any relevant environmental constraints and/ or opportunities for PADC10.
Agree with improvements to hospital and hospice.	Mrs A Triston, Mr M Bushell	Noted.	N/A

Primary Area for Development and Change (PADC) 11 Radford Way Employment Area

Q25 – Do you agree with PADC11 Radford Way Employment Area or is there anything you would change? Please explain your answer.

42 comments were made on Question 25.

PADC11 Radford Way Employment Area			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Action
No comments	Mr Acton and Mrs Hillebrand, Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families), One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd), Mr R Bray, Mrs T Gray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray	Noted.	N/A
Agree with PADC11 as it will be good for businesses and employment. A masterplan is needed and contractors should be of high standard and appropriately funded Area uses brownfield land and complies with national policy. A high quality entrance is required. Infrastructure needs to be improved including station, its car park and area adjacent Stock Road	Mrs L Kelly, Dr T Nicklin, Miss E Lyon, Mr A Lyon, Mr S Lyon, Mr M Flack, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, BDSA, Mrs V Hudson, Mrs S Bummet, Campaign to Protect Rural England, Mr A Peake, Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Mr P Ward, Mr M Manns, Mrs S Pullin, Billericay District Residents Association, Billericay Town Council, Mr C Narrainen, Basildon Business Group, Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes), Mrs A Triston, Mr C Mullett, Mr T Knight, Cllr J Devlin	Noted.	N/A
If Billericay is only allocated 50 new homes over 20 years, no need to improve the business areas.	Mr Beiley	<p>Noted. The Government's National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) makes it clear that LPAs should positively seek opportunities to meet the development needs of the area, with sufficient flexibility to adapt to rapid change. One of the NPPF's Core Planning Principles is to meet objectively assessed need and respond positively to wider opportunities for growth.</p> <p>The NPPF also defines sustainable development as having three strands; economic, social and environment. The Core Strategy's Preferred Options Report placed greatest weight on the environmental role. The NPPF states that the economic, social and environmental roles should not be undertaken in isolation, because they are mutually dependant. For these reasons, the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report must be revised to guide future development in a wholly sustainable manner.</p> <p>The Council will revise its Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and use its Evidence Base to inform the scale and distribution of development needs over the next twenty years.</p> <p>The Council have committed to undertaking a new employment land review which will inform the revisions of the Core Strategy and the rest of the LDF.</p>	<p>The Council should revise its Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and use its Evidence Base to inform the scale and distribution of development needs over the next twenty years.</p> <p>Revisit the Green Belt study and use it to inform the Core Strategy.</p> <p>Undertake an up to date Employment Land Review.</p>
Cross reference in Policy CS1 to ensure natural environment is conserved	Natural England	Noted.	Should reference natural environment policy (Policy CS1) in PADC11.
Do not identify environmental constraints or opportunities. Refer to Water Cycle Study, SFRA and SWMP, as well as River Basin Management Plan and Catchment Flood Management Plan to identify recommendations for PADC. For example, to consider phasing that may be required.	Environment Agency	The Council have had regard to the Basildon Borough Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA, 2011) in determining its preferred option and will continue to do so in any future revisions and throughout the Local Development Plan process. The SFRA, alongside the National Planning Policy Framework highlight the importance of regard to flooding in an area.	N/A
Clarity is needed in terms of outputs and delivery	Basildon Business Group	The Council have committed to undertaking a new employment	Undertake an up to date

mechanisms to minimise impact on existing businesses.		land review which will inform the revisions of the Core Strategy and the rest of the LDF.	Employment Land Review.
To support this proposal should release green belt development for residential	Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes)	<p>Noted. One of the NPPF's Core Planning Principles is to make every effort to have been made to objectively identify and then meet the housing, business and other development needs of an area and respond positively to wider opportunities for growth.</p> <p>The Core Strategy's Preferred Options Report placed greatest weight on the environmental role of the planning system in securing sustainable development. The NPPF states that the economic, social and environmental roles should not be undertaken in isolation, because they are mutually dependant.</p> <p>For these reasons, the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report must be revised to guide future development in a wholly sustainable manner.</p> <p>However, the Green Belt is a national designation and an area covered by national planning policy. The Local planning authority have the responsibility to ensure that the Green Belt boundaries are robust and for the long-term. Consequently, the Council have committed to revisit their Green Belt study so that the Borough's green belt can be understood further and assessed to establish if and where areas continue to serve the 5 purposes set out in the NPPF.</p> <p>The Council have also committed to undertaking a new employment land review which will inform the revisions of the Core Strategy and the rest of the LDF.</p>	<p>The Council should revise its Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and use its Evidence Base to inform the scale and distribution of development needs over the next twenty years.</p> <p>Revisit the Green Belt study and use it to inform the Core Strategy.</p> <p>Undertake an up to date Employment Land Review.</p>
Lake Meadows to be improved but no such enhancements for New Town	Mr P Rackley	Lake Meadows is included within PAD11 – Radford Way. This area will be subject to assessments into the quality and quantity of open spaces which have been carried out on the Borough as part of the PPG17 assessment methodology endorsed by Cabinet. The Council applies open space standards to the Borough ensuring that appropriate level and quality of open space is available for residents.	N/A
Proposed employment land in Options B and C in Billericay is away from main business area and has poor access.	Colonnade Strategic LLP, Laindon Regeneration LLP	Noted. The Council have committed to undertaking a new employment land review which will inform the revisions of the Core Strategy and the rest of the LDF.	Undertake an up to date Employment Land Review.

Primary Area for Development and Change (PADC) 12 Barleylands Outdoor Sports Hub

Q26 – Do you agree with PADC12 Barleylands Outdoor Sports Hub or is there anything you would change? Please explain your answer.

53 comments were made on Question 26.

PADC12 Barleylands Outdoor Sports Hub			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Actions
No comments	Mr Acton and Mrs Hillebrand, Billericay Town Council, Mr R Bray, Mrs T Gray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, Colonnade Strategic Ltd	Noted	N/A
Agree with PADC12	Mrs L Kelly, Dr T Nicklin, Miss E Lyon, Mr A Lyon, Mr S Lyon, Mrs J J Hurrell, Mr M Flack, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, BDSA, Mrs V Hudson, Natural England, Mr A Peake, Boyer Planning (on behalf of A.H Philpot and Sons Ltd), Mr P Ward, Mr M Manns, Mrs S Pullin, Billericay District Residents Association, Mr C Narrainen, Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families), Mrs A Triston, Mrs J Addicott, Mr C Mullet, Landon Regeneration LLP, Cllr J Devlin	Noted	N/A
Make explicit biodiversity, wildlife and good design, including eco standards considerations. Monitoring and maintenance of Habitats are necessary. Opportunity to create farming model that uses agri-environment schemes as a showpiece of modern wildlife. Essex Wildlife Trust and Living Landscapes to be consulted and advice implemented.	Mrs L Kelly, Mr N Sumner, BDSA, Campaign to Protect Rural England, Norsey Wood Society, Billericay District Residents Association, Mr Smart, Mr C Mullet, Mr P Hudson	Wildlife, biodiversity and the natural environment will be considered as part of managing development in this location as stated in PADC12, All PADC's would be implemented through policies CS1- CS14, which include policies on biodiversity and design. All planning consultations comply with the Council's statutory Statement of Community Involvement 2011. This ensures that minimum consultation standards are met which are set by legislation, in addition to other standards the Council has agreed to locally. The Core Strategy Preferred Options consultation forms a key part of the development of the document and the Council recognises the importance of informing the Borough's residents, businesses and stakeholders.	The Council will look to improve its consultation
Make use of building underground	Mrs L Kelly	Underground buildings that blend into the landscape could be a solution; however with the limited amounts of building proposed in the Barleylands area, it may not be viable to provide facilities to support sporting activities in this way. This level of detail could be explored and tested as part of a future planning application.	N/A
Reliance solely on this area is risky, as difficult to access, all in private landownership and will ruin wildlife on site through urbanisation of the area with aspects such as floodlighting and car parking.	Great Burstead and South Green Village Council, Langdon Hills Living Landscape Committee, Campaign to Protect Rural England, Mr P Ward, Mr P Rackley	It is only proposed for development at Barleylands to be minimal in order to assist in providing a better sporting facility than currently present. The Council acknowledges that agreement with the landowner would be necessary to secure the delivery of the proposals, alongside any additional benefits it could bring. Should the Council's scale and distribution of development change in the next draft of the Core Strategy, it will need to review whether this location remains the best location to serve the Borough's outdoor sporting needs.	Review evidence base for next Core Strategy draft to determine whether PADC12 remains the most appropriate option for future outdoor sports facilities and should it be pursued the Council needs to secure agreement with landowner, in advance to demonstrate it is deliverable.

		<p>All planning consultations comply with the Council's statutory Statement of Community Involvement 2011. This ensures that minimum consultation standards are met which are set by legislation, in addition to other standards the Council has agreed to locally. The Council notes however that the Core Strategy consultation was a complicated process.</p> <p>The Core Strategy Preferred Options consultation forms a key part of the development of the document and the Council recognises the importance of informing the Borough's residents, businesses and stakeholders.</p>	
Barleylands should contribute to the improvement of the River Crouch and the PADC should include consent for summer sports to operate.	Mr Beiley	Detailed evidence would need to be provided to identify exactly what improvements are required for the River Crouch, which is managed by the Environment Agency as a "Main River". It is foreseen that the sport provision will be an all year round facility, as it is now, with seasonal variations in the types of sports accommodated as demand determines, but it is at a planning application stage where details of summer sports would be determined.	N/A
Control over traffic will be required.	Mr Beiley, Mr A Peake	The Local Highways Authority will be consulted and their comments will be considered in the determination of any planning applications.	Consult with Local Highways Authority for appropriate planning applications.
Could use as education facility to teach about wildlife working with Essex Wildlife Trust. If not required for sports should be returned to open space and farming uses.	Mr N Sumner, Captain B Beale, Mrs S Bummet	<p>Noted, but this proposal would be a matter for the Essex Wildlife Trust to determine their support for or involvement in.</p> <p>If the site was not to be used for sporting facilities, the location's use could be reconsidered based on needs, including its importance to agriculture and rural tourism.</p>	N/A.
Would like confirmation maps are just diagrammatic	Mrs J J Hurrell	The maps featured in the Core Strategy are just diagrammatic – in order to aid the interpretation of the policies. It is the Proposals Map (which has not yet been produced by the Council), that will provide the detail.	N/A
Concerns over the 'change management' and designation for new outdoor sports and recreation provision with linking rights of way. Landowner would like to keep control of this area. There are limitations as some of the pitches are in the flood plain and the Essex County Show is hosted at this location. By making this area public it would have a detrimental impact upon usability of pitches and health & safety issues. Need to discuss these details before further comment can be made.	Strutt and Parker (on behalf of A.H Philpot and Sons Ltd)	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The Council acknowledge that agreement with the landowner would be necessary to secure the delivery of the proposals.</p>	Discuss Barleylands designation with landowner to determine the merits of these proposals continuing to be a part of a future Core Strategy and how they would be delivered.
Do not agree with PADC12 as infrastructure cannot cope, area is too large and has too many buildings. Area is in the green belt and there are more suitable areas closer to people for recreational uses.	Mr G Horgan, Mr R Lazarus, Mr D Dear, Mrs M Dear, Mrs C Rowe	Noted. The Core Strategy proposal is to provide minimal supporting sports facilities such as changing rooms, toilets and secure storage to replace portable buildings and shipping containers that are currently being used and are not adequate for users. The area is already an established location for sports provision. The proposal does not propose to remove existing recreational uses. The Local Highways Authority will be consulted and their views would be considered in the determination of any planning applications.	Ensure Local Highways Authority is consulted where appropriate.
Should include specific reference for links to cycle network.	Essex County Council, Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes)	Noted.	Proposals should include the intention to explore whether links to north-south cycle network in the Borough could be incorporated within

<p>Do not identify environmental constraints or opportunities. Refer to Water Cycle Study, SFRA and SWMP, as well as River Basin Management Plan and Catchment Flood Management Plan to identify recommendations for PADC. For example, to consider phasing that may be required.</p>	<p>Environment Agency</p>	<p>Noted. The Council will consider environmental constraints and opportunities using the evidence base when revising the Core Strategy. However, the PADC's are not intended to be read in isolation of other policies including Policy CS4 which refers specifically to the necessary documents which play a key role in dealing with flood and water management.</p>	<p>the proposals. Review Water Cycle Study, Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and Surface Water Management Plan, alongside River Basin Management Plan and Catchment Flood Management Plan to determine any relevant environmental constraints and/ or opportunities for PADC12.</p>
<p>A strategic framework to make site sports hub needs to be prepared, which sets out location for supporting facilities, as the area is under private ownership. Council have no long term security and therefore management and long term tenure should be put in place before investment is made. The Football Association and Essex County FA agree with these views and they should be sorted out before final Core Strategy otherwise there remain concerns over sustainability and deliverability of this PADC.</p>	<p>Sport England, Laindon Regeneration LLP</p>	<p>Noted. The Council acknowledge that agreement with the landowner would be necessary to secure the delivery of the proposals.</p>	<p>Discuss Barleylands designation with landowner to determine the merits of these proposals continuing to be a part of a future Core Strategy and how they would be delivered.</p>

Primary Area for Development and Change (PADC) 13 – South Essex Marshes

Q27 – Do you agree with PADC13 South Essex Marshes or is there anything you would change? Please explain your answer.

46 comments were made on Question 27.

PADC13 South Essex Marshes			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Actions
No comments	Mrs L Kelly, BDSA, Billericay Town Council, Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families), One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd), Mr R Gray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes), Mr P Rackley	Noted.	N/A
Agree with PADC13 as is an area that should be protected and used by residents and wildlife	Dr T Nicklin, Miss E Lyon, Mr Smart, Mr A Lyon, Mr S Lyon, Mr M Flack, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, Mrs V Hudson, Mr L Defoe, Natural England, Mrs S Bummet, Campaign to protect Rural England, Mr A Peak, Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Mr P Ward, Mr M Manns, Mr S Pullin, Mr Acton and Mrs Hillebrand, Mr C Narrainen, Basildon Business Group, Mr S Simmons, Mrs A Triston, Mr B Foster, Mr R Masters, Mr C Mullet	Noted.	N/A
Consider long term opportunities for tide energy and desalination	Mr Beiley,	Basildon Borough Council is a partner organisation in the Government/ Environment Agency led Thames Estuary 2100 (TE2100) initiative which is considering how the Thames Estuary needs to be managed for the next century.	Maintain involvement in TE2100.
RSPB Vange Marsh is included	Mr Smart	Noted.	N/A
Proposals cannot be funded	Alan Pipe and Partners (on behalf of Mr B Stone)	Noted. The location of PADC13 within the Thames Gateway and as part of the Government's Greater Thames Nature Improvement Area means that there is access to funding which is not available to other areas including Parklands investment. The Council also intends to prepare an Infrastructure Delivery Plan to support the delivery of the Borough's growth agenda.	Prepare Infrastructure Delivery Plan to accompany submission draft of Core Strategy.
Good signage should be included	Mrs S Pullin	Noted. The Council recognises how important signage is for motorists, cyclists and pedestrian users to and around the area and will endeavour to ensure improvements are made where possible in the future.	Review PADC13 and consider the inclusion of references to improved links to public transport and cycle networks.
Should keep area free of charge	Mr S Simmons	Noted. This is not within the remit of the Core Strategy to enable or influence this.	N/A
Should include specific provision for links to cycle network and assessment of links needed to the public transport network.	Essex County Council	Noted.	Review PADC13 and consider the inclusion of references to improved links to public transport and cycle networks.
Overhead electricity transmission lines cross site and developers should be aware that this should be retained. Only support relocation of electricity lines when affects major development but safety measures should not be infringed. Overhead Line Clearance guidance can be sought on national grid website. Planting should be 2 metres away from base of pylon and should not infringe safety measures, encourages 'good sense of place' and have guidance on national grid website.	Amec (on behalf of National Grid)	Noted.	N/A
Do not identify environmental constraints or opportunities.	Environment Agency	Noted. The Council will consider environmental constraints and	Review Water Cycle Study,

<p>Refer to Water Cycle Study, SFRA and SWMP, as well as River Basin Management Plan and Catchment Flood Management Plan to identify recommendations for PADC. For example, to consider phasing that may be required. Environment agency has identified some environmental constraints / opportunities. Ensure recommendations of draft Thames Estuary 2100 Plan and Nature Improvement Area project, emerging Local Nature Partnership, Biodiversity Offsetting Pilot are included.</p>		<p>opportunities using the evidence base when revising the Core Strategy. However, the PADC's are not intended to be read in isolation of other policies including Policy CS4 which refers specifically to the necessary documents which play a key role in dealing with flood and water management.</p>	<p>Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and Surface Water Management Plan, alongside River Basin Management Plan, Catchment Flood Management Plan and Thames Estuary 2100 Plan, in addition to changes arising from the Nature Improvement Areas, Local Nature Partnership and Biodiversity Offsetting project initiatives, to determine any relevant environmental constraints and/ or opportunities for PADC13.</p>
<p>Should listen to local residents/ parish council to develop access, provide public use of green areas and provide developments that would benefit communities.</p>	<p>Mr B Foster</p>	<p>Noted. The Core Strategy does not have the remit to instruct Parish Councils and is a matter that should be taken up with elected members and Parish Councils directly. However, the Council will continue to work with Parish Councils where applicable. All parish Councils have been consulted on the Core Strategy and their comments will be processed accordingly.</p>	<p>Continue to liaise with parish councils.</p>
<p>Can be developed to encourage tourism</p>	<p>Colonnade Strategic LLP, Laindon Regeneration LLP</p>	<p>Noted.</p>	<p>Cross reference with tourism policy</p>

Other Primary Areas for Development and Change (PADC)

Q28 – Are there any other areas in the Borough which merit a Primary Area for Development and Change (PADC) status in the Core Strategy? If yes, please give a summary of your reasons why and, if possible, state what their outputs would be.

35 comments were made on Questions 28.

Other PADCS to be included			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Actions
No comments	Mrs S Bummet, Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families), One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd), Mr R Gray, Mrs T Gray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray	Noted.	N/A
No other areas merit PADC status	Mrs L Kelly, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, BDSA, Natural England, Mrs B Wade, Mr M Manns, Billericay District Residents Association, Billericay Town Council, Cllr J Devlin	Noted.	N/A
North Benfleet as requires more sports facilities	Miss E Lyon	Noted.	Review status of preferred strategic development locations in the Core Strategy.
The River Crouch	Mr Beiley	Noted.	Review status of preferred strategic development locations in the Core Strategy.
St Nicholas Church, the field and scrub adjacent. This area should be protected as amenity and wildlife zone and not used for development. It could be a local 'Heritage Site' and serves as a 'Green Lung'.	Mr Smart	Noted.	Review status of preferred strategic development locations in the Core Strategy.
Clarification if the 'Essex Waste Development Framework' is the planned plant in Courtauld Road?	Mr M Flack	The Essex Waste Development Framework is a strategic process that is undertaken by the County Council as the waste and minerals authority. The Council are obligated to have regard to proposals and content of the Waste Development Framework in its Local Development Plan.	N/A
Does not know what PADC status is	Mrs Z Jeffers	Noted. The Core Strategy identifies 13 areas that require coordinated development or change to support the sustainable development of the local area. In the Core Strategy, these areas were known as Primary Areas of Development and Change (PADC).	N/A
No further development	Campaign to Protect Rural England	Noted.	N/A
Snails Hall Farm, Billericay should have PADC status. Provision for 300 dwellings with areas of open space, close to urban area and town centre. Area has been found to be favoured as part of Option B and C (where Option A does not meet need) and an area that does not fully contribute to the Green Belt. Areas were found to be suitable, available and achievable in the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment.	Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes)	Noted. The most appropriate land for development will be considered through the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment and the development plan process. Various aspects of housing need, environmental matters and conservation will all be factored in.	Review status of preferred strategic development locations in the Core Strategy.
North West Wickford should be identified as PADC as was an area designated for development in adopted Local Plan. It now represents a sustainable and deliverable site for housing with close proximity to railway and town centre. Masterplan for this area could meet some of the Strategic Objectives and would provide open space linking	Cirrus (on behalf of Gladedale Ltd and Gleeson Homes Ltd)	Noted. The most appropriate land for development will be considered through the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment and the development plan process. Various aspects of housing need, environmental matters and conservation will all be factored in.	Review status of preferred strategic development locations in the Core Strategy.

to countryside, land for primary education facilities, local community facilities, 250-350 new homes and 75-105 affordable homes (30% provision). It will not significantly impact Green Belt given topography.			
40 hectares for employment will need to be given PADC status	Basildon Business Group	Noted. The Council have committed to undertaking an up to date Employment Land & Premises study to inform the revisions of the Core Strategy.	Review status of preferred strategic development locations in the Core Strategy. Undertake an up to date Employment Land Review
Implementation Framework for PADCs should include Essex County Council Local Transport Plan.	Essex County Council	Noted.	Add Essex County Council Local Transport Plan into Implementation Framework.
PADC for Billericay as second tier settlement. Area currently has disproportionate amount of residential development.	Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes)	Noted. The Government's NPPF makes it clear that LPAs should positively seek opportunities to meet the development needs of the area, with sufficient flexibility to adapt to rapid change. One of the NPPF's Core Planning Principles is to ensure that every effort has been made to objectively identify and then meet the housing, business and other development needs of an area and respond positively to wider opportunities for growth. The Core Strategy's Preferred Options Report placed greatest weight on the environmental role of the planning system in securing sustainable development. The NPPF states that the economic, social and environmental roles should not be undertaken in isolation, because they are mutually dependant. For these reasons, the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report must be revised to guide future development in a wholly sustainable manner. The Council will revise its Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and use its Evidence Base to inform the scale and distribution of development needs over the next twenty years. The Council have committed to undertaking a new employment land review which will inform the revisions of the Core Strategy and the rest of the LDF.	The Council should revise its Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and use its Evidence Base to inform the scale and distribution of development needs over the next twenty years. Revisit the Green Belt study and use it to inform the Core Strategy.
Bowers Gifford and East Basildon should be given PADC status as Bowers Gifford was identified as a large serviced village in settlement hierarchy and Core Strategy issues paper identified need to improve infrastructure in plotlands. PADC status in this area will facilitate controlled level of development and create a thriving and vibrant settlement making it sustainable location for growth. Will provide housing, open space, infrastructure, better quality of life, health, social and community facilities, and create jobs.	Barton Wilmore (on behalf of Philip Jean Homes Ltd), Colonnade Strategic LLP, Laindon Regeneration LLP	Noted.	Review status of preferred strategic development locations in the Core Strategy.
Areas around Noak Bridge should be given PADC status for employment and residential uses as area benefits from good infrastructure links, services and public transport and will support other designations within Borough.	Mr R J French	Noted.	Review status of preferred strategic development locations in the Core Strategy.
Need to include areas of open space and return Ford Dunton to Green Belt	Mr P Rackley	The Borough is required by government to objectively assess their housing and employment needs. In order to provide sustainable development to meet local needs, the Council have to utilise the land within their Borough. The Borough is constrained by Green Belt and it is only a review of the Local Plan that can make changes to the Green Belt boundaries. Whilst the Green	Review status of preferred strategic development locations in the Core Strategy.

		Belt consists of brownfield land, the Borough has limited brownfield land within its urban settlements. Therefore in order to accommodate sustainable development without developing intensely into the Green Belt, the Council has to consider developing within its urban area. There is no evidence to suggest that the research and development designation is applicable to this area anymore and Ford Motor Company has stated there do not require this land.	
PADC should be given to land at Western Lodge as close to railway, football club and urban area. Should reference land west of Tye Common Road as PADC and allocate in Site Allocations.	Countryside Properties (on behalf of Mr R Thomas)	Noted. The most appropriate land for development will be considered through the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment and the development plan process. Various aspects of housing need, environmental matters and conservation will all be factored in.	Review status of preferred strategic development locations in the Core Strategy.

Policy CS1 – Conservation and the Natural Environment

Q29 Do you agree with the Policy CS1? Please explain your answer.

Q30 Are there any changes to the policy's wording that should be made?

100 comments were made on Question 29 and 30.

Policy CS1			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Actions
No comments	Mrs B Wade, Capita Symonds (on Mence and Smith Families), One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd), Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes)	Noted.	N/A
Agree with Policy CS1	Miss E Lyon, Mr S Lyon, Mr M Flack, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, BDSA, Natural England, Mrs T Burton, Mrs S Bummet, Campaign to Protect Rural England, Mr A Peake, Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Mr P Ward, Mr M Manns, Billericay District Residents Association, Billericay Town Council, Mr C Narrainen, Basildon Business Group, Strutt and Parker (on behalf of Pigeon Wickford Ltd), Mr R Gray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, Drivers Jonas Deloitte (on behalf of Bellway Homes), GL Hearn (on behalf of Homes and Communities Agency, South Essex College and Basildon Borough Council), Environment Agency, Mrs A Triston, Mr T Mortlock, Mrs C Foster, Mr R Masters, Mr C Mullett, Colonnade Strategic LLP, Laidon Regeneration LLP, Cllr J Devlin	Noted.	N/A
Should protect views 'from' as well as 'to'.	Mrs L Kelly	Noted. This wording change can be incorporated into next draft of Core Strategy.	Amend CS1 wording as suggested.
Need to mention the only freshwater river, the Crouch	Mr Beiley	Noted.	Include more detail on the Borough's environmental components in this chapter and policy, including the River Crouch.
Conservation monitoring by professional bodies is essential. Wildlife Corridor principle is needed but extra funding may be required for its implementation.	Mr Smart	Noted.	N/A
Substitute core and vulnerable areas of biodiversity guidance 2008 with delivering improvements across Borough's biodiversity in Contextual Summary 61. Welcome inclusion of ancient woodland as they are in deteriorating condition from lack of management and use for gaming. Aim to get all Local Wildlife Sites into Positive Conservation Management. Reference Living Landscapes should be in Policy CS1 rather than Policy CS3.	Mr N Sumner	Noted. Whilst the Council support the delivery of improvements to the Borough's biodiversity, it is appropriate for the Core Strategy to consider those areas of greatest value and most vulnerable to determine if any strategic interventions are needed. The Core Strategy is not the most appropriate policy document to get all LOWS into positive conservation area management and needs to cross reference its relationship to other plans such as Biodiversity Action Plans to help achieve this.	Consider reference Living Landscapes in Policy CS1, as well as CS3 and cross reference Biodiversity Action Plans.
Land west of Southend Road is not ancient woodland but cultivated farmland, maps should be amended.	Mr J J Hurrell (on behalf of Mayflower Archers)	Noted. The Council agrees with this statement. This is an error on Ordnance Survey's 1:50,000 basemap.	Notify OS that there is an annotation error on their 1:50,000 basemap for Basildon Borough and amend the Core Strategy accordingly.
Basildon Council should protect South Essex as a beauty spot, in particular the area extending from Westley Heights in the west through to Vange Heights in the east.	Mr and Mrs Waylett, Mr and Mrs Cox, Mr and Mrs Webster, Mr and Mrs Boswell	Noted. The Core Strategy's Implementation Framework does cite the Thames Gateway South Essex (TGSE) Green Grid Strategy and Living Landscape Initiative as being one of the delivery strategies at a sub-regional and cross-boundary level.	Revisit the Green Belt study and use to inform the Core Strategy. Commission a Local Landscape Study.

