

## CHELMSFORD CITY COUNCIL ADOPTION STATEMENT

### Notice of the adoption of the Chelmsford Local Plan 2013 – 2036

in accordance with

**The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)**

**The Town and Country Planning Act (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012  
(as amended)**

Notice is hereby given that (in accordance with above-mentioned legislation) Chelmsford City Council formally adopted the Chelmsford Local Plan 2013 – 2036 on **27 May 2020**.

The Chelmsford Local Plan 2013 – 2036 guides growth and development across Chelmsford City Council's area to 2036. It identifies land for new development for the provision of housing, jobs and schools as well as areas for protection. The Chelmsford Local Plan also includes policies to help determine planning applications.

The Chelmsford Local Plan 2013 – 2036 was the subject of an independent examination conducted by Yvonne Wright BSc (Hons) DipTP MSc DMS MRTPI, an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government. This examination commenced on **29 June 2018** and ran until **25 February 2020** and included public hearing sessions. In her report published on 25 February 2020 the Inspector confirmed, subject to a number of main modifications, that the Chelmsford Local Plan 2013 – 2036 is sound, legally compliant and capable of adoption. The recommended main modifications, along with additional and consequential minor modifications, have been included in the adopted Chelmsford Local Plan 2013-2036, which now carries full weight in the consideration of planning applications and replaces the following Development Plan Documents (DPD) of the Council:

- Core Strategy and Development Control Policies DPD, February 2008
- Chelmsford Town Centre Area Action Plan DPD, August 2008
- North Chelmsford Area Action Plan DPD, July 2011
- Site Allocations DPD, February 2012
- Core Strategy and Development Control Policies Focused Review DPD, December 2013

The following Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD), prepared to support the above DPDs, are formally revoked as required under Regulation 15 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012:

- Making Places SPD, June 2008
- Building for Tomorrow SPD, June 2013
- Planning Obligations SPD, June 2014

In addition, the following informal Planning Guidance Documents are revoked:

- Affordable Housing Implementation Guide, March 2015
- Interim Residential Parking Guidance, March 2015
- Interim Recycling and Waste Guidance, September 2013

All physical and digital copies of the listed documents will be removed from Chelmsford City Council Customer Service Centre, public libraries and the Council's website.

Any person aggrieved by the Chelmsford Local Plan 2013-2036 may, with the leave of the High Court, make an application to the High Court under Section 113(3) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 on the grounds that:

- i. the Chelmsford Local Plan 2013-2036 is not within the appropriate power conferred by Part 2 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004; and/or
- ii. a procedural requirement (as defined within Section 113 (10) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004) has not been complied with.

**Any such application to the High Court must be made not later than the end of the period of six weeks beginning with the day after the date on which the Chelmsford Local Plan 2013-2036 was adopted (i.e. six weeks from 28 May 2020 – being the day after adoption).**

In accordance with Regulations 26 and 35 of the 2012 Regulations the following documents have been made available:

- i. the Chelmsford Local Plan 2013-2036;
- ii. this Adoption Statement;
- iii. the final Sustainability Appraisal Report and Sustainability Appraisal Post Adoption Statement; and
- iv. the final Habitats Regulations Assessment Adoption Report.

These documents can be viewed on the Council's website at [www.chelmsford.gov.uk/new-local-plan](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/new-local-plan). Paper copies of these documents will be made available as soon as practicable once the following locations are re-opened. Please note the following locations are currently closed, in line with the latest government advice regarding Coronavirus, and normal opening hours of these locations may be subject to change once they reopen. You are advised to check the weblinks below to see the latest status regarding opening hours.

- Chelmsford City Council Customer Service Centre, Civic Centre, Duke Street, Chelmsford, CM1 1JE. Open Monday to Friday 8.45am to 4.45pm (Please note that on the last Wednesday of each month, we open at 10am to allow for training. We are closed on bank holidays). For latest opening restrictions please visit <https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/coronavirus/>
- Paper copies are also available at the following libraries (for latest opening restrictions please visit <https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/>):

Broomfield Library, 180 Main Road	13.00-17.00 Mon & Thurs; 09:00-13:00 Wed & Sat
Chelmsford Library, County Hall, Market Road	09.00-18.30 Mon to Fri; 09.00-17.30 Sat; 13.00-16.00 Sun
Danbury Library, Main Road	13.00-17.00 Wed & Fri; 09.00-13.00 Thurs & Sat
Galleywood Library, Watchouse Road	13.00-17.00 Tues & Fri; 09.00-13.00 Thurs & Sat
Great Baddow Library, 27 High Street	09.00-17.30 Mon, Weds, Thurs & Sat
North Melbourne Library, Dickens Place, Copperfield Road	09.00-17.00 Tues, Fri & Sat
South Woodham Ferrers Library, Trinity Square	09.00-19.00 Tues; 09.00-13.00 Weds; 09.00-18.00 Thurs & Fri; 09.00-17.00 Sat
Springfield Library, St Augustine's Way	10:00-16:00 Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri and Sat
Stock Library, Swan Lane	14.00-18.00 Tues; 09.00-12.00 and 14.00-18.00 Thurs; 09.00-12.00 Sat
Writtle Library, 45 The Green	09.00-17.00 Mon & Tues; 09.00-13.00 Weds & Sat; 13.00-17.00 Thurs; 09.00-17.00 Fri
Billericay Library, 143 High Street	09:00-17:00 Mon to Sat
Braintree Library, Fairfield Road	09:00-17:00 Mon to Sat
Hatfield Peverel Library, The Street	13:00-17:00 Tues & Thurs; 09:00-13:00 Weds & Sat
Ingatstone Library, High Street	13:00-17:00 Mon & Thurs; 09:00-13:00 Weds & Sat
Wickford Library, Market Road	09:00-17:00 Mon to Sat
A copy will also be available in the mobile library vehicle that covers Chelmsford City Area	

Note: Opening hours at Springfield and Writtle Library are dependent on availability of volunteers.

Paper copies will be available to purchase on request.

A copy of this Adoption Statement will be sent to all parties who have asked to be notified of the adoption of the Local Plan and to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government.

For further information please refer to the Council's website:

[www.chelmsford.gov.uk/new-local-plan](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/new-local-plan) or contact Spatial Planning Services by telephoning 01245 606330 or by e-mailing [planning.policy@chelmsford.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@chelmsford.gov.uk)

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