

Rochford District Council

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## Rochford District New Local Plan

# Early Engagement Consultation Statement



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## **1 Introduction**

- 1.1 Rochford District Council is at the early stages of reviewing its current local development plan – these are the policies which planning applications are determined against. As part of this wider policy review, the Council has been undertaking a programme of community engagement at the pre-Issues and Options stage, in order to gain valuable insight into the planning-related issues affecting local residents and businesses, as well as gathering ideas on opportunities for meeting future needs. The comments that have been made will then be considered and fed into the next stage of the plan-making process, called the Issues and Options Document, where appropriate.
- 1.2 The Issues and Options Document is planned to be published and publicly consulted on in Spring 2017, in accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement (2016).
- 1.3 This Consultation Statement sets out the ways in which the Council has sought to engage with local communities – including residents and businesses – the methods undertaken to notify local communities of the early engagement programme, the main issues that have been raised, and an initial response to these issues.

## **2 Early Engagement Programme**

- 2.1 A programme of early community engagement to help inform the Issues and Options Document was considered and taken forward in April 2016. This programme took place between 24 May and 24 October 2016. The Council engaged the local community through the actions set out in Table 1 below.

**Table 1 – Early Engagement Programme**

<b>Engagement Method</b>	<b>Details</b>
Community Engagement Workshops	<p>A programme of workshops has been held across the local parishes, with the exception of Foulness Island which is under the authority of the Ministry of Defence.</p> <p>The purpose of the workshops was to help explain the role of the Parish/Town Councils in the plan-making process, as well to discuss the issues and opportunities for meeting future needs within in each Parish/Town. All issues and ideas have been welcome throughout these interactive workshops.</p> <p>The typical structure of a workshop was as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A short presentation introducing attendees to their parish/town and the aims of the workshop, followed by a look at the key statistics to highlight possible issues and opportunities</li><li>• Two-way discussions between attendees and planning officers / Councillors</li><li>• An opportunity for a walkabout of the surrounding area to allow communities to show planning officers and Councillors issues in their parish/town first-hand</li><li>• A mapping session designed to allow communities to comment and draw their ideas onto a map of the parish/town</li></ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A visioning session to bring together ideas from the whole workshop and talk about the way forward</li> </ul> <p>The structure of each workshop was flexible however, with conversation and focus led mostly by attendees.</p> <p>The workshops were publicised on a parish by parish basis using the following methods of notification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information on the Rochford District Council Website</li> <li>• Emails and letters to individuals on the Council's mailing list</li> <li>• Emails and letters to businesses on the Council's mailing list</li> <li>• Notices on the Council's social media pages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Rochford District Council Twitter account – 3426 followers</li> <li>○ Rochford District Council Business Twitter account – 477 followers</li> <li>○ Rochford District Council Facebook page – 912 followers</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Articles in the local newspaper, the Echo</li> <li>• Parish Council websites and noticeboards</li> <li>• Via Ward Councillors and Parish/Town Councillors</li> </ul> <p>In total, 12 workshops were held between 24 May and 19 October 2016. Some evening sessions</p>

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Engagement Method	Details
	were held where appropriate or requested.
Issues and Options Survey	<p>The Issues and Options Survey was a district-wide survey held to complement the programme of workshops. The aim of the survey was to provide an opportunity for those residents and businesses that may have been unaware or unable to attend one of the workshops to make their views known.</p> <p>The survey ran from 5 September until 24 October 2016, and was available both as an online form on the Council's website, and a paper form available at the Council offices in Rochford and Rayleigh and the five local libraries, during normal opening hours. The survey period was extended from 10 October 2016, to take account of the last few workshops that were arranged later than expected.</p> <p>Posters were produced to publicise the survey and these were put up in the following locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All five local libraries*</li> <li>• Five local GP surgeries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Great Wakering Medical Centre</li> <li>○ Riverside Medical Practice</li> <li>○ Ashingdon Surgery</li> <li>○ Greensward Surgery</li> <li>○ The Practice, Hawkwell</li> </ul> </li> <li>• All four railway stations within the district</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three leisure centres and/or gyms                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Clements Hall Leisure Centre</li> <li>○ Rayleigh Leisure Centre</li> <li>○ Eldon Way Gym</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Childrens' play centre, Rochford</li> <li>• Rolling banners on the noticeboard in Council reception areas</li> <li>• Sweyne Park and Greensward Academy school newsletters</li> <li>• A number of shop windows across the district</li> <li>• Parish/Town noticeboards</li> </ul> <p>The details of the survey were also directly sent to all those on the Council's mailing list (totalling 1,232 individuals and 417 businesses). The survey was also advertised on the Council website, on Council social media pages and as an article in the local newspaper, the Echo.</p> <p>*In order to provide assistance to those filling out paper surveys, note packs were available to read at local libraries and Council offices. These note packs provided a concise record of the information discussed at the previous workshops. Those filling out the survey online had access to these notes on the same webpage as the survey.</p>



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2.2 Table 2 provides a list of the specific numbers of emails and letters sent notifying residents and businesses of the programme of engagement. It must be noted that various other non-specific methods of notification were used including the Council website, social media and newspaper articles.

**Table 2** – Breakdown of publicity and attendance by workshop.

Workshop	Date held	Direct Methods used to Publicise (including figures)	Attendance
Canewdon	24 May	Email: 219 Letters: 115	30
Rochford	10 June	Email: 398 Letters: 336	32
Ashingdon	3 August	Email: 50 Letters: 87	14
Hullbridge	4 August	Email: 268 Letters: 603	47
Hockley (evening)	16 August	Email: 976 Letters: 512	40
Great Wakering	24 August	Email: 50 Letters: 17	15

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<b>Workshop</b>	<b>Date held</b>	<b>Direct Methods used to Publicise (including figures)</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Hawkwell (evening)	30 August	Email: 140 Letters: 151	32
Rayleigh	12 September	Email: 887 Letters: 408	18
Rayleigh (evening)	4 October	Email: 887 Letters: 406	12
Stambridge/ Paglesham (evening)	6 October	Email: 14 Letters: 7	4
Barling/ Sutton (evening)	11 October	Email: 12 Letters: 5	25
Rawreth (evening)	19 October	Email: 37 Letters: 28 Leaflets: 400	24

2.3 A total of 7013 direct forms of notification were sent out publicising the workshops, with a total of 293 residents and businesses attending.

- 2.4 The dedicated Community Engagement Programme webpage received a total of 732 unique visits over the period that the survey was open – 24 May to 24 October. In total, the Issues and Options Survey received 178 responses (22 paper forms), of which 94 responses were returned with issues. The remaining 84 submissions used the survey as a means to be put on our mailing list, so as to be included in all future correspondence.

### **3 Main Issues Raised at the Consultation Stage**

- 3.1 The list below compiles those issues raised from the workshops and surveys identified as the main, or recurring, issues and opportunities.
- 3.2 Some residents raised concerns surrounding the resilience of the road network across the district. Specific areas of concern include;
- Ashingdon Road;
  - Rawreth Lane;
  - Rayleigh Town Centre (Including Websters Way, Eastwood Road, Crown Hill)
  - Railway bridges
  - Carpenters Arms roundabout to Fairglens
- 3.3 Some residents raised concerns surrounding school capacity across the district and in particular the impact of future housing developments on school capacities and performances. Secondary Schools are of the most concern.
- 3.4 Some Great Wakering residents have expressed an interest in a secondary school in the village, so as to reduce/eliminate the need for buses to the King Edmund School in Rochford.
- 3.5 Some residents raised concerns surrounding the composition of house sizes being delivered in the district. Some residents would like to see new developments providing more, smaller 1 to 2 bedroomed housing.
- 3.6 Furthermore, some residents have expressed a wish to ‘protect’ bungalows to prevent them from being enlarged, extended or demolished, possibly through the implementation of an appropriate policy.
- 3.7 Air pollution levels are a common concern amongst residents of Rayleigh, Rochford and Rawreth. Identified areas of concern are:
- Ashingdon Road
  - Rawreth Lane
  - London Road
  - Eastwood Road
- 3.8 Some residents want to explore the opportunities for greater tourism in areas including Ashingdon, Canewdon and Wallasea, including greater harnessing the ‘pull factor’ of Rochford’s historic and natural heritage. Hand-in-hand growth with local economy, cafes, b&bs etc.

- 3.9 Possible opportunities for ‘eco-tourism’ raised in areas including Hullbridge and Ashingdon
- 3.10 Some residents want to explore the opportunities for greater sustainable transport and eco-leisure provision across the district, including a desire for greater and improved cycle routes, footpaths and open spaces.
- 3.11 Many residents believe that the Council should prioritise the preservation of the district’s historic and natural assets through the plan-making process.

## **Appendix 1 – Comments received during Community Engagement Workshops 2016**

N.b.: where similar or identical comments or issues have been raised, these have been grouped together in the interests of conciseness and clarity.

	<b>Parish</b>	<b>Issues Raised</b>	<b>Initial Officer Comments</b>
<b>Infrastructure (Transport)</b>			
1	Rochford	Ashingdon Road cycle path is dangerous, could be moved onto grass.	Comment noted for consideration in Issues and Options Document.
2	Rochford/ Great Wakering	School buses to King Edmunds from Wakerings are an issue for both Rochford and Wakering.	Essex County Council is the education authority for the district, and as such would be the determining authority on this issue. However, Rochford District Council will continue to discuss the issues of school provision with Essex County Council to work up options for future improvements to education provision.
3	Rochford	Amend bus routes 7/8 and include a new bus stop along Station Approach.	Essex County Council as the Highway Authority for the district works closely with private bus companies in the area. Suggestion will be made to appropriate parties for consideration.
4	Rochford	Need greater capacity for heavy vehicles in the Baltic Wharf area.	Comment noted for consideration in the Issues and Options Document. The current local development plan seeks to support improved east to west road network improvements, and improvements to the highways serving Baltic Wharf.

