

Tendring District Council

Local Plan

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Council to go back to the experts to question housing numbers

At its meeting on 17th September, the Council's Local Plan Committee was presented with a new study, carried out by consultants Peter Brett Associates for Tendring, Colchester, Braintree and Chelmsford Councils, to assess the likely need for new homes in the future. Councils have to allocate enough land in their Local Plans to meet the 'objectively assessed need' to comply with government planning policy and are encouraged to work together calculate what the future need is likely to be.

The Objectively Assessed Housing Needs Study (July 2015) (click [here](#) to view the study and the Planning Officer's covering report) starts with official government population and household projections and makes adjustments to take into account a range of factors including the economy, migration patterns, census figures and the housing market.

For Tendring, the study suggests that 597 homes a year might be needed to meet projected needs which would mean the new Local Plan would have to identify enough land to accommodate around 10,000 homes between now and 2032, a reduction from the 12,000 homes considered previously. The recommended figure for Colchester is 920 homes a year and the figures for Braintree and Chelmsford are 845 and 775 homes a year respectively.

However, the Committee has instructed Planning Officers to go back to the consultants because there are concerns about some of the figures used in the study and some of the assumptions that have been made. The Committee hopes that the figures can be revised downwards to no greater than 479 homes a year which, if agreed, could reduce the Local Plan housing requirement to around 8,000 homes.

Planning Officers will report back to the Committee when it next meets on 12th November 2015 with the results of their discussions with the consultants.

The full reports and minutes from the 17th September 2015 meeting can be viewed by clicking [here](#) (to open these links, some users may have to press 'ctrl' and click).

It's not too late to have your say!

The Council's consultation on issues and options for the Local Plan (which can be accessed by clicking [here](#)) is progressing well with more than 900 residents attending one of the local exhibitions organised by the District Council as well as exhibitions organised by local Town and Parish Councils.

It's not too late to make comments. Representations will be continue to be welcomed up until **5.00pm on Tuesday 13th October 2015**. Planning Officers will report the results of the consultation exercise to the Local Plan Committee when it next meets on 12th November 2015.

Gary Guiver, Planning Policy Manager

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Next Meeting of the Local Plan Committee:

**6:00pm Thursday 12th November 2015, Town Hall, Station Road, Clacton on Sea,
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