		The Council have committed to revisit their Green Belt study so that the Borough's green belt can be understood further and assessed to establish if and where areas continue to serve the 5 purposes set out in the NPPF. The Council have also committed to commissioning a local Landscape Study.	
Should be written in plain English	Mrs Z Jeffers	Noted.	Include Executive Summary with next draft of Core Strategy
Dismayed at proposals to build on green spaces as will impact on the quality of people's life and the wildlife. No consideration for places of worship and wants to know what the tree planting policy will be.	Mrs V Hudson	<p>Noted. The Government's NPPF makes it clear that LPAs should positively seek opportunities to meet the development needs of the area, with sufficient flexibility to adapt to rapid change.</p> <p>One of the NPPF's Core Planning Principles is to ensure that every effort has been made to objectively identify and then meet the housing, business and other development needs of an area and respond positively to wider opportunities for growth.</p> <p>The need of faith communities for new or expanded places of worship is a consideration of the planning system.</p> <p>The NPPF recognises that the planning system can play an important role in facilitating social interaction and creating inclusive communities. Planning policies are expected to plan positively for the provision and use of shared spaces and community facilities such as local shops, meeting places, sports venues, cultural buildings, public houses and places of worship to enhance the sustainability of communities and residential environments.</p> <p>It is not however for the Council to allocate land for specific places of worship through the Core Strategy, but the Core Strategy can ensure through a community facility policy that facilities such of this are integrated into the design of new and existing communities in the future as part of the Borough's future growth.</p> <p>Tree planting and other forms of landscaping and horticulture are recognised elements of designing and delivering new developments well. The Core Strategy Preferred Options Report Policy CS2 – Design and the Built Environment states the Council's strategy for securing such contributions to the environment from development.</p>	<p>The Council should revise its Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and use its Evidence Base to inform the scale and distribution of development needs over the next twenty years.</p> <p>Revisit the Green Belt study and use it to inform the Core Strategy.</p>
Should use other Green Belt rather than PAD10 (Nethermayne Cluster), which should have a policy to protect its landscape.	Basildon Natural History Society	Noted. Dry Street is designated as an Area of Special Reserve in the Basildon District Local Plan 1998. Consequently, this means the area is not designated as Green Belt and has been reserved for housing. The Planning Inspector for the examination in the Basildon District Local Plan 1998 concluded that Dry Street was an appropriate area for development. Option A of the Core Strategy focused development within the urban areas and subsequently this included the Dry Street Area (PAD10). It is noted that policy has changed since the designation of Dry Street in the Basildon District Local Plan 1998 and consideration should be given to its environmental status as a Local Wildlife Site. However, development should also be compliant with national planning policy which requires Local Planning Authorities to	The Council should clarify whether the Nethermayne Cluster remains an appropriate area for development in the next draft of the Core Strategy.

		objectively assess their housing need and ensure sustainable development. All these elements will be given consideration when the Core Strategy is revised.	
Maps for Policy CS1 in Appendix 1 do not consider cross boundary issues. Proportion of the Langdon Hills Living Landscape lies within Thurrock and this is not shown on the maps, which gives a distorted perception of what is at stake. It does not represent the views that can be seen and the landscapes assets of the Borough.	Langdon Hills Living Landscape Committee	Noted. The Core Strategy's Implementation Framework does cite the Thames Gateway South Essex (TGSE) Green Grid Strategy and Living Landscape Initiative as being one of the delivery strategies at a sub-regional and cross-boundary level. The Council have committed to revisit their Green Belt study so that the Borough's green belt can be understood further and assessed to establish if and where areas continue to serve the 5 purposes set out in the NPPF. The Council have also committed to commissioning a local Landscape Study.	Revisit the Green Belt study and use to inform the Core Strategy. Commission a Local Landscape Study.
Maps are too small and ancient woodland, local distinctive landscapes are larger than area designated	Mrs T Burton	Noted. The Council have committed to revisit their Green Belt study so that the Borough's green belt can be understood further and assessed to establish if and where areas continue to serve the 5 purposes set out in the NPPF. The Council have also committed to commissioning a local Landscape Study.	Revisit the Green Belt study and use to inform the Core Strategy. Commission a Local Landscape Study. The Council should also check the accuracy of woodland boundaries and amend any errors where they occur.
Clarification is required for 'the hillside of West Billericay views are from.	Billericay District Residents Association, Billericay Town Council	Noted. The Council have committed to revisit their Green Belt study so that the Borough's green belt can be understood further and assessed to establish if and where areas continue to serve the 5 purposes set out in the NPPF. The Council have also committed to commissioning a local Landscape Study.	Revisit the Green Belt study and use to inform the Core Strategy. Commission a Local Landscape Study.
Clarity that 'adopting standards to carry out enhancements on existing spaces alongside developments' does not mean that it is acceptable for development on open space to occur as long as a small green corridor and bird boxes are provided.	Mrs M Heppell	The Council's PPG17 Open Space Assessment 2010 identified that new developments in the Borough should contribute to open space provision; either by providing new open space, or by contributing to investment in existing open spaces to raise their standards for users.	Consider revised wording to ensure policy is clearer.
Does not reflect findings in SA of identifying habitats or biodiversity.	Environment Agency	Noted.	The Council will take these comments into account when applying the SA/SEA methodology for the next draft of the Core Strategy.
Policy CS1 is the minimum to maintain current character and unique balance of developed areas.	Mr B Foster	Noted.	N/A
Where does waste facility at Courtauld Road fit in?	Mr P Rackley	The facility proposed for Courtauld Road is part of the current Development Plan applicable in the Basildon Borough. Basildon Borough Council is not the Waste Planning Authority for the Borough, Essex County Council is and therefore the policies of the Basildon Borough Core Strategy must work in tandem with the responsibilities of other planning authorities. ECC are preparing a Minerals and Waste Development Framework which it would include a Waste Core Strategy, Development Management policies and site allocations to plan address waste management.	N/A
Protection of environment is important for quality of life now and in the future	Rev J Maizel-Long	Noted.	N/A

Wording changes to Policy CS1			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Actions
No comments	Mrs L Kelly, BDSA, Mrs B Wade, Capita Symonds (on Mence and Smith Families), One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd), Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes), Mrs A Triston	Noted.	N/A
No changes required	Miss E Lyon, Mr S Lyon, Mr M Flack, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, Mrs V Hudson, Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Mrs S Pullin, Billericay District Residents Association, Mr R Gray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray	Noted.	N/A
Include the Crouch as a strategic view and need for restoration	Mr Bailey	Noted. The Council have committed to revisit their Green Belt study so that the Borough's green belt can be understood further and assessed to establish if and where areas continue to serve the 5 purposes set out in the NPPF. The Council have also committed to commissioning a local Landscape Study, considering strategic views.	Revisit the Green Belt study and use to inform the Core Strategy. Commission a Local Landscape Study.
The policy should recognise that the Council conservation staff will need to be contracted to oversee wildlife corridors. Works should be monitored and signed off only when high standards have been met.	Mr Smart	Noted. This is a matter which would be dealt with by the Development Management Development Plan Document or a Planning Obligation.	N/A
Protect and safeguard wildlife habitats. E.g. planning application 11/00213/Full.	M Wharton	Noted. Policy CS1 is designed to do this.	N/A
Encourage protection of strategic views from Billericay. Important view from east of Billericay such as Mill Meadows, Chantry Way, Hillside Road and Chapel Street. Preserve green corridors between Mill Meadows Nature Reserve and open countryside and the former school site and open countryside.	BDSA, Billericay District Residents Association, Billericay Town Council, Mr C Mullet, Cllr J Devlin	Noted. The Council have committed to revisit their Green Belt study so that the Borough's green belt can be understood further and assessed to establish if and where areas continue to serve the 5 purposes set out in the NPPF. The Council have also committed to commissioning a local Landscape Study, considering strategic views.	Revisit the Green Belt study and use to inform the Core Strategy. Commission a Local Landscape Study.
Should protect Natura 2000 sites on outskirts of Borough	Natural England	Noted. Wording can be added to the policy to ensure Natura 2000 sites outside of the Borough are considered as part of the strategic planning and development management activities of the Council. The Habitat Regulations Assessment appraises the Core Strategy.	Change wording.
All of Langdon Hills, land around church hill and open space at junction of St Nicholas Land and Ballard way should be protected.	Mrs S Bummet	Noted. The Council have committed to revisit their Green Belt study so that the Borough's green belt can be understood further and assessed to establish if and where areas continue to serve the 5 purposes set out in the NPPF. The Council have also committed to commissioning a local Landscape Study, considering strategic views.	Revisit the Green Belt study and use to inform the Core Strategy. Commission a Local Landscape Study.
Suggest addition under para 1 of view from north of Crays Hill over the Crouch towards Ramsden Bellhouse carrying Norsewood should be protected.	Campaign to Protect England	Noted. The Council have committed to revisit their Green Belt study so that the Borough's green belt can be understood further and assessed to establish if and where areas continue to serve the 5 purposes set out in the NPPF. The Council have also committed to commissioning a local Landscape Study, considering strategic views.	Revisit the Green Belt study and use to inform the Core Strategy. Commission a Local Landscape Study.
Should define and protect key ecological networks, incorporating Local Wildlife Sites, and reference them in planning applications in context of their biodiversity. This should include New Local wildlife Sites and protected species. Where damage to networks and Local Wildlife Sites occurs,	Living Landscape Area 34 (Mill Meadows Society), Mr P Hudson	Noted. This is not however a matter for the Core Strategy. The accompanying Development Management DPD would consider this level of detail.	N/A

measures to offset this should be introduced. All measures should be appropriately managed and monitored.			
PROW networks have benefits for health but there are not all fit for purposes, opportunity to create new PROW so that there two off road networks between settlements. Short cuts should be provided to local facilities.	Mr P Hudson, Norsey wood Society, Mr C Mullett	Noted. This can be included within the Core Strategy transport policy and delivered by the Essex PROW Improvement Plan.	Strengthen PROW's references in transport policy or in another appropriate area of the document.
Further consideration should be given to the plotlands	Mr M Manns	<p>Noted. The NPPF places greater emphasis on local areas making local planning policy choices for the future.</p> <p>Plotlands currently lie within the green belt and there is a presumption, both nationally and locally, against development in the green belt. In order for plotland development to take place, the Council will need to review its approach towards the green belt and be informed by robust evidence. The preferred option A presented in the Core Strategy does not support green belt development and therefore is not appropriate in the Spatial Vision.</p> <p>The NPPF places greater emphasis on local areas making local planning policy choices for the future. The Core Strategy presents the opportunity to appraise whether any development could be accommodated in them as part of the Borough's future growth.</p>	The Council should consider the potential for the Borough's Plotlands to contribute to residential land supply and environmental enhancement through the process of infilling as stated possible in Paragraph 89 of the NPPF. This will need to be supported by the evidence base and there is a need to revisit the Green belt study.
PADC 13 (South Essex Marshes) should be referenced	Basildon Business Group, Colonnade Strategic LLP, Laindon Regeneration LLP	Noted. Whilst Policy CS1 considers this, the Council have committed to revisit their Green Belt study so that the Borough's green belt can be understood further and assessed to establish if and where areas continue to serve the 5 purposes set out in the NPPF. The Council have also committed to commissioning a local Landscape Study, considering strategic views.	Revisit the Green Belt study and use to inform the Core Strategy. Commission a Local Landscape Study.
Development in South Wickford will support strategic links	Strutt and Parker (on behalf of Pigeon Wickford Ltd)	Noted.	N/A
Suggests local residents will be consulted and views taken into account.	Mrs M Heppell	Noted. Local residents are consulted by the Council as the Local Planning Authority on planning matters in accordance with the adopted Statement of Community Involvement – First Revision 2011.	N/A
Should add at bullet point 5 ' where appropriate'.	GL Hearn (on behalf of Homes and Communities Agency, South Essex College and Basildon Borough Council)	Noted.	Include wording on appropriateness
Include protection of open space and return Dunton to Green Belt	Mr P Rackley	<p>Noted. The Government's NPPF makes it clear that LPAs should positively seek opportunities to meet the development needs of the area, with sufficient flexibility to adapt to rapid change.</p> <p>One of the NPPF's Core Planning Principles is to ensure that every effort has been made to objectively identify and then meet the housing, business and other development needs of an area and respond positively to wider opportunities for growth.</p> <p>The Core Strategy's Preferred Options Report placed greatest weight on the environmental role of the planning system in securing sustainable development. The NPPF states that the economic, social and environmental roles should not be undertaken in isolation, because they are mutually dependant. For these reasons, the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report must be revised to guide future development in a wholly sustainable manner.</p>	<p>The Council should revise its Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and use its Evidence Base to inform the scale and distribution of development needs over the next twenty years.</p> <p>Revisit the Green Belt study and use it to inform the Core Strategy.</p>

Policy CS2 Design and the Built Environment

Q31 Do you agree with the Policy CS2? Please explain your answer.

Q32 Are there any changes to the policy's wording that should be made.

77 comments were made on Question 31 and 32.

Policy CS2			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Actions
No comments	Mrs S Bummet, Mrs B Wade, Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mend and Smith Families, One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd)	Noted.	N/A
Agree with Policy CS2	Mrs L Kelly, Miss E Lyon, Mr M Flack, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, BDSA, Mrs V Hudson, Natural England, Campaign to Protect Rural England, Mr A Peake, Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Mr P Ward, Mr M Manns, Billericay District Residents Association, Billericay Town Council, Mr C Narrainen, Mr R Gray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, Drivers Jonas Deloitte (on behalf of Bellway Homes), Mrs C Foster, Colonnade Strategic LLP, Cllr J Devlin	Noted.	N/A
Should take best practice from other places in the world that protect assets better.	Mrs L Kelly, BDSA	Noted.	Consider best practice.
Where practical, creation and improvement to cycle lanes is required. Building integral nest boxes should be part of developers contributions and new residents should be aware of respecting wildlife that is present. Ample trees and landscaping should be part of new housing and industrial estates.	Mr Smart, Mrs V Hudson	Noted. Tree planting and other forms of landscaping and horticulture are recognised elements of designing and delivering new developments well. The Core Strategy Preferred Options Report Policy CS2 – Design and the Built Environment states the Council's strategy for securing such contributions to the environment from development. However, the details are not a matter for the Core Strategy. The accompanying Development Management DPD would consider this level of detail, alongside the statutory Local Transport Plan prepared by Essex County Council as Highways Authority	N/A
New builds should reflect existing buildings and 'taller buildings' should be clarification and limited to four floors.	Mr M Flack, Mr P Ward	Noted. Further work on townscape and landscape is required to define these issues robustly	Revisit the Green Belt study and use to inform the Core Strategy. Commission a Local Landscape Study.
Should use brownfield sites, preserve Green Belt, look after rivers and parks, modernise the existing structures, keep st lukes and hospital area green, provide adequate infrastructure, avoid high rise blocks of flats.	Mrs V Hudson	Noted.	N/A
Define 'safeguarding views to protect The Onion Water Tower' to ensure it does not restrict business development along A127.	Basildon Business Group	Noted. Further work on townscape and landscape is required to define these issues robustly	Revisit the Green Belt study and use to inform the Core Strategy. Commission a Local Landscape Study.
Hopes policy includes art works in town centre	Mrs M Heppell	Noted. The accompanying Development Management DPD could consider this level of detail on public art, along with the town centre masterplans.	Consider where regard to public art could be considered.
Important to protect heritage, provide quality development and ensure this is delivered	Essex County Council, Mrs A Triston, Rev J Maizel-Long	Noted.	N/A
Cannot agree with principles of Policy CS2 as new buildings are where debates will be had.	Mr B Foster	Noted	N/A
Agree with criteria 1 and 2, but 3, 4 and 6 seem	Mr C Mullett	Noted. Criteria 3, 4 and 6 are widely accepted as part of the	N/A

meaningless... Adequate car parking should be provided and housing density should be increased to limit green belt development.		components for a Local Planning Authority to achieve high standards of design in new developments. Vehicle parking will be addressed in detail by the Development Management DPD and Vehicle Parking Standards SPD.	
Set out in NPPF, consideration should be given to iconic buildings of enhanced design rather than conforming to existing, as Laindon regeneration scheme will be.	Colonnade Strategic LLP, Laindon Regeneration LLP	Noted. The NPPF already states the value that should be placed on considering iconic buildings of enhanced design and their role in local development.	N/A

Wording changes to Policy CS2			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Actions
No comments	Mrs Z Jeffers, Mrs S Bummet, Mrs B Wade, Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families), One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd), Mrs A Triston, Colonnade Strategic LLP, Laindon Regeneration LLP	Noted.	N/A
No changes required	Mrs L Kelly, Miss E Lyon, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, BDSA, Mrs V Hudson, Mr M Manns, Billericay District Residents Association, Billericay Town Council, Mr R Gray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, Cllr J Devlin	Noted.	N/A
Include the churches in Crays Hill and Ramsden Bellhouse as buildings should be protected and views maintained.	Mr Beiley	Noted. The Council have committed to revisit their Green Belt study so that the Borough's green belt can be understood further and assessed to establish if and where areas continue to serve the 5 purposes set out in the NPPF. The Council have also committed to commissioning a local Landscape Study, considering strategic views.	Revisit the Green Belt study and use to inform the Core Strategy. Commission a Local Landscape Study.
Policy should recognise funding is required to meet needs.	Mr Smart	Noted. The Core Strategy is a strategic document and will not provide the exact details for funding of community facilities and infrastructure required. These would come from later LDF documents or the planning application process. The Council and developers have a responsibility to balance the need for homes with a need for infrastructure. Any form of allocated growth, including retail, business, community facilities and homes will be informed by various evidence bases the Council have undertaken. The Council continue to encourage sustainable development which will in-turn, require consideration and/or provision of parking, infrastructure and water. Relevant guidance and legislation is also in place to ensure that such things are considered through the planning process. The Core Strategy needs to include appropriate testing of the options for a variety of infrastructure needs. This will need to be built into the preparation timescales for future iterations.	The Council must continue to work with Essex County Council as Highways Authority and other service providers to understand the infrastructure context of the Borough, and test the Core Strategy Options for their impact to determine appropriate mitigation.
Should reference the need for safe bike storage and should provide more than one access to development that is on a road with a footpath.	Mr M Flack, Mr C Mullett	Noted. The Core Strategy is a strategic document and will not provide the exact details for community facilities and infrastructure required. These would come from later LDF documents or the planning application process. The Council and developers have a responsibility to balance the need for homes with a need for infrastructure. Any form of allocated growth, including retail, business, community facilities and homes will be informed by various evidence bases the Council have undertaken. The Council continue to encourage sustainable development which will in-turn, require consideration and/or	The Council must continue to work with Essex County Council as Highways Authority and other service providers to understand the infrastructure context of the Borough, and test the Core Strategy Options for their impact to determine appropriate mitigation.

		<p>provision of parking, infrastructure and water. Relevant guidance and legislation is also in place to ensure that such things are considered through the planning process.</p> <p>The Core Strategy needs to include appropriate testing of the options for a variety of infrastructure needs. This will need to be built into the preparation timescales for future iterations.</p>	
Should include reference to a local housing design standard, including sustainable construction, building to lifetime standards, and protection of natural environment.	Homes and Communities Agency, Natural England, Drivers Jonas Deloitte (on behalf of Bellway Homes), Mr P Rackley, Laindon Regeneration LLP	Noted. The Council will review whether references to national standards are required, in addition to any specific policies in the Development Management Development Plan Document.	Review whether references to national standards are required.
Add monitoring indicator of number of trees lost despite TPO protection. This has happened and so system needs to be strengthened.	Campaign to Protect Rural England	Noted.	Consider merits of TPO related policy indicator for policy.
Should require one third of front gardens to be maintained as green spaces, and new development should provide adequate green space as well as adequate parking. Planting in public areas of developments should be encouraged and minimise noise and light pollution. Views of countryside from urban areas should be valued and protected.	Norsey Wood Society	<p>Noted. Detailed design policies, including for landscaping and vehicle parking will be addressed in detail by the Development Management DPD and Vehicle Parking Standards SPD.</p> <p>Policy CS1 proposed to adopt new open space provision standards to secure new or extended open spaces with development.</p> <p>The Council have committed to revisit their Green Belt study so that the Borough's green belt can be understood further and assessed to establish if and where areas continue to serve the 5 purposes set out in the NPPF. The Council have also committed to commissioning a local Landscape Study, considering strategic views.</p>	Revisit the Green Belt study and use to inform the Core Strategy. Commission a Local Landscape Study.
Should include word 'historic' in Policy title, section titles and para 7.7 to 7.10. Policy should help conserve historic environment by including 'protecting and promoting Historic Environment Assets across Borough by working with partners, developers and designers'. Implementation table should reference historic environment characterisation report/	Essex County Council	Noted.	Consider merits of amending wording in section to include references to 'Historic' and refer to Historic Environment Characterisation Report.
Should only reference indicators that relate to management or development of historic assets, number of: designated heritage assets, heritage assets at risk, instances of historic environment character zones with high sensitivity to change affected by development, and trees protected by tree preservation orders. % of: applications where archaeological mitigation strategies were developed and implemented, and conservation areas with conservation plans. Ha of land covered by a) village green b) common land.	Essex County Council	Noted.	Amend Indicators.
Green Belt release in East Basildon is essential to policy	Mr M Adams	Noted.	N/A
Should include 'consultation with local residents'	Mrs M Heppell	All planning consultations comply with the Council's statutory Statement of Community Involvement 2011. This ensures that minimum consultation standards are met which are set by legislation, in addition to other standards the Council has agreed to locally. The Council notes however that the Core Strategy consultation was a complicated process.	The Council will look into improving consultation.

		<p>The Core Strategy Preferred Options consultation forms a key part of the development of the document and the Council recognises the importance of informing the Borough's residents, businesses and stakeholders.</p> <p>The future revisions of the Core Strategy must be carefully balanced between evidence bases, public opinion and sustainable development.</p>	
Need to reflect over-concentration of high buildings/flats.	Mr P Rackley	Noted. Further work on townscape and landscape is required to define these issues robustly. Specific design details on density will be considered through the planning applications process.	Carry out townscape appraisal and consider the findings of the Strategic Housing Market Assessment to ensure the balance and design of developments are suitable catered for within the Core Strategy.

Policy CS3 A More Valued Green Belt

Q33 Do you agree with Policy CS3? Please explain your answer.

Q34 Are there any changes to the policy's wording that should be made?

130 comments were made on Question 33 and 34.

Policy CS3			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Actions
No comments	Mrs B Wade, Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families)	Noted	N/A
Agree with Policy CS3. Welcome the need to enhance and reduce fragmentation of habitats and protects natural assets and landscape features. Protecting Green Belt stops town merging.	Mrs L Kelly, Mr Beiley, Mr N Sumner, Mrs Roberts, Mr M Flack, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, BDSA, Mrs V Hudson, Natural England, Mrs S Bummet, Campaign to Protect Rural England, Mr P Ward, Mr M Manns, Mrs S Pullin, Billericay District Residents Association, Billericay Town Council, Mr C Narrainen, Mrs M Heppell, Environment Agency, Mrs A Triston, Mr T Mortlock, Mr C Foster, Rev J Maizel-Long, Mr N Lamb, Mr R Masters, Mr C Mullett, Mr M Bushell, Mr T Knight, Hughes, Cllr J Devlin	Noted.	N/A
Green Belt boundaries should be reviewed to assess areas that can be used for new homes and facilities, so that more valuable Green Belt that is high in wildlife can be protected. Using poor quality of Green Belt will provide open space, better quality of life and healthier lifestyles. It will also alleviate congestion in town centres; building can begin sooner to start addressing the shortfall. It will also allow for the provision of more employment land, which is required. This approach conflicts with LEP objectives, strategy for Thames Gateway and Ministerial Statement, March 2011. Believe exceptional circumstances exist for green belt boundaries to be amended in local plan. Adequate changes to address this should be made to the policy so that it is sound.	Miss E Lyon, Mr Benton, Mrs Beckinsales, Mr N Lyon, Mr A Lyon, Mr M Green, Mr S Lyon, Jennifer Cole, Mr J Lyon, Langdon Hills Living Landscapes Committee, Alan Pipe and Partners (on behalf of Mr B Stone), Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Mrs G Trivett, Mr D Lovey, Cirrus (on behalf of Gladedale Ltd and Gleeson Homes Ltd), MatPlan Limited (on behalf of Millwood Designer Homes Ltd), Icen Projects (on behalf of Cogent Land LLP), Basildon Business Group, JB Planning Associates Ltd (on behalf Gleeson Homes Ltd), Strutt and Parker (on behalf of Pigeon Wickford Ltd), Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Martin Grant Homes), Edward Grittins & Associates (on behalf of Mr David Keeling), JB Planning Associates Ltd (on behalf Gleeson Strategic Land Ltd), One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd), Mr R Gray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, Mr J Lyon, Mr M Adams Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Permission Homes), Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes), Barton Wilmore (on behalf of Philip Jean Homes Ltd), Mr R J French, Mr N Lambert, Mr G French, Smart Planning Limited, Laindon Regeneration LLP, Colonnade Strategic LLP, Countryside Properties (on behalf of Mr R Thomas)	The Borough is required by government to objectively assess their housing and employment needs. In order to provide sustainable development to meet local needs, the Council have to utilise the land within their Borough. The Borough is constrained by Green Belt and it is only a review of the Local Plan that can make changes to the Green Belt boundaries to ensure that the Green Belt boundaries are robust and for the long-term. Consequently, the Council have committed to revisit their Green Belt study so that the Borough's green belt can be understood further and assessed to establish if and where areas continue to serve the 5 purposes set out in the NPPF.	Revisit the Green Belt study and use to inform the Core Strategy. Commission a Local Landscape Study.
Habitat improvement cannot be left to Essex Wildlife Trust and funding should be set aside for specialist contractors. Restoration of the wildlife corridors and the connectivity between them is crucial to biodiversity.	Mr Smart, Mrs V Hudson, Norsewood Society	Developers can be required to provide improvements to habitats and other forms of green infrastructure where applicable, in tandem to development. Essex Wildlife Trust will be consulted as a statutory consultee on planning applications where appropriate and it is not the Council's intentions to rely upon the Trust to improve habitats. This would be achieved through supporting policy CS1.	N/A
Appreciate assurance that Policy CS3 'Living Landscapes' was in addition to Green Belt policy.	Mr J J Hurrell	The Green Belt is a national designation and a policy area covered by the National Planning Policy Framework. The Local Planning Authority have the responsibility to ensure that the Green Belt boundaries are robust and can endure for the long-term, which can mean revising the periodically. Living Landscapes are an informal initiative of the Wildlife Trusts and identify areas of landscape where particular attention should be focussed to manage landscapes. Consequently, Green Belt and Living Landscapes are different and are not afforded the same weight in the planning process; hence, wording changes will be made when the Core Strategy is revised.	Wording change to recognise that Living Landscapes are different from Green Belt. May need to remove reference to living landscape in Policy CS3.
The separate identity of Billericay, Wickford and	Mr and Mrs Carter	The Core Strategy's Settlement Hierarchy identifies that Billericay,	Revisit the Green Belt

Basildon should be preserved, but with good transport links between. Maintaining the Green Belt is a means of achieving this.		Wickford and Basildon are different settlements. The settlement hierarchy and the evidence bases take into consideration the individual characteristics of each area. Consequently, the Council have committed to revisit their Green Belt study so that the Borough's green belt can be understood further and assessed to establish if and where areas continue to serve the 5 purposes set out in the NPPF.	study and use to inform the Core Strategy. Commission a Local Landscape Study
Basildon is unusual in its high proportion of Green Belt, but Dry Street should be put into the Green Belt.	Langdon Hills Living Landscapes Committee	Dry Street is designated as an Area of Special Reserve in the Basildon District Local Plan 1998. The Planning Inspector for the examination of the Basildon District Local Plan 1998 concluded that Dry Street was an appropriate area for development, so consequently it is not designated as Green Belt and has been reserved for long-term housing needs. Option A of the Core Strategy focused development within the urban areas and subsequently this included the Dry Street Area (PADC10). It is noted that the status of the land has changed since its designation in the Basildon District Local Plan 1998 and consideration should therefore be given to its relatively new environmental status as a Local Wildlife Site and Biodiversity Action Plan habitat. However, development should also be compliant with the National Planning Policy Framework which requires Local Planning Authorities to objectively assess their housing need and ensure sustainable development can be achieved. All these elements will be given consideration when the Core Strategy is revised.	The Council should clarify whether the Nethermayne Cluster remains an appropriate area for development in the next draft of the Core Strategy.
Billericay should take its fair share of development	Mrs S Bummet, Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes)	The role of each settlement and its spatial distribution is important to the Core Strategy. the Council have committed to revisit their Green Belt study so that the Borough's green belt can be understood further and assessed to establish if and where areas continue to serve the 5 purposes set out in the NPPF.	Revisit the Green Belt study and use to inform the Core Strategy. Commission a Local Landscape Study.
Do not agree with Policy CS3	Mr A Peake, Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Mr C Tomlins	Noted	N/A
Billericay cannot take any more development	Norsey Wood Society	The role of each settlement and its spatial distribution is important to the Core Strategy. The role of each settlement and its spatial distribution is important to the Core Strategy. The Council have committed to revisit their Green Belt study so that the Borough's green belt can be understood further and assessed to establish if and where areas continue to serve the 5 purposes set out in the NPPF. The findings of this study will inform the next draft of the Core Strategy. Mitigation measures and infrastructure provision will all be considered when areas for strategic development are selected.	Revisit the Green Belt study and use to inform the Core Strategy. Commission a Local Landscape Study.
Should consider limited growth around serviced villages	Edward Gittins & Associates (on behalf of Mr David Keeling)	The role of each settlement and its spatial distribution is important to the Core Strategy. The role of each settlement and its spatial distribution is important to the Core Strategy. the Council have committed to revisit their Green Belt study so that the Borough's green belt can be understood further and assessed to establish if and where areas continue to serve the 5 purposes set out in the NPPF. The findings of this study will inform the next draft of the Core Strategy. Mitigation measures and infrastructure provision will all be considered when areas for strategic development are selected.	Revisit the Green Belt study and use to inform the Core Strategy. Commission a Local Landscape Study.
High quality design should be considered in the Green Belt	Mr R Gray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray	The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) makes it clear that high quality design should be considered across all developments,	Consider the need for a detailed design policy in

		regardless of location. The Council aims to provide high quality design as set out in the Core Strategy vision and objectives. The Core Strategy does include a policy on design (Policy CS2) but to ensure that high quality design is implemented the Council can give consideration to whether a more detailed design policy is needed in the Development Management Document or if any Supplementary Planning Documents are required to guide design in the Borough.	the Development Management DPD or the merits of a Supplementary Planning Document covering design is necessary.
Requires relationship with local/parish councils to know what people want for their areas as may want green belt development for betterment.	Mr B Foster	The Core Strategy does not have the remit to instruct Parish Councils and is a matter that should be taken up with elected members and Parish Councils directly. However, the Council will continue to work with Parish Councils where applicable. All parish Councils have been consulted on the Core Strategy and their comments will be processed accordingly. Local councils have the ability to prepare Neighbourhood Plans for their area to elaborate on the planning policies applicable in their areas.	Continue to liaise with parish councils
Clarity for what 'inappropriate development' means, as could be subjective	Mrs J Addicott	Inappropriate development is a term that is used in nationally planning policy. It was originally cited in Planning Policy Guidance 2: Green Belt and is now included within the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). Para 87 of the NPPF states that "As with previous Green Belt policy, inappropriate development is, by definition, harmful to the Green Belt and should not be approved except in very special circumstances". A list of exceptions is provided in the NPPF. It is the Local Planning Authorities' role to weigh up all considerations when determining planning applications.	N/A
Should be about green space as well as green belt	Mr P Rackley	Clarification is required to what is meant by 'green land'. Assessments into the quality and quantity of open spaces have been carried out for the Borough as part of the PPG17 Open Space Assessment methodology endorsed by Cabinet in March 2010. The Council intends on applying open space standards to the Borough, as supported by the National Planning Policy Framework and as stated in Policy CS1 to ensure that an appropriate level and quality of open space is available for residents.	N/A
Public rights of way should not be blocked	Mr M Bushell	Noted. Any obstruction of a Public Right of Way is a matter for Essex County Council, as Local Highways Authority.	N/A