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5	Rochford	<p>Parking within Rochford needs to be altered. Short-stay parking within the square needs to be reduced to half an hour with 1 hour only for disabled persons.</p> <p>More parking is needed; potential options for underground parking should be explored.</p>	<p>The <a href="#">Rochford Town Centre Area Action Plan</a> looked at the provision of parking in Rochford Town Centre, including the Market Square.</p> <p>Wider parking options across the district will be considered in future stages of the new Local Plan.</p>
6	Rochford	The possibility for a new Park and Ride on Cherry Orchard Way should be explored	Parking options will be considered in future stages of the New Local Plan. The potential for a Park and Ride system within the district can be discussed with Essex County Council.
7	Rochford	Suggested a new cycle path along Ironwell Lane	Essex County Council has recently published a County-wide <a href="#">Cycling Strategy</a> , and are now looking to produce Cycling Action Plans at a District-level. The current local development plan includes an aspiration to deliver a new National Cycle Network route through the district, which would run along Ironwell Lane.
8	Rochford	The streetlights in Rochford town centre are lacking or ineffective	Comment noted. Essex County Council are responsible for streetlights in the district and feedback/complaints should be reported to them.
9	Rochford/ Hawkwell	<p>Hall Road/Ashingdon Road junction needs improving – bottleneck and dangerous at times.</p> <p>Discussions need to be held with Network Rail to solve this issue as the current railway bridge is far</p>	Congestion at this location is known. Recent improvements have been implemented to help reduce the problems at this junction. The efficiency and safety of the road network will continue to be a key consideration throughout the

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		too narrow.	new Local Plan process.  The Council is aware that the railway bridge limits opportunities for substantial improvements to this junction at present. Discussion with Network Rail about the existing rail bridges is being pursued.
10	Rochford	Need to deter ugly shop fronts within Conservation Areas.	The Council currently has policies on appropriate design within Conservation Areas and these are considered when determining planning applications. However, relevant policies will be reviewed and updated within the new Local Plan where appropriate or necessary.
11	Ashingdon	Issues on Ashingdon Road, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pollution levels need monitoring;</li> <li>• Too much noise pollution;</li> <li>• Footpaths too narrow at points;</li> <li>• Emergency services have a difficult task navigating congestion</li> </ul>	Specific issues with noise and air pollution are dealt with by the Council's Environmental Health team. However, the comments raised will be looked at when considering the potential for future road improvements, alongside the Highway Authority, Essex County Council.
12	Ashingdon	Drains along Ashingdon Road cannot cope with and are damaged by HGVs, they need more maintenance.	Essex County Council has a maintenance schedule ( <a href="#">Essex Highways Maintenance Strategy 2008</a> ) for all aspects of the road infrastructure, in which drainage falls under routine maintenance for clearing and repair (unless maintenance is needed for safety reasons).  Any issues with drains along the highway can be brought to the attention of Essex County Council



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			for consideration.
13	Ashingdon/ Hullbridge	Restore coastal footpath and extend to Wallasea, homeowners along the path could be made duty bound to report issues to the managing body.	The government has commissioned Natural England to form a footpath around England's coastline by 2020. Rochford District Council has also formed the partnership of the River Crouch Coastal Communities Team which is looking at ways to improve access to the river.
14	Ashingdon/ Hullbridge	Rochford District Council is yet to approve the opening of a Fambridge Ferry, which is stated to be approved by Essex County Council, Maldon District Council, North Fambridge Parish Council and Ashingdon Parish Council.	The Council is currently considering a planning application for a crossing in the South Fambridge area. The planning application has the reference 15/00505/FUL and can be viewed on the <a href="#">Council's website</a> .
15	Ashingdon/ Rochford/ Hawkevell	An 'Rochford Outer Bypass' should be explored, and considered before new housing developments become a barrier.	Improvements to the wider road network will be looked at throughout the new Local Plan process, alongside the Highway Authority, Essex County Council.
16	Hullbridge	Pooles Lane needs a signposted 'give way system', and the footpaths are in need of improvements.	Comment noted. Small-scale projects like these could be funded by the Parish Council, or could be Parish Council led, in conjunction with the Local Highways Panel.
17	Hullbridge	Buses along Lower Road need laybys in order to maintain traffic flow.	Comment noted. This option could be explored with Essex County Council as the Highways Authority. The potential to deliver laybys however is constrained by land availability in the right locations.

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18	Hullbridge	Improvements to Watery Lane are desperately needed as it is 'unsafe' and receives increased use due to Rawreth Lane becoming gridlocked.	Comment noted. Both Rochford District Council and Essex County Council are aware of the issues along Watery Lane, and will consider the potential for improvements on the wider road network through the next stages of the new Local Plan process.
19	Hullbridge	The potential for a railway to service Hullbridge/ Battlesbridge should be explored.	Battlesbridge currently has a railway station on the Crouch Valley Line. The potential for an additional spur to Hullbridge can be put to Network Rail, but is unlikely to be economically justifiable or viable.
20	Hullbridge	Extend the X30 to reach Hullbridge, or a new route to Chelmsford.	Bus routes are run by the private sector, therefore any new route or route extension has to be deemed viable by the company before any amendment will take place and subsequently approved by Essex County Council. It is noted that buses are available from Hullbridge to Rayleigh rail station from which passengers can board the X30.
21	Hullbridge	Improvements needed to the junction of Lower Road/Ferry Road.	Improvements to the wider road network will be looked at throughout the new Local Plan process, alongside the Highway Authority, Essex County Council.
22	Hullbridge/ Ashingdon/ Rochford/ Hockley/ Rawreth/ Rayleigh	Overall concerns shown about the resilience of the road network.	We will be publishing a baseline position on the district's road network alongside the forthcoming Issues and Options document. From this, highway modelling will be developed and potential mitigation measures explored.

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23	Hullbridge/ Hawkwell	Highways review studies are inaccurate and therefore lead to development based on false information. Assessments should be carried out at both peak and off-peak times.  Examples include: Ashingdon Road and Southend Airport Business Park.	Comment noted. Specific queries about methods used can be discussed with Essex County Council.
24	Hullbridge/ Great Wakering	Roadside footpaths are in need of resurfacing and are currently too narrow.	Comment noted. Some areas of narrow footpath cannot be improved without encroaching on the highway. Resurfacing can sometimes be a Parish Council led project, or in conjunction with the Local Highways Panel.
25	Hullbridge	20 mph zone suggested throughout residential roads, with pedestrian crossing opposite the Medical centre.	Comment noted. Issue can be put to Essex County Council or Local Highways Panel for consideration outside the plan-making process.
26	Great Wakering	Crossing island opposite Co-Op needs replacing with zebra crossing so as to not be dangerous to traffic by narrowing the highway.	Comment noted. Issue can be put to Essex County Council or Local Highways Panel for consideration outside the plan-making process.
27	Great Wakering	Slow down sign near Morley's sharp bend on Southend Road.	Comment noted. Small-scale projects can be Parish Council led, or in conjunction with the Local Highways Panel.
28	Great Wakering	Fixed bins outside estate agents along footpaths cause mobility scooters to not be able to pass.	Comment noted. Small-scale projects can be Parish Council led, or in conjunction with the Local Highways Panel.
29	Hockley	Spa Road roundabout is in need of enlarging or a slip road.	This roundabout is a known congestion area and has been identified in the <a href="#">Hockley Area Action Plan</a> as in need of improvement. Opportunities for improvements on the road network will be

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			considered through the new Local Plan process.
30	Hockley	<p>The Council needs to set aside some money from council tax income for infrastructure improvements, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. New zebra crossing opposite 'Bobbins'</li> <li>2. Remove traffic lights on Greensward Lane railway crossing</li> <li>3. Create more railway crossing points</li> <li>4. More cycle paths needed</li> </ol>	<p>Issues noted.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A new zebra crossing can be put to Essex County Council or the Local Highways Panel for consideration outside the planning process</li> <li>2/3. Options for the rail bridges will be discussed with Network Rail</li> <li>4. Essex County Council have recently published a County-wide <a href="#">Cycling Strategy</a> and are now looking to produce Cycling Action Plans at the District-level.</li> </ol>
31	Hockley/ Hawkwell/ Barling	<p>Consult the Parish Council and engage with local leisure cyclists about new cycle routes to Wallasea Island.</p> <p>New cycle paths wanted along Shopland Road and for cycling clubs to use, instead of creating unnecessary congestion on the highways.</p>	<p>Essex County Council have recently published a County-wide <a href="#">Cycling Strategy</a>, and are now looking to produce Cycling Action Plans at a District-level.</p> <p>Cycle routes involving Wallasea Island are a Council aspiration; the Parish Councils and local cyclists will be updated when more information is available.</p>
32	Hockley	New connecting roads proposed between Southview Road to Greensward Lane; Chestnut Close to White Hart Lane; Broad Walk to White Hart Lane in order to ease congestion along with a new crossing over/under the railway.	Comments noted. The railway bridges are known congestion areas and improvements to the wider road network will be considered through the next stages of the new Local Plan process.
33	Hockley	More disabled parking bays are needed within Hockley centre.	Comment noted. The <a href="#">Hockley Area Action Plan</a> identifies a need for additional parking within the centre, some of this additional capacity is likely to

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			be provided as disabled bays.
34	Hawkwell	Number 8 bus is a poor service – facing review due to no use, however it would be used if it were a reliable, frequent service.	Comment noted. Complaints over reliability and frequency can be put to the route operator as the bus route mentioned is privately-run.
35	Hawkwell	A new policy is wanted to restrict development under infrastructure constraints. At present almost all aspects of the infrastructure are under pressure.	The ability for infrastructure to support proposed development is a fundamental consideration in the plan-making and planning application processes. Infrastructure providers are consulted with regard to the capacity of their existing infrastructure, and where necessary, they advise on what improvements would be necessary to support the proposed development. These improvements are often funded through monies from a Section 106 agreement and in the future, potentially from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).
36	Hawkwell	Street lights should be kept on throughout the night as safety is more important than cost.	Most streetlights in the district are under the authority of Essex County Council. Any streetlights that residents or businesses feel should be exempt from Essex County Council's "part-night" scheme should be put to them.
37	Hawkwell	Traffic lights at pelican crossing change from amber to red far too quickly making it unsafe for drivers and pedestrians.	The issue can be passed on to Essex County Council as Highway Authority for consideration.
38	Hawkwell	Some mini-roundabouts/roundabouts need replacing with traffic lights as drivers do not give way to minor roads, these roundabouts are collision prone.	Comment noted. These comments can be passed onto Essex Highways.

