

# Preferred Options Consultation

9 July - 2 September 2016

## What issues will the new Local Plan cover?

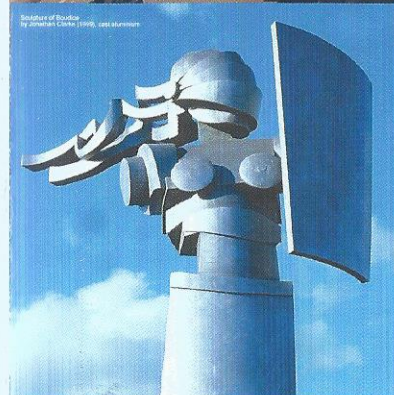
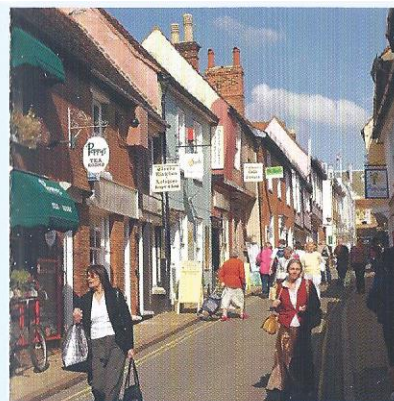
Colchester Borough Council is producing a new Local Plan to guide development in the Borough to 2033 and beyond. The new Plan will set out the strategy for the growth of the Borough including:

- what types of development are needed;
- how much development is needed;
- where the development should be located; and
- the timing of new development.

Choices about the location of new development need to be made in the context of an overall vision of how the Borough can help direct future growth and move forward in the most sustainable ways possible. The new Local Plan will set out the Council's ideas for the long term aims and aspirations of the Borough and the Plan will include policies and land allocations that help to deliver them.

## Why do we need a new Local Plan?

A Plan is needed to direct new development to locations which are supported by transport, community facilities and green spaces. Importantly, the Plan will also set out ways to preserve and enhance the Borough's existing rich built and natural heritage.



Much has changed since the current Local Plan was made, on both a national and local scale, including the publishing of new national policy. Once adopted, the new Local Plan will replace the Borough's existing local planning policies.

Without a Plan, the Council would have very little control over the location of new development. Without any such control, new development could come forward through the planning application process on an ad hoc basis, with the risk that sites anywhere in the Borough could come forward for development.

## Why your views matter

The initial Issues and Options consultation on the Local Plan in early 2015 provided an opportunity for you to identify any planning issues that you thought the new Local Plan should address. We have now prepared a Preferred Options version of the Plan which sets out the Council's views on new development as guided by our evidence base and overall spatial strategy. Your comments on this document will inform our development of a final submission version of the document.

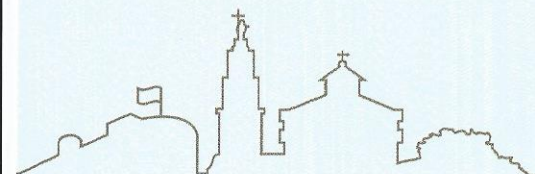
## How can you find out more?

- Attend one of our Local Plan workshops (see reverse for dates and venues);
- Visit our website and find out more about the new Local Plan;
- Register on our on-line consultation website so that you can comment on the plan and receive Local Plan updates.

See reverse for more information.

## We want to know what you think –

This affects everyone and every organisation in the Borough, now and in the years to come.





## What is the timescale for producing a new Local Plan?

Issues and Options consultation	January/February 2015
Preferred Options consultation	July /August 2016
Consultation on the Submission Local Plan	January/February 2017
Submission to Secretary of State	Spring 2017
Examination	Summer 2017

Timescales are indicative and subject to change

### Drop-in sessions

**Marks Tey Parish Hall**  
Old London Road,  
Marks Tey CO6 1EJ  
9th July 10am-2pm

**Langham Community Centre**  
School Road,  
Langham CO4 5PA  
12th July 4-8pm

**The Mersea Centre**  
38a High Street,  
West Mersea CO5 8QA  
13th July 4-8pm

**Colchester High Street Market Stall**  
15th and 16th July  
10am-2pm

**Eight Ash Green Village Hall**  
Spring Lane,  
Eight Ash Green CO6 3QF  
18th July 4-8pm

**Coggeshall** (Colchester BC representative present at workshop organised by Braintree District Council)  
**St Peters Church** CO6 1UD  
18th July 2:30-7:30pm

**Wakes Colne and Chappel Village Hall**  
Colchester Road,  
Wakes Colne CO6 2BX  
19th July 4-7pm

**Tiptree Community Centre**  
1a Caxton Close,  
Tiptree CO5 0HA  
20th July 4:15-8pm

**Wivenhoe – William Loveless Hall**  
85-87 High Street,  
Wivenhoe CO7 9AB  
21st July 4-8pm

**Stanway Village Hall**  
Villa Road, Stanway CO3 0RH  
23rd July 10am-2pm

**Layer de la Haye Village Hall**  
New Cut, Layer de la Haye  
CO2 0EH  
26th July 4-8pm

**Myland Parish Halls**  
Mile End Road CO4 5DY  
28th July 4-8pm

**Greenstead Community Centre**  
Hawthorn Ave,  
Colchester CO4 3QE  
30th July 10am-2pm

**Rowhedge Village Hall**  
Rectory Road,  
Rowhedge CO5 7HX  
2nd August 4-8pm

**Dedham Assembly Rooms**  
High Street, Dedham CO7 6HJ  
4th August 4-8pm

**Great Horkesley New Village Hall**  
Tile House Lane,  
Great Horkesley CO6 4EA  
10th August 4-8pm

### Contact details

Visit the Council website for more information on the Preferred Options consultation and for regular Local Plan updates –  
**[www.colchester.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.colchester.gov.uk/localplan)**

If you have any questions, please contact us at:

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