Wording changes to Policy CS3			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Actions
No comments	Mrs Z Jeffers, Mrs S Bummet, Mrs B Wade, Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families), Colonnade Strategic LLP, Laindon Regeneration LLP	Noted	N/A
No changes to Policy CS3 wording	Mr M Flack, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, BDSA, Mrs V Hudson, Natural England, Mr C Mullett	Noted	N/A
No development should be allowed on Green Belt land	Mrs L Kelly, BDSA, Mr A Peake, Mrs M Heppell, Mrs A Triston, Mr C Tomlins	The Green Belt is a national planning policy designation and a matter covered by the National Planning Policy Framework. The Local Planning Authority has the responsibility to ensure that the Green Belt boundaries are robust and can endure for the long-term.	Revisit the Green Belt Study and together with the settlement hierarchy inform the next draft of Core Strategy.
If development is necessary then should be underground	Mrs L Kelly	All development needs to be viable to ensure it can be delivered. Building underground can be expensive and is subject to each development and its use. It may not be appropriate for all development to be built underground and this will be a matter for development management when planning applications are determined based on their individual merits. The Council have committed to revisit their Green Belt study so that the Borough's green belt can be understood further and assessed to establish if	Revisit the Green Belt study and use to inform the Core Strategy. Commission a Local Landscape Study.

		and where areas continue to serve the 5 purposes set out in the NPPF. The findings of this study will inform the next draft of the Core Strategy.	
Green belt boundary should be reviewed so that it can be used for housing and facilities to create better quality of life. Reference to growth being contained within existing urban boundary should be deleted and replaced with wording that reflects the urban extensions to meet need.	Miss E Lyon, Mrs Beckinsales, Mr N Lyon, Mr S Lyon, Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Mrs G Trivett, Cirrus (on behalf of Gladedale Ltd and Gleeson Homes Ltd), MatPlan Limited (on behalf of Millwood Designer Homes Ltd), Mr R Gray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, Mr J Lyon, Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes), Mr R J French, Smart Planning Limited	The Borough is required by government to objectively assess their housing and employment needs. In order to provide sustainable development to meet local needs, the Council have to utilise the land within their Borough. The Borough is constrained by Green Belt and it is only a review of the Local Plan that can make changes to the Green Belt boundaries to ensure that the Green Belt boundaries are robust and for the long-term. Consequently, the Council have committed to revisit their Green Belt study so that the Borough's green belt can be understood further and assessed to establish if and where areas continue to serve the 5 purposes set out in the NPPF.	Revisit the Green Belt study and use to inform the Core Strategy. Commission a Local Landscape Study.
Stress that unauthorised development will be enforced against	Mr Bailey	All planning permissions should be lawfully obtained ahead of development in accordance with the legislation set out in the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 which the Council and prospective applicants are duty bound to comply with. Assessing applications for planning permission ahead of development enables the Council to manage development. Retrospective applications and/or those without permission could be subject to action in line with the Councils enforcement policies.	N/A
Emphasis homes need to be built quickly	Mr Benton	The Council is required to set out a housing trajectory for the next fifteen years. The current housing trajectory is featured the Annual Monitoring Report 2011, available on the Council's website. The housing trajectory sets out the numbers of homes anticipated to come forward on an annual basis. It is important that the housing trajectory works alongside the Core Strategy in phasing development so that there is a steady stream of development comes forward for the next 15 years and so that the appropriate infrastructure can be put in place in a timely manner.	Ensure that the housing trajectory is updated to work in tandem to the Core Strategy
Policy could be interpreted that living landscapes is only about access. So should be reworded to state 'embracing one of the principles of living landscapes to improve access where does not conflict with wildlife and improve local green belt landscape, or remove reference to living landscapes. Add statement about stopping removal of front gardens as effecting water run off and area's appearance.	Mr N Sumner	It is not the intention of the Core Strategy that Living Landscapes are only considered in regard to access. Wording of the policy will be revisited and amended when the Core Strategy is revised. Evidence would have to be sought to support that the removal of front gardens for use as driveways is a major strategic issue within the Borough for it to be considered within the Core Strategy; the Council will consider the South Essex Surface Water Management Plan 2011 to determine whether any action is required. It is likely to be a development management matter and should be dealt with based on the merits of each individual planning application where applicable and guided through a specific policy in the Development Management Development Plan Document.	Revisit wording of the green belt policy to ensure Living Landscapes are not only associated with access and determine if Surface Water Management Plan requires any specific action to manage run-off from front gardens.
Encourage agricultural use as primary function of Green Belt.	Campaign to Protect Rural England	The Council is committed to carrying out a Green belt study that will look into the role of the green belt, including different land uses such as agriculture.	Carry out a green belt study, ensuring it considers the green belt's agricultural role.
Remove special circumstances as suggests green belt can be developed.	Mr N Sumner, Campaign to Protect Rural England, Mrs A Triston	"Inappropriate development" and "Special Circumstances" are terms used in nationally planning policy. It was originally cited in Planning Policy Guidance 2: Green Belt and is now included within the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). Para 87 of the NPPF states that "As with previous Green Belt policy, inappropriate development is, by definition, harmful to the Green Belt and should not be approved except in very special circumstances". A list of	N/A

		exceptions is provided in the NPPF. It is the Local Planning Authorities' role to weigh up all considerations when determining planning applications, including where these special circumstances might be present.	
Tourism Sports and Recreation should only be allowed where do not require buildings and have impact on landscape.	Campaign to Protect Rural England	The determination of planning applications will be based on their individual planning merits and their ability to balance economic, social and environmental pressures. The Council are committed to carrying out a Green Belt study that will determine important landscape features within and beyond the Borough. The Core Strategy will seek to use the Green Belt study and a separate Landscape Assessment in drawing up its policies so as to limit any adverse impact development could otherwise have on landscape quality in the future.	Carry out a green belt study a separate Landscape Assessment and ensure the Borough's landscapes are protected from inappropriate development through policies.
Changes of use for redundant agricultural buildings which do not change size, scale, and appearance should be allowed.	Billericay District Residents Association, Billericay Town Council	In July 2012, the Government published a consultation on how to encourage sustainable development and growth through the reuse of existing buildings. This includes a proposal to allow greater flexibility in permitted development rights to permit changes of use to agricultural buildings to be used for other business purposes to support rural growth. Clarification on the implementation of this proposal will not be revealed until the Use Class Order consultation has ended and the Government's decision has been published. The Council will therefore need to consider whether this has any impact when the Core Strategy is revised.	Await outcome of the review of the Use Class Order.
Replace reference to PPG2 with NPPF	MatPlan Limited (on behalf of Millwood Designer Homes Ltd), Barton Wilmore (on behalf of Philip Jean Homes Ltd)	Noted.	Replace references to PPG2 with the relevant section of the NPPF.
Suitable infilling in plotlands should be included	Mr M Manns, Mr R Gray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray	Noted. The NPPF places greater emphasis on local areas making local planning policy choices for the future. Plotlands currently lie within the green belt and there is a presumption, both nationally and locally, against development in the green belt. In order for plotland development to take place, the Council will need to review its approach towards the green belt and be informed by robust evidence. The preferred option A presented in the Core Strategy does not support green belt development and therefore is not appropriate in the Spatial Vision. The NPPF places greater emphasis on local areas making local planning policy choices for the future. The Core Strategy presents the opportunity to appraise whether any development could be accommodated in them as part of the Borough's future growth.	The Council should consider the potential for the Borough's Plotlands to contribute to residential land supply and environmental enhancement through the process of infilling as stated possible in Paragraph 89 of the NPPF. This will need to be supported by the evidence base and there is a need to revisit the Green belt study.
Remove reference to borough's settlements and centre hierarchies and include reference to green belt locations identified in Core Strategy and Site Allocations DPD.	Barton Wilmore (on behalf of Philip Jean Homes Ltd)	It is important that the Core Strategy identifies the existing settlements within the Borough to establish their roles and determine how they could accommodate development in the plan period. The Council is committed to carrying out a Green Belt study that will assess the Green Belt in greater depth to identify areas that could be potentially released for development if necessary. Where it is necessary and appropriate to reflect upon the study, wording in the policy can be amended in the next draft of the Core Strategy.	Revisit the green belt study to inform next draft of Core Strategy and change policy wording if necessary and appropriate to reflect findings.
Should include green spaces as well as green belt	Mr P Rackley	Assessments into the quality and quantity of open spaces have been carried out on the Borough as part of the PPG17 assessment methodology endorsed by Cabinet. The Council applies open space standards to the Borough ensuring that appropriate level and quality of open space is available for residents.	N/A

Policy CS4 Flood and Water Management

Q35 Do you agree with the Policy CS4? Please explain your answer.

Q36 Are there any changes to the policy's wording that should be made.

87 comments were made on Question 35 and 36.

Policy CS4			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Actions
No comments	BDSA, Mrs S Bummet, Mrs B Wade, Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Billericay Town Council, Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families), One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd), Mr P Rackley, Colonnade Strategic LLP, Laindon Regeneration LLP	Noted.	N/A
Agree with Policy CS4 as critical to safeguard against flooding	Mrs E Lyon, Mr Smart, Mr M Flack, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, Mrs V Hudson, Natural England, Campaign to Protect Rural England, Mr A Peake, Mr P Ward, Mr M Manns, Mrs S Pullin, Mr C Narrainen, Strutt and Parker (on behalf of Pigeon Wickford Ltd), Mr R Gray, Drivers Jonas Deloitte (on behalf of Bellway Homes), Mr B Foster, Rev J Maizel-Long, Mr C Mullet	Noted.	N/A
Flood risk should be protected as only source of protection from high water levels and will protect natural environment.	Mrs L Kelly, Mrs V Hudson, Natural England, Mrs M Heppell	Noted. Paragraph 100 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) is clear that Inappropriate development in areas at risk from flooding should be avoided by directing development away from areas at greatest risk, but where development is necessary, making it safe without increasing flood risk elsewhere. Essex County Council as Lead Local Flood Authority have prepared a Local Flood Risk Management Strategy for Essex and Basildon Council has prepared a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) as required by the NPPF to identify and manage flood risk from all sources in the Borough.	Use SFRA and Essex Local Flood Risk Management Strategy to inform the next draft of the Core Strategy.
Consideration should be given for water consumption and harvesting. Water butts could be fitted free in every household.	Mr Beiley	Noted. Matters of water and resource efficiency are important to the Council and will be regarded accordingly through the development plan process. Policy CS4 has been provided for the benefit of flood mitigation and water management. Policy CS2, which looks at design matters, will be looked at to address whether further detail can contribute to promoting sustainability in all areas.	Consider the addition and/or emphasis on sustainable design in the appropriate area of the Core Strategy or Development Management Policies DPD.
Should avoid building over flood plain, avoid culverting and hard lined water courses. River banks should be used for nature.	Mr Smart, Mrs V Hudson, Mrs S Pullin	Noted. Paragraph 100 of the NPPF is clear that Inappropriate development in areas at risk from flooding should be avoided by directing development away from areas at greatest risk, but where development is necessary, making it safe without increasing flood risk elsewhere.	N/A.
Who is responsible for sea walls and does Basildon Council have any input to Thames Estuary Defences?	Mr M Flack	The majority of sea defences which protect the Basildon Borough are the responsibility of the Environment Agency. The Council is a member of the Essex Flood Risk Management Partnership and the Essex Coastal Forum, which works with the Anglian Regional Flood and Coastal Committee, the Environment Agency and DEFRA to ensure there are coherent plans for identifying, communicating and managing flood and coastal risks across catchments and shorelines.	N/A

		The Council has also participated in the Environment Agency's Thames Estuary 2100 project to develop a long-term tidal flood risk management for London and the Thames Estuary.	
Welcomes further detail on sequential test and definition of all areas at risk of flooding. Business should not be inhibited by flooding and so precise areas for flooding should be shown.	Basildon Business Group	<p>Noted. In accordance with the Basildon Borough Strategic Flood Risk Stage 1 and Stage 2 Assessments identify the functional flood plains and areas at risk from flooding and provide further details on the application of the Sequential and Exception tests in the Basildon Borough. These should be used as guidance alongside the LDF documents.</p> <p>Functional floodplain (Zone 3b) will be included on the LDF Proposals Map as stated in Policy CS4.</p> <p>In addition, the South Essex Surface Water Management Plan helps identifies those areas that have a drainage role in the Borough and sets out land and asset management measures required to reduce flooding risk from surface water.</p>	N/A
Preference to development should be given to flood zone 1 like South Wickford is.	Strutt and Parker (on behalf of Pigeon Wickford Ltd)	Noted. Paragraph 100 of the NPPF is clear that Inappropriate development in areas at risk from flooding should be avoided by directing development away from areas at greatest risk, but where development is necessary, making it safe without increasing flood risk elsewhere.	Carry out Sequential and Exception Tests to spatial strategy and PADCs when revising the Core Strategy.
Policy should apply to developments of three houses or more.	Mr R Gray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray	The National Planning Policy Framework does not indicate that it is appropriate to set a certain threshold or type of development where this policy type would apply. Flood risk is a consideration for all development regardless of size or type.	N/A
Need updating to reflect NPPF	Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes), Environment Agency	Noted. The National Planning Policy Framework was published during the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report consultation and will be revised, where necessary.	Amend Core Strategy to reflect National Planning Policy Framework
Should require sequential and exception tests to be applied to all types of flooding (including surface water). Should carry out sequential and exception tests on spatial strategy and PADCs. Policy to ensure washland are safeguarded from development, suggest 20m buffer zone. Should specify what circumstances it would be impractical to use SuDS. Clarity is needed on point (iii) to what sites consider FRA and would require brownfield sites to reduce rates to former greenfield rates which should be an aspiration but not always viable. Instead should encourage sites to discharge at the original greenfield rate where possible, should provide evidence that this is not possible for brownfield sites but still demonstrate significant reduction in current rate of discharge. There are no areas of principal aquifer but requirement in policy is supported. There are no policies to protect water environment from pollution or maintain and improve water quality in waterbodies (also need to ensure capacity of WwTW is not exceeded).	Environment Agency	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Paragraph 100 of the National Planning Policy Framework is clear that Inappropriate development in areas at risk from flooding should be avoided by directing development away from areas at greatest risk, but where development is necessary, making it safe without increasing flood risk elsewhere.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>The Basildon Borough Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) Stage 1 and Stage 2 Assessments identify the functional flood plains and areas at risk from flooding and provide further details on the application of the Sequential and Exception tests in the Basildon Borough. These should be considered alongside the LDF documents.</p> <p>Functional floodplain (Zone 3b), which includes the Washlands identified in SFRA Stage 2 will be included on the LDF Proposals Map as stated in Policy CS4.</p> <p>In addition, the South Essex Surface Water Management Plan helps identifies those areas that have a drainage role in the Borough and sets out land, design and management measures required to reduce flooding risk from surface water, including what local circumstances make certain types of SuDS impractical. A SuDS Design Guide is currently in development by Essex County</p>	Using the SFRA, carry out Sequential and Exception Tests to spatial strategy and PADCs when revising the Core Strategy. Consider further policy interventions to address the water cycle in the Borough drawing from the South Essex Water Cycle Study and the South Essex Surface Water Management Plan.

		<p>Council as the SuDS Approval Board.</p> <p>Clarity will be provided on point (iii) following further consideration of the SFRA, NPPF and its Technical Guidance.</p> <p>Further consideration will be given to a policy which includes protecting the water environment from pollution, quality degradation and/ or water stress.</p> <p>The South Essex Water Cycle Study determines the capacity constraints at all Waste Water Treatment Works that serve the Borough and using this, alongside further engagement with Anglian Water Services, the Council can ensure capacity is not exceeded and development is served by appropriate infrastructure.</p>	
Policy should be extended to look at existing problems where no progress has been made; it could impact on plots suitability for infill.	Mr B Foster	Flood risk and the application of the Sequential Test is a consideration for all development regardless of size, type or location, which may render some areas, including parts of Plotlands, unsuitable for development.	N/A
Should limit gardens being turned to hard standings, which affect water run off.	Mr C Mullett	Unfortunately, changing gardens to hard standings is likely to not require planning consent from the Council under national legislation. There may however be further cause to look at certain parts of the Borough as part of the Development Management DPD to deliver drainage measures contained within the South Essex Surface Water Management Plan 2011.	N/A

Wording changes to Policy CS4			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Actions
No comments	Mrs S Bummet, Mrs B Wade, Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Billericay Town Council, Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families), One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd), Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes), Mr P Rackley, Colonnade Strategic LLP, Laindon Regeneration LLP	Noted.	N/A
No changes to Policy CS4	Mrs L Kelly, Miss E Lyon, Mr M Flack, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, BDSA, Mrs V Hudson, Campaign to Protect Rural England, Mr M Manns, Billericay District Residents Association	Noted.	N/A
Consideration should be given for water consumption and harvesting. Water butts could be fitted free in every household.	Mr Beiley	Noted. Matters of water and resource efficiency are important to the Council and will be regarded accordingly through the development plan process. Policy CS4 has been provided for the benefit of flood mitigation and water management. Policy CS2, which looks at design matters, will be looked at to address whether further detail can contribute to promoting sustainability in all areas.	Consider the addition and/or emphasis on sustainable design in the appropriate area of the Core Strategy or Development Management Policies DPD.
Change to be made to para 7.17...Natural systems which "have in part" become unbalanced...	Mr Smart	Noted.	N/A
Welcomes further detail on sequential test and definition of all areas at risk of flooding. Business should not be inhibited by flooding and so precise areas for flooding should be shown.	Basildon Business Group	<p>Noted. In accordance with the Basildon Borough Strategic Flood Risk Stage 1 and Stage 2 Assessments identify the functional flood plains and areas at risk from flooding and provide further details on the application of the Sequential and Exception tests in the Basildon Borough. These should be used as guidance alongside the LDF documents.</p> <p>Functional floodplain (Zone 3b) will be included on the LDF Proposals Map as stated in Policy CS4.</p>	N/A

		In addition, the South Essex Surface Water Management Plan helps identifies those areas that have a drainage role in the Borough and sets out land and asset management measures required to reduce flooding risk from surface water.	
Adjust wording so that policy applies to developments of three houses or more.	Mr R Gray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray	The NPPF does not indicate that it is appropriate to set a certain threshold or type of development where this policy type would apply. Flood risk is a consideration for all development.	N/A
Produce evidence of decreased soakaway per cubic foot of new development compared to open land.	Mrs M Heppell	This level of detail is not appropriate for the Core Strategy. In addition, the South Essex Surface Water Management Plan helps identifies those areas that have a drainage role in the Borough and sets out land, design and management measures required to reduce flooding risk from surface water, including what local circumstances make certain types of SuDS impractical. A SuDS Design Guide is currently in development by Essex County Council as the Borough's SuDS Approval Board.	N/A
Should limit gardens being turned to hard standings, which affect water run off.	Mr C Mullett	Unfortunately, changing gardens to hard standings is likely to not require planning consent from the Council under national legislation. There may however be further cause to look at certain parts of the Borough as part of the Development Management DPD to deliver drainage measures contained within the South Essex Surface Water Management Plan 2011.	N/A

Policy CS5 Adapting to a Changing Climate

Q37 Do you agree with Policy CS5? Please explain your answer?

Q38 Are there any changes to the policy's wording that should be made?

73 comments were made on Question 37 and 38.

Policy CS5			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Actions
No comments	Mrs S Bummet, Mrs B Wade, Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Billericay Town Council, Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families), One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd), Mr P Rackley, Colonnade Strategic LLP, Landon Regeneration LLP	Noted.	N/A
Agree with Policy CS5 as it recognises effects of climate change on the environment.	Mrs L Kelly, Miss E Lyon, Mr Smart, Mr M Flack, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, BDSA, Mrs V Hudson, Natural England, Campaign to Protect Rural England, Mr A Peake, Mr P Ward, Mr M Manns, Mrs S Pullin, Mr C Narrainen, Mr R Gray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes), Drivers Jonas Deloitte (on behalf of Bellway Homes), GL Hearn (on behalf of Homes and Communities Agency, South Essex College and Basildon Borough Council), Environment Agency, Rev J Maizel-Long, Mr C Mullett	Noted.	N/A
Should utilise all latest renewable energy technology. Should consider supporting and promoting non-potable sources such as greywater recycling and rainwater harvesting to meet highest efficiency standards.	Mrs L Kelly, Miss E Lyon, BDSA, Environment Agency	Noted. The Core Strategy is the opportunity for innovation and an opportunity to improve the quality of life. It is not possible to reduce Climate Change but we can mitigate against its effects and encourage a more sustainable way of living. The Core Strategy can only set out what it can viably contribute to stemming the effects of Climate Change and this will be done through the relevant design policies. Policy CS5 requires various measures as part of objectives to adapt to a changing climate.	Consider elaborating on low carbon technologies and how this will be implemented through policy.
All cables should be placed underground and should use examples from Netherlands and Norway.	Mrs L Kelly	Noted. National Grid is responsible for England's electricity network, the infrastructure style of which largely falls outside the powers of the Local Planning Authority and is covered by powers conferred to them as a Statutory Undertaker by the Secretary of State.	N/A
Should minimise use of materials in construction through 'value engineering'.	Mr Beiley	Value Engineering in new housing and commercial developments is a process which is outside the scope of the Core Strategy; however it is noted that this method has merits of efficiency savings for the provision of new infrastructure in the Borough and could therefore impact upon their ultimate cost and usability. It is a concept supported by the Building Research Establishment (BRE) and is an accepted part of the complimentary sustainability design codes and methodologies (such as BREEAM and Code for Sustainable Homes) which are used in the design and construction of new residential, commercial and community buildings.	N/A
Consideration should be given to industrial and retail units to incorporate sprinkler systems	Mr M Flack	Noted, however this is not a matter for the Council as a Local Planning Authority or for the LDF Core Strategy. The requirement for Sprinkler Systems to be installed into buildings is governed by Part B (Fire Safety) of the Building Regulations.	N/A
None of the documents detail what criteria 1, 2, 3 and 4 are and what they incorporate, where their proposals do.	Alan Pipe and Partners (on behalf of Mr B Stone)	This level of detail will be covered to a further extent by the Development Management DPD and supporting guidance.	N/A
Grants should be made available to existing buildings to encourage renewable energy use.	Mr A Peake	Noted. Grants and financial incentives are already available from the Government for heating and insulation improvements,	N/A

		renewable heating and the Green Deal.	
No mention of upgrading cycle lanes from Billericay to Basildon's off-road cycle network.	Mr and Mrs Washington	Noted.	The Council will consider opportunities to expand on cycle network provision where appropriate.
No opportunities taken to encourage aims of reducing use of car.	Campaign to Protect Rural England, Mr and Mrs Washington, Billericay Design Statement Association	Noted. The NPPF sets a clear objective for Local Plans to actively manage patterns of growth to make the fullest possible use of public transport, walking and cycling and focus significant development in locations which are or can be made sustainable. The role of the Council is to provide people with options and encourage sustainable travel. It cannot however, stop people from using cars but still have to cater for those who prefer and rely on personal transport and other road users. The Council must continue to work with Essex County Council as Highways Authority to understand the transport context of the Borough, and test the Core Strategy Options for their impact to determine appropriate mitigation.	Strengthen the Core Strategy's influence on reducing the need to travel and positively affecting travel choice.
Difficulties in translating aspirations to reality whilst still being viable. Not clear what making best use of solar energy means and if it would be superior over other requirements. Should rely on building regs and national policy.	Cirrus (on behalf of Gladedale Ltd and Gleeson Homes Ltd)	Noted. The Core Strategy is the opportunity for innovation and an opportunity to improve the quality of life. It is not possible to reduce Climate Change but we can mitigate against its effects and encourage a more sustainable way of living. The Core Strategy can only set out what it can viably contribute to stemming the effects of Climate Change and this will be done through the relevant design policies.	Consider elaborating on low carbon technologies and how this will be implemented through policy.
If want to include this policy should assess its impact on viability.	Cirrus (on behalf of Gladedale Ltd and Gleeson Homes Ltd), Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes), GL Hearn (on behalf of Homes and Communities Agency, South Essex College and Basildon Borough Council), Environment Agency	Noted. In accordance with the NPPF, the Core Strategy, as part of the Local Plan, will be assessed for its viability and deliverability before it is submitted to the Secretary of State.	Undertake required viability assessments when formulating Core Strategy.
Quality of town centre suggests policy aims are not being implemented.	Mrs M Heppell	Noted. The Core Strategy is setting new policies which the Council would look to deliver until 2031, from adoption in 2014.	N/A
Should reflect NPPF	GL Hearn (on behalf of Homes and Communities Agency, South Essex College and Basildon Borough Council)	Noted. The NPPF was published during the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report consultation and will be revised, where necessary.	Amend Core Strategy to reflect NPPF

Wording changes to Policy CS5			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Actions
No comments	Mrs S Bummet, Mrs B Wade, Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families), One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd), Mr P Rackley, Colonnade Strategic LLP, Laindon Regeneration LLP	Noted.	N/A
No changes to Policy CS5 wording	Mrs L Kelly, Miss E Lyon, Mr M Flack, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, Mrs V Hudson, Mr M Manns, Mrs S Pullin, Billericay District Residents Association, Billericay Town Council, Mr R Gray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, Mr C Mullett	Noted.	N/A
Encourage 'value engineering' in construction and ensure vehicles leave the site clean	Mr Beiley	Value Engineering in new housing and commercial developments is a process which is outside the scope of the Core Strategy; however it is noted that this method has merits of efficiency savings for the provision of new infrastructure in the Borough and could therefore impact upon their ultimate cost and usability. It is a concept supported by the Building Research Establishment	N/A

		(BRE) and is an accepted part of the complimentary sustainability design codes and methodologies (such as BREEAM and Code for Sustainable Homes) which are used in the design and construction of new residential, commercial and community buildings.	
Information should be provided to new residents to make them aware of design requirements.	Mr Smart	Noted. The promotion of planning policies or design standards for the Borough is an important consideration for all development. Those wishing to develop within the borough will be expected to comply with the relevant design policies in the adopted Local Development Plan.	N/A
Policy should reference habitat fragmentation and creating connections for wildlife.	Natural England	Noted. Habitat fragmentation is an issue caused by climate change, so it is appropriate to mention how the Core Strategy would seek to help address it in the future. However Creating connections for wildlife would be addressed by Policy CS1.	Consider referencing habitat fragmentation in the appropriate policy.
Encourage measures to reduce car use and promote public transport, noise pollution from wind turbines should be considered.	Campaign to Protect Rural England, Mr and Mrs Washington	Noted. The NPPF sets a clear objective for Local Plans to reduce pollution and actively manage patterns of growth to make the fullest possible use of public transport, walking and cycling and focus significant development in locations which are or can be made sustainable. The role of the Council is to provide people with options and encourage sustainable travel. It cannot however, stop people from using cars but still have to cater for those who prefer and rely on personal transport and other road users. The Council must continue to work with Essex County Council as Highways Authority to understand the transport context of the Borough, and test the Core Strategy Options for their impact to determine appropriate mitigation.	Strengthen the Core Strategy's influence on reducing pollution and the need to travel and positively affecting travel choice.
Should be stronger emphasis on managing water resources. Code for Sustainable Homes could be good reference.	Environment Agency	Noted. Matters of water and resource efficiency are important to the Council and will be regarded accordingly through the development plan process. Policy CS4 has been provided for the benefit of flood mitigation and water management. Policy CS2, which looks at design matters, will be looked at to address whether further detail can contribute to promoting sustainability in all areas.	Consider the addition and/or emphasis on sustainable design in the appropriate area of the Core Strategy or Development Management Policies DPD.