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39	Hawkwell	<p>Hockley Station is 'spilling out' onto residential roads as drivers take advantage of free parking. What options are there for expanding or improving the parking provision at the station?</p> <p>Similar point was also made relating to other stations in the district.</p>	<p>The <a href="#">South Essex Parking Partnership</a> is responsible for parking restrictions and enforcement in the district. Issues and options relating to on-street parking can be put to them.</p> <p>This issue is noted, however it should be noted that constraints on land availability cause an obvious issue with providing additional parking at Hockley Station.</p>
40	Hawkwell	Cherry Orchard Way/ Hall Road roundabout should have traffic lights.	Improvements to the wider road network will be looked at throughout the new Local Plan process, alongside the Highway Authority, Essex County Council.
41	Rayleigh	<p>Concerns that the future west Hullbridge development will cause traffic. All construction traffic should be kept out of Rayleigh. A full size roundabout should be installed prior to development at the site of the mini-roundabout linking Rawreth Lane and Hullbridge Road.</p> <p>This development west of Hullbridge will have a major impact on Rayleigh. Plans should be looked at as a wider area, not Parish by Parish.</p>	<p>A traffic management scheme may be entered into to mitigate the impact of construction traffic to the surrounding area.</p> <p>The roundabout is a separate planning application to the development and will be delivered subject to the terms of a Section 106 agreement, yet to be finalised at the time of writing.</p> <p>Whilst the workshops were delivered at the parish-level to greater engage with residents and businesses, the new Local Plan will consider a wider and more strategic view of the district.</p>
42	Rayleigh	Concerns over the future development to the north of London Road and the link between Rawreth Lane and London Road.	Comments noted. The outline planning application for this site has been approved, however the Council is yet to receive the application for reserved matters.

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		<p>All construction traffic should only turn left into and out of the site, so as not to affect traffic flow and to stop construction traffic from every entering Rayleigh.</p> <p>Suggestions of a temporary road to the west of the site so that construction traffic never has to enter Rawreth Lane.</p>	Where possible and appropriate, route restrictions can be discussed with the developer/sub-contractors to mitigate traffic issues.
43	Rayleigh	Traffic lights in the High Street need a camera to enforce them properly.	Comment noted and can be passed on to Essex County Council to consider.
44	Rayleigh	Rayleigh High Street should be pedestrian access but only during daytime and other off-peak hours.	The potential for pedestrianisation of Rayleigh High Street was considered within the <a href="#">Rayleigh Centre Area Action Plan</a> (2015) and earlier studies. This may be reconsidered in the next stages of the new Local Plan.
45	Barling	<p>Existing roads in Barling need improvement, especially prior to any future development.</p> <p>The roads are too narrow and already congested.</p>	Essex County Council, as Highway Authority, are consulted on planning applications and advise on the ability of existing infrastructure to support future development. In cases where it is felt the existing network cannot adequately support future development, Essex County Council would advise on what improvements are needed to address this. Without satisfactory improvements to mitigate the impact of the development, a proposal would not proceed.
46	Barling	What are the development thresholds which trigger the requirement for road improvements?	Individual cases can be put to Essex County Council for a response.

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47	Barling	Drivers site lines are not maintained along Barling Road and Barrow Hall Road, combined with dangerous turns results in this road being accident prone.	Comment noted. Small-scale road improvements can be picked up by local Parish Councils or Ward Councillors, and brought forward in partnership with the Local Highways Panel.
48	Rawreth	Buses into Rawreth village are often once a week and unreliable (11A service).  A better, improved bus service would be desirable.	Bus route operators are, in most cases, private companies and decisions on routes are made on a viability basis. Essex County Council do work with bus operators on routes and ideas can be put to them.
49	Rawreth	Essex County Council needs to update their traffic models, accurately taking into account peak time traffic. An accurate model is crucial as developments and applications are being decided on using false information. Statistical information produced by Essex County Council needs to be challenged.  The levels of traffic along this road are causing large volumes of air pollution.  Possible solution for Rawreth Lane – Remove the traffic lights.	We will be publishing a baseline position on the district's road network alongside the forthcoming Issues and Options document. From this, highway modelling will be developed by Essex County Council and potential mitigation measures explores.  Improvements to the wider road network will be looked at throughout the new Local Plan process, alongside the Highway Authority, Essex County Council.
50	Rawreth	Carpenters Arms to Fairglen – The traffic lights need to be phased by roughly 15 seconds in order to allow traffic to clear from previous set of lights.  The yellow boxes on the road cause more issues than they solve.	We will be publishing a baseline position on the district's road network alongside the forthcoming Issues and Options document. From this, highway modelling will be developed by Essex County Council and potential mitigation measures explored.



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51	Rawreth	Speed reductions to 30mph in the following places; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• London Road between Old London Road and Carpenters Arms</li> <li>• Old London Road</li> <li>• Between Old Chelmsford Road and Hawk Hill</li> </ul>	<p>Comment can be passed on to Essex Highways. Proposed speed reductions can also be brought to the attention of your local Councillor, who can liaise with the Local Highways Panel.</p> <p>Improvements to the wider road network will be looked at throughout the new Local Plan process, alongside the Highway Authority, Essex County Council</p>
52	Rawreth	A new road is needed crossing the River Crouch financed by central Government linking A132 with Hullbridge, North Fambridge and originating near Southend Airport.	Improvements to the wider road network will be looked at throughout the new Local Plan process, alongside the Highway Authority, Essex County Council.
53	Stambridge	Better local transport links are desired (i.e. parish community bus)	Opportunities for local transport links will be considered moving forward through the new Local Plan process. The idea of a 'Parish Community Bus' could be pursued at an individual Parish Council level with parish/grant funding.
54	Stambridge	There are inconsistent highway signs between Stambridge Road and Apton Hall Road, e.g. National Speed Limit to 30mph to National Speed Limit then to 20mph, all in the space of a few hundred metres. This signage leads to confusion resulting in inappropriate speeds.	Comment noted. Individual issues can be put to the Local Highways Panel or Essex County Council for consideration.
<b>Infrastructure (Schools, GP's, Services, Utilities, Broadband)</b>			

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55	Canewdon / Great Wakering / Hawkwell / Ashingdon	Broadband in rural areas is poor; this has a negative impact on tourism (guests want Wi-Fi in their hotels/b&bs) as well as local businesses who need a reliable internet service. Local businesses and residents have confirmed this.  Some areas even still on dial-up.	Comment noted. <a href="#">SuperFast Essex</a> – Part of the Superfast Britain Programme coordinated by Essex County Council. The programme is funded and delivered by Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK), BT, Gigaclear, Essex County Council and some Local authorities. The programme is looking to upgrade and deliver new fibre capacity in areas identified as lacking. Areas identified as not needing an upgrade can apply to the scheme for an upgrade. Estimated delivery date is between June 2017 and July 2018.
56	Canewdon	The old post office could be redeveloped into a co-op or community run business.	Comment noted. This opportunity could be pursued at community or parish-level with help from Ward Councillors.
57	Canewdon / Barling	Concerns over the ability of sewerage to cope with new development.	Anglian Water manages the sewerage capacity in the district. They are consulted on proposals within the plan-making process, as well as larger proposals for development. Where necessary, they will advise that improvements are needed to support a proposal and incorporate this into their asset management/investment strategies. They may also receive monies from a Section 106 agreement to fund the necessary capacity improvements.
58	Canewdon	Paramount to maintain the local school.	The viability of schools is very much dependent on future intake and population structures in the area. The future educational needs of the district, as well as opportunities to improve or sustain existing provision, will be a key consideration in the next stages of the new Local Plan process.

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59	Rochford / Ashingdon / Hullbridge	Concerns over the ability of existing NHS and other services being able to cope with further housing.	The Castle Point and Rochford Clinical Commissioning Group and the NHS are consulted on large planning applications and policy documents. They give advice on the capacity for existing services to support new development and, where necessary, advise on what improvements are needed to support future development. These improvements may be funded through a Section 106 agreement with a developer.
60	Rochford	King Edmunds is at capacity despite what the Essex County Council statistics suggest.	Comment noted and will be queried.
61	Rochford	Incentives are needed to encourage businesses to locate in empty units.	Comment noted.
62	Rochford	Business opening and closing times should be staggered in order to reduce congestion at peak times.	Comment noted. For certain business-types, this issue can be discussed with the Council's licensing department to see if implementation is justified and reasonable.
63	Rochford	Adult Community College could be a useful community centre.	Comment noted.
64	Rochford	Relocate Rochford Primary School to Hall Road site	Future education provision will be considered through the new Local Plan process in partnership with the local education authority, Essex County Council.
65	Ashingdon	King George's Field is underutilised; new toilets needed and green gym idea needs to be considered.	Comment noted. Such proposals can be considered outside this plan-making process.

