

Crockleford Heath and Elmstead Action Group (CEAG)

Comments on Ardleigh Parish Council
Neighbourhood Plan

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Ardleigh Parish Council intends to work closely and proactively with the partner councils to progress the design and development of the Garden Community. This major project is still in its earliest phases and is not anticipated to start delivering new homes in Ardleigh Parish until after the current Local and Neighbourhood Plan period (to 2033) has expired. However, it is important that this Neighbourhood plan makes reference to the Garden Community and aims to meet the requirements of the Garden Community whilst taking note of the views of current residents of the Garden Community area within Ardleigh Parish Council, and in particular in Crockleford Heath.

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The new link road is likely to improve parishioners' ease of access into the urban centre of Colchester but may also increase pressures for future development. It will be important to ensure that Colchester's urban sprawl remains reasonably well-contained and Ardleigh's rural character is safeguarded. In particular the hamlet of Crockleford Heath, the only community within the Garden Community masterplan, should be considered carefully in relation to any proposed development. [ADD a broad outline of Crockleford Heath to Fig 27]

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Additionally, the Tendring/Colchester Borders Garden Community (part of which is located in Ardleigh) is expected to deliver a very substantial number of new homes throughout and beyond the current plan period²². No matter where these new houses are delivered in Ardleigh, they will have considerable impacts on the Parish's rural character, infrastructure, sense of community and, of course, its overall housing stock. In particular, the hamlet of Crockleford Heath, the only community within the Garden Community, should retain its rural hamlet character, through the Garden Community masterplan stage.

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The Parish Council will also pay close attention to the progress of the Tendring/ Colchester Borders Garden Community. In particular, they will work alongside the partner councils to identify any changes to the Neighbourhood Plan that might be necessary or appropriate in the light of advancements made. In particular, the Parish Council will work to ensure that the rural hamlet of Crockleford Heath, identified in Figure 27, should maintain its rural hamlet character whilst being associated with the developing Garden Community.