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To: William Fuller
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Mr Fuller, on behalf myself and EWT Tendring Local Group my thanks to yourself and other planning staff for your assistance.

As we discussed I have strong concerns in regard to the proposed 'reduced' format of the draft document in particular the very poor standard of the INSET plans. All previous LP's have had a large area plan and a series of 'one-off' detailed local plans in which ALL relevant zones and boundaries are CLEARLY marked. The new document is almost unusable as a visual-aid for those of us who have to present issues for discussion at committee meetings. It is of particular concern that plans do not now indicate the Built Environment Conservation Zones (Purple Outlined) which leaves the user in the position of having to consult other documentation. (We discussed the ongoing Thorpe Lifehouse applications as a case in point)

It is our view that the emerging plan should be a ONE-STOP-SHOP for ease of use and should contain ALL the relevant information needed by users in order to make informed comment. At this stage and after all the expense that has been incurred it is not good enough to cut corners in order make relatively small savings on publication costs. TDC must, from previous experience, have a very good idea in regard to how many copies have been required from the previous three LP issues!

In regard to Wildlife Conservation it is vital that the LP pays due regard to ALL designated Wildlife Sites [TDC A Guide to Nature Conservation and TDC Local Wildlife Review] within the district and to some extent those on our fringes. We also need to be assured that larger scale, garden village, type developments are strictly held to the principals of off-setting any conservation deficit. The Brook Farm Country Park initiative is an example of the way forward for conservation and recreational use. Care must be taken to ensure that lost habitats are not, if at all possible, recreated in areas outside our district. It is important that developers do not use existing open spaces/conservation habits as part of their plans. It is also important that development application pay due regard to the principals of wildlife corridors and their importance to migrating wildlife. The EWT's Living Landscapes Initiative should be consulted. Fordham Forest is an example of how it is possible to link-up areas of countryside and habitats.

I also enquired re an update on progress of the long awaited declaration of the Suffolk AONB extension to include the Essex side of the River Stour.

Many thanks kevin marsden Chair EWT TLG.