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66	Ashingdon	Modernise Ashingdon Hall, to have a café and locking car park.	Comment noted. Such proposals can be considered outside the plan-making process.
67	Hullbridge	Electrical supply can be unpredictable, increasing issue with ageing population.	Comment noted. The Council will be liaising with infrastructure and service providers throughout the plan-making process.
68	Hullbridge	Bring back the infrequent Doctors Practice at The Dome to relieve some of the pressure on Riverside Medical Centre.	Comment noted. Options can be explored with the local CCG as well as privately-run practices, however any additional medical services would ultimately need to be viable.
69	Hullbridge	There is a divide within the village over the eligibility for free school travel to the nearest secondary school.	Comment noted. This issue can be raised with Essex County Council as the education authority within the district.
70	Great Wakering	<p>Issues with school places for certain year groups.</p> <p>Primary school was built as a secondary school, making it unsuitable for young pupils.</p> <p>S106 from Star Lane – concerns over the lack of contribution towards education and that the 600 houses on Hall Road equates to a primary school yet 420 in Great Wakering over multiple sites results in no school.</p> <p>There is potential land to expand the school or even add a second storey to existing single storey.</p>	<p>Having previously discussed the issue of secondary school provision in the east of the district with Essex County Council, it was indicated that several thousand additional homes would be needed to justify and sustain a new secondary school. Decisions on the need for a new school will not only depend on the projected additional students as a result of the development, but also on the excess capacity of existing schools and the ability for existing schools to expand.</p> <p>Essex County Council are the education authority for the district and as such, advise us on what improvements to school provision are needed to support new developments. We will continue to liaise with Essex County Council over the course</p>

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			of the new Local Plan process, on the issue of school provision across the district. Where possible, we will discuss options for improvements to capacity and accessibility.
71	Great Wakering	Some rural areas east of St. Nicholas' Church do not have access to sewerage and gas networks.	Comment noted. The relevant utility providers will be consulted throughout the new Local Plan process to discuss opportunities for improved coverage and quality of service.
72	Great Wakering	Green gym and more youth facilities needed. Additional sports facilities such as BMX facilities.  Potential to pay for these using money from new developments.	Comment noted. The provision of green open space is a consideration at the planning application stage. Any facilities within these green spaces may be funded by Section 106 agreements which require the developer to fund improvements to the local area.
73	Great Wakering	Residents feel the village has a lack of police presence.	Comment noted. Essex Police manage their own resources and any issues should be put to them directly.
74	Hockley/ Hawkwell	Residents would like more assurances that S106 monies are spent on infrastructure.	Comment noted. Details of signed Section 106 agreements are in the public domain and can be viewed on the Council's website.
75	Hawkwell	Doctors' practices are oversubscribed, monies from future developments should be spent on new GP capacity.	The Castle Point and Rochford Clinical Commissioning Group and the NHS are consulted on large planning applications and policy documents. They give advice on the capacity for existing services to support new development and, where necessary, advise on what improvements are needed to support future development. These improvements may be funded through a Section 106 agreement with a developer.

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76	Rayleigh	<p>Concerns over the future development to the north of London Road and where children will go to secondary school.</p> <p>Concerns over how utilities and the railway will cope with extra demand from an extra 550 households. There should be better communications with utility providers to manage capacity and identify the need for additional capacity.</p>	<p>Essex County Council, as the education authority, advise on secondary school capacities at both the plan-making and planning application stages. Where applicable, they will advise on the improvements necessary to support the new development. As a result, the Section 106 agreement for this development may reflect any monetary contributions deemed necessary to increase capacity at the secondary schools in the area. It is also of significance to note that this development is to have a primary school built on the site.</p> <p>Utility providers manage their own capacity, and are consulted throughout the plan-making process as well as on larger planning applications. They will incorporate such proposals into their own strategies, and where appropriate, receive monies from Section 106 agreements to fund improvements to capacity.</p>
77	Rayleigh	There is a lack of facilities in Rayleigh such as a cinema and a swimming pool.	Comment noted. Where there is an evidenced need, the provision of leisure facilities will be considered in the next stages of the new Local Plan.
78	Rayleigh	Rayleigh High Street is in need of tight controls on change of use of shopping units to maintain a healthy balance of shops.	Comment noted. Section 4.2 of the <a href="#">Rayleigh Centre Area Action Plan</a> details the Council's specific policies on uses within Rayleigh town centre. These include avoiding clusters of non-retail uses, as well as a preference away from uses which negatively impact the amenity of the

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			<p>town centre. Furthermore, the policy states a preference towards a healthy balance of uses. These policies are considered on any Change of Use applications the Council receives within Rayleigh town centre.</p> <p>Whilst the Council can exercise these controls on planning applications, some changes of use can be carried out without planning permission. These use what are known as Permitted Development rights. A comprehensive guide to those changes not requiring planning permission is available on the <a href="#">Planning Portal website</a>.</p>
79	Barling	Services would not need improvements if there were to be no further housing developments	Comment noted. The Council is required by government to develop a Local Plan which delivers various facets of development in the district, including housing. Improvements to services can be delivered alongside development, where a need is identified by the relevant authorities.
80	Barling	<p>Rochford District Council need to make sure that Section 106 money is spent on what it is intended to provide. Ideally money should be spent prior to development.</p> <p>The total number of new houses built including future allocation, must be approaching the levels to secure new services.</p>	Comment noted.
81	Barling	More employment development is wanted within	Comment noted. Opportunities for employment

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		Sutton, in order to provide those residents with jobs.	growth will be considered in the next stages of the new Local Plan.
82	Rawreth	Concerns over the secondary school provision due to projections of deficit of places and the already overdeveloped existing secondary school sites.	Comment noted. Essex County Council, as the education authority, advise on secondary school capacities at both the plan-making and planning application stages. Where applicable, they will advise on the improvements necessary to support the new development. Hypothetically, these improvements could include greater utilisation of existing school resources, expansions to existing schools or the provision of a new school.
83	Stambridge	A more comprehensive look at school statistics is needed as children come from other parishes, lots of people travel further than their nearest school.	Comment noted. We will be working with Essex County Council throughout the plan-making process to determine the need and scope for improvements to education provision.
84	Stambridge	79% of residents state they would like to have a local convenience store/post office.  Potential for a Farm Shop should be explored.	Comment noted. This opportunity could be led by the Parish Council or local community. Any store or post office would ultimately need to be commercially viable and subject to a planning application. Rural diversification – including farm shops – is supported in the current local development plan.
85	Stambridge	Stambridge has fibre cables to the junction box, however this has not been ‘fed through’ any further. Faster speeds would also be appreciated in Paglesham. Low internet speeds deter businesses and tourists.	<a href="#">SuperFast Essex</a> – Part of the Superfast Britain Programme coordinated by Essex County Council (ECC). The programme is funded and delivered by Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK), BT, Gigaclear, ECC and some Local authorities. The programme is looking to upgrade and deliver new fibre capacity in areas identified as lacking (Some of



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			which are in the Stambridge and Paglesham areas). Areas identified as not needing an upgrade can apply to the scheme for an upgrade. Estimated delivery date is between June 2017 and July 2018.
86	Stambridge	Businesses need to be made more aware of the support and funding available to them.	Information about the support available to local businesses from the Council, including a link to join the Rochford Business Network, is available on the <a href="#">Council website</a> .
<b>Housing</b>			
87	Canewdon/ Ashingdon/ Hullbridge/ Hockley/ Hawkwell/ Rayleigh	Residents need varying types of housing in order to stay in the area (bungalows, housing for young people). A lack of 1/2-bed housing has been identified. A policy should be introduced to protect bungalows.  Where undeveloped land is used, developers should be made to be clever about how they use the land, i.e building town houses etc.	Comment noted. The issue of house types and site density will be considered in the next stages of the new Local Plan process.
88	Canewdon	Redundant garage courts could be used as an infill housing site.	Brownfield sites are prioritised for development wherever possible – and could be delivered outside the plan-making process.
89	Hullbridge	Malyons Lane site – concerns for existing residents which will have their views taken away from them.  Noise pollution during development needs to be restricted to certain times.  Drainage needs to be improved so as not to	Comments noted and would be considered at the planning application stage.  The Council has a drainage policy, ENV4, which requires larger applications for development, such as the Maylons Lane site, to implement Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) in order to

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		worsen the situation of poor drainage.	mitigate any negative impacts the new development may have on the natural rate of drainage.
90	Hullbridge	Brownfield sites should be utilised in order to stop them becoming fly tipping hotspots	Comment noted. Brownfield sites are prioritised for development wherever possible – and could be delivered outside the plan-making process.
91	Hullbridge	No gypsy sites wanted in the area – Caravans currently on junction of Watery Lane.	National policy requires the Council to make provision for Gypsy and Travellers in plan-making. Any unauthorised sites are dealt with through the planning enforcement/application process as appropriate.
92	Hockley	Key that affordable housing remains affordable.	Comment noted.
93	Hockley/ Hawkwell	Concerns over the use of Brownfield infill sites due to the already dense nature of the Parish.  However it is also suggested that small brownfield infill sites are favoured over large developments.	Comment noted. Brownfield sites are prioritised for development wherever possible – and could be delivered outside the plan-making process.
94	Rayleigh	Concerns have been raised over the allocation of affordable housing, especially social housing for local people.  There should be more intermediate housing in Rayleigh.	Comment noted. Policy H4 of the Council's <a href="#">Core Strategy</a> states that 'developments larger than 15 dwellings or 0.5 hectares have to provide 35% of their housing allocation as affordable housing.' Currently there is an allocated site which will provide affordable housing to the north of London Road in Rayleigh.
95	Rayleigh	Rayleigh should be protected from further development and instead have more provision of open spaces. It has been stated that Rayleigh residents feel there is more space for development	Comment noted. Development land allocation is based on a multitude of criteria, making sure the allocated land is suitable for development. This will be considered in the next stages of the new

