

Report to HPPC meeting Monday Oct 5th

Local; Plan

Section 1 draft Local Plan Consultation on the proposed main modifications, revised Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulation Assessment for the shared section 1 Local Plan is currently underway and the consultation closes on 9th October 2020. Responses are published online and will be sent directly to the Planning Inspector for his consideration.

The Inspector has opened up a separate 4 week consultation on the **newly announced ONS housing numbers**. All responses are due direct to him via the Programme Officer by 12th October 2020.

Section 2 draft Local Plan:

Two Inspectors have been appointed to examine the Braintree, Colchester and Tendring section 2 Local Plans. We do not yet know what form the public hearing may take, or the timetable for that examination which will in large part depend on when the section 1 examination is concluded.

Proposed changes to Planning Law

Two consultations have been running on proposed Government changes to planning process: changes to the current system and the White Paper on major changes. The first consultation on changes to the current planning system closed on 1st October 2020 and the Council submitted a detailed level of response, following consultation with all Members

BDC Financial update

Our September MHCLG Covid-19 Local Authority monitoring return shows an estimated shortfall in income for 20/21 - £2.538m of which 77% is assessed as irrecoverable. Estimated additional expenditure for 20/21 is £0.959m. Total estimated financial impact of **£3.497m**.

Anticipated cost not covered by Emergency Fund & Business Support Grant allocations (**£1.894m**) from the Government is **£1.603m**, impacting the Council's reserves. The Council will be submitting a claim to government under the recently announced Income Compensation Scheme for an interim payment in respect of income losses suffered by the Council from sales, fees and other charges for the period 1 April 2020 to 31 July 2020.

Estimated tax non-collection for 20/21 – Business rates - £2.036m and Council Tax £3.337m

Fusion Leisure

In order for our leisure management partner to remain financially solvent we have allocated up to £700k to enable the leisure centres to remobilise and build up footfall income.

Maldon Road Gladman application for 130 homes

This is not yet on the planning agenda to be heard at BDC, we will keep HPPC informed.

Lord Rayleigh Farms

At a recent Terling Parish Council meeting Lord Raleigh announced that LRF are planning a 380 acre solar farm, most of which will be sited in the Boreham/ Terling Hall Road area