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Dear Clerk,

The Tendring District Local Plan: Issues and Options Consultation 2015

I am writing to inform you that Tendring District Council will be undertaking six weeks public consultation on the 'Tendring District Local Plan: Issues and Options Document' starting on Tuesday 1st September 2015 and ending on Tuesday 13th October 2015. The purpose of this consultation exercise is to invite comments on what the new Local Plan for Tendring should contain (in accordance with Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012). During that time, any interested party, including Town and Parish Councils themselves, will be welcome to put forward their comments. The Issues and Options Document contains a number of questions that should help to assist people in making their comments which will be considered when the Council prepares its new Local Plan.

The new Local Plan will guide future development in the Tendring area between now and 2032. Having an up to date Local Plan is critical for creating new job opportunities, attracting investment in new and improved infrastructure, protecting the environment and ensuring that new homes are built in the right locations and achieve the right standards of quality and design. For this initial consultation exercise, we are particularly interested in people's and your Council's views on the big issues facing our district and the possible options for where future housing and commercial development in Tendring should go.

I attach the consultation documentation which will be available to view at the public exhibitions listed below, in libraries throughout the district and during normal opening hours at the Weeley Council Offices and Clacton Town Hall. It will also be available to download from the Council's website www.tendringdc.gov.uk.

A leaflet advertising the Issues and Options consultation is being delivered to every household in district before by the end of August (with electoral role information) so residents of your area will have also been informed of the arrangements.

The following public exhibitions will be held during the consultation period:

- Saturday 5th September 2015 10:00am to 3:00pm - Pier Avenue Baptist Church, Welcome Hall, Pier Avenue, Clacton;

- Monday 7th September 2015 10:00am to 9:00pm – Council Offices, Thorpe Road, Weeley;
- Monday 14th September 2015 3:00pm to 7:30pm – Park Pavilion, Barrack Lane, Harwich; and
- Saturday 19th September 2015 12:30pm to 4:30pm – Clacton Coastal Academy, Jaywick Lane, Clacton.

If your Council wishes to hold its own additional events or meetings, display material can be produced upon request. Please contact Mary Foster mfoster@tendringdc.gov.uk (01255) 686177 (Tuesday -Thursday) as soon as possible to discuss your individual requirements. If you provide Mary with details of such events, we can ensure they are advertised on the Council's website.

Your representations can be emailed to: planning.policy@tendringdc.gov.uk but if you do not have access to a computer, paper representations can be posted to:

Planning Policy Team
Tendring District Council
Thorpe Road
Weeley
Essex CO16 9 AJ

A representation form can be downloaded from the Council's website to assist people making comments, but we are happy to accept comments in the form of a letter or e-mail. Please note that following the close of the consultation and once all of the comments have been processed, all responses will be made publicly available for view.

If you have any queries or problems in relation to the Local Plan Issues and Options consultation, please contact the Planning Policy team using the contact details below:

Email: planning.policy@tendringdc.gov.uk
Telephone: 01255 686177

Yours Sincerely,



Gary Guiver
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