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		in areas such as Barling.	Local Plan.
96	Rayleigh	Housing in Rayleigh is not wanted unless for the local people. Concerns that new homes bring in more people from nearby cities which add to the already congested roads and trains.	Comment noted.
97	Barling	There are flooding concerns in Kimberley Road and Little Wakering Road. Residents would like for the flood zones to be reassessed by the Environment Agency.	Comment noted. The Environment Agency is responsible for fluvial and tidal flooding from water courses and defines the flood zones for those areas at risk. Essex County Council is the lead local flood authority for surface water flooding. Issues relating to flooding can be raised with these authorities.
98	Barling	Little Wakering housing development is not wanted. Barling would like to stay a village.	This site is allocated in the current local development plan. Comments can be made on the relevant planning applications.
99	Rawreth	In order to mitigate any further housing developments in Rochford (and other areas) a 2 mile wide ring of agricultural land around London should be released for development.	Comment noted.
100	Rawreth	Rawreth has many brown field sites which could provide land for up to 300 homes.	Comment noted. Any brownfield sites put forward for development will be looked at through the plan-making process, and specific types of allocation can be considered with regards to the Council's housing strategy.
101	Rawreth	The land surrounding the village hall should be used for affordable/ social housing.	Comment noted. Any sites put forward for development will be looked at through the plan-making process, and specific types of allocation

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			can be considered with regards to the Council's housing strategy.
<b>Tourism</b>			
102	Canewdon	Tourism needs to grow using varying types of advertising (paper and electronic).  St Nicholas Church needs to have more 'brown' signage and advertising, particularly the stocks. Also a better web presence would be of great use.	Comment noted. Opportunities for tourism will be considered in the next stages of the new Local Plan process.  Individual tasks such as these can be brought to the attention of local Councillors and Parish Councils. Signage could be funded at the Parish Council/community level, however will need to secure permissions from the relevant authorities including Essex County Council.
103	Canewdon	An increase in tourist advertising/attractions should go arm-in-arm with more tourist accommodation.	Comment noted. The current local development plan supports suitable types of accommodation in rural areas.
104	Ashingdon	Anniversary of King Canute's Assandun conquest and St Andrew's Church is reaching its 1000 <sup>th</sup> year – both potential tourist attractions.	Events such as this can be considered outside of this plan-making process.
105	Hullbridge	Any options for ecotourism – walkers/ramblers holidays.	Comment noted. The current local development plan supports certain types of green tourism.
<b>Other</b>			
106	Canewdon	Residents would appreciate a new Village hall.	Comment noted. Options for improvements to community facilities may be considered in the next stages of the new Local Plan.
107	Canewdon	Village green could be a possible site to hold fetes or events.	Events such as this can be considered out of this plan-making process.
108	Rochford	Shops on the east side of the square need to have their facades changed.	Comment noted. The design of shop facades in this area are ordinarily guided by the Council's policies on design within Conservation Areas, as

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			well as the policies within the <a href="#">Rochford Town Centre Area Action Plan</a> (RTCAAP). However, some shop fronts in this area were identified within the RTCAAP as opportunity sites for improvements.
109	Ashingdon/ Hawkwell	New Towns – Instead of clusters of developments alongside existing towns and villages, a new town should be built with its own infrastructure and services so that the existing areas retain their identity.  An area to the West of Rayleigh was identified	This idea is a major infrastructure project which would require extensive consultation and research with many stakeholders. The broad concept of a ‘new town’ is an option which can be considered in the next stages of our new Local Plan, with regard to the Council’s wider housing strategy.
110	Hullbridge	Health concerns over Malyons Lane site being too close to a telecommunications mast.	Comment noted.
111	Hockley	Some residents would like Hockley to remain the same and prioritise it maintaining its village status.	Comment noted.
112	Hockley	Greenery, especially mature trees should be preserved, new developments seem to have a lack of soft landscaping.	Comment noted. Some trees are protected by Tree Preservation Orders, and any development would need to take into account of the impact on the tree(s). Some areas of woodland are also protected under other land designations such as Local Wildlife Sites or Ancient Woodlands. Soft landscaping is also considered through the planning application process.
113	Hockley	Hockley Area Action Plan should be more closely followed.	Comment noted. The Hockley Area Action Plan is an adopted document within the local development plan and is used to advise the determination of planning applications in the Hockley area.
114	Hawkwell	Hawkwell Parish Plan should be utilised as a	Comment noted.

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		resource.	
115	Hawkwell	Drainage needs to be improved, especially where new development is proposed.	<a href="#">Policy ENV4 of the Core Strategy</a> states that all residential development over 10 units will be required to incorporate runoff control via a Sustainable Drainage System, to ensure runoff and infiltration rates do not increase the likelihood of flooding. Multiple authorities, including Anglian Water, the Environment Agency and Essex County Council, are also consulted on larger planning applications with respect to possible drainage, sewerage and flooding issues.
116	Rayleigh	Planning should adopt a bottom-up style.	Comment noted. There are provisions recently brought into the planning system with regards to neighbourhood planning.
117	Rayleigh	Eastwood Road and The Chase junction should be monitored for air quality.	Air quality is an issue that the Council's Environmental Health team monitors and where necessary, addresses. Individual areas of concern can be forwarded to them to be considered.
118	Barling	Where possible, issues and comments should be considered and dealt with prior to 2025.	Where appropriate, some opportunities may be implemented sooner than the period covered by the new Local Plan.
119	Rawreth	Drainage is insufficient near the ASDA superstore and along Laburnum Way. Flooding is also a recurring issue along Church Road, which floods on an annual basis. Additional housing will only worsen the issue.	The issue of flooding is a key consideration in the plan-making and planning application processes, and statutory authorities are consulted on these. Essex County Council is the lead local flood authority.
120	Rawreth	The football pitches in Rawreth need to be made permeable.	Comment noted. This issue is not within the scope of the new Local Plan.
121	Rawreth	Residents feel as though they have been ignored on planning matters previously.	Comment noted. The <a href="#">Statement of Community Involvement</a> (2016) sets out the ways in which the

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			Council consults residents on planning matters.
122	Rawreth / Rayleigh	Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) ought to be set up along Rawreth Lane and London Road. Buses are said to be a major polluter.	Issues of air quality are the responsibility of the Council's Environmental Health team and particular areas of concern can be put to them to be considered / monitored.
123	Rawreth	The Tide Mill Dam stops flood waters from draining away.	Comment noted. This issue can be discussed with the relevant flood authorities, the Environment Agency and Essex County Council.
124	Rawreth	Drains along Watery Lane need regular clearing.	Comment noted. Drains on main sewerage systems are maintained by Anglian Water. Clearing drains on private land is ordinarily the responsibility of the landowner.
125	Rawreth	Raise the sea wall along the River Crouch by 2 foot on the southern side to match the level of flood defence as the northern side.	Comment noted. Options can be put to the relevant flood authority, the Environment Agency.
126	Rawreth	Where does all the water pumped out of Fairglens underpass end up and how quickly?	Comment noted and can be queried with Essex County Council.

#### 4 Appendix 2 – Issues Raised by the Issues and Options Survey

	Area	Issues Raised	Initial Officer Comments
<b>Infrastructure (Transport)</b>			
1	Eastwood/ Hockley	Proposed business parks are an excellent opportunity to encourage walking and cycling by improving and extending existing networks.	Essex County Council have recently published a County-wide <a href="#">Cycling Strategy</a> , and are now looking to produce Cycling Action Plans at a District-level. The <a href="#">Joint Area Action Plan (JAAP)</a> identifies the excellent location of the proposed Airport Business Park. It states that residents living within a 5km radius around the business park, could all cycle to work if safe, practical infrastructure was in place.
2	Great Wakering	Junction of Poynters Lane and Wakering Avenue needs sight lines restored by maintaining hedgerows. Additional road signage is also needed due to drivers often unaware of the speed limit.	Small scale improvement projects may be able to be funded and performed by the local community or Parish Council. The issue of installing additional road signage can also be brought to the attention of local Councillors who can liaise with the Local Highways Panel over possible options.
3	Hawkwell	Disagree strongly with suggestions about installing traffic lights at roundabouts. This would only add to the peak time congestion.	Comment noted.
4	Hawkwell	All bus stops should have cutaways to pull into so that traffic flow can be maintained. Traffic flow is crucial especially for our emergency services and those part time workers arriving to serve at the emergency services.	Comment noted. This option could be explored with Essex County Council as the Highways Authority. The potential to deliver cutaways however is constrained by land availability in the right locations.



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5	Hawkwell/ Rochford	<p>Rochford District Council should pass a bylaw to enable cyclists to responsibly use the pavement so as to not slow down the traffic flow but still promoting the health benefits of cycling.</p> <p>Where possible cycle paths could be provided such as, along Southend Road.</p>	Comment noted. Essex County Council have recently published a County-wide <a href="#">Cycling Strategy</a> , and are now looking to produce Cycling Action Plans at a District-level.
6	Hawkwell/ Rochford/ Rayleigh/ Hockley	<p>Roads need to be sorted before any more big developments are proposed. Also medical facilities need to be upgraded.</p> <p>Rochford, Rayleigh and Hockley are a nightmare on the roads with it taking 40 minutes to leave Rayleigh. Roads cannot cope with more houses.</p>	Throughout the planning process, Essex County Council as highway authority, and the local CCG are consulted on the capacity for road and health services to support future developments. Where necessary, they will advise on the improvements needed to support new development and these will often be implemented alongside any works.
7	Hockley	On street parking along the shopping parade should be reserved for disabled users, with a new car park made in Eldon Way.	Comment noted. The current <a href="#">Hockley Area Action Plan</a> has previously identified the need for additional parking within the centre, which may be included within any redevelopment of Eldon Way.
8	Hockley	The Spa Road roundabout should be replaced by traffic lights as it is currently dangerous.	This roundabout is a known congestion area and has been identified in the <a href="#">Hockley Area Action Plan</a> as in need of improvement. Opportunities for improvements to the wider road network will also be considered through the new Local Plan process.
9	Hockley	Improvement of public paths – many are hard to follow and overgrown.	Hockley is a member of the Parish Paths Partnership Scheme, which is an initiative introduced by Essex County Council in

