

Foreword

We are pleased to present the Tendring District Local Plan ‘2013-2033 and beyond’ - the blueprint for future growth in our district and the rule book that will be applied in the pursuit of high quality, energy efficient and properly planned ‘sustainable’ development. Development that meets the needs and demands of our growing economy and increasing population whilst making sure the unique and much loved qualities of Tendring’s towns, villages, rural and coastal areas are respected, maintained and enhanced for the enjoyment of future generations.

The Local Plan is in two Sections. Section One (contained within a separate document) was prepared in partnership with Braintree and Colchester Councils and contains a strategy for growth across North Essex, sets the future targets for housing and employment growth and establishes the development of a new ‘Garden Community’ on the Tendring and Colchester border.

This document is Section Two of the Local Plan which is unique to Tendring and applies to all parts of our district outside of the proposed Garden Community. It identifies areas to be developed, areas to be protected and areas to be rejuvenated and enhanced and, as well as containing the policies that will apply in the determination of planning applications. It also provides the framework upon which Town or Parish Council or other recognised community groups can shape their own futures through the preparation of ‘Neighbourhood Plans’.

This plan did not come together overnight. Instead, it is the product of many years of technical research, community engagement, negotiation and cooperation with partners and neighbours and scrutiny from residents, businesses, developers and campaigners – culminating in the examination by a government Planning Inspector to ensure compliance with the law and national planning policy.

The plan has required the Council to make difficult decisions on a range of complex issues against the backdrop of continual changes in the planning system at the national level, the need for careful scrutiny of population and household projections and the threat, in all of our communities, from unpopular, harmful and speculative development proposals.

We thank all our residents, businesses, partners, Council Officers, expert consultants and fellow elected Councillors from all communities and political groups for their cooperation and participation in the production of this Local Plan, for the good of all.



Cllr Neil Stock OBE - Leader of the Council



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Committee