Policy CS6 Valued and Vibrant Town Centres

Q39 Do you agree with the Policy CS6? Please explain your answer.

Q40 Are there any changes to the policy's wording that should be made.

77 comments were made on Question 39 and 40.

Policy CS6			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Action
No comments	Mrs S Bummet, Mrs B Wade, Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families), One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd)	Noted.	N/A
Agree with Policy CS6 as town centres should be protected	Mrs L Kelly, Miss E Lyon, Mr Beiley, Mr A Lyon, Mr M Flack, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, BDSA, Mrs V Hudson, Natural England, Campaign to Protect Rural England, Mr A Peake, Mr M Manns, Mrs S Pullin, Strutt and Parker (on behalf of Pigeon Wickford Ltd), Mr R Gray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes)	Noted.	N/A
Banks (in particular Barclays bank) improve footfall in town centres and policies should reflect the Government's initiative to create thriving town centres.	Shire Consulting (on behalf of Barclays Bank)	Policies PADC1-4 focus on the need to regenerate the town centres of the Borough. It is not within the remit of the Core Strategy to specify which retail units should be occupied by which businesses.	N/A
More support should be given to small traders and local produce	Mr Beiley	Noted. However, it is not within the remit of the Core Strategy to specify which retail units should be occupied by which businesses.	N/A
Trade in town centres brings prosperity and provides community spirit	Mr Smart	Noted.	N/A
More emphasis should be placed on expanding the town outwards rather than in town centres.	Mr S Lyon	The National Planning Policy Framework requires the Council to show that the sequential approach has been taken. This requires that the town centres are recognised as the heart of the communities and considered first for development opportunities. Residential development can play an important role in ensuring town centres viability and vitality. Only if suitable sites are not available should out of centre sites be considered.	N/A
More traditional shops should be encouraged. Flats should be provided above shops to introduce habitation of town centres.	Mr M Flack	Noted. The Council will invite diverse shops and homes across the borough. However, it is not within the remit of the Core Strategy to specify which retail units should be occupied by which businesses.	N/A
The policy should recognise the need for adequate infrastructure improvements and the loss of amenity should be avoided.	BDSA	<p>Noted. The Core Strategy is a strategic document and will not provide the exact details for community facilities and infrastructure required. These would come from later LDF documents or the planning application process.</p> <p>The Council and developers have a responsibility to balance the need for homes with a need for infrastructure. Any form of allocated growth, including retail, business, community facilities and homes will be informed by various evidence bases the Council have undertaken. The Council continue to encourage sustainable development which will in-turn, require consideration and/or provision of parking, infrastructure and water. Relevant guidance and legislation is also in place to ensure that such things are considered through the planning process.</p> <p>The Core Strategy needs to include appropriate testing of the options for a variety of infrastructure needs. This will need to be built into the preparation timescales for future iterations.</p>	The Council must continue to work with Essex County Council as Highways Authority and other service providers to understand the infrastructure context of the Borough, and test the Core Strategy Options for their impact to determine appropriate mitigation.

The amount of floor space referenced will cause detrimental impact.	BDSA	Noted. The Council have committed to undertaking a new employment land review which will inform the revisions of the Core Strategy and the rest of the LDF.	Undertake an up to date Employment Land Review.
Laindon needs regeneration	Mrs V Hudson, Mr P Rackley	Noted. Policies PADC1-4 focus on the need to regenerate the town centres of the Borough.	N/A
Billericay does not need more bars and restaurants.	Mrs V Hudson	Noted.	N/A
Support the identification of Pitsea town centre in hierarchy.	D2 planning (on behalf of London and Cambridge Properties Ltd)	Noted.	N/A
Need to strengthen that out of town centres are not favoured and provide stronger wording to emphasis that town centre regeneration is encouraged. Should favour independent stores.	Campaign to Protect Rural England, Mr M Bushell, Colonnade Strategic LLP, Laindon Regeneration LLP	Noted. The Core Strategy has taken a town centre led approach through the Core Strategy. Furthermore, in order to develop sustainably, development should primarily take place in and adjacent to existing urban and built up areas. By doing this, existing facilities and road networks can be better utilised. This is supported by Central Government, through the National Planning Policy Framework. The National Planning Policy Framework requires the Council to show that the sequential approach has been taken. This requires that the town centres are recognised as the heart of the communities and considered first for development opportunities. However, it is not within the remit of the Core Strategy to specify which retail units should be occupied by which businesses.	N/A
Consideration that demand for shops is decreasing as more online shopping.	Mr A Peake	<p>The role of online business and retail, along with a change in business practices is important to the Council. Traditional high street retailing continues to play a key role in both the leisure activities of the borough and its economy. The future of business and retailing however, is changing and this needs to be addressed.</p> <p>The Council have committed to undertaking an up to date Employment Land review which will assess the economic state of the borough, consider how change in practice should be considered and what our potential is as an economic hub.</p>	Undertake an up to date Employment Land and Premises Review to inform the revisions of the Core Strategy.
More cycle spaces should be provided	Mrs S Pullin	Noted. However this is not a role for the Core Strategy and will be dealt with in through other planning documents or individual planning applications.	Consider the role of cycle provision through appropriate policies of the Core Strategy or in subsequent Development Plan Documents.
Billericay cannot provide additional floorspace in the policy. Infrastructure is already stretched; car parking and specialist shops have been lost to residential. Car parking restrictions have been applied to nearby residential roads, car park at station is needed.	Billericay District Residents Association, Billericay Town Council, Mr C Mullett, Cllr J Devlin	Noted. The Council and developers have a responsibility to balance the need for homes with a need for infrastructure. Any form of allocated growth, including retail, business and homes will be informed by various evidence bases the Council have undertaken. The Council have committed to undertaking a up to date Employment Land review which will assess the economic state of the borough, consider how change in practice should be considered and what our potential is as a economic hub.	Undertake an up to date Employment Land and Premises Review to inform the revisions of the Core Strategy.
Billericay Arts Association and the Fold moved from Billericay town centre. They should move to town centre, Police Station or magistrate's court.	Mr R Lazarus	Noted. The relocation of specific bodies and/or societies is not within the remit of the Core Strategy.	N/A
Option A cannot deliver this policy as will not provide viable schemes or the spending power to make successful and vibrant town centres.	Strutt and Parker (on behalf of Pigeon Wickford Ltd)	<p>Noted. One of the NPPF's Core Planning Principles is to make every effort to have been made to objectively identify and then meet the housing, business and other development needs of an area and respond positively to wider opportunities for growth.</p> <p>The Core Strategy's Preferred Options Report placed greatest</p>	Review options appropriately to reflect up to date evidence bases.

		<p>weight on the environmental role of the planning system in securing sustainable development. The NPPF states that the economic, social and environmental roles should not be undertaken in isolation, because they are mutually dependant.</p> <p>For these reasons, the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report must be revised to guide future development in a wholly sustainable manner.</p> <p>The Council have committed to undertaking a new employment land review which will inform the revisions of the Core Strategy and the rest of the LDF.</p>	
Views of residents are not being considered	Mrs M Heppell	<p>All planning consultations comply with the Council's statutory Statement of Community Involvement 2011. This ensures that minimum consultation standards are met which are set by legislation, in addition to other standards the Council has agreed to locally. The Council notes however that the Core Strategy consultation was a complicated process.</p> <p>The Core Strategy Preferred Options consultation forms a key part of the development of the document and the Council recognises the importance of informing the Borough's residents, businesses and stakeholders.</p>	The Council will look to improve its consultation
How can PAD10 be part of town's economic growth? Building houses for developers profits.	Mrs M Heppell	<p>Noted. One of the NPPF's Core Planning Principles is to make every effort to have been made to objectively identify and then meet the housing, business and other development needs of an area and respond positively to wider opportunities for growth.</p> <p>The Council and developers have a responsibility to balance the need for homes with a need for infrastructure. Homes and employment opportunities are proven to support each other and town centre regeneration also benefits from new properties.</p>	N/A
CS6 is natural progression of other policies and it is annoying that there is not complete definition for sustainability.	Mr B Foster	<p>Until the publication of the National Planning Policy Framework in March 2012, the planning definition of 'sustainability' came from the Brundtland definition that:</p> <p><i>"Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs". It contains two key concepts:"</i></p> <p>However, in future revisions of the Core Strategy the new NPPF views of 'Sustainable' development will be used.</p>	Use 'sustainable' as set out in NPPF.
Piecemeal development should be avoided	Mr P Rackely	<p>Noted. The most appropriate land for development will be considered through the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment and the development plan process. Various aspects of housing need, environmental matters and conservation will all be factored in.</p>	N/A
Old community facilities should be rebuilt and not demolished.	Mr M Bushell	<p>Noted. Where community facilities remain viable and of use, regeneration and improvements of them will be encouraged.</p>	N/A
Need to ensure development in Billericay town centre is in line with history of town, as some exist which detract from town.	Mr T Knight	<p>The role of policy CS2 Design and the Built Environment are integral to ensuring that development is appropriately complimentary of an existing area. Billericay Conservation Area will also contribute to managing appropriate design where development takes place.</p>	N/A
Not applying sequential test to offices as none are	Colonnade Strategic LLP, Laindon Regeneration LLP	<p>Noted. The Council have committed to undertaking a new</p>	Undertake an up to date

in town centre, which is contrary to NPPF. Offices in town centres help with vitality. No evidence is provided to why needs are not meet in town centres.		employment land review which will inform the revisions of the Core Strategy and the rest of the LDF.	Employment Land Review.
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Wording changes to Policy CS6			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Action
No comments	Mrs S Bummet, Mrs B Wade, Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families), One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd), Colonnade Strategic LLP, Laindon Regeneration LLP	Noted.	N/A
No changes to Policy CS6 wording	Mrs L Kelly, Miss E Lyon, Mr Smart, Mr A Lyon, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, BDSA, Mrs V Hudson, Mr M Manns, Mr R Gray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray	Noted.	N/A
Reference should be made to encourage small traders and local produce	Mr Beiley	Noted. However, it is not within the remit of the Core Strategy to specify which retail units should be occupied by which businesses.	Consideration will be given to possible wording regarding local businesses of varying scales.
Policy CS6 should reflect that the car will be needed beyond the plan period and therefore parking facilities must be improved, especially with an increase in retail facilities.	Captain B Beale		
Policy or supporting statement should reference the Council's ability to CPO to ensure regeneration of town centres.	D2 planning (on behalf of London and Cambridge Properties Ltd)	Noted. The Core Strategy does not deal with specific matters of an application or CPO powers. These matters are dealt with independently of the Core Strategy.	N/A
Cycle provision should be included in policy	Mrs S Pullin	Noted.	Consider the role of cycle provision through appropriate policies of the Core Strategy or in subsequent Development Plan Documents.
Should promote sustainable retail development and Conservation Area Management Plan should be referenced. Unacceptable buildings in Conservation Appraisal should be replaced with appropriate buildings. Billericay Design Statement should be made SPD.	Billericay District Residents Association, Billericay Town Council, Cllr J Devlin	Design aspects and requirements of developers who undertake building work is considered through policy CS2 – Design and the Built Environment. Further design matters will also be determined in discussion with applicants and elaborated upon in the Development Management Policies DPD. Conservation Area Management Plans and Design Statements will continue to be utilised by the Council and help deliver and manage the design aspects of development in the borough.	N/A
Wording should be included to clarify that the regeneration of town centres will be facilitated by strategic green belt release around Billericay, Wickford and Basildon.	Strutt and Parker (on behalf of Pigeon Wickford Ltd)	Noted. The Council have committed to undertake an up to date Green Belt Study to advise the future drafts of the Core Strategy and plan making process.	Undertake a Green Belt Study to inform the future drafts of the Core Strategy and plan making process.

Policy CS7 Sustaining Economic Growth

Q41 Do you agree with Policy CS7? Please explain your answer.

Q42 Are there any changes to the policy's wording that should be made?

85 comments were made on Question 41 and 42.

Policy CS7			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Action
No comments	Mrs S Bummet, Mrs B Wade, Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families), One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd)	Noted.	N/A
Agree with Policy CS7 as increasing jobs in towns will reduce commuting into London and increase sense of community. It will also regenerate areas.	Mrs L Kelly, Miss E Lyon, Mr Smart, Mr M Flack, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, BDSA, D2 planning (on behalf of London and Cambridge Properties Ltd), Natural England, Alan Pipe and Partners (on behalf of Mr B Stone), Mr A Peake, Mr M Manns, Mrs S Pullin, Billericay District Residents Association, Billericay Town Council, Mr C Narrainen, Mr R Gray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, Drivers Jonas Deloitte (on behalf of Ford Motor Company), Cllr J Devlin	Noted.	N/A
Bit too 'hope based' and not clear how it will be measured.	Mr Beiley	Noted. The success of the plan would be monitored annually to ensure the document was delivering against its objectives.	N/A
Business rates should be frozen.	M Wharton	It is not within the remit of the Core Strategy to freeze business rates which is an independent matter of the planning system.	N/A
Parking and infrastructure should be improved	BDSA	Noted. The role of the Council is to provide people with options and encourage sustainable travel. It cannot however, stop people from using cars but still have to cater for those who prefer and rely on personal transport and other road users. The Council are awaiting the final outcome of the traffic modelling work that has been ongoing and this will be considered and inform the later drafts of the Core Strategy. Wording changes will be considered when the Core Strategy is revised.	Consider noting sustainable travel in the 'More environmentally responsible and distinctive'. The Council must continue to work with Essex County Council as Highways Authority to understand the transport context of the Borough, and test the Core Strategy Options for their impact to determine appropriate mitigation.
Do not agree with Policy CS7 as means building on land near hospital (PADC10), near ford (PADC9), Barley lands (PADC12) and this is at the loss of green spaces. Should build on brownfield land.	Mrs V Hudson, Campaign to Protect Rural England, Mr P Ward, Mr P Rackely	Noted. The most appropriate land for development will be considered through the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment and the development plan process. Various aspects of housing need, environmental matters and conservation will all be factored in.	N/A
Should consider demand for shops is decreasing due to online shopping	Mr A Peake	The role of online business and retail, along with a change in business practices is important to the Council. Traditional high street retailing continues to play a key role in both the leisure activities of the borough and its economy. The future of business and retailing however, is changing and this needs to be addressed. The Council have committed to undertaking an up to date Employment Land review which will assess the economic state of the borough, consider how change in practice should be considered	Undertake an up to date Employment Land and Premises Review to inform the revisions of the Core Strategy.

		and what our potential is as an economic hub.	
Need to have more clerical and professional employment in the Borough to attract people	Mr P Hudson	Noted. The Council have committed to undertaking a new employment land review which will inform the revisions of the Core Strategy and the rest of the LDF.	Undertake an up to date Employment Land Review.
Need to ensure public transport and safe cycle paths and spaces are provided at new developments.	Mrs S Pullin	Design aspects and requirements of developers who undertake building work is considered through policy CS2 – Design and the Built Environment. Further design matters will also be determined in discussion with applicants.	N/A
Core Strategy does not meet needs, provide jobs for Borough or set targets. It uses out of date information and does not set overall floor space, which is not compliant with para 161 of NPPF. No reference to long-term need for B8 uses, although the topic paper recognise the importance and potential growth of the logistics sector and opportunities that can be gained from London Gateway Port and Logistics Park development. Only PAD7 is identified for B8 use, which is evidenced to have limited infill opportunities and congested road network. Questions the robustness of this allocation. No reference to job number or the floorspace required.	Iceni Projects (on behalf of Cogent Land LLP), Martin Robeson Planning Practice (on behalf of Hartfield Developments Ltd), Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Permission Homes), Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes)	Noted. The Council have committed to undertaking a new employment land review which will inform the revisions of the Core Strategy and the rest of the LDF.	Undertake an up to date Employment Land Review.
As Gardiners Lane South and Dunton East are no longer to be used for employment, there are special circumstances to release Green belt, which will not compromise its five purposes. Allocate at least 40 hectares in locations where infrastructure, including power, no major environmental issues, including flooding, access to primary road, integrated with existing business, provide variety of site provisions to meet a variety of development and facilitate the provision of improved public transport along A127 corridor. Welcome new starter units but land and funding will be required for this, likely to be achieved through expansion of A127.	Mr S Lyon, Alan Pipe and Partners (on behalf of Mr B Stone), Cirrus (on behalf of Gladedale Ltd and Gleeson Homes Ltd), Basildon Business Group, Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Martin Grant Homes), Mr R J French, Mr N Lambert	Noted. The Council have committed to undertaking a new employment land review which will inform the revisions of the Core Strategy and the rest of the LDF. The Green Belt is a national designation and an area covered by national planning policy. The Local planning authority have the responsibility to ensure that the Green Belt boundaries are robust and for the long-term. The Council have committed to revisit their Green Belt study so that the Borough's green belt can be understood further and assessed to establish if and where areas continue to serve the 5 purposes set out in the NPPF.	Revisit the Green Belt study and use to inform the Core Strategy. Commission a Local Landscape Study.
Separate commercial development and other developments more clearly	Mrs M Heppell	Noted. The Council have committed to undertaking a new employment land review which will inform the revisions of the Core Strategy and the rest of the LDF. Any wording changes will be made when the Core Strategy is revised.	Undertake an up to date Employment Land Review. Consider separating commercial development with other developments
Support new and enhanced education facilities but need to make provision for business support facilities, such as Enterprise centres. Recognise needs for business start ups.	Mr S Lyon, Alan Pipe and Partners (on behalf of Mr B Stone), Cirrus (on behalf of Gladedale Ltd and Gleeson Homes Ltd), Basildon Business Group, Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Martin Grant Homes), Mr R J French, Mr N Lambert, Mr P Rackley, Colonnade Strategic LLP, Laidon Regeneration LLP	Noted. The Council have committed to undertaking a new employment land review which will inform the revisions of the Core Strategy and the rest of the LDF. Educational consideration remains a key issue for the Borough and ensuring the Core Strategy includes viable options/policies for improving skills and increasing employability will remain in the document.	Undertake an up to date Employment Land Review.

Wording changes to Policy CS7

Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Action
No comments	Mrs S Bummet, Mrs B Wade, Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R	Noted.	N/A

	Scopes), Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families), One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd),		
No changes to Policy CS7	Mrs L Kelly, Miss E Lyon, Mr M Flack, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, BDSA, Mrs V Hudson, Natural England, Mr M Manns, Billericay District Residents Association, Billericay Town Council, Mr R Gray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, Cllr J Devlin	Noted.	N/A
Remove words such as 'support' and 'strategically allocate'. Needs to be followed by a tactical plan that is more specific and measurable	Mr Beiley	<p>The core strategy (as a form of a Local Plan) is a legal requirement and is a strategic level document which will provide the spatial planning vision and strategy that will shape the future of Basildon Borough.</p> <p>The core strategy covers the period 2011 to 2031 and will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - set out the long-term spatial vision for the city, and the overall strategy for delivering that vision; - identify the overall level of different types of development (including housing, employment, and retail) that is envisaged in the borough during that period, and the general geographic distribution of that development; - identify the main improvements in infrastructure that are required to support that scale and distribution of development; - set out the strategic planning policies for the city, including the main policies for determining planning applications; and - support the delivery of, other key strategies and plans, including the sustainable community strategy. <p>The Core Strategy Preferred Options report must remain high level to achieve the task required of it and will be measured through an annual monitoring process. It is the role of the Site Allocations Development Plan Document and Development Management Development Plan Document to provide more detail.</p>	N/A
Policy or supporting statement should reference the Council's ability to CPO, and working in partnership with landowners and developers to ensure regeneration of town centres	D2 planning (on behalf of London and Cambridge Properties Ltd)	Noted. The Core Strategy does not deal with specific matters of an application or CPO powers. These matters are dealt with independently of the Core Strategy.	N/A
Should read 'Strategically allocate urban land at PADC8 only'	Mr P Ward	<p>Noted. One of the NPPF's Core Planning Principles is to make every effort to have been made to objectively identify and then meet the housing, business and other development needs of an area and respond positively to wider opportunities for growth.</p> <p>The Core Strategy's Preferred Options Report placed greatest weight on the environmental role of the planning system in securing sustainable development. The NPPF states that the economic, social and environmental roles should not be undertaken in isolation, because they are mutually dependant. For these reasons, the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report must be revised to guide future development in a wholly sustainable manner.</p> <p>The most appropriate land for development will be considered through the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment and the development plan process. Various aspects of housing need, environmental matters and conservation will all be factored in.</p> <p>Any wording changes will be made when the Core Strategy is revised.</p>	N/A
Should be amended to quantify employment	Iceni Projects (on behalf of Cogent Land LLP)	Noted. The Council have committed to undertaking a new	Undertake an up to date

growth and recognise importance of B8 uses. Need to be flexible to accommodate needs not identified in the plan. Need to include job numbers and floorspace required.		employment land review which will inform the revisions of the Core Strategy and the rest of the LDF.	Employment Land Review.
Need to reference economic hub within Thames Gateway	Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Martin Grant Homes), Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Permission Homes)	The boroughs role as an economic hub in the Thames Gateway is clearly stated in the opening sentence of Policy CS7 as well as paragraphs 3.2, 3.16 and Strategic Objective 5 of the document.	N/A
Replace Essex School Organisational Plan with Commissioning School Places in Essex.	Essex County Council	Noted. Any wording changes will be made when the Core Strategy is revised.	Consider necessary wording changes.
Remove reference to economic development at PAD10 in para 7.35 as there is no economic demand or need in this area. For this reason, bullet point (i) should be removed and PAD10 should be removed from Map 9 Policy CS7. Support reference to education development in context of PAD1.	GL Hearn (on behalf of Homes and Communities Agency, South Essex College and Basildon Borough Council)	Noted. The Council have committed to undertaking a new employment land review which will inform the revisions of the Core Strategy and the rest of the LDF. Any emerging evidence will be used and wording changes will be made when the Core Strategy is revised.	Undertake an up to date Employment Land Review and remove employment from PAD10 as no demand for employment is this area.

Policy CS8 Affordable Housing

Q43 Do you agree with the Policy CS8? Please explain your answer.

Q44 Are there any changes to the policy's wording that should be made?

85 comments were made on Question 43 and 44.

Policy CS8			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Actions
No comments	Mrs L Kelly, Natural England, Mrs B Wade, Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families)	Noted	N/A
Agree with Policy CS8 as increase in single person units and need for elderly accommodation.	Miss E Lyon, Mr Beiley, Mr A Lyon, Mr M Flack, Mr P Arnold, Mrs V Hudson, Mr A Peake, Mr P Ward, Mr M Manns, Mrs S Pullin, Billericay District Residents Association, Billericay Town Council, Mr C Narrainen, MatPlan Limited (on behalf of Millwood Designer Homes Ltd), Mr R Gray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, Mrs C Foster, Rev J Maizel-Long, Colonnade Strategic LLP, Cllr J Devlin	Noted	N/A
Re-use of brownfield sites and recycling of empty homes should be considered.	Mr and Mrs Marsh	<p>Previously Developed Land (otherwise known as Brownfield sites) has been considered and included within the Core Strategy's housing land supply. There is an initiative for empty homes in South Essex to be brought back into use being operated between Castle Point, Southend on Sea, Basildon, Thurrock and Rochford Council's however, the implementation and take up from landowners is not as fast moving as desired.</p> <p>The five Councils are continuing to work with landowners and have introduced a new incentive scheme which is hoped will bring forward more empty homes.</p>	N/A
Para 7.43 is irrelevant to the policy and will not address the need for affordable homes.	Captain B Beale	Noted. Wording changes will be considered when the Core Strategy is revised.	Revisit para 7.43 to ensure it is relevant to the policy and provides reasoned justification to support the affordable housing policy.
Reserve comment until more evidence has been produced. This includes the affordable housing viability assessment.	Homes and Communities Agency, JB Planning Associates Ltd (on behalf of Gleeson Homes Ltd), Strutt and Parker (on behalf of Pigeon Wickford Ltd)	Noted. The Council are committed to carrying out a review of the Thames Gateway South Essex Strategic Housing Market Assessment and to also carry out an Affordable Housing Viability Assessment.	Carry out a review of the Thames Gateway South Essex Strategic Housing Market Assessment and an Affordable Housing Viability Assessment.
Need to maintain Billericay as separate entity from Basildon, preserve green belt between towns and plant more trees.	Mrs V Hudson	<p>The Core Strategy's Settlement Hierarchy identifies that Billericay, Wickford and Basildon are different settlements. The settlement hierarchy and the evidence bases take into consideration the individual characteristics of each area. Consequently, the Council have committed to revisit their Green Belt study so that the Borough's green belt can be understood further and assessed to establish if and where areas continue to serve the 5 purposes set out in the NPPF.</p> <p>Mitigation measures, such as tree planting or landscaping are an important design consideration and are considered in more detail at the planning application stage.</p>	Revisit the Green Belt study and use to inform the Core Strategy. Commission a Local Landscape Study and strengthen the Settlement Hierarchy.
Only Option C is providing for growing population, Dunton village exists but needs services and facilities which could be provided through low	Alan Pipe and Partners (on behalf of Mr B Stone)	The Government's NPPF makes it clear that LPAs should positively seek opportunities to meet the development needs of the area, with sufficient flexibility to adapt to rapid change.	Carry out a green belt study and use findings with the settlement hierarchy to

density mixed residential developments, also meeting environmental needs. Object to loss of open spaces.		<p>One of the NPPF's Core Planning Principles is to make every effort to have been made to objectively identify and then meet the housing, business and other development needs of an area and respond positively to wider opportunities for growth.</p> <p>The Core Strategy's Preferred Options Report placed greatest weight on the environmental role of the planning system in securing sustainable development. The NPPF states that the economic, social and environmental roles should not be undertaken in isolation, because they are mutually dependant.</p> <p>For these reasons, the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report must be revised to guide future development in a wholly sustainable manner.</p> <p>The role of each settlement and its spatial distribution is important to the Core Strategy. The Council will be carrying out a green belt study that will look at each settlement in regard to its relationship with the green belt. The findings of this study will be considered when the Core Strategy is revised. Applicable densities, services and infrastructure provision will all be considered when designating future development areas.</p> <p>Assessments into the quality and quantity of open spaces have been carried out on the Borough as part of the PPG17 Open Space Assessment methodology which was endorsed by Cabinet in March 2010. The Council intends to apply open space standards to the Borough through Policy CS1 to ensure an appropriate level and quality of open space is available for existing and new residents.</p>	understand settlements, their roles and spatial distribution of growth.
More bungalows, detached / semi or terraced with good sound insulation. Too many flats have been built, which adds to traffic.	Mrs T Burton, Mr M Hughes	The Council are committed, alongside the other South Essex authorities to carrying out an update to the Thames Gateway South Essex Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2010. This will assess Basildon Borough's housing market and advise on any shortfalls and what provisions should be made in the Borough to rectify them. The findings from this study will be considered when revising the Core Strategy.	Carry out the Thames Gateway South Essex Strategic Housing Market Assessment.
Need for affordable housing to be provided in Billericay	Mrs S Bummet	The Council are committed, alongside the other South Essex authorities to carrying out an update to the Thames Gateway South Essex Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2010. This will assess Basildon Borough's housing market and advise on any shortfalls (including affordable homes) and what provisions should be made in the Borough to rectify them. The findings from this study will be considered when revising the Core Strategy.	Carry out the Thames Gateway South Essex Strategic Housing Market Assessment
Tentative agreement prior to Site Allocations DPD. Should be higher affordable homes than 35% and should not encourage executive homes as waste of land.	Campaign to Protect Rural England, Mrs H J Dyer	The Council are committed, alongside the other South Essex authorities to carrying out an update to the Thames Gateway South Essex Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2010. This will assess Basildon Borough's housing market and advise on any shortfalls and what provisions should be made in the Borough to rectify them. The findings from this study will be considered when revising the Core Strategy. The Council will also carry out viability testing to ensure consideration that development is viable.	Carry out the Thames Gateway South Essex Strategic Housing Market Assessment and a Viability Assessment.
Should include 'infill'	Mr A Peake	Noted. Plotlands currently lie within the green belt and there is a presumption, both nationally and locally, against development in the green belt. In order for plotland development to take place, the	The Council should consider the potential for the Borough's Plotlands to

