

Colchester City Council – New Local Plan Regulation 18 Consultation Response Form

Preferred Options Consultation 26 November 2025 – 14 January 2026

It is strongly encouraged that you submit your comments via the online consultation portal: [Colchester City Council - Consultations https://colchester.oc2.uk/](https://colchester.oc2.uk/) . This is the quickest and most efficient way to ensure your views are recorded.

If you are unable to respond online, you may return this form electronically to Local.Plan@colchester.gov.uk or by post to: Planning Policy Team, Colchester City Council, Rowan House, 33 Sheepen Road, Colchester, CO3 3WG.

The consultation runs from 26 November 2025 to 14 January 2026. Representations must be received by the council no later than 5pm on 14 January 2026 and any received after this date may not be considered.

Personal Details (Required)

Please note that it is not possible for representations to be considered anonymously. Representations will be published on the Councils' websites and engagement website. Address and contact details will be removed from published responses.

Any personal information you supply will be processed in accordance with the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. Your details will only be used for the purpose of this consultation and to keep you informed about the Local Plan Review if you consent. They will not be shared with third parties except as required by law.

The Councils reserve the right not to publish or take into account any representations which it considers offensive or defamatory.

Please supply an email address if you have one as it will allow us to contact you electronically regarding your representation.

If an agent or consultant has been engaged to act on your behalf please fill in both sets of details in full. Correspondence will be sent to the agent.

Please use a separate form where possible, for each comment. You only need to send each comment once to one of the email/ postal addresses. You do not need to complete and return this form if you have completed a response using the online engagement website.

Full Name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Address	
Postcode	
Email	
Phone (optional)	

I am responding as: ☐ An individual ☐ On behalf of an organisation

Agents details if applicable:

Full Name	
Company	
Address	
Postcode	
Email	
Phone (optional)	

Your Comments

Please provide the Policy number you are commenting on:

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Do you support, object, or have comments on this part of the plan?

☐ Support ☐ Object ☐ Comment

Enter your full representation here:

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If your Representation is over 100 words then please provide a brief summary here (100 word max):

Suggested changes required to address your concerns:**Signature and Date:**

Signature	Date
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Return this form to:

Planning Policy Team
Colchester City Council
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Email: Local.Plan@colchester.gov.uk

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Guidance on Submitting a Representation for Regulation 18 Consultation

What is Regulation 18 Consultation?

Regulation 18 consultation is a stage in the Local Plan preparation process where the public, stakeholders, and organisations are invited to comment on the issues and options for future development in the area. It helps shape the draft Local Plan before it finalised.

Why Your Representation Matters?

Your feedback can influence how land is used for housing, jobs, transport, and green spaces. Well-prepared representations can help ensure that local priorities and concerns are considered in planning policies. Key Tips for Writing an Effective Response

What to Include:	What NOT to Include:
✓ Provide evidence where possible – examples could include photographs, data, local knowledge, or policy documents.	✗ Personal opinions without evidence
✓ References to NPPF and Local Plan policies	✗ Comments unrelated to planning policy
✓ Clear and concise reasoning for suggested changes	✗ Objections without reasoning
✓ Alternative site proposals with justification	✗ Duplicate submissions
✓ Infrastructure considerations (schools, roads, utilities, etc)	✗ Offensive or inappropriate language/personal information
✓ Attachments with supporting documentation	