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			conjunction with the Countryside Agency to assist Parish Councils to maintain, develop and promote their local footpath network. Any issues can be put to Hockley Parish Council.
10	Hockley	Timed parking bays are being abused as there is nobody to enforce these. Especially near stations and schools.	Comment noted.
11	Hockley/ Hawkwell/ Rayleigh	<p>Traffic levels on the B1013 have noticeably increased since the houses built on the Christmas Tree Farm. They will only get worse from the 1200 extra cars possible from the 600 new homes along Hall Road.</p> <p>After the future allocated sites are built out, Rayleigh will be at a standstill all day every day.</p> <p>Ashingdon Road cannot handle any more traffic. The additional 600 homes on Hall Road and 500 on Doggett's will only add to the congestion. Rochford district is in need of a ring road, not just minor road improvements.</p>	Comment noted. Essex County Council are the Highway Authority in the district and are consulted on the capacity of the road network in the context of future development. Where necessary, they will advise on the improvements needed to support new development and these will often be implemented alongside any works.
12	Hockley	<p>Southend Airport station should be made commuter friendly so as to reduce the number of cars travelling to a commuter friendly station (Rochford/Prittlewell).</p> <p>The proposed removal of some car parking at Hockley station will just force more people into using their cars.</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p> <p>It has been identified within the <a href="#">Hockley Area Action Plan</a> that there is some open land that can provide potential for the reorganisation of car parking arrangements and the road layout.</p>

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13	Hockley/ Rayleigh	<p>Trains on the Southend Victoria line should have airport friendly carriages with room for luggage. The train operator ignores the plane timetables as there are too few trains at off-peak times.</p> <p>Additional residents from the new homes in Rayleigh, Rochford and even Wickford will all impact on the train line with the increase in the numbers of commuters, yet there are no mentions of any upgrade in the numbers of trains which will run on this line.</p>	Comment noted. As part of the new Local Plan process, discussions over service improvements shall be held with the franchise operator.
14	Rayleigh	<p>Rayleigh is becoming gridlocked and cannot cope with further houses to the west of Hullbridge and North of London Road.</p> <p>For example, having one lane shut at Fairglen has caused gridlock.</p> <p>Gridlock leads to unnecessary air pollution.</p>	<p>Essex County Council are the Highway Authority in the district and are consulted on the capacity of the road network in the context of future development. Where necessary, they will advise on the improvements needed to support new development and these will often be implemented alongside any works.</p> <p>Issues of congestion and pollution on the existing road network will also be looked at in the next stages of the new Local Plan.</p>
15	Rayleigh	There is an issue surrounding the volume and speed of traffic using Roach Avenue and Weir Gardens as a cut through.	Comment noted.
16	Rayleigh	No individual developer or authority has modelled/assessed the impact of the construction traffic during the next 10-15 years. There is bound to	Comment noted. A traffic management scheme may be entered into to mitigate the impact of construction traffic to the surrounding area.

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		<p>be a cumulative impact from the multiple sites allocated to be built out over the same period.</p> <p>All of the sites allocated for the next 10-15 year period are adjacent and therefore will all be using the same over crowded roads.</p>	<p>Air quality is an issue that the Council's Environmental Health team monitor, and where necessary, steps will be taken to address unacceptable levels of pollutants.</p>
17	Rayleigh	<p>Roads are congested, there are too many parked cars on the roads with some residential roads needed resident permits. The car parks should provide more spaces but also be cheaper.</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p> <p>Issues of parking and congestion will be considered in the next stages of the new Local Plan.</p>
18	Rayleigh	<p>Fairglens intersection is constantly congested directly increasing pollution at this location.</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p> <p>Essex County Council as the Highway Authority is looking into the options for this key junction at both the short term and long term to address the issues identified.</p>
19	Rayleigh	<p>Residents need parking permits to park outside their property. Bull Lane needs clearing of parked cars to help with congestion especially as this is a bus route.</p> <p>A parked cars survey and assessment should be held. Identify who owns the cars and then what can be done to move as many as possible off the street.</p>	<p>The <a href="#">South Essex Parking Partnership</a> is responsible for parking restrictions and enforcement in the district. Issues and options relating to on-street parking can be put to them.</p>
20	Rayleigh	<p>The biggest issue is traffic through the west side of Rayleigh. The A1245 towards the A127 junction is terrible. It frequently takes over 30 minutes to go from the Carpenter's Arms roundabout to the A127</p>	<p>Comments noted. Certain junctions are identified for improvement within the <a href="#">Rayleigh Centre Area Action Plan</a>. Improvements to the wider road network will also be looked at throughout the new</p>

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		<p>roundabout. Then there's the traffic going through Rayleigh itself. This is always worse when there's a problem on the A127. The junction with Down Hall Road is particularly frustrating not to mention the slow crawl up Crown Hill.</p> <p>This really needs to be improved before anymore housing is considered in Rayleigh.</p>	<p>Local Plan process, alongside the Highway Authority, Essex County Council</p>
21	Rayleigh	<p>Move pedestrian crossing at the top of Crown hill down or change to a pelican crossing to alleviate traffic flow.</p> <p>Install 'Sleeping Policemen' bumps to slow traffic in residential area.</p> <p>More parking restrictions are needed along residential roads.</p> <p>Roundabouts outside M&amp;S and Lynx nightclub have obstructed views to the right, these ought to be relocated to give drivers better view of the oncoming traffic.</p> <p>Rayleigh High Street, Eastwood Road and London Road are all congested. Even at off peak times traffic is often queueing from Rayleigh Station to access the High Street.</p> <p>High volumes of traffic are killing off our high street.</p>	<p>Comments noted. The <a href="#">Rayleigh Centre Area Action Plan</a> (RAAP) identifies the crossing at the top of Crown Hill as needing improvement to help ease traffic flow.</p> <p>The RAAP also identifies the need for improvement to many of the mini-roundabouts in the centre.</p> <p>Issues such as these can be brought to the attention of your local Councillor and raised with the Local Highways Panel.</p> <p>We will be publishing a baseline position on the district's road network alongside the forthcoming Issues and Options document. From this, highway modelling will be developed by Essex County Council and potential traffic mitigation measures explored.</p>

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		<p>Websters Way traffic management issues;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entry/exit of Websters Way car park is a major issue.</li> <li>• Crossing lights at this location change too often.</li> <li>• The junction of Websters Way and Eastwood Road is dangerous with drivers having to look for cars and pedestrians. The zebra crossing should be replaced with lights.</li> <li>• At the top (north) of Rayleigh High Street, opposite Holy Trinity Church, drivers often drive through red lights. Red light cameras should be placed at this junction.</li> </ul> <p>In order to solve some of these issues a survey should take place in the school term during the week.</p>	
22	Rayleigh	<p>Rayleigh station car park – Should be one way in, one out. The expanse of pavement could be used to create an entrance/exit that is easy to access.</p> <p>The location of a car wash here makes the system worse.</p> <p>Roundabout outside of Edward Francis is dangerous with drivers speeding up on approach rather than</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p> <p>Specific improvements to the wider road network will be investigated in the next stages of the new Local Plan, alongside the highway authority, Essex County Council.</p>

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		slowing down. Some form of speed ramp needs to be in place to slow drivers down.	
23	Rayleigh	The traffic lights and lights at pedestrian crossings along Rayleigh High Street need to be synchronized as they currently work against each other.	As part of the next stages of the new Local Plan, we shall be publishing a baseline position on the district's road network alongside the forthcoming Issues and Options document. From this, highway modelling will be developed by Essex County Council and potential mitigation issues explored.
24	Rayleigh	<p>The junction of London Road, Down Hall Road and Creswick Avenue is extremely dangerous, especially for cars attempting to exit Creswick Avenue. The traffic lights on the pedestrian crossing at this location stay green too long, causing issues at this junction.</p> <p>The dedicated turns provided from London Road to Down Hall create an impossible to navigate obstacle when exiting Creswick Avenue.</p>	<p>As part of the next stages of the new Local Plan, we shall be publishing a baseline position on the district's road network alongside the forthcoming Issues and Options document. From this, highway modelling will be developed by Essex County Council and potential mitigation issues explored.</p> <p>Specific improvements to the wider road network will be investigated in the next stages of the new Local Plan.</p>
25	Rayleigh	<p>Rayleigh has far too many bottlenecks which cause traffic to an extreme extent, with no other alternative routes. This happens multiple times a day.</p> <p>Rawreth Lane is already congested, further housing will cause the road to become a car park.</p>	As part of the next stages of the new Local Plan, we shall be publishing a baseline position on the district's road network alongside the forthcoming Issues and Options document. From this, highway modelling will be developed by Essex County Council and potential mitigation issues explored. Such issues as a problematic junction or road causing a bottleneck will be identified within the modelling.

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26	Rayleigh	Every road into the town centre is blocked at school pick up times, what are the possibilities of staggering school finish times to ease congestion?	Options to reduce congestion across the district will be discussed with Essex County Council through the next stages of the new Local Plan.
27	Rayleigh	<p>Can the following infrastructure improvements be included in the new Local Plan;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By pass to the north of Rayleigh and Hullbridge incorporating Watery Lane, Lower Road to Ashingdon with road straightening and widening to facilitate traffic flow</li> <li>• Improvements to the Junctions at both ends of Rawreth Lane, with consideration to feeder lanes and/or the creation of roundabouts</li> <li>• Improvements to the Junction of Down Hall Road/Hambro Hill maybe with the installation of traffic lights</li> <li>• Improvements to the Junctions on the A129 (London Road/Crown Hill) at Down Hall Road/London Hill</li> <li>• A change to traffic priorities at the top of Crown Hill and High street on to Eastwood Road, with the replacement of the zebra crossing with a Pelican Crossing. The mini roundabouts should be replaced with synchronized traffic lights.</li> </ul>	As part of the next stages of the new Local Plan, we shall be publishing a baseline position on the district's road network alongside the forthcoming Issues and Options document. From this, highway modelling will be developed by Essex County Council and potential mitigation issues explored.