		<p>Council will need to review its approach towards the green belt and be informed by robust evidence. The preferred option A presented in the Core Strategy does not support green belt development and therefore is not appropriate in the Spatial Vision.</p> <p>The NPPF places greater emphasis on local areas making local planning policy choices for the future. The Core Strategy presents the opportunity to appraise whether any development could be accommodated in them as part of the Borough's future growth.</p> <p>The Green Belt is a national designation and an area covered by national planning policy. The Local planning authority have the responsibility to ensure that the Green Belt boundaries are robust and for the long-term. Consequently, the Council have committed to revisit their Green Belt study so that the Borough's green belt can be understood further and assessed to establish if and where areas continue to serve the 5 purposes set out in the NPPF.</p>	<p>contribute to residential land supply and environmental enhancement through the process of infilling as stated possible in Paragraph 89 of the NPPF. This will need to be supported by the evidence base and there is a need to revisit the Green belt study.</p>
<p>People have been on Council waiting list for 8 years and there are loads of empty properties, Whilst it is appreciated they are being monitored, it has been going on for a long time.</p>	<p>Mrs K Lack</p>	<p>There is an initiative for empty homes in South Essex to be brought back into use between Castle Point, Southend on Sea, Basildon, Thurrock and Rochford, however, the implementation and take-up from landowners is not as fast moving as desired. The five Councils are continuing to work with landowners on this issue and have introduced a new incentive scheme which is hoped will bring forward more empty homes.</p> <p>Furthermore, the Council has committed to carrying out an update to the Thames Gateway South Essex Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2010. This will assess Basildon Borough's housing market, advise on any shortfalls and determine what provisions should be made in the Borough to rectify it. The findings from this study will be considered when revising the Core Strategy.</p>	<p>Carry out the Thames Gateway South Essex Strategic Housing Market Assessment and continue to work with Housing and South Essex partners on the empty homes initiative.</p>
<p>By only seeking 10% affordable housing in town centres, which is where the majority of housing is forecast to come from in the Core Strategy, it is not maximising the delivery of affordable housing. It is not clear what the off site contribution would be and if this would make up the missing 20%. No justification is provided for 35% sought outside of town centres and 10% sought in town centres. No justification where commuted sum of 25% will be used or how 35% will be used to deliver affordable homes, especially with shortage in public funding and uncertainty of new affordable housing system. Brownfield site costs, more typical in town centre locations, will only make the Strategy's delivery of affordable homes harder in the future.</p>	<p>Cirrus (on behalf of Gladedale Ltd and Gleeson Homes Ltd), JB Planning Associates Ltd (on behalf Gleeson Homes Ltd), Strutt and Parker (on behalf of Pigeon Wickford Ltd), JB Planning Associates Ltd (on behalf Gleeson Strategic Land Ltd), Barton Wilmore (on behalf of Philip Jean Homes Ltd), Laindon Regeneration LLP</p>	<p>The Council have committed to carrying out an update to the Thames Gateway South Essex Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2010. This will assess Basildon Borough's housing market, advise on any shortfalls and determine what provisions should be made in the Borough. The Council will also carry out viability testing to ensure consideration that development is viable.. The findings from both studies will be considered when revising the Core Strategy. Wording will be amended in policy, or supporting text for clarification where appropriate.</p>	<p>Carry out the Thames Gateway South Essex Strategic Housing Market Assessment and Viability Assessment.</p> <p>Amend wording in policy where necessary and appropriate and provide clarification about the offset contribution from town centres if applicable.</p>
<p>Smaller houses should be given preference over large housing to accommodate more people. Infill to be monitored.</p>	<p>Mr R Lazarus</p>	<p>The Council have committed to carrying out an update to the Thames Gateway South Essex Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2010. This will assess Basildon Borough's housing market, advise on any shortfalls and determine what provisions should be made in the Borough.</p> <p>Planning applications and development completions including new homes are monitored and published on an annual basis. This</p>	<p>Carry out the review of the Thames Gateway South Essex Strategic Housing Market Assessment.</p> <p>Continue to carry out development monitoring function.</p>

		existing mechanism can be used to identify the amount of infill permitted and secondly, the amount of infill development that is being built.	
Option A fails to provide sufficient general and affordable housing as sought by Policy CS8. The policy has not emerged from objectively assessed needs as set out in NPPF. Affordable housing will continue to worsen if issue is not addressed.	Mark Jackson Planning (on behalf of Reliant Building Contractors Limited), Mark Jackson Planning (on behalf of Mr and Mrs Beckwith), Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Martin Grant Homes), JB Planning Associates Ltd (on behalf Gleeson Strategic Land Ltd), Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Permission Homes), Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes), Barton Wilmore (on behalf of Philip Jean Homes Ltd)	The Council have committed to carrying out an update to the Thames Gateway South Essex Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2010. This will assess Basildon Borough's housing market, advise on any shortfalls and determine what provisions should be made in the Borough. The Council will also carry out viability testing to ensure consideration that development is viable. The findings from both studies will be considered when revising the Core Strategy.	Carry out the review of the Thames Gateway South Essex Strategic Housing Market Assessment and a Viability Assessment.
Realistic to expect town centres to provide less affordable housing to be viable. Should give sufficient consideration to economic viability and ensure development is not hindered by affordable housing contributions.	One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd), Drivers Jonas Deloitte (on behalf of Bellway Homes)	The Council will also carry out viability testing to ensure consideration that development is viable. The findings from this study will be considered when revising the Core Strategy.	
Affordable Housing Viability Assessment should not be carried out as is only a snap shot in time and should be removed.	Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes)	The NPPF is explicit in that viability should be considered as part of the plan making process. Furthermore, two sector-led guidance documents have been published in May-June 2012 confirming the importance of viability testing and suggestions of how it should be undertaken. The first document "Viability Testing Local Plans" has been produced by the Local Government Association's Local Housing Delivery Group in cooperation with the Home Builders Federation, and other statutory bodies and looks at how to test local plans to make sure they are viable and deliverable. The document recognises that viability testing will be a snap shot in time, but should have measures included in the testing to be more flexible, and that if policy changes occur then further viability testing should take place at a later date. The second document has been produced by the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors and is more site specific but also recognises that viability assessments should be carried out to ensure that development is deliverable. For this reason, the Council's decision to carry out an assessment of affordable housing policy viability remains important.	N/A.
Need for more housing and to keep up with demand so that services continue to be used.	Mrs M Heppell, Mr B Foster, Mr M Bushell	The Council are required to set local housing targets and a housing trajectory for the next fifteen years. The current housing trajectory is featured the Annual Monitoring Report 2011, which can be found on the Councils website. The housing trajectory sets out what the numbers of homes anticipated to come forward from the land supply. It is important that the housing trajectory works alongside the Core Strategy in phasing development so that there is a steady stream of development coming forward for the next 15 years and so that the appropriate infrastructure can be put in place in a timely manner.	Update the housing trajectory to reflect the next draft of the Core Strategy.
Should not specify % of affordable housing and let market decide as otherwise it is social engineering.	Mr T Mortlock	The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) makes it clear that Local Planning Authorities should objectively assess their market and affordable housing need to determine local market and affordable housing targets in Local Plans (the Core Strategy) to ensure that the social and economic role of the planning system can meet the needs of current and future generations.	N/A
Should not group all affordable homes together or overcrowd the Borough	Mr B Foster, Cllr J Devlin	Noted. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) is clear that Local Planning Authorities must deliver a wide choice of high quality homes and create sustainable, inclusive, mixed communities. Good design is a key aspect of sustainable	The Core Strategy design policy should try and ensure that affordable housing is not all grouped

		development and is indivisible from good planning and LPA have the power through the NPPF to refuse planning permission for development of poor design that fails to take the opportunities available for improving the character and quality of an area and the way it functions.	together, where possible, to achieve more sustainable development.
Support proposal to not build on green belt	Mrs J Addicott	Noted	N/A
Should provide 35% affordable housing for all new developments and good mix of tenures.	Mr P Rackley	The Council have committed to carrying out an update to the Thames Gateway South Essex Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2010. This will assess Basildon Borough's housing market , advise on any shortfalls and determine what provisions should be made in the Borough. The Council will also carry out viability testing to ensure consideration that development is viable.. The findings from both studies will be considered when revising the Core Strategy.	Carry out the review of the Thames Gateway South Essex Strategic Housing Market Assessment and a Viability Assessment.

Wording changes to Policy CS8			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Actions
No comments	Natural England, Mrs S Bummet, Mrs B Wade, Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families)	Noted	N/A
No changes to Policy CS8 wording	Mrs L Kelly, Miss E Lyon, Mr Beiley, Mr M Flack, Mr P Arnold, Mrs V Hudson, Mr M Manns, Mr R Gray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, Cllr J Devlin	Noted	N/A
Landscaping should be included as important to reduce crime and nurture community spirit.	Mr Smart	Noted. Policy CS2 of the Core Strategy identifies that landscaping is an important consideration and this would ensure that a detailed landscaping policy could be set out in the Development Management Development Plan Document. Furthermore, mitigation measures, such as landscaping are considered in more detail when assessing which sites to allocate and the principles behind their development; and in landscaping schemes for planning applications which would be achieved on a case by case basis where applicable.	Council should consider including a more detailed landscaping policy in the Development Management Development Plan Document.
Remove second paragraph of 7.43	Captain B Beale	Noted.	Consider the merits behind removing second paragraph of 7.43
Encourage more social homes	Campaign to Protect Rural England, Mrs M Heppell	The Council have committed to carrying out an update to the Thames Gateway South Essex Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2010. This will assess Basildon Borough's housing market , advise on any shortfalls and determine what provisions should be made in the Borough. The Council will also carry out viability testing to ensure consideration that development is viable. The findings from both studies will be considered when revising the Core Strategy.	Carry out the review of the Thames Gateway South Essex Strategic Housing Market Assessment and a Viability Assessment.
Should be a minimum of 20% affordable housing in more than 10 dwellings, even if there is a maximum of 35%.	Billericay District Residents Association	The Council have committed to carrying out an update to the Thames Gateway South Essex Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2010. This will assess Basildon Borough's housing market , advise on any shortfalls and determine what provisions should be made in the Borough. The Council will also carry out viability testing to ensure consideration that development is viable. The findings from both studies will be considered when revising the Core Strategy.	Carry out the review of the Thames Gateway South Essex Strategic Housing Market Assessment and a Viability Assessment.

Viability appraisal for proposals to be included in policy and not in footnote to make policy flexible.	Billericay District Residents Association, Billericay Town Council, JB Planning Associates Ltd (on behalf Gleeson Homes Ltd), JB Planning Associates Ltd (on behalf Gleeson Strategic Land Ltd), GL Hearn (on behalf of Homes and Communities Agency, South Essex College and Basildon Borough Council)	Noted. The Council will also carry out viability testing to ensure consideration that development is viable. The findings from this study will be considered when revising the Core Strategy, with wording changes made as necessary.	Review policy in light of Viability Assessment and the need to make policy as flexible and deliverable as possible.
Reference to social rented affordable housing should be replaced with affordable rented housing, as social rented no longer exists	MatPlan Limited (on behalf of Millwood Designer Homes Ltd)	Noted	Consider the necessary wording changes.
After third paragraph insert strategic green belt sites will be fundamental for provision for delivering affordable housing Borough requires.	Strutt and Parker (on behalf of Pigeon Wickford Ltd), One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd)	The Council have committed to revisit their Green Belt study so that the Borough's green belt can be understood further and assessed to establish if and where areas continue to serve the 5 purposes set out in the NPPF.	Revisit the Green Belt study and use to inform the Core Strategy. Commission a Local Landscape Study.
Reference to 8 PADCs under para 7.41 is confusing as there are 12 PADCs. Should either list PADCs that can accommodate residential development or remove the word 'eight'? Add text to para 7.41 to clarify that PADCs can come forward before Site Allocations DPD. Support para 7.42 and 7.43. Should add 'in addition of PADCs', land will be allocated for housing.	GL Hearn (on behalf of Homes and Communities Agency, South Essex College and Basildon Borough Council)	Noted. Any wording changes will be made when the Core Strategy is revised.	Review how the PADC terminology is used when describing policy implementation to ensure it is not confusing and is clear. Consider whether PADCs can come forward before Site Allocations DPD if appropriate. And ensure that the policy refers to both allocation mechanisms
Must consider affordability	Colonnade Strategic LLP	Noted.	Should consider affordability
Should reference economic viability assessments	Laindon Regeneration LLP	Noted. The Council have committed to carrying out an Affordable Housing Viability Assessment, which will test if and how much affordable housing provision can be provided whilst still ensuring development is viable. The findings from this study will be considered when revising the Core Strategy and the necessary wording changes made.	Carry out an Affordable Housing Viability Assessment.

Policy CS9 Provision for Gypsies and Travellers

Q45 Do you agree with the Policy CS9? Please explain your answer.

Q46 Are there any changes to the policy's wording that should be made.

68 comments were made on Question 45 and 46.

Policy CS9			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Action
No comments	BDSA, Mrs B Wade, Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families), One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd), Mr R Gray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes)	Noted.	N/A
Agree with Policy CS9 that proposals for Gypsies and Travellers will be based on Local Needs Accommodation Assessment and encourage sufficient land supply.	Miss E Lyon, Mr M Flack, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, Homes and Communities Agency, Natural England, Mr P Ward, Mr C Narrainen, Mr T Mortlock, Rev J Maizel-Long	Noted.	N/A
The policy does not deal with the short term growth in the traveller population. There is a need for future provision and the Council should not ignore this demand and rely on decisions to be made in the courts. Needs will not be met and the Council's obligation under the Housing Act will not be met. An interim step is required, control is needed and sites should be provided. How does this policy square up with discrimination?	Mr Beiley, Mrs A Kobayashi, Mrs M Heppell	Noted. The Council have committed to undertake a comprehensive Gypsy & Traveller Local Needs Accommodation Assessment. The content of this study will inform revisions to the Core Strategy.	Undertake a Gypsy & Traveller Local Needs Accommodation Assessment.
European law requires Borough Councils to set aside place for visiting travellers.	Mr Smart	Noted. The Council have committed to undertake a comprehensive Gypsy & Traveller Local Needs Accommodation Assessment. The content of this study will inform revisions to the Core Strategy.	Undertake a Gypsy & Traveller Local Needs Accommodation Assessment.
Gypsy and Traveller sites should not adversely impact natural environment.	Natural England	Noted. The Council have committed to undertake a comprehensive Gypsy & Traveller Local Needs Accommodation Assessment. The content of this study will inform revisions to the Core Strategy.	Undertake a Gypsy & Traveller Local Needs Accommodation Assessment.
Nothing to disagree with and will wait for the Gypsy and Traveller DPD	Campaign to Protect Rural England	Noted.	N/A
Assessments for need are flawed as Councils normally deny the level of need in their area.	Mr A Peake, Dale Farm Residents Association,	Noted. The Council have committed to undertake a comprehensive Gypsy & Traveller Local Needs Accommodation Assessment. The content of this study will inform revisions to the Core Strategy. This study will be undertaken by independent consultants in a fair and equal manner in compliance with the appropriate legislation.	Undertake a Gypsy & Traveller Local Needs Accommodation Assessment.
Access to sites should be at reasonable times and same principles applied as with other development	Mrs S Pullin	Noted. The recently adopted 'Planning Policy for Traveller Sites' will be integral to determining the appropriate policies that cater for the needs of the travelling community. The Gypsy & Traveller DPD, produced after the adoption of the Core Strategy, will provide extensive and detailed policies relating specifically to traveller accommodations. Noted. The Council have committed to undertake a comprehensive Gypsy & Traveller Local Needs Accommodation Assessment. The content of this study will inform revisions to the Core Strategy.	Undertake a Gypsy & Traveller Local Needs Accommodation Assessment.

		This study will be undertaken by independent consultants in a fair and equal manner in compliance with the appropriate legislation.	
The acute shortage of culturally appropriate accommodation must be identified in 15 year supply of deliverable sites. Minutes should be recorded when meeting with Councillors and Traveller representations. Site appraisal for immediate occupation for homeless travellers, those living on illegal land and those living in unhygienic conditions.	Mrs R Barnett, Irish Traveller Movement in Britain	Noted. The Council have committed to undertake a comprehensive Gypsy & Traveller Local Needs Accommodation Assessment. The content of this study will inform revisions to the Core Strategy.	Undertake a Gypsy & Traveller Local Needs Accommodation Assessment.
Should not be expanding in Green Belt when was not allowed at Crays Hill.	Mr T Mortlock	<p>The Borough is required by national government to objectively assess their housing and employment needs. In order to provide sustainable development to meet needs the Council have to utilise the land within their Borough. The Borough is constrained by Green Belt and it is only a review of the Local Plan that can make changes to the Green Belt boundaries. Whilst the Green Belt consists of brownfield land, the Borough has limited brownfield land within its urban settlements. Therefore in order to accommodate sustainable development without developing intensely into the Green Belt, the Council has to consider developing within its urban area.</p> <p>The Green Belt is a national designation and an area covered by national planning policy. The Local planning authority have the responsibility to ensure that the Green Belt boundaries are robust and for the long-term. The Council have committed to revisit their Green Belt study so that the Borough's green belt can be understood further and assessed to establish if and where areas continue to serve the 5 purposes set out in the NPPF.</p>	Revisit the Green Belt study and use to inform the Core Strategy. Commission a Local Landscape Study.
Sites should be included within urban extensions; options could include Dale Farm and Oak Lane as available. Should work with partners to provide emergency (temporary) sites drawing on HCA funding, and all this work should be carried out immediately.	Irish Traveller Movement in Britain	<p>Noted. The Council have committed to undertake a comprehensive Gypsy & Traveller Local Needs Accommodation Assessment. The content of this study will inform revisions to the Core Strategy.</p> <p>This study will be undertaken by independent consultants in a fair and equal manner in compliance with the appropriate legislation.</p>	Undertake a Gypsy & Traveller Local Needs Accommodation Assessment.
Need to be fair in approach to site gypsy and traveller development whilst putting pressure on less productive councils to do the same	Mr B Foster	<p>Noted. The Council have committed to undertake a comprehensive Gypsy & Traveller Local Needs Accommodation Assessment. The content of this study will inform revisions to the Core Strategy.</p> <p>This study will be undertaken by independent consultants in a fair and equal manner in compliance with the appropriate legislation.</p>	Undertake a Gypsy & Traveller Local Needs Accommodation Assessment.
Need to take account of NPPF, but more pragmatic approach needs to be taken. What is the point in protecting scrapyards in Green Belt?	Mr P Rackley	<p>Noted. At the time of writing the Core Strategy the National Planning Policy Framework had not been published. Revisions of the Core Strategy will of course have full regard to the NPPF.</p> <p>The Green Belt is a national designation and an area covered by national planning policy. The Local planning authority have the responsibility to ensure that the Green Belt boundaries are robust and for the long-term. The Council have committed to revisit their Green Belt study so that the Borough's green belt can be understood further and assessed to establish if and where areas continue to serve the 5 purposes set out in the NPPF.</p>	Revisit the Green Belt study and use to inform the Core Strategy. Commission a Local Landscape Study.
Recent court actions on Travellers should not prejudice Council releasing Green Belt land to meet housing and economic needs.	Colonnade Strategic LLP, Laindon Regeneration LLP	Noted. The Council have committed to undertake a comprehensive Gypsy & Traveller Local Needs Accommodation Assessment. The content of this study will inform revisions to the Core Strategy.	Undertake a Gypsy & Traveller Local Needs Accommodation Assessment.

		This study will be undertaken by independent consultants in a fair and equal manner in compliance with the appropriate legislation.	Assessment.
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Wording changes to Policy CS9

Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Action
No comments	Mr Smart, Mrs S Bummet, Mrs B Wade, Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Billericay Town Council, Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families), One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd), , Mr R Gray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, Colonnade Strategic LLP, Laindon Regeneration LLP	Noted.	N/A
No changes to Policy CS9 wording	Mrs L Kelly, Miss E Lyon, Mr M Flack, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, BDSA, Mrs V Hudson, Campaign to Protect Rural England, Billericay District Residents Association, Billericay Town Council	Noted.	N/A
Accommodation must meet need of travellers	Mrs M Heppell	Noted. The Council have committed to undertake a comprehensive Gypsy & Traveller Local Needs Accommodation Assessment. The content of this study will inform revisions to the Core Strategy. This study will be undertaken by independent consultants in a fair and equal manner in compliance with the appropriate legislation.	Undertake a Gypsy & Traveller Local Needs Accommodation Assessment.

Policy CS10 Provision for Travelling Showpeople

Q47 Do you agree with the Policy CS10? Please explain your answer.

Q48 Are there any changes to the policy's wording that should be made.

58 comments were made on Question 47 and 48.

Policy CS10			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Action
No comments	Mrs L Kelly, Mr Smart, BDSA, Mrs B Wade, Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Billericay Town Council, Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families), One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd), Mr R Gray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes), Colonnade Strategic LLP, Laindon Regeneration LLP	Noted.	N/A
Agree with Policy CS10 that proposals for Travelling Showpeople will be based on Local Needs Accommodation Assessment and encourage sufficient land supply.	Miss E Lyon, Mr M Flack, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, Homes and Communities Agency, Mrs V Hudson, Natural England, Mr P Ward, Mr C Narrainen, Rev J Maizel-Long	Noted.	N/A
Local Needs Accommodation Assessment should be produced now	Mr Beiley	Noted. The Council have committed to undertake a comprehensive Gypsy & Traveller Local Needs Accommodation Assessment. The content of this study will inform revisions to the Core Strategy. This study will be undertaken by independent consultants in a fair and equal manner in compliance with the appropriate legislation.	Undertake a Gypsy & Traveller Local Needs Accommodation Assessment.
Travelling Showpeople sites should not adversely impact natural environment.	Natural England	Noted. The Council have committed to undertake a comprehensive Gypsy & Traveller Local Needs Accommodation Assessment. The content of this study will inform revisions to the Core Strategy. This study will be undertaken by independent consultants in a fair and equal manner in compliance with the appropriate legislation.	Undertake a Gypsy & Traveller Local Needs Accommodation Assessment.
Nothing to disagree with and will wait for the Traveller DPD	Campaign to Protect Rural England	Noted.	N/A
Assessments for need are flawed as Councils normally deny the level of need in their area.	Mr A Peake	Noted. The Council have committed to undertake a comprehensive Gypsy & Traveller Local Needs Accommodation Assessment. The content of this study will inform revisions to the Core Strategy. This study will be undertaken by independent consultants in a fair and equal manner in compliance with the appropriate legislation.	Undertake a Gypsy & Traveller Local Needs Accommodation Assessment.
Access to sites should be at reasonable times and same principles applied as with other development	Mrs S Pullin	Noted. The recently adopted 'Planning Policy for Traveller Sites' will be integral to determining the appropriate policies that cater for the needs of the travelling community. The Gypsy & Traveller DPD, produced after the adoption of the Core Strategy, will provide extensive and detailed policies relating specifically to traveller accommodations. Noted. The Council have committed to undertake a comprehensive Gypsy & Traveller Local Needs Accommodation Assessment. The content of this study will inform revisions to the Core Strategy. This study will be undertaken by independent consultants in a fair and equal manner in compliance with the appropriate legislation.	Undertake a Gypsy & Traveller Local Needs Accommodation Assessment.
Appropriate policy should recognise both different needs and nature of travelling show people.	Mr B Foster	Noted. The recently adopted 'Planning Policy for Traveller Sites' will be integral to determining the appropriate policies that cater for the needs of the travelling community. The Gypsy & Traveller DPD,	Undertake a Gypsy & Traveller Local Needs Accommodation

		<p>produced after the adoption of the Core Strategy, will provide extensive and detailed policies relating specifically to traveller accommodations.</p> <p>Noted. The Council have committed to undertake a comprehensive Gypsy & Traveller Local Needs Accommodation Assessment. The content of this study will inform revisions to the Core Strategy.</p> <p>This study will be undertaken by independent consultants in a fair and equal manner in compliance with the appropriate legislation.</p>	Assessment.
Need to take account of NPPF, but more pragmatic approach needs to be taken. What is the point in protecting scrapyards in Green Belt?	Mr P Rackley	<p>Noted. At the time of writing the Core Strategy the National Planning Policy Framework had not been published. Revisions of the Core Strategy will of course have full regard to the NPPF.</p> <p>The Green Belt is a national designation and an area covered by national planning policy. The Local planning authority have the responsibility to ensure that the Green Belt boundaries are robust and for the long-term. The Council have committed to revisit their Green Belt study so that the Borough's green belt can be understood further and assessed to establish if and where areas continue to serve the 5 purposes set out in the NPPF.</p>	Revisit the Green Belt study and use to inform the Core Strategy. Commission a Local Landscape Study.

Wording changes to Policy CS10			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Action
No comments	Mrs B Wade, Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families), One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd), , Mr R Gray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, Colonnade Strategic LLP, Laindon Regeneration LLP	Noted.	N/A
No changes to Policy CS10 wording	Mrs L Kelly, Miss E Lyon, Mr Smart, Mr M Flack, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, BDSA, Mrs V Hudson, Campaign to Protect Rural England, Billericay District Residents Association, Billericay Town Council	Noted.	N/A

Policy CS11 Supporting Tourism Growth

Q49 Do you agree with the Policy CS11? Please explain your answer.

Q50 Are there any changes to the policy's wording that should be made?

70 comments were made on Question 49 and 50.

Policy CS11			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Actions
No comments	Mrs B Wade, Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families), One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd), Mr R Gray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes)	Noted	N/A
Agree with Policy CS11. Hotels are needed to encourage business and tourism and need to encourage vitality of towns.	Miss E Lyon, Mr Beiley, Mr A Lyon, Mr S Lyon, Mr M Flack, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, BDSA, Mrs V Hudson, Mr L Defoe, Mr A Peake, Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Mr P Ward, Mr M Manns, Mrs S Pullin, Billericay District Residents Association, Billericay Town Council, Mr C Narrainen, Basildon Business Group, GL Hearn (on behalf of Homes and Communities Agency, South Essex College and Basildon Borough Council), Mr C Foster, Rev J Maizel-Long, Cllr J Devlin	Noted	N/A
Billericay requires a hotel to enhance the area and create more jobs	Mrs L Kelly	The Essex Hotel Futures Study 2009 identified that there is a need and capacity for a higher quality hotel in the Borough than is currently available. Policy CS11 seeks to ensure such a proposal can be secured in the future as part of the Borough's growth, however, it should be noted that the delivery of high quality hotel in the Borough is dependant on its commercial viability.	Core Strategy could reference that there is an identified need for a high quality hotel in Borough, in addition to the current budget options.
Conference facilities are needed but should be out of town. Availability of broadband is an issue.	Mr Beiley	The Essex Hotel Futures Study 2009 identified that there is a need and capacity for a higher quality hotel in the Borough than is currently available, which often provide conferencing facilities or act as a hospitality venues as part of their operating model, together with larger 3* hotels. Policy CS11 seeks to ensure such facilities are secured in the future as part of the Borough's growth and to support existing and future businesses, however, it should be noted that the delivery of such facilities is dependant on its commercial viability. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) makes it clear that a sequential approach should be adopted, which means that town centres should be considered first and it is only when there are no other suitable sites in such locations that edge of town centre and out of town centre locations should be considered.	Core Strategy could reference that there is an identified need for a high quality hotel in Borough, in addition to the current budget options
Discrete camping facilities are needed in Billericay	Mr Smart	Noted. There are already some camping pitches at Barleylands Farm in Billericay and new proposals can be given consideration through the planning application process.	N/A.
Need to provide improved bus services	Mr M Flack	The Council is committed to working with its partners such as the Essex Bus Forum and local bus companies to help secure better and more reliable public transport facilities in the Borough. Public Transport providers are consulted on the Core Strategy and how existing and new developments are served are a consideration in its preparation.	Continue to work with local partners and bus companies to secure better and more reliable bus services for the Basildon Borough.
Interested to know how tourists are going to be encouraged to visit Laindon Town Centre	Mrs V Hudson	Noted. It is the Council's intention to encourage visitors to the Borough by capitalising on national events and making the most of the Borough's natural and built attractions, including Wat Tyler Country Park, the Towngate Theatre and Sporting Village and private enterprises such as the Festival Leisure Park and Barleylands Farm.	N/A.

		Basildon's relatively close proximity to London makes it a more affordable location for visitors to stay for example, as well as being a more affordable location for business related tourism including conferences and visits related to current employers in the Borough, which in turn can help to boost the local economy.	
Policy has potential to adversely impact natural environment if delivered in inappropriate places.	Natural England	Noted.	Policy should ensure that the natural environment is not adversely impacted.
Little scope for growth	Campaign to Protect Rural England	Noted	N/A.
Do not agree with building in the Green Belt	Mr A Peake	Noted. The Green Belt is a national policy designation protected by the principles set out in the National Planning Policy Framework. The Local Planning Authority have the responsibility to ensure that the Green Belt boundaries are robust and can endure for the long-term, which includes reviewing them to ensure there is enough land to meet development needs and avoid ad-hoc releases of Green Belt to accommodate development. The Council have committed to revisit their Green Belt study so that the Borough's green belt can be understood further and assessed to establish if and where areas continue to serve the 5 purposes set out in the NPPF.	Revisit the Green Belt study and use to inform the Core Strategy. Commission a Local Landscape Study.
4 star hotel is urgent	Basildon Business Group	The Essex Hotel Futures Study 2009 identified that there is a need and capacity for a higher quality hotel in the Borough than is currently available. Policy CS11 seeks to ensure such a proposal can be secured in the future as part of the Borough's growth, however, it should be noted that the delivery of high quality hotel in the Borough is dependant on its commercial viability.	Core Strategy should reference that there is an identified need for a high quality hotel in Borough, in addition to the current budget options.
No need for hotel on golf course, room for hotels in industrial and business zones.	Mrs M Heppell	The Essex Hotel Futures Study 2009 identified that there is a need and capacity for a higher quality hotel in the Borough than is currently available. Policy CS11 seeks to ensure such a proposal can be secured in the future as part of the Borough's growth, however, it should be noted that the delivery of high quality hotel in the Borough is dependant on its commercial viability.	Core Strategy should reference that there is an identified need for a high quality hotel in Borough, in addition to the current budget options.
Have doubts of seeking to develop night time economy in town centres as there is already the Festival Leisure Park. Need for hotel but doubt viability of another cinema.	Mr P Rackley	Noted. The Council have committed to carrying out an up to date Employment Land Review, which will be used when the Core Strategy is revised. It should be noted that the Core Strategy should not interfere with competition but viability will be considered as part of the town centre masterplan to ensure that it can be delivered.	Undertake an up to date Employment Land Review
Must be realistic. Should recognise how Borough can support wider Essex and London tourism and reference business tourism to support London Gateway.	Colonnade Strategic LLP, Laindon Regeneration LLP	Noted. Any wording changes will be considered when the Core Strategy is revised.	Core Strategy should consider how the Borough's growth can support the London Gateway, London and wider Essex.

