



BE PART OF THE  
**COLCHESTER**  
CONVERSATION  
*Help develop a new Local Plan for the Borough*

**Publication Draft**  
**Colchester Local Plan**  
**Consultation**

**16th June – 11th August**

**2017**



## What will the new Local Plan cover?

The new Plan will set out the strategy for the growth of the Borough up to 2033 and beyond, including the type, location, quantity and timing of new development. The new Local Plan will set out the Council's ideas for the long term aims and aspirations of the Borough taking into account national guidance and evidence. It will include policies and land allocations that help to deliver them. The Publication Draft Local Plan is in two Parts;

- Section One includes strategic policies covering housing and employment requirements and proposals for new Garden Communities. Two include land within Colchester Borough - Tendring/Colchester Borders and Colchester/Braintree Borders Garden Communities.
- Section Two includes policies and allocations for meeting the needs throughout the rest of the Borough as well as Development Management Policies which are used for considering planning applications.

## What is this Consultation About?

Last year we consulted on a Preferred Options Local Plan and have made some changes to the plan to reflect comments received and updated evidence. This Plan now sets out the policies and proposals which the Council considers are the most appropriate for the area to meet the needs of the Borough up to 2033 and beyond. Following this consultation the Plan will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for independent examination which will consider any comments made to this consultation.

## How to Respond

Your responses to this consultation will be considered by an Independent Examiner appointed to consider the Colchester Local Plan. To comply with Government guidance, and to help ensure that comments are submitted in a format that the Inspector examining the plan can readily use, your representations must include the following:

- They should state whether the document (or the relevant part of it) is considered sound or unsound. If unsound, you need to include an explanation as to how it can be amended to make it sound.
- They will also need to identify the 'test of soundness' or legal requirement to which the representation relates. The table below sets out the four tests and should help you;

**Positively prepared** – the plan should be prepared on a strategy which seeks to meet objectively assessed development and infrastructure requirements, including unmet requirements from neighbouring authorities where it is reasonable to do so and consistent with achieving sustainable development;

**Justified** – the policy should be the most appropriate strategy, when considered against the reasonable alternatives, based on proportionate evidence;

**Effective** – the policy should be deliverable over its period and based on effective joint working on cross-boundary strategic priorities; and

**Consistent with national policy** – the policy should enable the delivery of sustainable development in accordance with the policies within the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF, 2012).

You also need to indicate;

- if the issue has been raised at a previous consultation and if not give a reason for this.
- indicate whether you think the Plan is Legally Compliant.

All these steps are set out clearly when you log on to the online system.

Note: Representations which do not clearly address these points may not be considered valid.

Please respond online.

# Short Guide to Using the Online Consultation System

You can use the online consultation system to make representations during the Local Plan public consultation. This will ensure your comments are accurately logged and submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.

## Registering, Logging-In or Requesting a New Password

**Step 1:** Use the options in the box at the top of the consultation page to Register or Login:

<http://www.colchester.gov.uk/currentconsultations>


If you have already registered for a previous consultation you do not need to register again, you just need your e-mail address and password to Login. If you can't remember your password you can request a new one. (If you need further help registering, please use our guide on the website or contact us – details below.)

**Making a Representation** (Before you start please read the “responding to this consultation” section at the start of the Publication Draft Plan

<http://www.colchester.gov.uk/currentconsultations>

**Step 2:** Select the document you wish to view or comment on from the ‘**Current Documents Open to public consultation**’ box. This consultation is the ‘Publication Draft’.

**Step 3:** From the contents page click on the Chapter, Policy or Site that you are interested in. (You can submit multiple representations)

**Step 4:** To submit a representation, click on the pencil icon  adjacent to the Policy that you are interested in and complete the online response form.

**Step 5:** You will receive an email for each of the comments you have submitted which is your confirmation that we have received your representation.

**Step 6:** To view representations that have been made, click on the following icon: 

**Please note: Your Representation may not appear online until after the close of consultation. You do not need to e-mail / post your response as well as submitting it online.** You can write as much as you like in the full representation box and upload documents / maps. (If your full rep is more than 100 words you will need to provide a summary of 100 words or less.)



To find out more attend one of our drop in sessions;

## Drop-in sessions

### **Tollgate Room, Stanway Village Hall**

Villa Road, Stanway CO3 0RH  
Saturday 17th June 10am – 2pm

### **Colchester Market (Bay 4)**

High Street, Colchester CO1 1PJ  
Friday 23rd June 10am – 2pm

### **Greenstead Community Centre**

Hawthorn Avenue, Colchester CO4 3QE  
Saturday 24th June 10am – 2pm

### **St Paul's Church**

Hay Lane South, Braintree CM7 3DY  
(CBC representative at event organised  
by Braintree District Council)  
Monday 26th June 2pm – 8pm

### **Great Tey Village Hall**

Chappel Road, Great Tey CO6 1JQ  
Tuesday 27th June 4pm – 8pm

### **Marks Tey Village Hall**

Old London Road, Marks Tey CO6 1EJ  
Saturday 1st July 10am – 2pm

### **Abberton & Langenhoe Village Hall**

Abberton CO5 7LP  
Monday 3rd July 4pm – 8pm

### **Elmstead Community Centre**

School Road, Elmstead Market CO7 7ET  
(CBC representative at event organised by  
Tendring District Council)  
Tuesday 4th July 3pm – 7pm

### **Langham Community Centre**

School Road, Langham CO4 5PA  
Thursday 6th July 4pm – 8pm

### **MICA Centre**

38A High Street, West Mersea CO5 8QA  
Saturday 8th July 10am – 2pm

### **Abbots Road Community Centre**

39 Ladbrook Drive, Colchester CO2 8RW  
Wednesday 12th July 4pm – 8pm,

### **William Loveless Hall**

85-87 High Street Wivenhoe CO7 9AB  
Tuesday 11th July 4pm-8pm



## Contact details

For further information on using the online consultation system and making representations please go to the help page on our website

<http://www.colchester.gov.uk/currentconsultations>

For information about making representations in other ways contact us on

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