



#### **4. Relevant Policies / Government Guidance**

NPPF National Planning Policy Framework July 2018  
National Planning Practice Guidance

Tendring District Local Plan 2007

QL9 Design of New Development

QL10 Designing New Development to Meet Functional Needs

QL11 Environmental Impacts and Compatibility of Uses

TR1A Development Affecting Highways

TR7 Vehicle Parking at New Development

EN1 Landscape Character

Tendring District Local Plan 2013-2033 and Beyond Publication Draft (June 2017)

SPL3 Sustainable Design

PPL3 The Rural Landscape

#### **Status of the Local Plan**

The 'development plan' for Tendring is the 2007 'adopted' Local Plan. Paragraph 213 of the NPPF (2018) allows local planning authorities to give due weight to adopted albeit outdated policies according to their degree of consistency with the policies in the NPPF. Paragraph 48 of the NPPF also allows weight to be given to policies in emerging plans according to their stage of preparation, the extent to which there are unresolved objections to relevant policies and the degree of consistency with national policy. As of 16th June 2017, the emerging Local Plan for Tendring is the Tendring District Local Plan 2013-2033 and Beyond Publication Draft.

Section 1 of the Local Plan (which sets out the strategy for growth across North Essex including Tendring, Colchester and Braintree) was examined in January and May 2018 and the Inspector's initial findings were published in June 2018. They raise concerns, very specifically, about the three 'Garden Communities' proposed in north Essex along the A120 designed to deliver longer-term sustainable growth in the latter half of the plan period and beyond 2033. Further work is required to address the Inspector's concerns and the North Essex Authorities are considering how best to proceed.

With more work required to demonstrate the soundness of the Local Plan, its policies cannot yet carry the full weight of adopted policy, however they can carry some weight in the determination of planning applications. The examination of Section 2 of the Local Plan will progress once matters in relation to Section 1 have been resolved. Where emerging policies are particularly relevant to a planning application and can be given some weight in line with the principles set out in paragraph 48 of the NPPF, they will be considered and, where appropriate, referred to in decision notices. In general terms however, more weight will be given to policies in the NPPF and the adopted Local Plan.

#### **5. Officer Appraisal (including Site Description and Proposal)**

##### Proposal

This application seeks permission for the provision of a new vehicular access to a semi detached dwelling outside of the development boundary.

##### Assessment

##### Appearance

The local area comprises of a mixture of two and single storey dwellings with driveways to the front. Some of these properties already benefit from existing dropped kerb accesses.

The proposal is considered a minor alteration to the front of the site which will be publicly visible within the streetscene. Due to its small scale nature as well as consistency with other development

within the area the proposal would not result in an adverse impact to the appearance of the dwelling or character of the area.

The site is situated outside the housing settlement limits however as the proposal will be in keeping with the existing character of the dwelling and will not harm the character of the surrounding area the proposal meets Saved Policy EN1 of the Adopted Local Plan 2007 and Draft Policy PPL3 of the Tendring District Local Plan 2013-2033 and Beyond Publication Draft (June 2017)..

#### Highways

As part of the application Essex County Council Highways have been consulted; to which they have raised no objections to the proposal.

#### Impact on Neighbours

Due to its minor nature it is considered that the proposal would not result in an adverse impact to neighbouring amenities.

#### Other Considerations

Weeley Parish Council have no objections to the proposal.  
No further letters of representation have been received

#### Conclusion

In the absence of material harm resulting from the proposed development the application is recommended for approval.

### **6. Recommendation**

Approval - Full.

### **7. Conditions**

- 1 The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

Reason - To comply with the requirements of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

- 2 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: Block Plan 1:500.

Reason - For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.

### **8. Informatives**

#### Positive and Proactive Statement

The Local Planning Authority has acted positively and proactively in determining this application by assessing the proposal against all material considerations, including planning policies and any representations that may have been received and subsequently determining to grant planning permission in accordance with the presumption in favour of sustainable development, as set out within the National Planning Policy Framework.

#### Highways Informative

All work within or affecting the highway is to be laid out and constructed by prior arrangement with, and to the requirements and satisfaction of, the Highway Authority, details to be agreed before the commencement of works. The applicants should be advised to contact the Development Management Team by email at [development.management@essexhighways.org](mailto:development.management@essexhighways.org) or by post to: SMO1 - Essex Highways, Colchester Highways Depot, 653, The Crescent, Colchester Business Park, Colchester CO49YQ.