

Please see ECC and CCC Report:

### **Proposed reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)**

The NPPF consultation is seeking views on Govt's proposed approach to revising the NPPF which outlines the Government's ambition to deliver 1.5 million new homes over the next five years. The consultation closed 24 September 2024 and ECC responded including raising grave concerns about the impact on the lag of necessary infrastructure and investment to support the changes.

At the ECC meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> Oct 2024. I presented a motion to make further representation to Govt about the issues around infrastructure lagging behind build rates.

Across Essex there is a proposed change from current plans to build 7,984 dwellings pa to 11,330 per year, an increase of 42%. But it's worse than that - the actual delivery in Essex in 22/23 was less than the plan at 6,558, so the new targets actually represent an increase of 72% on current achievement!

Some districts such as Maldon are subjected to a 97% increase- a doubling of current achievement.

Chelmsford is going to be saddled with 54% increase!

The motion proposes that Govt:

1. Announce fully funded plans for infrastructure as part of the NPPF.
2. Commit to investing in much needed major infrastructure such as the new and improved A127, A12 and the A120.
3. Work closely with Essex local authorities and residents to build homes in areas where people want to live, rather than based on national party politics.
4. Compel developers to build existing permissions rather than penalising local authorities for slow delivery.
5. Remove any changes to planning rules that allows building on the Green Belt.

The motion was successfully passed

### **Primary healthcare**

I continue to work with LW/Notley PPG and surgery to lobby our ICB to address the shortfalls in the area. We had a follow up meeting 24th Sept 2024, with MEHT ICB for our area which presented the housing growth in the area, followed by the ICB outlining the difficulties of arranging primary care provisions. My own view is that the ICB are not requesting enough S106 funds from the developers – e.g., in the Broomfield Bloor development, Highways have asked for £12M, Education £8M, and ICB £236K. I am pushing the ICB to get themselves in a position where they have such strategic plans that they can justify bigger demands.

### **LHP update:**

The lamppost SID process is currently with the Cabinet member for Highways, for sign off.

### **VG150**

I have asked for an update, but I don't have any further info at the point of writing this report.

### **Chelmsford City Council issues:**

#### **2024/2025 Tree Giveaway**

Chelmsford City Council is continuing its successful tree giveaway program for 2024-2025 as part of our ongoing tree planting campaign. This year, they are we're offering 1,400 trees of four species (350 of each species): Quercus ilex (Holm Oak), Corylus avellana (Hazel), Prunus avium (Cherry), and Carpinus betulus (Hornbeam). The giveaway will start on **7 October 2024** and will continue until **7 November 2024** or until our supplies last. Details will be accessible at our [Love Your Chelmsford](https://loveyourchelmsford.co.uk/tree-giveaway/) website or by following this link: <https://loveyourchelmsford.co.uk/tree-giveaway/> from 7 October