Wording changes to Policy CS11			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Actions
No comments	Mr Beiley, Mrs B Wade, Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families), One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd), Mr R Gray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, Colonnade Strategic LLP, Laindon Regeneration LLP	Noted	N/A
No changes to Policy CS11 wording	Mrs L Kelly, Miss E Lyon, Mr A Lyon, Mr S Lyon, Mr M Flack, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, BDSA, Mrs V Hudson, Mr M Manns, Mrs S Pullin	Noted	N/A
Should incorporate a measure that will ensure tourism development is avoided in locations that	Natural England	Noted.	Policy should ensure that the natural environment

harm natural environment			is not adversely affected.
Should reference Snails Hall Farm as a PADC to contribute to leisure facilities	Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes)	The Council is committed to revisiting their Green belt study that will look at the appropriateness of the Green Belt around each settlement to accommodate development or strengthen the Green Belt boundary. The Council have also committed to carry out an up to date Employment Land Review to inform the need for further commercial development, in addition to completed studies examining leisure needs. Evidence would need to be able to justify that Snails Hall Farm is an appropriate location for leisure facilities or other forms of development of strategic importance for it to be designated PADC status.	Revisit a Green Belt study and up to date Employment Land Review and use findings to inform next draft of Core Strategy.
Promote Billericay as historic town and plan for hotel in Billericay.	Billericay District Residents Association, Billericay Town Council	<p>Noted. A Historic Environment Characterisation Assessment has been undertaken to examine the Borough's historic context and its impact on its current character. Furthermore, Conservation Area Appraisals and Management Plans have been prepared for Billericay's Conservation Areas to examine the quality of these areas and how development should be managed within and around them. The Council can consider the historic relevance of any of its settlements when revising the Core Strategy.</p> <p>The Essex Hotel Futures Study 2009 identified that there is a need and capacity for a higher quality hotel in the Borough than is currently available. Policy CS11 seeks to ensure such a proposal can be secured in the future as part of the Borough's growth, however, it should be noted that the delivery of high quality hotel in the Borough is dependant on its commercial viability.</p>	Consider if Billericay should be promoted as a historic town.
Use of Billericay Conservation Management Plan could help promote tourism.	Cllr J Devlin	Noted	Consider referencing Billericay Conservation Area Management Plan 2011.

Policy CS12 Providing Leisure Facilities

Q51 Do you agree with Policy CS12? Please explain your answer.

Q52 Are there any changes to the policy's wording that should be made?

91 comments were made on Question 51 and 52.

Policy CS12			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Actions
No comments	Mrs S Bummet, Mrs B Wade, Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families), One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd), Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes)	Noted.	N/A
Agree with Policy CS12 as should ensure people have access to exercise and ensure adequate sports facilities are provided with the supported public transport. The policy will help tackle obesity and anti social behaviour and create communities.	Mrs L Kelly , Mr S Lyon, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, BDSA, Mrs V Hudson, D2 planning (on behalf of London and Cambridge Properties Ltd), Natural England, Mr A Peake, Boyer Planning (on behalf Mr R Scopes), Mr P Ward, Mr M Manns, Mrs S Pullin, Billericay District Residents Association, Billericay Town Council, Mr C Narrainen, Strutt and Parker (on behalf of Pigeon Wickford Ltd), Mr R Gray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, Sport England, Rev J Maizel-Long, Mr C Mullet, Ms H J Dyer, Mr M Bushell, Cllr J Devlin	Noted.	N/A
Provision for recreational sport and green open spaces should be incorporated in the Great Burstead and South Green Village boundaries.	Great Burstead and South Green Village Council,	Noted. The Council has undertaken a Playing Pitch Study, Indoor Sports and Recreation Study and Open Space Assessment examining public and private provision of these types of facilities to inform the Core Strategy's policy standards for providing additional sports facilities as part of development.	Use findings of Playing Pitch Study, Indoor Sports and Recreation Study and Open Space Assessment to inform new policy standards for the Core Strategy.
More sporting facilities required	Miss E Lyon	Noted. The Council has undertaken a Playing Pitch Study and Indoor Sports and Recreation Study examining public and private provision of these types of facilities to inform the Core Strategy's policy standards for providing additional sports facilities as part of development.	Use findings of Playing Pitch Study and Indoor Sports and Recreation Study to inform new policy standards for the Core Strategy.
Should 'insist' and not 'encourage'. Policy should not only be aimed at educational facilities as major employers have sports facilities that are not used out of working hours. There are more monitoring mechanisms - heart disease, cholesterol levels, blood pressure, stress and related sickness.	Mr Beiley	Noted. The Council has undertaken a Playing Pitch Study and Indoor Sports and Recreation Study examining public and private provision of these types of facilities to inform the Core Strategy's policy standards for providing additional sports facilities as part of development.	Use findings of Playing Pitch Study and Indoor Sports and Recreation Study to inform new policy standards for the Core Strategy.
Emphasis on cycling and infrastructure is needed	Mr Smart, Mrs S Pullin, Mr R Masters	Noted. The NPPF sets a clear objective for Local Plans to actively manage patterns of growth to make the fullest possible use of public transport, walking and cycling and focus significant development in locations which are or can be made sustainable. The role of the Council is to provide people with options and encourage sustainable travel. It cannot however, stop people from using cars but still have to cater for those who prefer and rely on personal transport and other road users.	The Council must continue to work with Essex County Council as Highways Authority to understand the transport context of the Borough, and test the Core Strategy Options for their impact to determine appropriate mitigation.

		<p>The Council must continue to work with Essex County Council as Highways Authority to understand the transport context of the Borough, and test the Core Strategy Options for their impact to determine appropriate mitigation.</p> <p>The Core Strategy needs to include appropriate testing of the options for a variety of infrastructure needs. This will need to be built into the preparation timescales for future iterations.</p> <p>Wording changes will be considered when the Core Strategy is revised.</p>	
Green Belt release is imperative to provide new homes, open space, improve quality of life and live healthier lifestyles.	Mr A Lyon, Strutt and Parker (on behalf of Pigeon Wickford Ltd)	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The Council is committed to revisiting their Green belt study that will look at the appropriateness of the Green Belt around each settlement to accommodate development or strengthen the Green Belt boundary. The findings of this study will inform the next draft of the Core Strategy.</p>	Revisit the Green Belt study and use to inform the Core Strategy.
Bowers Gifford playing field would benefit from children's play area and circuit training set around field edges.	Mr M Flack	<p>Noted. The Council has undertaken a Playing Pitch Study and Indoor Sports and Recreation Study examining public and private provision of these types of facilities to inform the Core Strategy's policy standards for providing additional sports facilities as part of development.</p>	Use findings of Playing Pitch Study and Indoor Sports and Recreation Study to inform new policy standards for the Core Strategy.
'Rationalising' can be widely interpreted and could mean that there is further reduction in recreation areas. Should retain all existing play facilities.	M Wharton, Mr L Defoe, Mr P Hudson, Norsey Wood Society, Mr P Ward, Mrs D Cundy	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Part of the evidence base for the Core Strategy is the PPG17 Green Spaces Assessment. This study assesses the quality of the green/recreation spaces in the Borough and determines where there are sufficient spaces and identifies where provision needs to be made. New open spaces and recreation areas will need to be allocated through the subsequent Site Allocations Development Plan Document.</p> <p>The rationalisation programme was approved by Cabinet in 2007 as part of the Borough's Play Strategy.</p>	N/A
Theatres Trust should be consulted on planning applications that include development on land on which there is a theatre.	Theatres Trust	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The Theatres Trust is consulted on any planning applications that include development on land on which there is a theatre.</p>	N/A
Most of the Borough's sporting provision is at Barleylands and if this was removed, provision would be limited. As Barleylands is part of one landowner's assets, the Council are vulnerable. Centralising all facilities includes large number of people.	Langdon Hills Living Landscape Committee, Campaign to Protect Rural England, Mrs M Heppell, Mrs D Cundy	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The Council commissioned an independent review of playing pitch provision in 2010/2011 which has concluded that for certain activities additional pitch provision or alternative pitch availability will be required to support the Borough's growth.</p> <p>It has evaluated a number of other locations for their suitability to provide additional/ replacement playing pitches and these will be considered when considering the spatial distribution of growth in the next draft of the Core Strategy.</p>	Use findings of Playing Pitch Study and Indoor Sports and Recreation Study to inform new policy standards for the Core Strategy.
South Essex college's sports pitches maintain the green area and provide provision; the loss of this facility for houses would ruin the high quality	Langdon Hills Living Landscape Committee	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The Council commissioned an independent review of playing pitch</p>	Use findings of Playing Pitch Study and Indoor Sports and Recreation

environment.		<p>provision in 2010/2011 which has concluded that for certain activities additional pitch provision or alternative pitch availability will be required to support the Borough's growth.</p> <p>It has evaluated a number of other locations for their suitability to provide additional/ replacement playing pitches and these will be considered when considering the spatial distribution of growth in the next draft of the Core Strategy.</p>	Study to inform new policy standards for the Core Strategy.
Support criteria 3 as Pitsea swimming pool has reached the end of its useful life and better facilities are available elsewhere.	D2 planning (on behalf of London and Cambridge Properties Ltd)	Noted.	N/A
Sport does not suit everyone and therefore more emphasis should be on walking, cycling and other informal activities. It is also more accessible from a cost perspective.	Campaign to Protect Rural England, Mr B Foster, Mrs D Cundy	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The NPPF sets a clear objective for Local Plans to actively manage patterns of growth to make the fullest possible use of public transport, walking and cycling and focus significant development in locations which are or can be made sustainable.</p>	The Council must continue to work with Essex County Council as Highways Authority to understand the transport context of the Borough, and test the Core Strategy Options for their impact to determine appropriate mitigation.
Playing pitch strategy is not desirable. Support criteria 5 and 6 and opening school fields for public use.	Campaign to Protect Rural England, Mr P Rackley	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The Council has undertaken a Playing Pitch Study and Indoor Sports and Recreation Study examining public and private provision of these type of facilities to inform the Core Strategy's policy standards for providing additional sports facilities as part of development. This includes recommendations for how essential changing facilities should be provided.</p>	Use findings of Playing Pitch Study and Indoor Sports and Recreation Study to inform new policy standards for the Core Strategy.
Should not build in the Green Belt	Mr A Peake	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The Council is committed to revisiting their Green belt study that will look at the appropriateness of the Green Belt around each settlement to accommodate development or strengthen the Green Belt boundary. The findings of this study will inform the next draft of the Core Strategy.</p>	Revisit the Green Belt study and use to inform the Core Strategy.
Should reference Snails Hall Farm as PADC to contribute to leisure facilities	Boyer Planning (on behalf Mr R Scopes)	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The Council is committed to revisiting their Green belt study that will look at the appropriateness of the Green Belt around each settlement to accommodate development or strengthen the Green Belt boundary. The findings of this study will inform the next draft of the Core Strategy.</p>	Revisit the Green Belt study and use to inform the Core Strategy.
Should provide clarification that local centres should remain to provide choice, easy to access and create friendly atmosphere.	Mr P Ward	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The Core Strategy has established a Hierarchy of Centres to support the application of retail and facilities related policy in the Borough.</p>	N/A
Should use brownfield first	Mrs S Pullin	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The Core Strategy supports this principle, where it is possible to do so.</p>	N/A.
No commitment to protect existing facilities which meet community needs and Strategic Objectives.	Sport England	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Paragraph 74 of the NPPF states that existing open space, sports</p>	Ensure that revisions to the Core Strategy consider the NPPF and

		<p>and recreational buildings, including playing fields, should not be built on unless:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space, buildings or land to be surplus to requirements; or • The loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location; or • The development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the needs for which clearly outweigh the loss. <p>Part of the evidence base for the Core Strategy is the PPG17 Green Spaces Assessment. This study assesses the quality of the green/recreation spaces in the Borough and determines where there are sufficient spaces and identifies where provision needs to be made. New open spaces and recreation areas will need to be allocated through the subsequent Site Allocations Development Plan Document.</p>	findings of the PPG17 study where applicable.
Changing rooms should be portable so that can return to agricultural, should use school playing fields for community recreation.	Mrs D Cundy	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The Council has undertaken a Playing Pitch Study and Indoor Sports and Recreation Study examining public and private provision of these type of facilities to inform the Core Strategy's policy standards for providing additional sports facilities as part of development. This includes recommendations for how essential changing facilities should be provided.</p>	Use findings of Playing Pitch Study and Indoor Sports and Recreation Study to inform new policy standards for the Core Strategy.
Council have realised there is demand for playing pitches but have not supported Gardiner's Lane South, which has deteriorated by a comprehensive development scheme and CPO threat. Monitoring indications are unclear, is there a change in number of people required for playing pitch provision?	Miss Missing	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The Council has undertaken a Playing Pitch Study and Indoor Sports and Recreation Study examining public and private provision of these types of facilities to inform the Core Strategy's policy standards for providing additional sports facilities as part of development.</p>	Use findings of Playing Pitch Study and Indoor Sports and Recreation Study to inform new policy standards for the Core Strategy.
Allocation of East Basildon will support leisure and recreation facilities.	Colonnade Strategic LLP	Noted.	N/A
Laindon Community Centre important to regeneration of Laindon and plans for wider Laindon.	Laindon Regeneration LLP	Noted.	N/A

Wording changes to Policy CS12			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Actions
No comments	Mrs S Bummet, Mrs B Wade, Boyer Planning (on behalf Mr R Scopes), Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families), One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd), Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes), Colonnade Strategic LLP, Laindon Regeneration LLP	Noted.	N/A
No changes to Policy CS12 wording	Mrs L Kelly, Mr S Lyon, Mr M Flack, Mr P Arnold, BDSA, Mrs V Hudson, Mr M Manns, Billericay District Residents Association, Billericay Town Council, Mr R Gray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, Cllr J Devlin	Noted.	N/A
Schools and parents should work together to install a healthier lifestyle. Encouragement for healthy living is needed.	Mr Smart	Noted.	N/A

Barleylands is isolated and therefore emphasis should be placed on 'secure storage' facilities.	Mr J J Hurrell (on behalf of Mayflower Archers)	Noted.	N/A
Remove bullet point 3 as suggests development will occur on playing fields. Protection of existing school playing fields should be included.	Captain B Beale, Mr L Defoe	Noted. Paragraph 74 of the NPPF states that existing open space, sports and recreational buildings, including playing fields, should not be built on unless: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space, buildings or land to be surplus to requirements; or • The loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location; or • The development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the needs for which clearly outweigh the loss. The Council has undertaken a Playing Pitch Study and Indoor Sports and Recreation Study examining public and private provision of these types of facilities to inform the Core Strategy's policy standards for providing additional sports facilities as part of development.	Ensure that revisions to the Core Strategy consider the NPPF and findings of the Playing Pitch Strategy where applicable.
Policy should encourage creation of habitats and protect key areas of landscape value as part of delivering new playing pitches.	Natural England	Noted. The Core Strategy should be read as a suite of policies. CS1 and CS2 would be applicable for protecting key landscapes and creating habitats. Furthermore, the Council have committed to undertaking a Landscape study which will be used to inform the Core Strategy.	Consider the findings of the Landscape Study in the revisions of the Core Strategy where applicable.
In conformity with SO8, cultural activities should be encouraged and not concentrated in town centres.	Campaign to Protect Rural England	Noted. The Core Strategy seeks to encourage cultural facilities where they are viable as part of the Borough's future growth. Town Centres are not the only location where these types of facilities could be considered, although in accordance with the NPPF, they are considered to be the primary location, if a range of locations are available. A sequential test approach should be used to determine the suitability of a proposed location.	N/A
Additional bullet point is needed - green belt release will facilitate an increased area of sport pitch provision and public open space that cannot be delivered in town centre regeneration.	Strutt and Parker (on behalf of Pigeon Wickford Ltd)	Noted. The provision of land for public open space and sport pitches may not require green belt release. However, recreational uses within the Green Belt are supported by policy.	N/A
Consult with local residents and make honest assessment for those using facilities before demolishing them.	Mrs M Heppell	Noted.	N/A
Should include 'where needed' in bullet point 2. Bullet point 6 should read 'schools' rather than 'educational establishments'. As could be interpreted that South Essex college has a commitment to sports and leisure facilities.	GL Hearn (on behalf of Homes and Communities Agency, South Essex College and Basildon Borough Council)	Noted.	Consider wording changes as appropriate.
To be consistent with para 74 of NPPF and to stop policy being interpreted wrongly so that it would be	Sport England	Noted.	Amend Core Strategy to reflect NPPF.

<p>acceptable for loss of existing leisure facilities that are meeting need, policy should be amended to protect existing facilities unless it can be demonstrated that facilities are surplus or replacement facilities are being provided.</p>			
<p>Should emphasise facilities for young to help anti-social behaviour</p>	<p>Mr C Mullet</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>One of the Core Planning Principles defined by the NPPF is that planning should deliver sufficient community and cultural facilities to meet local needs.</p> <p>A review of Indoor Sports and Recreational Facilities has been undertaken, together with a review of open spaces and playing pitches which will be used to inform the next draft of the Core Strategy.</p>	<p>N/A</p>

Policy CS13 Education, Health and Community Facilities

Q53 Do you agree with the Policy CS13? Please explain your answer.

Q54 Are there any changes to the policy's wording that should be made?

82 comments were made on Question 53 and 54.

Policy CS13			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Actions
No comments	Mrs B Wade, Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families), One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd), Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes)	Noted	N/A
Agree with Policy CS13 as elderly need easy access to medical facilities; schools and colleges need to be improved; community centres are essential facilities and pre-schools need to be increased	Miss E Lyon, Mr Beiley, Mr Smart, Mr M Flack, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, Mrs V Hudson, Natural England, Mr A Peake, Mr P Ward, Mr M Manns, Mrs S Pullin, Billericay District Residents Association, Billericay Town Council, Mr C Narrainen, Strutt and Parker (on behalf of Pigeon Wickford Ltd), Mr R Gray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, Drivers Jonas Deloitte (on behalf of Bellway Homes), GL Hearn (on behalf of Homes and Communities Agency, South Essex College and Basildon Borough Council), Sport England, Mr M Bushell, Colonnade Strategic LLP, Cllr J Devlin	Noted	N/A
Billericay and Great Burstead are in need of multi-functional community facility and allotments as there is no provision.	Mrs L Kelly, Great Burstead and South Green Village Council, BDSA, Mrs S Pullin	<p>The need of faith communities for new or expanded places of worship is a consideration of the planning system.</p> <p>The NPPF recognises that the planning system can play an important role in facilitating social interaction and creating inclusive communities. Planning policies are expected to plan positively for the provision and use of shared spaces and community facilities such as local shops, meeting places, sports venues, cultural buildings, public houses and places of worship to enhance the sustainability of communities and residential environments.</p> <p>It is not however for the Council to allocate land for specific places of worship through the Core Strategy, but the Core Strategy can ensure, through a community facility policy that facilities such as this are integrated into the design of new and existing communities in the future as part of the Borough's future growth.</p> <p>In the parishes of Billericay and Great Burstead allotment provision is the legal responsibility of the Town and Parish Council but the Core Strategy could help secure new allotments through adopting Open Space Standards as currently proposed in Policy CS1.</p>	Provide clarification in Policy CS13 for the securing the provision of faith facilities.
Police shortages in Laindon should be funded by developers. Increased population will impact police being able to do their job.	M Wharton	<p>The Essex Police Authority is responsible for the delivery of a police service in the county of Essex. The police service is funded from two main sources – part of the Council Tax charged to residential properties in Essex and a central Government grant.</p> <p>The Planning Act 2008 permits Local Planning Authorities to, where appropriate, for developer contributions to fund a broad range of built facilities, but the Council does not have the power to fund additional police officers.</p> <p>Through the Basildon Renaissance Partnership, a local organisation</p>	Continue to work in partnership with Essex Police to deliver and effective and efficient police service to meet the Borough's needs.

		of public service providers, community and business organisations, the Council works with Essex Police to deliver appropriate services to meet the Borough's diverse needs.	
Basildon was planned to have green areas and these are disappearing, which ruins character and health.	Mrs M J Waylett	Basildon was one of the first generation of 'New Towns' in the UK and was formally designated in 1948. Since this time there have been many changes within the UK, including a growth in population and a move from traditional manufacturing to service based industries that have affected how land needs to be used based on changing needs. Government's policy requires the Local Planning Authority to provide for this population growth and employment provision, and therefore Basildon New Town needs to adapt to these changes. It is recognised that Basildon was originally planned with a lot of open space, However the Council must review all land uses to determine if they remain the most appropriate to serve the Borough's needs. The Council has carried out assessments on all public and private open space within the Borough, analysing their quality and quantity to ensure that an appropriate amount of adequate open space is available to local communities. Where this land no longer fulfils its intended purpose, its land use may have to be reconsidered.	N/A
There is an overload on schools, police, doctors and hospitals.	Mr F Noakes, Mrs S Pullin	It is the legal responsibility of the Local Planning Authority to work with other service providers. The planning system can secure, where it is appropriate and reasonable to do so, contributions from new developments for local services. The Core Strategy's policy CS13 states that the Council will work in partnership with providers to ensure social and community facilities are able to cater for new and existing users.	Work with local service providers to determine the capacity of their services in the Borough and determine what extra provision is required to serve the Borough's future growth.
What about places of worship?	Mrs V Hudson	<p>The need of faith communities for new or expanded places of worship is a consideration of the planning system.</p> <p>The NPPF recognises that the planning system can play an important role in facilitating social interaction and creating inclusive communities. Planning policies are expected to plan positively for the provision and use of shared spaces and community facilities such as local shops, meeting places, sports venues, cultural buildings, public houses and places of worship to enhance the sustainability of communities and residential environments.</p> <p>It is not however for the Council to allocate land for specific places of worship through the Core Strategy, but the Core Strategy can ensure through a community facility policy that facilities such of this as integrated into the design of new and existing communities in the future as part of the Borough's future growth</p>	Provide clarification in Policy CS13 for the securing the provision of faith facilities.
Not clear that cultural features are in Policy CS13. Title of policy is misleading as community facilities include education and health. Community Infrastructure or Social and Community Facilities should be used and term put in glossary.	Theatres Trust	Noted. It is important that Core Strategy recognises the role of cultural facilities such as theatres. Any wording changes will be made when the Core Strategy is revised.	Include a reference to cultural facilities in a policy within the Core Strategy and in the glossary.
Core Strategy does not mention the equestrian facility in Dry Street, and its replacement is not considered if development in that area were to occur. Limits recreational and leisure facilities in the Borough. South Essex college should not be moved from this area as the infrastructure cannot cope.	Langdon Hills Living Landscape Committee, Mrs S Bummet, Mrs M Heppell, Mr P Rackley, Mr M Bushell	<p>The Core Strategy is a strategic document and therefore will not reference all individual facilities or buildings present in any given location.</p> <p>Dry Street is designated as an Area of Special Reserve in the Basildon District Local Plan 1998. Consequently, this means the area is not designated as Green Belt and has been reserved for housing.</p>	N/A

		The Planning Inspector for the examination in the Basildon District Local Plan 1998 concluded that Dry Street was an appropriate area for development. Option A of the Core Strategy focused development within the urban areas and subsequently this included the Dry Street Area (PADC10). It is noted that policy has changed since the designation of Dry Street in the Basildon District Local Plan 1998 and consideration should be given to its environmental status as a Local Wildlife Site. However, development should also be compliant with national planning policy which requires Local Planning Authorities to objectively assess their housing need and ensure sustainable development. All these elements will be given consideration when the Core Strategy is revised.	
Not clear from Policy CS13 what provision might occur, commitment to local service provision is necessary.	Campaign to Protect Rural England	The Core Strategy is a strategic document and therefore it will not have reference in detail the provision of all individual facilities. It is the legal responsibility of the Local Planning Authority to work with other service providers. The planning system can secure, where it is appropriate and reasonable to do so, contributions from new developments for local services. The Core Strategy's policy CS13 states that the Council will work in partnership with providers to ensure social and community facilities are able to cater for new and existing users.	Work with local service providers to determine the capacity of their services in the Borough and determine what extra provision is required to serve the Borough's future growth.
Support proposal to move the college to support the business community and improve the skills shortage. Investment in new facilities is necessary but will be limited from public sector and therefore CIL should be used for health and education.	Basildon Business Group	Noted. In tandem to the Core Strategy, it is envisaged to prepare a Local Infrastructure Plan that will set out the infrastructure required to make the Borough's growth acceptable in planning terms and the expected phasing and funding of provision; which could also be linked to a Community Infrastructure Levy.	Prepare a Local Infrastructure Plan to accompany the Core Strategy and if necessary prepare a Community Infrastructure Levy to help deliver necessary infrastructure.
South of Wickford green belt release could provide for new primary school and community facilities.	Strutt and Parker (on behalf of Pigeon Wickford Ltd)	Noted	N/A
Constantly failed to raise level of education and policy is unlikely to change this.	Mr B Foster	Noted. It is the legal responsibility of the Local Planning Authority to work with partners and service providers to deliver the Basildon Borough Sustainable Community Strategy through the Development Plan. Currently, budgets for all service providers are being reduced by central Government and that is why it is essential that consultations are held to shape efficient strategies and policies to enable future provision. This complementary work with service providers including Essex County Council (as the local education authority) will continue.	Through the Basildon Renaissance Partnership, work with local education providers to raise educational standards and attainment.
What does re-provision in a suitable alternative location mean? Such provision should be in proximity to existing site and close to residential areas. With regard to Pitsea swimming centre, not everyone can afford to go to Sporting Village.	Mr P Rackley	It is not for policy to be prescriptive for every situation, rather it should flexibly guide how the Borough is should develop in the future. It would be up to a future planning application to demonstrate that if leisure facilities are removed or replaced, that adequate replacement or upgraded facilities are provided if there is an unmet need for them.	N/A
New schools will be required as part of development in East Basildon.	Colonnade Strategic LLP	The provision of new schools will be dependant on the locations of future housing developments and existing school capacity and locations in relation to the housing development. These factors will be taken into consideration when the Core Strategy is revised. Noted. It is the legal responsibility of the Local Planning Authority to work with partners and service providers to deliver the Basildon	Work with local service providers to determine the capacity of their services in the Borough and determine what extra provision is required to serve the Borough's future growth.

		Borough Sustainable Community Strategy through the Development Plan. Currently, budgets for all service providers are being reduced by central Government and that is why it is essential that consultations are held to shape efficient strategies and policies to enable future provision. This complementary work with service providers including Essex County Council (as the local education authority) will continue.	
New school needed to serve Laindon hills and Great Berry area. New health centre at Laindon Centre will improve service provision.	Laindon Regeneration LLP	<p>The provision of new schools will be dependant on the locations of future housing developments and existing school capacity and locations in relation to the housing development.</p> <p>These factors will be taken into consideration when the Core Strategy is revised.</p> <p>Noted. It is the legal responsibility of the Local Planning Authority to work with partners and service providers to deliver the Basildon Borough Sustainable Community Strategy through the Development Plan. Currently, budgets for all service providers are being reduced by central Government and that is why it is essential that consultations are held to shape efficient strategies and policies to enable future provision. This complementary work with service providers including Essex County Council (as the local education authority) will continue.</p>	Work with local service providers to determine the capacity of their services in the Borough and determine what extra provision is required to serve the Borough's future growth.

