

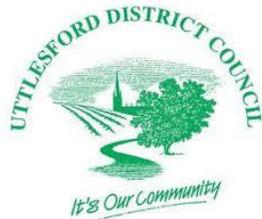
July 12th 2017 - Draft Local Plan Consultation

Residents should be aware that the new Draft Local Plan consultation has started. It runs until 4th September 2017. It is vital that residents respond to this Consultation even though no houses are proposed in Henham. If UDC fail to get this Local Plan adopted then we are all in deep trouble, as developers will have a field day with their planning proposals. We will be advising residents how to respond in the near future and in plenty of time for you to respond.

Nick Baker
Chairman Henham Parish Council

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UPDATE FROM UDC 12th July 2017:



12 July 2017

Have your say on Draft Uttlesford Local Plan

Uttlesford District Council has launched its consultation to seek feedback on the Draft Local Plan.

Councillors approved the draft plan for public consultation at a meeting of Full Council last night (11 July).

People's views are sought on the proposed site allocations and the associated policies which will guide future development within the district up to 2033.

The quickest and easiest way to read the draft plan and to provide feedback is via the website www.uttlesford.gov.uk/draftplan2017.

The deadline for responses is 5pm on Monday 4 September 2017.

Central to the draft plan are proposals for three new garden communities – North Uttlesford (north-east of Great Chesterford), Easton Park, and land referred to as West of Braintree (east of Stebbing) – which will be key in accommodating the majority of the 5,900 new homes required. Other proposed sites have also been put forward at existing towns and villages (*see notes).

Three drop-in exhibitions have been organised so that residents and businesses can find out more about the proposals. These exhibitions are open to all, and have been tailored to specifically give more information about the individual proposed garden communities.

These will be held on:

- Monday 17 July, 5-8.30pm – Chesterfords Community Centre, Newmarket Road, Great Chesterford CB10 1NU
- Monday 24 July, 5-8.30pm – Stebbing Village Hall, Mill Lane, Stebbing CM6 3SL
- Wednesday 26 July, 5-8.30pm – Memorial Hall, Manor Road, Little Easton CM6 2JR

In addition, two unstaffed information points will provide a more general overview of the draft plan. These can be viewed during normal opening hours at:

- Great Dunmow Library, White Street, Great Dunmow CM6 2AU
- UDC Offices, London Road, Saffron Walden CB11 4ER

As well as commenting online, responses to the consultation can be submitted by email or post using a comments form which is available from the District Council and libraries. Responses should be sent by email to planningpolicy@uttlesford.gov.uk or via post to: Planning Policy Team, Uttlesford District Council, London Road, Saffron Walden CB11 4ER.

Hard copies of the Draft Local Plan are available to view at Uttlesford District Council's Offices in Saffron Walden, the council's Customer Service desk at Great Dunmow Library, Thaxted Community Information Centre, and libraries and mobile libraries within the district.

The responses made during the consultation will be presented, together with the planning officers' recommended responses, to the Planning Policy Working Group and Cabinet for their consideration. This work will then be used to inform the final version of the plan which the council will consult on again early next year. The final plan will be submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination by a Planning Inspector.

NOTES

* Through the Draft Uttlesford Local Plan, 14,100 homes are being provided in the district between 2011 to 2033 – or 641 homes a year. Almost 7,000 of this requirement have already been built or

granted planning permission within existing towns and villages, and the council has also built in a windfall allowance of 1,190 (a 'windfall' is normally classed as development with 10 homes or less). This means that there is a requirement for the council to find sites to accommodate the remaining 5,900 homes up to 2033; 4,600 of these 5,900 homes are proposed in the three new garden communities.

Anticipated timetable for the Draft Uttlesford Local Plan

12 July – 4 September 2017

- Public consultation on the draft local plan

Winter 2017/2018

- Consideration of consultation feedback and revisions to the plan as appropriate
- Putting together the final version of the Draft Local Plan including modifications

Winter 2017/2018

- Public consultation on the final version of the Draft Local Plan

Spring 2018

- Submission of Local Plan to the Planning Inspectorate for consideration

Summer 2018

- Start of hearing sessions for the public examination

Winter 2018/2019

- Receipt of Planning Inspector's Report

Spring 2019

- Adoption of Local Plan by Full Council

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June 23rd 2017 Great News, Fairfield not in new Local Plan

UDC have, this afternoon, published their new draft local plan and you will be delighted to know that Fairfield and their ridiculous settlement at NE Elsenham is not included. There are to be three new settlements, one at North Uttlesfield, one at Easton Park and one West of Braintree. There are a number of smaller developments scattered around Uttlesford.

This fight has been ongoing since 3rd September 2007 when the then draft local plan allocated 3200 homes in NE Elsenham on Henham Parish land. This plan changed in numbers, up to 5300 and eventually settled on 2100 homes in the Local Plan examined by an Inspector in 2014. The Plan was rejected in 2015 mainly because the NE Elsenham site was found to be unsound. This was a great victory for the Save Our Village Committee (SOV) who work tirelessly to get the development rejected. It cost the residents and community some £250K to fight this plan. It cost UDC over £2million of our money!!

This new Local Plan has been going for 2 years and surprise, surprise Fairfield put themselves up for inclusion again. The SOV committee have been engaged with our experts again for over 2 years presenting evidence on why NE Elsenham is the wrong location. Well finally today the draft plan rejects Fairfield, The Plan now goes through a process of consultation and Council agreement before going before an Inspector next year for adoption.

Well done to all those who have helped to achieve this splendid result.

Nick

**Nick Baker
Chairman
Save Our Village**