

APPENDIX 1

DRAFT REPONSE TO BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL, COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL AND TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLICATION DRAFT LOCAL PLANS 2017-2033 SECTION 1 and SECTION 2

Chelmsford City Council welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Braintree District Council, Colchester Borough Council and Tendring District Council Publication Draft Local Plans 2017-2033 to help influence the emerging documents and monitor the key cross-boundary/strategic issues that affect Chelmsford City Council's administrative area.

COMMENTS ON SECTION 1

BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL, COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL AND TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLICATION DRAFT LOCAL PLANS 2017-2033 – SECTION 1

Chelmsford City Council has worked collaboratively with Braintree, Colchester and Tendring Councils, and is a co-signatory of a Memorandum of Co-operation with the three Local Authorities and Essex County Council.

As part of this co-operation, a jointly Objectively Assessed Housing Needs Assessment (OAHN) and Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) has been prepared with Braintree, Colchester and Tendring Councils. This has provided a common evidence base for proposed housing numbers across the Housing Market Area (HMA) and demonstrates collaboration under the Duty to Co-operate.

The shared Section 1 acknowledges that the significant growth proposed will create demand for additional road and rail use with the associated need for new and upgraded infrastructure, but through the Garden Community principles aims to reduce the need to travel and promote sustainable growth.

The Council welcomes the commitment made in Section 1 to working closely with all transport bodies, including on Essex County Council's route-based strategy for the A131 – Chelmsford to Braintree, and the Great Eastern Main Line.

The Council looks forward to reviewing the Strategic Growth Development Plan Documents for each Garden Community which will be prepared following adoption of the three Plans, and the accompanying Infrastructure Development Programme to provide detail on phasing and costing of infrastructure requirements, including transport.

Officers are satisfied overall that the shared Section 1 of the three plans provides a coherent strategy for the future growth of the three areas and seeks to meet the identified objectively assessed development needs.

COMMENTS ON SECTION 2

BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLICATION DRAFT LOCAL PLAN – SECTION 2

LPP18 – Strategic Growth Location - Lane East of Great Notley, south of Braintree is the closest and most relevant to the Chelmsford City Council area.

Due to the close proximity of this growth location in relation to the City boundary, many of the potential future residents of the 1,750 new homes are likely to be using Chelmsford for employment, shopping, hospital attendance and other uses. A significant proportion of residents in the existing Great Notley Garden Village development work in Chelmsford and it follows that this would be replicated in the new Local Plan at Land East of Great Notley. This reinforces the need for Braintree's Local Plan to recognise the future role of the North East Chelmsford Bypass in providing access to Chelmsford as a regional employment and retail centre and providing access to the A12. (See Attachment CCC Response Supplementary Information)

In light of this, we would seek an amendment to policy LPP18 to ensure reference is made to the strategic importance of the A131/A130 corridor, and that there is a requirement of appropriate financial contributions towards the Chelmsford North East Bypass as part of a wider contribution to the strategic road network.

Officers welcome recent discussions on secondary education provision, are satisfied with the inclusion in policy LPP18 of the requirement for financial contributions, as required by the Local Education Authority through S106 Planning Obligation, to secondary education provision.

COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL PUBLICATION DRAFT LOCAL PLAN – SECTION 2

Chelmsford City Council has no comments to make.

TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLICATION DRAFT LOCAL PLAN – SECTION 2

Chelmsford City Council has no comments to make.