Wording changes to Policy CS13			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Actions
No comments	Mr Smart, Mrs S Bummet, Mrs B Wade, Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families), One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd)	Noted	N/A
No changes to Policy CS13 wording	Mrs L Kelly, Miss E Lyon, Mr M Flack, Mr P Arnold, BDSA, Mrs V Hudson, Mr M Manns, Mr R Gray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, Cllr J Devlin	Noted	N/A
Facilities at South Essex College, Billericay School, and St Johns School should be accessible by the community.	Captain B Beale	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The Council has commissioned studies examining outdoor and indoor recreation space in the Borough which have found that educational establishments already offer opportunities to local communities through the use of their facilities.</p> <p>Not all schools are managed by the Local Education Authority; some are registered with the Department for Education as "Independent", whilst others are Academies or Grant Maintained which gives them greater freedoms in regards to things such as management, education delivery and their relationship with their community.</p>	The Council will continue to work with the Borough's education providers in making the most of their facilities, where it is possible and permissible to do so.
Recommends wording to make policy clearer and include cultural facilities	Theatres Trust	Noted. Wording changes will be considered when the Core Strategy is revised taking into account the emerging evidence base.	Include cultural facilities within the policy and change wording to make policy clearer.
Should make reference to enhancing access to countryside for health and well-being.	Natural England	Noted. Wording changes will be considered when the Core Strategy is revised taking into account the emerging evidence base.	Include reference to enhancing access to the countryside for general health and well-being.
Proposed monitoring indicator should be % of population within 20 minutes on foot of a) educational b) healthcare and c) community	Campaign to Protect Rural England	Noted. Wording changes will be considered when the Core Strategy is revised taking into account the emerging evidence base.	Review monitoring indicators so that they are more effective and

facilities.			measurable.
In conformity with SO9, cultural activities should be encouraged and proposals for crime reduction.	Campaign to Protect Rural England	Noted. Wording changes will be considered when the Core Strategy is revised taking into account the emerging evidence base. It is the Council's intention to reduce the opportunity for crime to occur as a result of design and reduce crime overall in the Borough which will be reflected in the Core Strategy.	Include reference to cultural facilities in policy and glossary and ensure Core Strategy policies include measures to reduce crime.
Designing out crime is a good objective but the consequences should be thought through.	Mr P Hudson	Noted. It is the Council's intention to reduce the opportunity for crime to occur as a result of design and reduce crime overall in the Borough which will be reflected in the Core Strategy.	Ensure Core Strategy policies include measures to reduce crime.
Should be accordance with Strategic Plan 2010-2020 Health and Wellbeing for Billericay, which has undergone extensive consultation.	Billericay District Residents Association, Billericay Town Council	Noted. The Strategic Plan 2010-2020 Health and Wellbeing for Billericay can be included within the 'Means of Delivery' table for Policy CS13.	Include with Strategic Plan 2010-2020 Health and Wellbeing for Billericay in 'Means of Delivery' table for Policy CS13.
No indication of CIL, but should be worked up and tested alongside Core Strategy.	Basildon Business Group, Essex County Council	As stated in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) economic viability is a major consideration for the delivery of development. Tied in with this approach is the consideration for the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) that as stated in the NPPF such proposals should be prepared alongside the Core Strategy to ensure development remains viable. It is therefore envisaged to prepare a Local Infrastructure Plan that will set out the infrastructure required to make the Borough's growth acceptable in planning terms and the expected phasing and funding of the infrastructure provision.	Prepare a Local Infrastructure Plan to accompany the Core Strategy and if necessary prepare a Community Infrastructure Levy to help deliver necessary infrastructure.
Delete % of population with 30 minute public transport time as not suitable measure for education and insert % of children under 8 within two miles of appropriate school and % of older children within three miles by safe walking routes.	Essex County Council	Noted. Wording changes will be considered when the Core Strategy is revised taking into account the emerging evidence base.	Amend monitoring indicators so that they are more effective, appropriate and measurable.
Should consult local residents	Mrs M Heppell	Noted. The Council as part of its statutory duty as a Local Planning Authority have to demonstrate they have complied with their Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) and the legal Regulations. The SCI sets out that stakeholders, local residents and partners will all be consulted as part of the planning application and planning policy development process. The methods, the main issues and the Council's response for the Core Strategy Preferred Option consultation will be documented in the Council's Statement of Consultation which will be available on the Council's website and reported to Cabinet.	Publish the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report Statement of Consultation.
No reference to higher or future education in para 3.13 to 3.15 and should reference South Essex College. Suggest wording to recognise the college's importance to the borough and regeneration of town centre.	GL Hearn (on behalf of Homes and Communities Agency, South Essex College and Basildon Borough Council)	Noted. Wording changes will be considered when the Core Strategy is revised taking into account the emerging evidence base.	Supporting text should be changed to include references to higher education, including South Essex College.
Should reference education facilities role in meeting community needs and should take positive approach for dual proposals on education sites that respond to community needs, in accordance with para 70 of NPPF. Could be linked to point 3 of policy, supporting text should make same	Sport England	Noted. The Council has commissioned studies examining outdoor and indoor recreation space in the Borough which have found that educational establishments already offer opportunities to local communities through the dual-use of some of their facilities.	Work with local service providers to determine the capacity of their services in the Borough and determine what extra provision is required to

<p>amendments.</p>		<p>Not all schools are managed by the Local Education Authority; some are registered with the Department for Education as “Independent”, whilst others are Academies or Grant Maintained which gives them greater freedoms in regards to things such as management, education delivery and their relationship with their community.</p> <p>Noted. It is the legal responsibility of the Local Planning Authority to work with partners and service providers to deliver the Basildon Borough Sustainable Community Strategy through the Development Plan. Currently, budgets for all service providers are being reduced by central Government and that is why it is essential that consultations are held to shape efficient strategies and policies to enable future provision. This complementary work with service providers including Essex County Council (as the local education authority) will continue.</p>	<p>serve the Borough’s future growth. Reference this role in the policy’s supporting text as appropriate.</p>
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Policy CS14 Integrated and Timely Infrastructure Provision

Q55 Do you agree with Policy CS14? Please explain your answer.

Q56 Are there any changes to the policy's wording that should be made?

81 comments were made on Question 55 and 56.

Policy CS14			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Actions
No comments	Mrs B Wade, Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families), One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd)	Noted.	N/A
Agree with Policy CS14. Upgrading and installing infrastructure is crucial to the success of Borough. Specialist advice for this is required.	Mrs L Kelly, Miss E Lyon, Mr M Flack, Mr P Arnold, BDSA, Mr Smart, Mr A Peake, Mr P Ward, Mr M Manns, Mrs S Pullin, Billericay District Residents Association, Billericay Town Council, Mr C Narrainen, Strutt and Parker (on behalf of Pigeon Wickford Ltd), Mr R Gray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, Drivers Jonas Deloitte (on behalf of Bellway Homes), Cllr J Devlin	Noted.	N/A
What degree are long term opportunities for traffic to Pitsea rubbish tip from outside the Borough to be taken by rail?	Mr Beiley	<p>Whilst this is a matter which affects the Basildon Borough, it is not within the remit of the Core Strategy.</p> <p>The responsibility for strategic waste matters and highways rests with Essex County Council as the waste and highways authority.</p> <p>Essex County Council, as Waste Planning Authority is currently reviewing their Waste Local Plan, which is applicable to the Basildon Borough. This review has recognised that the majority of waste in Essex is transported by road and that with future growth and a move to being self sufficient in waste disposal, there is a need to minimise the environmental impact of transporting the waste. ECC has accepted that opportunities to transport waste by more sustainable modes, such as rail and water, should be encouraged wherever practicable.</p>	N/A
Water shortages should be taken into consideration. No new reservoirs or extensions are planned and input from water companies needs to be sought.	M Wharton	<p>Noted.</p> <p>In 2011, the Council published a Water Cycle Study, prepared alongside the Environment Agency, Essex and Suffolk Water and Anglian Water Serviced Ltd which looked at drinking water and waste water infrastructure capacities and future upgrade requirements needed to service development and future populations.</p> <p>Essex and Suffolk Water are investing £150m in enlarging Abberton Reservoir near Colchester, to increase its storage capacity by 60%. This enlarged reservoir, along with Hanningfield Reservoir will be able to provide water resources for the future demand from Essex's homes and businesses.</p>	N/A
Parking needs to be improved, Free of Charge and dedicated cycle parking areas provided. Consideration should be given to future transport technology, i.e. electric car charging points as infrastructure is already overloaded.	M Wharton, Alan Pipe and Partners (on behalf of Mr B Stone), Mr D Lovey, Mrs M Heppell, Mrs C Foster, Mr P Rackley	<p>Noted. The Core Strategy can only have regard to those aspects which it can have an effect on. Parking charges and park and ride schemes are not within its remit.</p> <p>Discussions with highways officers will continue throughout the plan making process.</p>	N/A
Reference to primary health facilities should be included, as more housing will have an impact on	Captain B Beale	Noted.	Complete an Infrastructure Delivery

these facilities.		The Council acknowledges that additional testing of infrastructure capacity including health facilities is required and intends to prepare an Infrastructure Delivery Plan to accompany the Core Strategy and revise any policy wording accordingly.	Plan to accompany the Core Strategy. The Council will work with relevant service providers to identify the impacts of growth in the Borough on its service areas.
Need to replace dangerous slip road to Billericay from A127	Mrs V Hudson	The Council will continue to work with Essex County Council as the Highways Authority to understand the transport context of the Borough, and test the Core Strategy Options for their impact to determine appropriate mitigation.	Continue to liaise with Essex County Council and test infrastructure against options.
Policy CS14 gives minimal consideration for infrastructure impact on natural environment, only considers it for water utilities	Natural England	Noted.	Ensure the Core Strategy provides equal consideration to the impact on the natural environment from all infrastructures, rather than just water utilities.
As Infrastructure Delivering Plan is not in place how can CS consultation be of value and what impact does the CS have on utility and infrastructure needs? A road parallel to A127 is needed and this is not mentioned in CS. Aim to provide waste recycling centre, providing renewable energy, meeting national requirements. Do not detail what Essex Transport Strategy and Local Transport Plan for Essex are.	Alan Pipe and Partners (on behalf of Mr B Stone)	Noted. The NPPF sets a clear objective for Local Plans to actively manage patterns of growth to make the fullest possible use of public transport, walking and cycling and focus significant development in locations which are or can be made sustainable. Essex County Council, is the Highways Authority for the Basildon Borough and it is working in partnership with Basildon Council to identify the locations where mitigation or investment is required or development would best be located in the future from a Highways perspective. It prepares the Local Transport Plan for the area, which includes Road and Passenger Transport Strategies, as required by the Transport Act 2000.	Continue to work with Essex County Council as Highways Authority during the Core Strategy's preparation and prepare an Infrastructure Delivery Plan to inform the next draft of Core Strategy.
Too great emphasis on accommodating road traffic and too little on reducing road transport and promoting sustainable modes. Strategic Objective 10 should be reflected in Policy CS14.	Campaign to Protect Rural England, Norsey Wood Society, Basildon Business group, Mr R Masters, Colonnade Strategic LLP, Laindon Regeneration LLP	Noted. The NPPF sets a clear objective for Local Plans to actively manage patterns of growth to make the fullest possible use of public transport, walking and cycling and focus significant development in locations which are or can be made sustainable. The role of the Council is to provide people with options and encourage sustainable travel. It cannot however, stop people from using cars but still have to cater for those who prefer and rely on personal transport and other road users.	Strengthen the Core Strategy's influence on reducing the need to travel and positively affecting travel choice.
There is no north/south link and there is congestion in and out of Billericay and Wickford to Basildon. Delays are worse on the A176 onto the A13 and can cause problems from emergency vehicles. Little mention is given to potential hospital expansion (that serves Essex and beyond).	Mr D Lovey	Noted. Basildon & Thurrock University Hospital Foundation Trust which manages Basildon Hospital and Orsett Minor Injuries Unit has identified in its Forward Plan Strategy for 2012, 2013 and 2014 that it will invest over £23.1m between 2011 and 2013 in redeveloping and enlarging the hospital and its equipment to improve patient care and expand to meet the needs of a growing catchment population.	The Council must continue to work with Essex County Council as Highways Authority to understand the transport context of the Borough, and test the Core Strategy Options for their impact to determine

		<p>The Council must continue to work with Essex County Council as Highways Authority to understand the transport context of the Borough, and test the Core Strategy Options for their impact to determine appropriate mitigation.</p> <p>The Core Strategy needs to include appropriate testing of the options for a variety of infrastructure needs. This will need to be built into the preparation timescales for future iterations.</p> <p>Wording changes will be considered when the Core Strategy is revised.</p>	<p>appropriate mitigation.</p> <p>Consider revisions to the Core Strategy in alignment with the outcome of the traffic modelling work which was not complete at the time of the preferred options consultation.</p>
Proposed railway siding off the C2C has not been tested by Network Rail, and if found sound could afford major employment opportunity connecting Channel Tunnel Link at Ripple Road, Barking. Should be entered into spatial strategy for comments.	KTI Energy Limited	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The Council is unaware of any proposals by Network Rail for a new railway siding in the Borough, other than at Terminus Drive, Pitsea which was previously reserved following a Direction from the Secretary of State for Transport to support the construction of Crossrail.</p>	N/A
Should prepare scheme for public transport along A127 corridor. Car parking remains a major issues, should adopt off-street car parking standards and policy for car sharing. Welcome proposals to concentrate developments that generate significant freight in good strategic transport network area, but the land for this has not been identified.	Basildon Business Group, Colonnade Strategic LLP, Laindon Regeneration LLP	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Essex County Council, is the Highways Authority for the Basildon Borough and it is working in partnership with Basildon Council to identify the locations where mitigation or investment is required or development would best be located in the future from a Highways perspective. It prepares the Local Transport Plan for the area, which includes Road and Passenger Transport Strategies, as required by the Transport Act 2000. The Council is also committed to undertaking an Employment Land and Premises Study to determine the land required over the plan period.</p> <p>Specific details regarding car parking arrangements are not within the remit of the Core Strategy and would instead be reviewed when preparing the Development Management Development Plan Document.</p>	Carry out Employment Land and Premises Study and continue to work with Essex County Council as Highways Authority during the Core Strategy's preparation.
No mention of Lower Thames Crossing, expansion of ports and airports, or other improvements outside borough which could improve Borough's competitiveness.	Basildon Business Group, Mr D Lovey	<p>Noted.</p> <p>These could be mentioned in the Core Strategy; however it is important to remember that they are outside its remit from a planning perspective and would be considered given their scale and national significance by the National Infrastructure Planning unit of the Planning Inspectorate.</p> <p>Basildon Borough Council is a member of the South East Local Enterprise Partnership (SELEP) formed of authorities and businesses in East Sussex, Essex, Kent, Medway, Southend and Thurrock. One of its stated challenges include increasing the capacity of the Thames river crossings, which include introducing free-flow tolling at Dartford, improvements to Junction 301/31 of the M25 and a Lower Thames Crossing.</p>	Consider revising wording of Infrastructure supporting text to include how important major infrastructure facilities are to the ongoing competitiveness of the Borough where appropriate and beneficial to the Core Strategy.
Better links to Basildon railway	Mr R Lazarus	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The Basildon Town Centre Masterplan seeks to improve links to, the setting of and the building housing Basildon railway station.</p>	N/A
Preferred option will only result in further congestion and provide limited improvements to	Strutt and Parker (on behalf of Pigeon Wickford Ltd)	Noted.	Revisit the Green Belt study and use to inform

<p>infrastructure. Green Belt land should be released to provide the necessary infrastructure.</p>		<p>The Council is committed to revisiting their Green belt study that will look at the appropriateness of the Green Belt around each settlement to accommodate development or strengthen the Green Belt boundary. The findings of this study will inform the next draft of the Core Strategy.</p> <p>The Council acknowledges that additional testing of infrastructure capacity will then be required and intends to prepare an Infrastructure Delivery Plan to accompany the Core Strategy.</p>	<p>the Core Strategy. Consider revising wording of Infrastructure supporting text to include how important major infrastructure facilities are to the ongoing competitiveness of the Borough where appropriate and beneficial to the Core Strategy.</p>
<p>Should be renamed to Highways and Utilities Infrastructure to reflect subject matter, otherwise should include community infrastructure.</p>	<p>Essex County Council</p>	<p>Noted</p>	<p>Consider possible amendment to wording.</p>
<p>National Grid has statutory duty to supply electricity across Great Britain and if there are significant demand increases then reinforcements at existing substations or development works need to take place, also have duty to supply gas transmission, and new gas infrastructure is periodically required to meet demand and changes in supply. Normally network developments are result of overall demand growth and not site specific. Under Energy White Paper will need to expand national infrastructure and develop new infrastructure and therefore will need to work with stakeholders. Therefore require to be notified on policies relating to: overhead transmission lines, underground cables or gas pipelines, land use/site allocations affecting gas and electricity, infrastructure, development in the countryside, landscape and waste and minerals. Also consulted on planning applications that affect assets. Provided maps for where electricity and gas transmissions are. Also need to contact UK Power Networks and National Grid Gas Distribution.</p>	<p>Amec (on behalf of National Grid)</p>	<p>Noted.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Questions councils intention to produce Site Allocations DPD and Development Management DPD as NPPF states that additional development plan documents should only be used where clearly justified,</p>	<p>Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes)</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The need for additional DPDs will be kept under review for through the monitoring of the Local Development Scheme.</p>	<p>Keep the Local Development Scheme under review.</p>
<p>Note requirement for Local Infrastructure Plan (LIP) but have concerns as regards apportionment of infrastructure costs across Borough and impact upon development viability. Basildon Town Centre Masterplan concerns costs associated with regeneration of town centre and developments outside centre may be expected to contribute to such infrastructure. Wish to reserve comments and be consulted on the LIP and Community Infrastructure Charge (CIL). NPPF requires CIL to be tested alongside local plan and support and incentivise new development. Could be found unsound as has not been properly prepared</p>	<p>GL Hearn (on behalf of Homes and Communities Agency, South Essex College and Basildon Borough Council)</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The Council is in the early stage of preparing its Core Strategy and it acknowledges that not all supporting work has been completed. The NPPF states that "Where practical, Community Infrastructure Levy charges should be worked up and tested alongside the Local Plan..." and the Council keep under review whether it is practical to do so. Work on an Infrastructure Delivery Plan to accompany the Core Strategy will be commenced in 2012/2013.</p>	<p>Prepare an Infrastructure Delivery Plan to inform the next draft of Core Strategy.</p>

(meeting assessed need and infrastructure) and not effective (testing whether plan is deliverable.)			
Pleased to note phasing to ease pressure on Essex Water Resources is mentioned in policy.	Environment Agency	Noted.	N/A
Particular concerns about large scale traffic on Courtauld Road.	Mr P Rackley	Noted. Essex County Council, as Highways Authority for the Basildon Borough is working in partnership with the Council to identify the locations where mitigation or investment is required or development would best be located in the future from a Highways perspective.	Continue to work with Essex County Council as the Highways Authority during the development of the Core Strategy.
Where are the funds, otherwise Core Strategy is waste of resources, time and money. Gardiners lane South had major funding refused and this has implications on health and residents future.	Miss Missing	Noted. In accordance with the NPPF, the Core Strategy, as part of the Local Plan, will be assessed for its viability and deliverability before it is submitted to the Secretary of State.	Undertake required viability assessments when formulating Core Strategy.

Wording changes to Policy CS14			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Actions
No comments	Mr Beiley, Mr Smart, Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scopes), Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families), One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd)	Noted.	N/A
No changes to Policy CS14 wording	Mrs L Kelly, Miss E Lyon, Mr P Arnold, BDSA, Mrs V Hudson, Mr M Manns, Mrs S Pullin, Mr R Gray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, Cllr J Devlin	Noted.	N/A
Should limit the weight of lorries accessing Burnt Mills Road and Pound Lane to 7.5 tonnes.	Mr M Flack	Weight limits on roads is not dealt with by Basildon Borough Council and is a matter for Essex County Highway Authority.	N/A
Incorporate another paragraph on the provision of primary health facilities	Captain B Beale	Another policy in the Core Strategy provides criteria for health facilities and therefore Policy CS14 does not need to deal with it specifically.	N/A
Section to be added to highlight the need to protect natural environment as part of delivering infrastructure.	Natural England	Noted.	Ensure the Core Strategy provides equal consideration to the impact on the natural environment when delivering infrastructure.
Monitoring indicator - % of population within 20 minutes on foot of a) educational b) healthcare and c) community facilities.	Campaign to Protect Rural England	Noted. The distance from key facilities is a consideration of the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment and the site selection process which informs the options work. The Council will continue to consider this valuable indicator throughout the development plan process.	Consider appropriate monitoring indicators.
Delete 'pinch points' as would seek to mitigate against traffic congestion, amend preamble to bullet 2 to include potential new and upgraded measures on transport network, correct numbering scheme in sub bullet 2 - replace A127 between A176 and A132 junctions with A127 corridor, add A13 corridor, reference Billericay town centre network rather than Radford Way... reference walking and cycling in bullet 4. Implementation should reference Essex Planning Officer Association Parking Standards Sept 2009 and updates. Monitoring indicators to recognise s106 could decrease as developers carry out work themselves; S278 works are included in developers contributions and Community	Essex County Council, Colonnade Strategic LLP, Laindon Regeneration LLP	Noted.	Make changes as suggested by comments where appropriate.

Infrastructure Levy to be included. Enhancement works to be amended following suggested changes and para 7.66 should include passenger transport users.			
Should promote SERT network for business needs	Colonnade Strategic LLP, Laindon Regeneration LLP	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The NPPF sets a clear objective for Local Plans to actively manage patterns of growth to make the fullest possible use of public transport, walking and cycling and focus significant development in locations which are or can be made sustainable.</p> <p>The role of the Council is to provide people with options and encourage sustainable travel. It cannot however, stop people from using cars but still have to cater for those who prefer and rely on personal transport and other road users.</p>	Strengthen the Core Strategy's influence on reducing the need to travel and positively affecting travel choice.

Has anything has been left out

Q57 Do you think anything has been left out of the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report?

52 comments were made on Question 57.

Anything that has been left out of the Core Strategy			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Action
No comments	CZWG, Billericay Town Council, Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families), One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd), Laindon Regeneration LLP	Noted.	N/A
Nothing has been left out of the Core Strategy	Mrs L Kelly, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, BDSA, Mrs B Wade, Mrs S Pullin, Mr C Narrainen, Mr R Gray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, Mr C Mullett, Colonnade Strategic LLP, Cllr J Devlin	Noted.	N/A
Option C is an appropriate plan to meet strategic aims; Options A and B do not provide sufficient housing or employment for population increase.	Miss E Lyon, Mr Benton, Mrs Beckinsales, Mr R Lyon, Mr N Lyon, Mr A Lyon, Mrs M Green, Mrs S Lyon, Mr J Lyon , Mrs G Trivett, Mr J Lyon	<p>Noted. One of the NPPF's Core Planning Principles is to make every effort to have been made to objectively identify and then meet the housing, business and other development needs of an area and respond positively to wider opportunities for growth.</p> <p>The Core Strategy's Preferred Options Report placed greatest weight on the environmental role of the planning system in securing sustainable development. The NPPF states that the economic, social and environmental roles should not be undertaken in isolation, because they are mutually dependant.</p> <p>For these reasons, the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report must be revised to guide future development in a wholly sustainable manner.</p> <p>The Council will revise its Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and use its Evidence Base to inform the scale and distribution of development needs over the next twenty years.</p>	Revise options in line with evidence and chose and option which better reflects the issues, needs, objectives and vision of the borough.
Protection on the River Crouch and its valley should be included.	Mr Beiley, Campaign to Protect Rural England	Noted. The Green Belt is a national designation and an area covered by national planning policy. The Local planning authority have the responsibility to ensure that the Green Belt boundaries are robust and for the long-term. Consequently, the Council have committed to revisit their Green Belt study so that the Borough's green belt can be understood further and assessed to establish if and where areas continue to serve the 5 purposes set out in the NPPF. This will take into consideration the River Crouch.	Revisit the Green Belt study and use to inform the Core Strategy.
Minimise water usage and provide harvesting opportunities.	Mr Beiley	Noted. Matters of water and resource efficiency are important to the Council and will be regarded accordingly through the development plan process. Policy CS4 has been provided for the benefit of flood mitigation and water management. Policy CS2, which looks at design matters, will be looked at to address whether further detail can contribute to promoting sustainability in all areas.	Consider the addition and/or emphasis on sustainable design in the appropriate area of the Core Strategy or Development Management Policies DPD.
Emphasis on cycling and infrastructure, emphasis on developer and contractor contributions, extra landscaping, nestbox provision and assured quality	Mr Smart	Noted. Design policies regarding sustainability, designing out crime and encouraging community facilities will be an important part of the Core Strategy. Policies CS2, 5, 8 and 9 will be important in achieving	Consider the role of cycle provision through appropriate policies of

<p>product, funding must match building and service provision, consideration for extra consultation if Option B or C is chosen, more development could lead to more work and swamping of resourcing, consideration for cross boundary and neighbouring working, % of hard standing for the parking of vehicles and % of landscaping to avoid too much concrete development, encouraging community spirit with green front gardens, litter collection and helping the elderly.</p>		<p>these factors and may be expanded upon through Development Management Policies in a later document.</p> <p>The Core Strategy does need to include appropriate testing of the options for a variety of infrastructure needs. This will need to be built into the preparation timescales for future iterations.</p> <p>The Government's NPPF makes it clear that LPAs should positively seek opportunities to meet the development needs of the area, with sufficient flexibility to adapt to rapid change. One of the NPPF's Core Planning Principles is to make every effort to have been made to objectively identify and then meet the housing, business and other development needs of an area and respond positively to wider opportunities for growth. The Core Strategy's Preferred Options Report placed greatest weight on the environmental role of the planning system in securing sustainable development. The NPPF states that the economic, social and environmental roles should not be undertaken in isolation, because they are mutually dependant. For these reasons, the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report must be revised to guide future development in a wholly sustainable manner. Once the Core Strategy has been reviewed it will be subject to further consultation.</p> <p>Under section 110 of the Localism Act, Councils are required to co-operate and communicate across boundaries to discuss matters and address issues and gain feedback on proposals.</p> <p>As the Core Strategy is a strategic document and just one part of the Local Development Plan, it does not deal set detailed policies regarding parking standards and the like. Detailed policies will be delivered through the Development Management Policies DPD. Furthermore, litter collection etc is not within the remit of the Core Strategy and is just one part of the wider policy agenda which is intended to improve service provision and benefit communities.</p>	<p>the Core Strategy or in subsequent Development Plan Documents.</p> <p>The Council will work with Essex County Council and other relevant service providers to identify the impacts of growth in the Borough on its service areas.</p> <p>Review options in line with evidence to ensure that the preferred option meets the needs, objectives and vision of the borough and overcomes issues.</p>
<p>Under pressure to accommodate growing population and have to forfeit other land uses to achieve this.</p>	<p>Mr N Sumner</p>	<p>The Government's NPPF makes it clear that LPAs should positively seek opportunities to meet the development needs of the area, with sufficient flexibility to adapt to rapid change. One of the NPPF's Core Planning Principles is to make every effort to have been made to objectively identify and then meet the housing, business and other development needs of an area and respond positively to wider opportunities for growth. The Core Strategy's Preferred Options Report placed greatest weight on the environmental role of the planning system in securing sustainable development. The NPPF states that the economic, social and environmental roles should not be undertaken in isolation, because they are mutually dependant. For these reasons, the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report must be revised to guide future development in a wholly sustainable manner.</p> <p>The Green Belt is a national designation and an area covered by national planning policy. The Local planning authority have the responsibility to ensure that the Green Belt boundaries are robust and for the long-term. Consequently, the Council have committed to revisit their Green Belt study so that the Borough's green belt can be understood further and assessed to establish if and where areas</p>	<p>The Council will revise its Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and use its Evidence Base to inform the scale and distribution of development needs over the next twenty years.</p> <p>Revisit the Green Belt Study and use to inform the Core Strategy.</p>

		continue to serve the 5 purposes set out in the NPPF.	
Core Strategy should limit the weight of lorries accessing Burnt Mills Road and Pound Lane to 7.5 tonnes.	Mr M Flack	Weight limits on roads is not dealt with by Basildon Borough Council and is a matter for Essex County Highway Authority.	N/A
Humanity, decency, love, respect	Mrs Z Jeffers	Noted.	N/A
Improve insulation in council owned properties to reduce council tax for private homes that do this, turn off unwanted lights and reduce heating by few degrees in public buildings, replace trees which have felled and create more TPOs.	Mrs V Hudson	It is not possible to reduce Climate Change but we can mitigate against its effects and encourage a more sustainable way of living. The Core Strategy can only set out what it can viably contribute to stemming the effects of Climate Change and this will be done through the relevant design policies. Information identified in the necessary study will help inform any necessary revisions to the Design policy CS2 and/or the creation of more detailed policies set out in the Development Management Policies DPD which will follow on from the Core Strategy.	Consider elaborating on low carbon technologies and how this will be implemented through policy.
Include all previous answers	Natural England, Environment Agency	Noted.	N/A
Reservations on PADC10 and PADC12 but support Preferred Option A as protects environment and well-being of population, development at PADC8 and 9 to have screening and proposals should reduce car use and developments should be in walking distance of local services, provision of cultural facilities and reduce crime.	Campaign to Protect Rural England	Noted. The Government's NPPF makes it clear that LPAs should positively seek opportunities to meet the development needs of the area, with sufficient flexibility to adapt to rapid change. One of the NPPF's Core Planning Principles is to make every effort to have been made to objectively identify and then meet the housing, business and other development needs of an area and respond positively to wider opportunities for growth. The Core Strategy's Preferred Options Report placed greatest weight on the environmental role of the planning system in securing sustainable development. The NPPF states that the economic, social and environmental roles should not be undertaken in isolation, because they are mutually dependant. For these reasons, the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report must be revised to guide future development in a wholly sustainable manner. Dry Street is designated as an Area of Special Reserve in the Basildon District Local Plan 1998. Consequently, this means the area is not designated as Green Belt and has been reserved for housing. The Planning Inspector for the examination in the Basildon District Local Plan 1998 concluded that Dry Street was an appropriate area for development. Option A of the Core Strategy focused development within the urban areas and subsequently this included the Dry Street Area (PADC10). It is noted that policy has changed since the designation of Dry Street in the Basildon District Local Plan 1998 and consideration should be given to its environmental status as a Local Wildlife Site. However, development should also be compliant with national planning policy which requires Local Planning Authorities to objectively assess their housing need and ensure sustainable development. All these elements will be given consideration when the Core Strategy is revised. All of the PADC areas will be subject to more investigative works and discussions with appropriate bodies both before and during any planning applications.	The Council will revise its Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and use its Evidence Base to inform the scale and distribution of development needs over the next twenty years.
Infill should play a major part	Mr A Peake, Mr M Manns	Noted.	N/A
Should include education, community facilities under Infrastructure in glossary. Need to amend statements in CS and in topic paper 7 that could wrongly be attributed to County Council. Need to amend topic paper with wording from	Essex County Council	Noted.	Consider amendments to glossary.

