

Frating Parish Council response to the Tendring District Council Local District Plan

During the last 12 months, Councillors from Frating PC have attended many of the Tendring District Council's planning meetings dealing with the new Local Plan. We feel a great deal of time and effort has been taken by TDC to bring forward a new Local Plan that deals with all the issues that need to be addressed to ensure that such a plan is fully sustainable. We believe that TDC has in principle compiled a Local Plan that is fully sustainable and meets the future needs of the local area and Frating PC gives it's full support to Tendring District Council.

The majority of the new housing and employment areas are allocated to the more urban areas, which we feel are the more viable and correct places for development. We also feel the choice of a Garden Village Settlement on the Tendring/Colchester border is the best place for this as the facilities offered within Colchester Town are far more easily accessible.

The greatest concerns to Frating PC are the road and public transport infrastructure. With regards to roads, it must be a priority to improve and upgrade the A133, A120 and A12 as these appear to be already working to capacity and especially so at peak times.

Frating PC Councillors attended the TDC resilience meeting where it was stated by the Fire & Rescue Service that the A133 is one of the most dangerous roads in Essex.

We have witnessed the increase in the number of vehicles using the B1029 due to the expansion to the south of Frating (Brightlingsea) and heavy goods vehicles accessing Harwich and the A120. We would like consideration given to a weight restriction being implemented on the B1029 through Frating, Thorrington and Great Bromley where it does not exist.

With regards to the new Garden Village Settlement, the new road that is highlighted to run from the A133 (Essex University) to the A120 must be completed before any housing construction commences.

With regards to Public Transport, both bus and train services must be improved so that private car usage is reduced as much as possible. Station car parks should also be enlarged and upgraded to accommodate more vehicles.

Within the new Local Plan, the map on page 257 shows Frating and it's designated settlement area. Please be aware that a significant part of this designated settlement area is actually within the Great Bentley parish - the easterly area on the map from Frating Brook, which includes The Book Company and Manheim Car Auctions is within Great Bentley parish and we would submit that the appropriate changes should be made to take this into account.