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To whom it may concern,


Please see the below in response to the above.

Alresford Parish Council (APC) welcomes the production of this draft Local Plan for the Tendring District. The delay in producing a Local Plan has presented APC and its residents with great concerns and difficulties as without an "up to date" Local Plan housing developers have been able to make speculative planning applications that have resulted in areas of the village receiving what many believe are unsustainable new housing projects. The Tendring Local Plan with its 11,000 home projection can guarantee a five year housing supply and so further speculative planning applications can now hopefully be thwarted, in future, development should now be proportionate and based on the needs of the local community and be compliant with sustainability issues. Although welcoming the Local Plan, APC feels that sections of the Plan do not always provide sound evidence as to housing needs from a local needs (housing) perspective. The Plan does seem to comply with national policy and in the view of APC the delivery of the overall figure of 11000 new homes by 2030 is not an impossibility. The Garden Community project on the borders of Tendring DC with Colchester has potential providing major transport issues can be overcome and ambitious housing numbers are reconsidered.

As regards to Alresford the Parish Council feels that regulation 18 (engagement with the local community) of Local Plan Regulations 2012 has perhaps not been fully complied with as regards targeted consultation. Alresford is embarking on a Neighbourhood Plan to bridge Tendring District Councils Local Plan with the needs of the community as regards to land use issues in Alresford. Clearly in this Local Plan Tendring District Council has fulfilled its obligations for planning the districts future as regards housing, employment and infrastructure however Alresford Parish Council would wish to offer criticism and has doubts as to the soundness of some of the methodology used. Perhaps time will reveal that the employment prospects and infrastructure improvements will not be as positive as indicated by figures presented in this Local Plan. Infrastructure issues relating to health, education and transport are particular concerns of Alresford Parish Council and are an area where the soundness of the Plan is open to question.

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