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A change to traffic priorities at the top of London Hill and the High Street onto Hockley Road and Websters way with the replacement of the zebra crossing with a Pelican Crossing and lights that are synchronised</li> <li>• Allow access into Love lane from Crown Hill to allow a traffic flow to Spring Gardens Ridgeway and onto the High Road</li> <li>• Creation of new road off the carpenter arms roundabout into the new countryside development (north of London Road)</li> </ul>	
28	Rayleigh	Liaise with Network Rail and the Bus Companies to remodel Rayleigh Station to get all buses especially the X30 to call into a purpose built bus / train station transport hub, also sorting out the car park and taxi ranks.	Comment noted and can be discussed with the relevant operators.
29	Rayleigh	Potholes in Rayleigh roads are not being fixed and are getting bigger and causing cars damage.	Comment noted. Specific road surfacing issues can be brought to the attention of Essex County Council by submitting the relevant information on their <a href="#">highways website</a> .
30	Rayleigh/ Hockley/ Hullbridge	<p>Install a roundabout at the junction of Beeches Road and Chelmsford Road.</p> <p>Build a bypass across open countryside to the end of Watery Lane.</p> <p>Continue widening Lower Road and bypass the</p>	Improvements to the wider road network will be looked at throughout the new Local Plan process, alongside the Highway Authority, Essex County Council.

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		garden centres by crossing the fields (in as straight a line as possible) to the junction with Greensward Lane – Allowing traffic to bypass Rayleigh and Hockley, freeing up the roads allowing the current infrastructure to take more homes.	
31	Rayleigh/ Hullbridge	<p>The roads can not be improved much, the volume of traffic is the issue. The volume of the traffic on the roads in turn sparks concern about air pollution.</p> <p>Instead of looking for road improvements, public transport should be improved, made cheaper and run more efficiently.</p> <p>Some roads in Hullbridge have not been maintained since they were laid decades ago.</p>	<p>Air pollution is an issue that the Council's Environmental Health team monitor and where necessary, mitigation measures will be implemented.</p> <p>Improvements to public and sustainable transport will be investigated in the future stages of the New Local Plan.</p> <p>Specific cases of poor road surfacing can be brought to the attention of Essex County Council by submitting the relevant information on their <a href="#">highways website</a>.</p>
32	Rochford	Rail bridges are narrow and often add to congestion, and also collect surface water.	Comment noted. The railway bridges are known congestion hotspots and improvements to the wider road network will be considered through the next stages of the new Local Plan process.
33	Rochford	Hall Road roundabout is inadequate, why was it not made bigger so that cars have to go round it. The extra lane will just add to the peak time congestion.	Comment noted. The design and layout of the roundabout was approved by the relevant Highway Authority, Essex County Council.
34	Rochford	The quality of the surfacing along roads and footpaths in the area around Somerset Avenue, The Drive, Percy Cottis Road and Rochford Garden Way	Specific road surfacing issues be brought to the attention of Essex County Council by submitting

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		is appalling. The potholes and defects cause issue for cyclists, mobility scooter users and wheelchairs.	the information on their <a href="#">highways website</a> .
35	Rochford	Development to the east of Ashingdon Road will cause congestion.  New development to the east of Ashingdon Road will place far too much pressure on existing services and the sewers. When are these to be improved? And where are new doctors going to come from?	Comment noted. The ability for infrastructure to support proposed development is a fundamental consideration in the plan-making and planning application processes. Infrastructure providers are consulted with regard to the capacity of their existing infrastructure, and where necessary, they advise on what improvements would be necessary to support the proposed development. These improvements are often delivered alongside development but may also be considered in more strategic investment strategies.
36	Rochford	Sutton Court Drive often gets used as a racetrack all times of the day. Heavy haulage vehicles use the road as a shortcut and have to use the pavement to get down the road.	Comment noted. Incidents of road traffic offences should be noted to Essex Police. Improvements to the road network will be examined in the future stages of the new Local Plan process.
37	Rochford	Suggested road between Stambridge Road to Sutton Road to bypass Rochford. This would allow additional housing capacity in Canewdon/Stambridge and also an enlarged school, doctors surgery and improved bus timetable should come along with this housing.	Improvements to the wider road network will be looked at throughout the new Local Plan process, alongside the Highway Authority, Essex County Council.
38	Rochford	Problem with buses at junction of South Street and West Street is caused by cars waiting in "Keep	Comment noted. Road traffic offences should be reported to the police.

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		Clear" area better enforcement of traffic regulations needed.  Continued problem of cars parking on pavements (e.g. particularly West Street). Better enforcement of traffic regulations needed.	The <a href="#">South Essex Parking Partnership</a> is responsible for parking restrictions and enforcement in the district. Issues and options relating to on-street parking can be put to them.
39	Rochford/ Hawkeell/ Hockley	There is a lack of road/traffic capacity and a need for new access roads.	Comment noted. Improvements to the road network will be examined in the future stages of the new Local Plan process.
40	South Fambridge	There is no public transport provision.	Comments noted. The vast majority of the bus routes in the area are privately run, therefore areas in which a potentially viable route could operate, may be brought to the attention of a bus operator.
41	South Fambridge	The footpath gets so overgrown in summer that it becomes unusable.	Issues such as unusable footpaths can be raised with Local Councillors or Parish Councils, who are often dutied with their maintenance.
42	South Fambridge	Traffic does not stick to the speed limit in this village.	Incidents of road traffic offences should be noted to Essex Police.
<b>Infrastructure (Schools, Healthcare, Services, Utilities, Broadband)</b>			
43	Other (Theatres Trust)	Important to recognise the benefits of cultural development. Community infrastructure and cultural facilities are an essential element of a sustainable community as they help to promote wellbeing and improve quality of life.	Comments noted and will be considered moving forward through the new Local Plan process.

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44	Great Wakering	A secondary school in Wakering is really needed, especially after the additional pressure that will be put on King Edmunds after the 600 homes along Hall Road are complete and after the homes in Star Lane and Barrow Hall Road.	<p>Having previously discussed the issue of secondary school provision in the east of the district with Essex County Council, it was indicated that several thousand additional homes would be needed to justify and sustain a new secondary school. Decisions on the need for a new school will not only depend on the projected additional students as a result of the development, but also on the excess capacity of existing schools and the ability for existing schools to expand.</p> <p>Essex County Council are the education authority for the district and as such, advise us on what improvements to school provision are needed to support new developments. We will continue to liaise with Essex County Council over the course of the new Local Plan process, on the issue of school provision across the district. Where possible, we will discuss options for improvements to capacity and accessibility.</p>
45	Great Wakering	<p>Police presence in Great Wakering is non-existent.</p> <p>The school suits its purpose as a primary school, despite comments from other residents.</p> <p>Castle Road tip is far too far, our rubbish collection has been downgraded to just one truck.</p>	<p>Essex Police manage their resources and issues about presence should be raised to them.</p> <p>Comments noted.</p> <p>Issues relating to waste collection can be forwarded to the appropriate teams for consideration.</p>

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46	Hockley	Hockley is in need of a wider range of businesses, with a redesigned more aesthetically pleasing look.	<p>Business and employment growth will be a key focus of the new Local Plan process moving forward.</p> <p>The <a href="#">Hockley Area Action Plan</a> supports the view that very few of the retail units along Spa road make a positive contribution to the character of the area. It is suggested that green landscaping should take place to enhance the visual amenity.</p> <p>The proposed use of the Eldon Way site may result in a wider range of businesses in the area.</p>
47	Rayleigh	Air pollution from the increase in traffic is putting a strain on Southend Hospital.	Air pollution is an issue that the Council's Environmental Health team monitor and where necessary, mitigation measures will be implemented.
48	Rayleigh	Rayleigh should have a swimming pool, which should have been provided with the Rayleigh leisure centre.	Such leisure facilities, provided there is an evidenced need, and are viable, can be considered through the new Local Plan process.
49	Rayleigh	<p>New houses should not be built as the area is overcrowded and the services and utilities are stretched and exhausted.</p> <p>Minimal consideration is given to the existing community.</p>	The Council consults various bodies including utility providers and the relevant authorities on services throughout the plan-making and planning application process. Their advice provides an understanding on the sustainability of services in the context of new development. Where necessary, improvements to services will be achieved during the application process.
50	Rayleigh	There is a lack of doctors, schools (primary and secondary), community facilities and dentists due to overdevelopment. Significantly reducing quality of	Throughout the plan-making and planning application stage, Rochford District Council shall liaise with the relevant providers in order to

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		life.	monitor and keep demand on these services sustainable.
51	Rayleigh	Hullbridge is in need of a better police force so the older generation can safely travel on foot.	Comments noted. Essex Police manage their resources and issues about police presence should be raised to them.
52	Rayleigh	Less room also should be given to gift, charity and beauty shops so as to allow food establishments to generate more income.	Comment noted.
53	Rayleigh	Doctors are all full and can take nearly a week to get an appointment for a child.  I would like to have the details of GP surgeries and their capacities.  The NHS seems to be bursting at the seams both in hospital and the community.	Comment noted. RDC will continue to consult with the local CCG on the capacity of health services and consider measures for improvement.  The Castle Point and Rochford Clinical Commissioning Group are routinely consulted on the ability for health services to sustain further development.
54	Rayleigh	Provide WiFi, or sponsor a partner to create a Rayleigh hub in the High street area to give free WiFi to shoppers.	Comment noted.
55	Rochford	Schools are full to capacity, although I believe there are plans for a new primary school in the new developments.	The Hall Road development site includes plans for a new primary school
56	Rochford	Do not combine the new school on the Hall road site	Comment noted.

