

Supplementary Planning Documents

The Council is currently preparing some new Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) to provide more detail on the background and how to use specific policies in the Local Plan. SPDs can't create extra planning policies for the Local Plan but they are a 'material consideration' in planning decision-making.

The status of existing adopted SPDs was reviewed at Full Council on 27 May 2020 to decide which ones will be carried forward when considering future planning proposals.

Planning Obligations SPD

The Council is reviewing the Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document to identify where planning obligations may be applicable to secure the infrastructure required to mitigate the impact of the development identified in the Local Plan. The Council hopes to be able to carry out a focused consultation on this document later in the year. More information will be published on our website www.chelmsford.gov.uk/new-local-plan.

Making Places SPD

The Council is also refreshing the Making Places Supplementary Planning Document. Good design is a key aspect of sustainable development and contributes positively to making places better for people. The SPD outlines detailed design guidance to support the implementation of the Local Plan policies and covers a variety of topics such as movement, public spaces and sustainable construction. The Council hopes to be able to carry out a focused consultation on this document later in the year. More information will be published on our website www.chelmsford.gov.uk/new-local-plan.

Masterplanning

Where identified under the relevant Strategic Growth Site policies within the Local Plan, the Council requires a masterplan for each site to be submitted for approval.

The masterplan sets out the expectations from a new development, helps ensure the development delivers what the area needs and shows how it meets the requirements of the site policy. The masterplan is used to help create excellent places to live, work and enjoy and will be subject to further consultation. Further details on the progress of site masterplanning can be found at: www.chelmsford.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/masterplans-for-new-developments-in-chelmsford/

Neighbourhood Plans

Neighbourhood Plans are being prepared in some parts of Chelmsford by the local community. These can influence detailed policies and shape development proposals in their area. You can get involved by visiting our website for more details www.chelmsford.gov.uk/communityplans

Essex Coast Recreational disturbance Avoidance and Mitigation Strategy (RAMS) Draft SPD

Consultation took place over a six week period, between 10th January and 21st February 2020 on the Essex Coast RAMS Draft SPD. This SPD focuses on the mitigation that is necessary to protect the wildlife of the Essex coast, including thousands of protected birds from the increased visitor pressure associated with new residential development and how this mitigation will be funded. 146 representations were received and will be used to inform a final version of the SPD which is expected to be adopted by the Council later this year. Please visit our website for more information at www.chelmsford.gov.uk/rams-spd



To view or download documents go to:
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The new Local Plan is available in alternative formats including large print, audio and other languages.



LOCAL PLAN ADOPTION

Chelmsford City Council has adopted the new Local Plan.
The adoption of the Local Plan took place at its Full Council meeting on 27th May 2020.

What is the Local Plan?

The Local Plan identifies the number and locations for houses, jobs and businesses we are planning for, along with the infrastructure needed to support growth. This includes where children will go to school, where people will work, and how they will get around - new roads, sustainable travel, access to the outdoors using green spaces and the wider countryside. The Local Plan also includes planning policies which will be used to determine planning applications, and settlement boundaries for our towns and villages beyond which development may be restricted.



Why have a new Local Plan?

The adopted Local Plan replaces plans which formed part of the previous Local Development Framework from 2008. It is a requirement of planning legislation to have an up-to-date Local Plan. It is important that we have an up-to-date plan to meet local development needs to 2036 and beyond and ensure Chelmsford remains a vibrant and attractive place to live, work and socialise.

The Local Plan has been through the formal Examination process and the Inspector concluded that the plan could be found 'sound'.



