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**Alresford Neighbourhood Development Plan Consultation.  
Town & Country Planning Act 1990,  
Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004,  
Localism Act 2011,  
Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 (as amended 2015).**

Dear Sirs,

Thank you for consulting Tendring District Council on Alresford Parish Council's emerging Neighbourhood Development Plan. Please find below the District Council's formal comments on this consultation.

### **Comments on Neighbourhood Development Plan**

Para 2.4 – We would encourage the inclusion of more detail on designated heritage assets, either at para 2.4, 2.44 or 8.4. Your Council may wish to note that the emerging Heritage Strategy for Tendring recommends the preparation of a 'local list' of non-designated heritage assets and this might provide the opportunity to for the Parish Council to suggest buildings and structures of historical or architectural value for consideration.

Para 2.43 and 2.44 – This section might benefit from more information about the village hall, pavilion and playing field; their current usage and any plans or aspirations for their future.

Paras 3.2, 3.3 and following bullet points – The vision would benefit from setting out what the Parish Council wants Alresford to be like in 2033, in a similar way to the vision contained within the District Council's emerging Local Plan for Tendring.

Para 4.4 (and ALRES2) – Further clarity is required in regards to the Parish Council's intention to provide housing for older people. Careful consideration will need to be given to this concept. It would be beneficial for the Parish Council to identify, at least in broad terms, areas where this kind of housing would/would not be acceptable. We would be

interested to know if landowners have been consulted and what the results of such discussions were.

Policy ALRES1 – The Parish Council should consider the way in which policies are annotated. The use of letters at every paragraph and to denote criteria may lead to confusion when referring to a specific paragraph.

Para 5.3 – The Council's Housing team made the following comments:

*Offices have no concerns from a housing perspective with regard to the Alresford neighbourhood plan. What it proposes fits in with our draft housing strategy in terms of meeting the needs of an ageing population and supporting rural exception schemes and community land trusts. The housing survey has been carried out by the Rural Housing Enabler at RCCE and so it has been done through the correct channels.*

Para 7.4 – It is not clear if the Parish Council have consulted the District Council's Playing Pitch Strategy. For completeness, we attach the relevant links below:

[Tendring Playing Pitch Strategy - Assessment Report - March 2017](#)

[Tendring Playing Pitch Strategy - Draft Strategy and Action Plan - May 2017](#)

[Playing Pitch Assessment report](#)

[Playing Pitch Strategy](#)

Paras 7.11 – 7.15 including Policy ALRES5 - The Council's Tree and Landscape Officer had no further comments to make.

The Council's Public Realm Team had the following comments to make:

*The current open space strategy for TDC is ten years old now and whilst the overall vision remains the same (open spaces to be a dynamic network at the heart of the community that is safe, well-maintained, accessible to all, good for wildlife and fun for all ages, whilst conserving peace and quiet where possible), a further audit of facilities and consultation with local residents would be beneficial across the District.*

*In terms of Alresford, there is currently an assumed deficit of open space of -0.30 hectares and of play provision of -1.61 hectares, this forms the basis for requirements relating to planning applications/housing developments in the area.*

*The green spaces identified by the parish and the comments relating to them are shared by us.*

*From the comments made in the proposed neighbourhood plan relating to open space, it is clear that, apart from the playing field, other maintained and accessible open spaces are rare and much valued.*

*We wonder if any thought has been given to a site of open space at the end of De Staunton Close of approximately 649 m2 highlighted blue on the attached.*

*Open spaces are valued and do enhance communities whether they are used for physical recreation, or just to look good and to provide places for people to sit in peace and quiet, they have an incalculable positive benefit for people's health and well-being, physical and mental.*

*In times of increased hours worked at home and / or children playing on computers, open spaces provide opportunities for people to come together communally.*

### **Other Matters**

The Parish Council asked the District Council to undertake a formal Screening Opinion in regard to the Plan's likely impact on protected species and habitat sites. The District Council commissioned Essex County Council Place Services to undertake this work (see attached). Once completed, the District Council consulted the three statutory consultees (Natural England, Historic England and the Environment Agency) on the Screening Opinion (see attached). The three consultees all agreed that the proposed Plan would have no significant impact on protected species of the habitat sites.

Kind regards,

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