Commissioning School Places for Essex.			
Review of Green Belt should be considered to accommodate growth. Borough is recognised as Priority Area for growth and key centre for change in Thames gateway sub region, which is not reflected. Does not work across boundaries as required by duty to cooperate.	Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes)	The Green Belt is a national designation and an area covered by national planning policy. The Local planning authority have the responsibility to ensure that the Green Belt boundaries are robust and for the long-term. Consequently, the Council have committed to revisit their Green Belt study so that the Borough's green belt can be understood further and assessed to establish if and where areas continue to serve the 5 purposes set out in the NPPF.	Revisit the Green Belt Study and use to inform the Core Strategy.
Recognises NPPF was published during consultation but need to reference NPPF and remove reference to PPS and PPGs, along with other government guidance.	Drivers Jonas Deloitte (on behalf of Ford Motor Company), GL Hearn (on behalf of Homes and Communities Agency, South Essex College and Basildon Borough Council), Mrs M Heppell, Drivers Jonas Deloitte (on behalf of Universities Superannuation Scheme Ltd)	Noted. Revisions of the Core Strategy will be made in accordance with the NPPF.	Revise the Core Strategy to account for the NPPF and new planning reforms.
No mention of Gardiner's Lane South	Mr P Rackley, Miss Missing	Gardiner Lane South is included within PAD7 A127 Enterprise Parks Corridor. Revisions to the Core Strategy will be made should discussions and firm proposals on the site become viable.	N/A
Areas that are included for potential development but do not come forward, people in these areas should receive compensation.	Mrs C Rowe	Noted. The most appropriate land for development will be considered through the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment and the development plan process. Various aspects of housing need, environmental matters and conservation will all be factored in. A key consideration for selecting appropriate sites is viability. For a site to be considered viable, realistic land values and realistic development costs must be achieved. The Council do not pay compensation for sites which do not come forward.	N/A

Delivers a Positive Future and other comments

Q58 Taking the Core Strategy policies as a whole, do you think they will collectively deliver a positive future for the Borough?

97 comments were made on Question 58.

Delivering a positive future			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Actions
No comments	Coal Authority, BDSA, Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families)	Noted	N/A
Possibly provides a positive future for the Borough	Mrs L Kelly, Mrs S Bummet, Mrs B Wade	Noted	N/A
Only Option C delivers appropriate growth for the borough.	Miss E Lyon, Mr Benton, Mrs Beckinsales, Mr A Lyon, Mr S Lyon, Mr J Lyon, Boyer Planning (on behalf of Mr R Scope), Mr M Adams	Noted. The Government's NPPF makes it clear that LPAs should positively seek opportunities to meet the development needs of the area, with sufficient flexibility to adapt to rapid change. One of the NPPF's Core Planning Principles is to ensure that every effort to has been made to objectively identify and then meet the housing, business and other development needs of an area and respond positively to wider opportunities for growth. The Core Strategy's Preferred Options Report placed greatest weight on the environmental role of the planning system in securing sustainable development. The NPPF states that the economic, social and environmental roles should not be undertaken in isolation, because they are mutually dependant. For these reasons, the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report must be revised to guide future development in a wholly sustainable manner.	The Council should revise its Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and expand its Evidence Base to inform the scale and distribution of development needs over the next twenty years.
Provides a positive future for the Borough	Mrs Ford, Mr Beiley, Mr M Flack, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, Mr A Mower, Mrs V Hudson, Mr A Peake, Mr M Manns, Mrs S Pullin, Billericay District Residents Association, Billericay Town Council, Mr C Narrainen, Mr S Simmons, Mr T Mortlock, Mr C Foster, Mr C Mullett, Mrs C Rowe, Cllr J Devlin	Noted	N/A
More priority should be given to environment.	Mr N Sumner	Noted. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) states that the three strands of sustainable development; economical, social and environmental should be balanced.	N/A
Proposals are unjustified and are driven by substantial financial benefit.	Mr and Mrs Waylett, Mr and Mrs Cox, Mr and Mrs Webster, Mr and Mrs Boswell, Mrs M Heppell	The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) sets out the plans should be effective, robust, justified and deliverable. The Council will have to prove to the Planning Inspector that it has satisfied all this criteria before it can formally adopt the Core Strategy.	N/A
Does not provide a positive future	Mrs Z Jeffers, Ms G Hardwicke, Mr and Mrs McCreedy	The Council aims to provide a positive future for the Borough and the Council will have to show that the plan is effective, robust, justified and deliverable.	N/A
Broadly agree with Option A as should use brownfield and retain green belt.	Mr L Defoe, Campaign to Protect Rural England, Mrs S Pullin, Mr D Parrott	Noted.	N/A
Understand need of growing population but do not want to lose green space and local facilities. Housing estates should be areas people want to live.	Mrs T Burton	Noted. Assessments into the quality and quantity of open spaces have been carried out on the Borough as part of the PPG17 Open Space Assessment endorsed by the Council's Cabinet in March 2010. The Council intends to apply open space standards incorporated into the Core Strategy to ensure an appropriate level and quality of open space is available for new and existing residents.	N/A
Core Strategy does not provide positive future for Borough, instead it worsens access to decent housing with consequent adverse social impacts, pressure on infrastructure and services, deterioration of economic performance, continued	Cirrus (on behalf of Gladedale Ltd and Gleeson Homes Ltd), Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Martin Grant Homes), Basildon Business Group, Strutt and Parker (on behalf of Pigeon Wickford Ltd), One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd), Mr R Gray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray. Mr S Bray, Pegasus	Noted. The Council are committed in carrying out additional studies including a review of the South Essex Strategic Housing Market Assessment, an Employment Land Review and revisit their Green Belt study. These are intended to supplement the studies which have already explored environmental constraints and retail/leisure needs.	Take new initiatives, policies and evidence into consideration when revising the Core Strategy.

pressure on Green Belt leading to ad hoc development to accommodate needs. Should capitalise on its economic hub status in Essex and its locations to London and London Gateway. Not positively prepared, robust or sound.	Planning (on behalf of Permission Homes), Pegasus Planning (on behalf of Redrow Homes), Strutt and Parker (on behalf of Chelmsford Diocese Board of Finance and Mr J Howard), Barton Wilmore (on behalf of Philip Jean Homes Ltd), Colonnade Strategic LLP, Laindon Regeneration LLP, Mr P Rackley	All these studies alongside new policies (such as the National Planning Policy Framework), Government initiatives, regulations, legislation and the Core Strategy consultation responses will be used to inform the revision of the Core Strategy.	
Requires a lot of joint working particularly on education and transport. County will continue to work and facilitate delivery of their services as well as assist on strategic and cross boundary matters. In accordance with Duty to co-operate, County will contribute to their services (providing status updates and implications proposals might have), guidance on evidence base, critical friend to emerging policies, assist with sub-regional and strategic initiatives and the impacts these might have on Borough. During development Core Strategy should satisfy robustness and flexibility of document, including consideration for NPPF, the Budget (which included proposals for new Thames Estuary Airport), and London Gateway opportunity. Have concerns for its delivery; commuting in and out of borough will have an impact on transport and increase rail fares. Council should consider the impact of the introduction of Crossrail services from Shenfield by 2019.	Essex County Council	The Core Strategy is at Preferred Option Stage and so requires further development in which it is the Council's intention to carry out additional expansion of its evidence base; further work with stakeholders looking at local infrastructure needs in particular and undertaking additional testing to ensure that the policies are compliant with the National Planning Policy Framework and as a collective are sound. The Council recognises the importance of the Duty to Cooperate in working with their neighbouring authorities, the county council and local partners. The Council will take new initiatives, policies and evidence into consideration when revising the Core Strategy.	Take new initiatives, policies and evidence into consideration when revising the Core Strategy.
Core Strategy is fairytale and communication has been ignored.	Miss Missing	The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) sets out the plans should be effective, robust, justified and deliverable. The Council will have to prove to the independent Planning Inspector that they satisfy all this criteria before the Council can formally adopt the Core Strategy. The Council will also as part of its statutory duty have to comply with its own Statement of Community Involvement and legislation. The SCI sets out that stakeholders, local residents and partners will all be consulted as part of the planning process. The methods, the main issues and the Council's response for the Core Strategy Preferred Option consultation will be documented in the Council's Core Strategy Preferred Option Statement of Consultation, which will be available on the Council's website and reported to Cabinet.	Publish the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report Statement of Consultation.

Other comments			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Actions
Questions funding to match practicalities and expectations	Mr Smart	The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) sets out the plans should be effective, robust, justified and deliverable. The Council will have to prove to the independent Planning Inspector that they satisfy all this criteria before the Council can formally adopt the Core Strategy. Tied in with this approach is the consideration for the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) that as stated in the NPPF such proposals should be prepared alongside the Core Strategy to ensure development remains viable. It is therefore envisaged to prepare a Local Infrastructure Plan that will set out the infrastructure required to make the Borough's growth acceptable in planning terms and the expected phasing and funding of the infrastructure provision.	Prepare a Local Infrastructure Plan to accompany the Core Strategy and if necessary prepare a Community Infrastructure Levy to help deliver necessary infrastructure.
On-line system was difficult to use and could defer people from commenting. Should make consultation process easier. Why didn't use	Mr J J Hurrell, Mr C Parrott, Mr B Ferguson, Mrs F Smith, Mr L Defoe, Mr J Hewitt, Mr A and Mrs G Cragg, Mrs A Armfield, Mrs T Burton, Mrs S McCornack, Mrs K Lack, Mr J and G Washington, Mr	The Council are obliged to meet statutory requirements when it comes to the consultation on the Core Strategy but note that the consultation has been a complicated process and will look at making	Improve consultation questions, format and advertising. Consider a

<p>Council tax or put leaflets through doors? Should have provided tick box form instead of adverts. Document was hard going and difficult to understand.</p>	<p>P Hudson, S and B Jordon, Norsey Wood Society, Mr M Hughes, Mrs J Reid, Edward Gittins & Associates (on behalf of Mr David Keeling), Mr M Hewitt, Mrs A Kobayashi, Mrs M Heppell, G Avar, Mr P Rackley</p>	<p>improvements in future events. The Core Strategy consultation forms a key part of the development of new planning policies for the Borough and the Council recognises the importance of engaging with local residents, businesses and stakeholders to help debate and inform its development.</p> <p>The Council are unable to use the Council Tax mailshot as a way of communicating with residents for purposes other than Council Tax as it is a protected data source and cannot be used for general publicity. Leaflets were available throughout the consultation; however putting them through every household was not considered to be cost effective. The Council notes that it needs to consider ways of making consultations more effective in the future.</p>	<p>longer consultation process.</p>
<p>Basildon Hospital has received bad press and this need to be improved, and more emphasis on improving Laindon and Basildon, rather than focusing on Billericay.</p>	<p>M Wharton</p>	<p>The Council has no control over the operating of Basildon Hospital.</p> <p>The Core Strategy is a strategic document that considers the needs of the Borough, as well as its settlements. The Core Strategy Preferred Options Report set out that Laindon and Basildon town centres would be regenerated and also identified regeneration areas such as Five Links and Craylands as priorities for the future. The Core Strategy Preferred Options Report aimed to benefit the whole Borough and provide a positive future for all.</p>	<p>Reconsider how Core Strategy is phrased so that it is clear which parts of the Borough will benefit from its policies, how and by when.</p>
<p>Para 3.36 is misleading as it confuses 400 acres of the Langdon Hills Country Park with the entirely separate 461 acres (actually now 500 acres) of the Langdon Nature Reserve, run by Essex Wildlife Trust.</p>	<p>Langdon Hills Living Landscape Committee, Cllr G Williams</p>	<p>Noted. Any wording changes will be considered when the Core Strategy is revised.</p>	<p>Revise para 3.36 to reference Langdon Hills Country Park and Langdon Nature Reserve appropriately.</p>
<p>The Environment is briefly referenced in Spatial Portrait; however more detail should be given. The six SSSIs, the Local Nature Reserves and Country Parks, presence of Natura 2000 sites and map showing natural environment designated sites. Satisfied the natural environment is considered in Preferred Options Core Strategy.</p>	<p>Natural England, Environment Agency</p>	<p>Noted. Wording changes will be considered when the Core Strategy is revised.</p>	<p>More detail on the context of the natural environment should be given in the Spatial Portrait.</p>
<p>Make reference to 6,500 homes in Frequently Asked Questions but does not explain change from Government's housing target. Could not find Core Strategy Preferred Options Report, are we being misled? Plans do not provide specific sites, proposals map and have not been objectively assessed, therefore are not compliant with the NPPF. No reference to how better quality retail will be achieved.</p>	<p>Alan Pipe and Partners (on behalf of Mr B Stone)</p>	<p>The Localism Act 2011 returns a number of powers and decision to a local authority's level, rather than key decisions being made by national or regional government levels. The Government has abolished the regional planning tiers (except in London) and is taking steps to revoke all Regional Spatial Strategies which previously set targets for local authorities for planning matters such as housing and employment. The introduction of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) has meant that Local Planning Authorities have to set out their own housing targets to manage future growth.</p> <p>The Core Strategy Preferred Options Report could be found on the Council's online consultation system. The document was split into sections with the questions inserted after the relevant paragraphs. Through clicking on the questions, you could enter your comments. The Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and evidence bases were also available on our website in PDF format, alongside a copy of the comment form, which could be downloaded, printed off and returned to the Council. The Core Strategy Preferred Options Report, evidence bases and comments forms were also available at all local libraries and housing offices in accordance with the deposit points listed in the Basildon Borough Statement of Community Involvement</p>	<p>Reflect on how the National Planning Policy Framework will change the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report.</p>

		(SCI) 2011. The Core Strategy is a strategic document and therefore does not identify specific sites. The Proposals Map is part of the Development Plan and will be revised by the Council, but it does not have to be published at this stage, as used to be the case with pre-2004 Local Plans. The NPPF was published during the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report consultation and therefore it is acknowledge that parts of the Core Strategy will need to be changed to reflect it, consideration will be given as to how this needs to be done before the next draft is developed.	
At early stage of developing Local Plan and therefore cannot make comments at this stage.	Castle Point Borough Council	Noted	N/A
Lack of publicity meant people did not know about consultation	Mrs K Jones	All planning consultations comply with the Council's statutory Statement of Community Involvement 2011. This ensures that minimum consultation standards are met which are set by legislation, in addition to other standards the Council has agreed to locally. The Council notes however that the Core Strategy consultation was a complicated process. The Core Strategy Preferred Options consultation forms a key part of the development of the document and the Council recognises the importance of informing the Borough's residents, businesses and stakeholders.	The Council will look to improve its consultation
Further information can be provided; hope comments have been of assistance and would like to be kept informed of Core Strategy development.	MatPlan Limited (on behalf of Millwood Designer Homes Ltd)	Noted.	N/A
Didn't appreciate questions about sex and colour. Confusion over town centre and Core Strategy consultation. Maps were too small and could not be used for reference and planners should know area and therefore should not be errors in document.	Mrs J Reid	The questions on the Equality Monitoring Form are in conformity with the Equality Act 2010 and ensure that the Council is conforming to its Statement of Community Involvement in reaching hard to reach groups and a range of different people from the diverse communities that make up the Borough. The Local Development Framework is made up of a number of different documents and it is likely that consultations on these documents will overlap due to the 4-10 week consultation periods and the limited times in a year when consultations can be held, i.e. avoiding Christmas, Easter and summer holidays as people are away and not able to comment. The maps were for reference and illustrative purposes only at this stage and were not intended to be for comprehensive study. A Proposals Map will be published at a later date as part of the preparation of the Development Plan which will be on a larger scale and should be easier to read. Any errors that have been identified will be corrected when the Core Strategy is revised.	Correct errors in Core Strategy.
No chance for debate and public input with politicians driving the LDF.	Cllr G Williams	The consultation is a statutory process that allows for public input and debate. The Council have to demonstrate that comments have been taken into consideration as the Core Strategy evolves, which will be reviewed at the Examination in Public carried out by an Independent Planning Inspector.	N/A.
Congratulate the detailed information	Mr M Hewitt	Noted	N/A
Happy to provide advice and guidance concerning National Grid network and should be consulted on DPDs and would like to be added to database.	Amec (on behalf of National Grid)	Noted	N/A.
Homes and Communities Agency, South Essex College and Basildon Borough Council have come	GL Hearn (on behalf of Homes and Communities Agency, South Essex College and Basildon Borough Council)	Noted	N/A

<p>together to progress masterplan for PAD10 and submit planning application for mixed used development. This will deliver sustainable economic and regeneration benefits for Basildon. Contribute to meeting housing needs with mix of units, tenures and associated community facilities and retail.</p>			
<p>Para 1.16 does not include SWMP which is important to Wickford</p>	<p>Environment Agency</p>	<p>Noted. The Council will consider the South Essex Surface Water Management Plan when revising the Core Strategy.</p>	<p>Should reference SWMP in para 1.16.</p>

Hearing about the Core Strategy

Q59 How did you hear about the Core Strategy?

84 comments were made on this Question 59.

Publicity			
Summary of comments	Consultee	Response	Actions
Heard about Core Strategy through Letter	Mrs L Kelly, Mrs Ford, Mr Beiley, Captain B Beale, BDSA, Mr A Mower, D2 planning (on behalf of London and Cambridge Properties Ltd), Campaign to Protect Rural England, Mr A Peake, Mrs G Trivett, Mr M Manns, Strutt and Parker (on behalf of Chelmsford Diocese Board of Finance and Mr J Howard), Barton Wilmore (on behalf of Philip Jean Homes Ltd), Mrs C Foster, Mr B Foster	Noted. Thank you for taking the time to answer this question.	N/A
Heard about Core Strategy through Email	Mrs L Kelly, Mr Beiley, Captain B Beale, BDSA, Mrs M Bloom, Mrs M Porter, D2 planning (on behalf of London and Cambridge Properties Ltd), Mr O Capon, Cirrus (on behalf of Gladedale Ltd and Gleeson Homes Ltd), Mr K Moody, Capita Symonds (on behalf of Mence and Smith Families), Mrs A Hughes, One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd), Mr D Parrott, Mr B Foster, Mr R Masters, Miss S Barber, Mr C Mullett, Colonnade Strategic LLP, Mr T Knight	Noted. Thank you for taking the time to answer this question.	N/A
Heard about Core Strategy through Leaflet	Mr P Arnold, Mrs J Element, Mr C Narrainen, Mrs A Hughes, Mr S Simmons, Mr M Belcher, Mr D Clark, Rev J Maizel-Long, Mr B Jones	Noted. Thank you for taking the time to answer this question.	N/A
Heard about Core Strategy through Poster	Mr Benton, Mrs S Pullin, Mr S Simmons, Mr J Lyon,	Noted. Thank you for taking the time to answer this question.	N/A
Heard about Core Strategy through Social Networking	Mrs M Heppell	Noted. Thank you for taking the time to answer this question.	N/A
Heard about Core Strategy through press article	Mrs L Kelly, Miss L Nicholls, Mr R Lyon, Mr M Flack, Mr P Arnold, Mr A Mower, Mrs M Porter, Mr L Defoe, D2 planning (on behalf of London and Cambridge Properties Ltd), Mrs T Burton, Mrs S Bummet, Mr C Capon, Mrs P Capon, Mr A Capon, Mr J Capon, Mrs S Pullin, One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd), Mr D Parrott, Mrs Page, Mr S Jordan	Noted. Thank you for taking the time to answer this question.	N/A
Heard about Core Strategy through Advert in Evening Echo	Miss E Lyon, Mrs Beckinsales, Mr R Lyon, Mr S Lyon, Mr P Arnold, Mrs S Bummet, Mr P Ward, Mr S Simmons, Mr and Mrs McCready, One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd), Mr J Lyon, Mr M Adams	Noted. Thank you for taking the time to answer this question.	N/A
Heard about Core Strategy through Advert in Yellow Advertiser	Miss L Nicholls, Mr M Flack, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, Mrs M Porter, Mr L Defoe, Mrs B Wade, Campaign to Protect Rural England, Mr M Manns, Mr S Simmons, Mr and Mrs McCready, Mr J Lyon, Mr D Parrott, Mrs A Triston, Mrs S Dupey-Williams, Mr R Masters	Noted. Thank you for taking the time to answer this question.	N/A
Heard about Core Strategy through Billericay and Wickford Gazette	Mr and Mrs Carter, Captain B Beale, Mr P Arnold, BDSA, Campaign to Protect Rural England, Mrs S Pullin, Mr T Knight	Noted. Thank you for taking the time to answer this question.	N/A
Heard about Core Strategy through Other	Ms G Hardwicke, MatPlan Limited (on behalf of Millwood Designer Homes Ltd), Mr J Lyon, Miss Missing	Noted. Thank you for taking the time to answer this question.	N/A
Heard about Core Strategy through council meeting	Mrs L Kelly, Mr B Foster	Noted. Thank you for taking the time to answer this question.	N/A
Heard about Core Strategy through living landscapes meeting	Mr Smart, Mrs V Hudson	Noted. Thank you for taking the time to answer this question.	N/A
Heard about Core Strategy through Eastgate	Mrs Z Jeffers	Noted. Thank you for taking the time to answer this question.	N/A

Centre Roadshow			
Heard about Core Strategy through neighbour	Mr J Hewitt, Mrs C Sisseam, Mrs J Addicott, Mr R Green, Mr B Bott, Mr M Hewitt, Mr and Mrs McCreedy, Mr M Bushell	Noted. Thank you for taking the time to answer this question.	N/A
Heard about Core Strategy through Billericay Roadshow	Mr G Horgan	Noted. Thank you for taking the time to answer this question.	N/A
Heard about Core Strategy through website	JB Planning Associates Ltd (on behalf Gleeson Homes Ltd), JB Planning Associates Ltd (on behalf Gleeson Strategic Land Ltd), Mr T Mortlock, Mr B Foster	Noted. Thank you for taking the time to answer this question.	N/A
Heard about Core Strategy through library	Mrs M Heppell	Noted. Thank you for taking the time to answer this question.	N/A
Where is the document to comment on?	Mr/Mrs/ Miss Weed	The Core Strategy Preferred Options Report could be found on the Council's online consultation system. The document was split into sections with the questions inserted after the relevant paragraphs. Through clicking on the questions, you could enter your comments. The Core Strategy Preferred Options Report and evidence bases were also available on our website in PDF format, alongside a copy of the comment form, which could be downloaded, printed off and returned to the Council. The Core Strategy Preferred Options Report, evidence bases and comments forms were also available at all local libraries and housing offices in accordance with the deposit points listed in the Basildon Borough Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) 2011.	N/A

The public roadshows

Q60 If you attended one of our public roadshows, do you have any feedback?

49 comments were made on this Question 60.

Roadshows			
Summary of comments	Consultee		
No comments	Strutt and Parker (on behalf of A.H Philpot and Sons Ltd), Mr R Gray, Mrs T Bray, Mrs J Bray, Mr C Bray, Mr S Bray, Strutt and Parker (on behalf of Chelmsford Diocese Board of Finance and Mr J Howard)	Noted	N/A
There were not enough staff and roadshows. Should be more evening displays (even if unmanned)	Mrs L Kelly, BDSA, Mrs J Zeffers, Mr L Defoe, Billericay District Residents Association, Billericay Town Council, One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd), Mrs M Heppell	Noted. There were eight roadshows that were carried out over 4 weeks of the six week consultation; five of which ran to 9pm. It should be noted that some of the roadshows were poorly attended and the Council consider its consultation approach for further stages in due course.	The Council will look to improve its consultation
Should have been presented to local schools and everyone in the Borough	Mrs L Kelly	<p>All planning consultations comply with the Council's statutory Statement of Community Involvement 2011. This ensures that minimum consultation standards are met which are set by legislation, in addition to other standards the Council has agreed to locally. The Council notes however that the Core Strategy consultation was a complicated process.</p> <p>The Core Strategy Preferred Options consultation forms a key part of the development of the document and the Council recognises the importance of informing the Borough's residents, businesses and stakeholders.</p> <p>In addition to the formal consultation and roadshows a series of presentations and focus groups took place to encourage feedback from as a wide a cross section of the local communities as possible, including the Basildon Borough Youth Council.</p> <p>The Council notes that it needs to consider ways of making consultations more effective in the future.</p>	The Council will look to improve its consultation
Roadshows were helpful and informative. Impressed with professionalism and the way questions were answered.	Miss E Lyon, Mr Smart, Mrs M Green, Mr M Flack, Captain B Beales, Mrs T Burton, Mrs S Bummet, Campaign to Protect Rural England, Mr P Ward, One Property Group Ltd (on behalf of Alpha Farms Ltd), Mrs B McMillian, Mr M Belcher, Mrs C Rowe	Noted.	N/A
Basildon Centre exhibition was inadequate	Mr Beiley	Noted. The Council will consider how it uses public exhibitions in the future as part of its consultation approach.	The Council will look to improve its consultation
Little supporting documentation and not large enough maps	Captain B Beale, Mrs T Burton, Campaign to Protect Rural England, Mrs A Hughes, Mr S Simmons, Mr and Mrs McCready	There were nine Topic Papers which supported the Core Strategy by providing contextual information; a significant number of documents/studies that formed the evidence base, four assessments carried out on the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report examining sustainability, impact on certain environmental assets and habitats and equality. In addition, the Council prepared a briefing note, a set of Frequently Asked Questions, a comments form and Exhibition material as part of the consultation and as supporting documentation. This was available on the Council's website, at the roadshows and at local libraries and housing offices, as well as the Basildon Centre. Hard copies could also be requested from the Planning Service. A Proposals Map will be published at a later date as part of the preparation of the Development Plan which will be on a larger scale	N/A

		and should be easier to read.	
Poor information, poor posters, poorly sign posted,	Mrs Z Jeffers, Mr T Mortlock, Cllr J Devlin	Noted. The Council will consider its consultation approach as the Core Strategy is revised.	The Council will look to improve its consultation
Lack of understanding by staff for local issues and unwilling to take responsibility.	Mrs Z Jeffers, Mr A Mower, Ms H J Dyer, Mr M Bushell	Noted. The Council will consider its consultation approach as the Core Strategy is revised.	The Council will look to improve its consultation
Visited roadshow and took away proposals	Mr G Rudkins, Mr E Rudkins, Mr S King, Mr D Lovey, Mrs S Pullin, Mrs E Knott	Noted	N/A
Should have used roadshows for discussion.	Mr P Rackley	Noted. The Council will consider its consultation approach as the Core Strategy is revised.	The Council will look to improve its consultation
Document was full of jargon and not appropriate for layman. Form was too long.	Mr P Rackley, Ms H J Dyer, Mr M Bushell, Mr T Knight	All planning consultations comply with the Council's statutory Statement of Community Involvement 2011. This ensures that minimum consultation standards are met which are set by legislation, in addition to other standards the Council has agreed to locally. The Council notes however that the Core Strategy consultation was a complicated process. The Core Strategy Preferred Options consultation forms a key part of the development of the document and the Council recognises the importance of informing the Borough's residents, businesses and stakeholders.	The Council will look to improve its consultation
Would have preferred to make comments face to face.	Mr T Knight	All planning consultations comply with the Council's statutory Statement of Community Involvement 2011. This ensures that minimum consultation standards are met which are set by legislation, in addition to other standards the Council has agreed to locally. The Council notes however that the Core Strategy consultation was a complicated process. The Core Strategy Preferred Options consultation forms a key part of the development of the document and the Council recognises the importance of informing the Borough's residents, businesses and stakeholders. It should be noted that comments can be scribed should anyone have a disability or learning difficulty which prevents them from being able to complete a comment form. Only written comments can be considered at the examination.	The Council will look to improve its consultation
Poorly attended at Basildon Sporting Village	Mrs C Rowe	Noted. The Council will consider its consultation approach as the Core Strategy is revised.	The Council will look to improve its consultation