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		with Rochford Primary.	
57	Rochford	We need more clubs and play areas, such as a skate park - so children have places to go in the school holidays where they won't get bored and this would hopefully reduce vandalism.	Comment noted. The opportunity for improved leisure and open space provision will be considered throughout the new Local Plan process.
58	South Fambridge	Internet speeds in our village are appalling. Home run businesses are almost impossible to manage with such poor speeds. Fibre Optic is needed.	Comment noted. <a href="#">SuperFast Essex</a> – Part of the Superfast Britain Programme coordinated by Essex County Council (ECC). The programme is funded and delivered by Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK), BT, Gigaclear, ECC and some Local authorities. The programme is looking to upgrade and deliver new fibre capacity in areas identified as lacking. South Fambridge is an area identified by SuperFast Essex as due for an upgrade to Fibre broadband. Areas identified as not needing an upgrade can apply to the scheme for an upgrade. Estimated delivery date is between June 2017 and July 2018.
59	South Fambridge	There is no access to mains gas or shops within the village.	Comment noted.
<b>Housing</b>			
61	Great Wakering	Too many houses being built in the Wakering area and no additional infrastructure to accommodate the numbers coming into the area.	The ability for infrastructure to support proposed development is a fundamental consideration in the plan-making and planning application processes. Infrastructure providers were consulted with regard to the capacity of their existing infrastructure, and where necessary, they



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			advised on what improvements would be necessary to support the proposed development.
62	Hockley	More affordable housing provision is needed. Where 4-5 bedroomed houses are built, it needs to be made sure that adequate off-street parking is provided.	Comment noted. <a href="#">Policy H4 of the Core Strategy</a> requires any site larger than 15 dwellings or 0.5 hectare to provide 35% affordable housing allocation, subject to viability. Parking is a key consideration at the planning application stage and the Council has policies on minimum parking provision dependent on the works being proposed. Such policies may be refined or rewritten as necessary.
63	Hockley	Developments that have a detrimental impact to the openness of the green belt such as Hall Road should be avoided.	Comment noted. Rochford District Council seeks to preserve the openness of the Green Belt and any decisions to release land from Green Belt are scrutinised in line with national policy guidance. Objective 2 of the Green Belt within the Core Strategy, ensures the minimum amount of Green Belt is allocated to meet the District's housing and employment needs, and that extensions to the residential envelope are in sustainable locations, which retain the individual identities of settlements and prevent coalescence.
64	Hockley/ Hullbridge	Why are RDC allowing house building on the flood plains in Rayleigh and Hullbridge?	The Council considers the potential for flooding through consultation with the statutory flooding authorities. The Council would not approve the building of houses on land deemed unsafe. The sites mentioned are not within the Environment Agency's designated flood zones, where any section of the site may overlap the boundaries of the flood zone, this land may be used for the

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		There is not the infrastructure capacity for the proposed additional 500 houses to the west of Hullbridge. If these houses are to be built, additional utility, school, road and shop capacity will need to be provided.	<p>provision of green space for example. Any potential surface water flooding is a separate issue away from flood zones which shall be addressed by a Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS).</p> <p>The capacity of existing infrastructure is a key consideration at the planning application stage, and the relevant statutory authorities are consulted on any major proposals. Where necessary, they will advise on the improvements needed to sustain the development being proposed. The potential for future infrastructure improvements will be looked at through the next stages of the New Local Plan.</p>
65	Rayleigh	I understand we need more housing, however Rayleigh is not in a position to accommodate new homes. Sites such as the luxury housing on Bullwood Hall should instead have been located elsewhere and provide more affordable housing.	Comments noted.
66	Rayleigh	<p>One of the purposes of the Green Belt is to prevent towns and villages from merging together. This should be stopped from happening between Rayleigh and Rawreth – West Rayleigh/Rawreth has already taken far more than its fair share of development.</p> <p>Rawreth needs its own neighbourhood plan to</p>	<p>The Council seeks to preserve the Green Belt in line with the nationally defined Green Belt purposes, including preventing the merging of towns and villages. Any decisions to release Green Belt land are scrutinised in line with national policy guidance.</p> <p>Rawreth Parish Council is entitled to begin creating a neighbourhood plan, which will be</p>

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		<p>ensure a sustainable future for the village.</p> <p>Protecting the Green Belt across the district should be a priority and the minimum amount of development as possible should occur – Brownfield sites should have priority over greenfield.</p>	<p>supported by Rochford District Council.</p> <p>Comments noted. Current Green Belt policy supports this approach. Purpose 2 of the Green Belt is to prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another.</p>
67	Rayleigh	RDC should encourage smaller builders by releasing smaller sites on the edge of Rayleigh. Smaller sites integrate into the existing urbanised are better.	Comment noted. The Council's future housing delivery spatial strategy methods will be considered within the new Local Plan.
68	Rayleigh	<p>Less housing should be permitted for sale via buy-to-rent. Priority and help to buy should be given to younger local buyers.</p> <p>The needs of local people should be prioritised</p>	Comment noted.
69	Rayleigh	Residents have not been consulted about the change of use of Francs Cottee Lodge, Eastwood Road being turned into housing for homeless. What assurances are there about the value of our properties and the people who shall be living there?	<p>Comment noted.</p> <p>This issue is not within the scope of this consultation.</p>
70	Rayleigh	No major development should take place on the green field land. No major development should take place anywhere without the funds for improvement to infrastructure committed by ECC, and even then, all infrastructure should be delivered before any house	Comment noted. Rochford District Council has a housing need to be met. The Council seeks to preserve the greenfield land, especially Green Belt, as far as practically and reasonably possible. The Council's housing delivery strategy for meeting its needs over the longer term will be

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		building can commence.	considered through the new Local Plan process.  Infrastructure improvements, where on-site or monetary contributions are determined by the need – as identified by Essex County Council as the highway and education authority, and other relevant providers. If a need is identified then money for improvement will be secured via Section 106 agreements. The timings of these infrastructure improvements will be agreed prior to the development being started.
71	Rochford	Infilling will not meet the needs of our community, it is already too dense.  Where infilling however does occur, these houses need to contribute to house building targets.	Comment noted.  Infill (windfall) housing does currently play a part in house building targets.
72	Rochford	Doggetts farm development is not taking into consideration for the people living near the site currently or the pressures it will put on all aspects of the infrastructure.  It is also to be noted of the impact this development will have on surface water flooding.	Within the planning application process, the Council consults with neighbours to development sites and asks for their views on the proposed development. These will then help to inform the planning officer's decision on whether the development is acceptable (or unacceptable) with regards to its effect on neighbourhood amenity. The Council also consults the relevant infrastructure authorities with regards to the ability for services to support the new development, and if necessary what improvements are needed to support the new development. This would include consultation with the relevant flood authorities.

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			The Council also has a policy, ENV4, which requires larger applications for development to implement Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS)
<b>Other</b>			
73	Other	How are Council Taxes spent?	This is not within the scope of the new Local Plan process.
74	Hockley	Street cleaning needs improving. Spa Road suffers from bad littering.	Comment noted. This can be put to the relevant team for consideration.
75	Hockley	No attention seems to have been made to the local Area Action Plans produced previously. Concerns highlighted within the plans are still relevant but no action has been taken. Residents will have no confidence in the new Local Plan until results are evident.	Comment noted.  The local Area Action Plans are adopted policy documents and are considered in the determination of planning applications.
76	Rayleigh	Vandalism is present in parks along with dog fouling. More police presence is desired.	Comment noted.
77	Rayleigh	Excessive congestion is leading to air pollution along London Road.  There is also increased flash flooding due to poorly designed roads, housing and drainage.	Comments noted. Air pollution is an issue which is monitored by the Council's Environmental Health team and where necessary, mitigation measures will be implemented.  Issues regarding increased surface water runoff can be brought to the attention of the Rochford Flood Action Group, or Essex County Council as the local lead food authority.
78	Rayleigh	A new West Rayleigh / Rawreth Country Park, linking recreation ground in the north through to	Comment noted. Options for improved open spaces and/or tourism opportunities will be

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		Wheatley wood in the south  The Rawreth recreation ground should however be extended and improved to create a Country Park as part of the district Council's 'green tourism' strategy. There are also good road links to make this feasible.	considered in the next stages of the New Local Plan.
79	Rayleigh	Castle Road Tip is in a poor location as skip changeovers take a long time and cause massive queues.	Comment noted. The current local development plan has allocated land to relocate this facility.
80	Rayleigh	I would like more interactive debate, discussion and dissemination of factual information. Difficult to find any transparent and open list of the good work being done on the cumbersome RDC website.	Comment noted.
81	Rochford	Surface water drainage is becoming a problem more regularly.	Comment noted. Surface water flooding issues are considered at the plan-making and planning application stage. The Council has specific policies on the implementation of Sustainable Drainage Systems on larger developments.
82	Rochford	It is a priority to preserve the rural setting of the District.	Comment noted. The district's rural areas are mostly designated as Green Belt. The Council seeks to preserve the openness and setting of its Green Belt land as far as practically possible.
83	Rochford	More dog waste bins are needed in the area around Somerset Avenue, The Drive, Percy Cottis Road and Rochford Garden Way.	Comment noted and shall be forwarded to the Recycling team for comment.
84	Rochford	The Market square is underutilised. More events could be held than just the Tuesday market. Some	Comments noted. The introduction or creation of new events falls outside of the plan making

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		variety on market stalls. New events could encourage or favour small start ups and healthy food stalls. Rochford should be innovative and model the next big idea. The mood around the square needs to be improved in the evenings too. The square is wasted as a car park. There are plenty of other places to park nearby.	process, however plans can be made in order to facilitate new events.
85	Rochford	Concerns over the loss of countryside. The gradual urbanisation is impacting on the natural environment and the district's character as a farming area.  Farmland should be protected from development.	Comment noted. The Council seeks to preserve the openness and setting of its Green Belt land, as far as practically possible, in line with the five purposes of the Green Belt.
86	Rochford/ Great Wakering	Street lights should be on all night again to improve safety.	Most streetlights in the District are under the authority of Essex County Council. Any streetlights that you believe should be exempt from Essex County Council's "part-night" scheme should be put to them.