



# ST OSYTH PARISH COUNCIL



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Planning Policy  
Tendring District Council  
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Dear Sir or Madam,

I write on behalf of St Osyth Parish Council in respect of the Tendring District Local Plan (2013-2033 and Beyond) Publication Draft.

The Parish Council acknowledge that Policy PPL 6 (Strategic Green Gaps) states that:

*'the Council will not permit any development which would result in the joining of settlements or neighbourhoods, or which would erode their separate identities by virtue of their closer proximity'*

in order to achieve Objectives 7 and 8.

In correspondence to Tendring District Council of 7<sup>th</sup> January 2013, the Parish Council requested the inclusion of a 'strategic green gap'. To date the Parish Council has reservations at the exclusion of a 'strategic green gap' on the eastern boundary of the Parish, which could in time see the expansion of Clacton towards St Osyth, especially as the purpose of Objective 7 is:

*'To conserve and enhance Tendring District's historic environment, including: heritage; respecting historic buildings and their settings; heritage assets; landscapes; links; and views'.*

On the whole the Parish Council agrees with much of the publication draft, however, with the inclusion in the Local Plan of the development at Rouses Lane, Councillors would again request consideration be given to the inclusion of a 'strategic green gap' between St Osyth and the development proposed for Rouses Lane, so as to stop the advance of further development towards St Osyth.

Yours sincerely

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