

## UTTLESFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL RESPONSE: REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATIONS FROM EXAMINER

1. Please can you confirm what comprises the development plan for the neighbourhood area? What stage has the review of the Local Plan reached?

Answer: The development plan consists of the Uttlesford Local Plan (LP), adopted on 20 January 2005.

A Compatibility Assessment was also adopted by UDC in September 2012 for development management purposes which considered the compatibility of the LP 2005 with the NPPF published in 2012.

The Essex Minerals Local Plan 2014 and the Essex and Southend-on-Sea Waste Local Plan 2017 also make up the current development plan for the area.

Emerging Local Plan Stage: Preparing for Draft Local Plan Consultation Regulation 18: November/December 2022.

2. Notwithstanding its representations does Uttlesford District Council consider the submitted Plan to be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the development plan?

Answer: Notwithstanding our earlier representations, Uttlesford District Council considers that the submitted Gt & Lt Chesterford Neighbourhood Plan is in general conformity with the Local Plan 2005 Strategic Policies shown on the attached document.

3. Paragraph 5.9.6 of the Plan references Uttlesford District Council providing an indicative housing requirement for the Plan area of 96 dwellings between 2019 and 2033 - how does this relate to the expected time period of the emerging Local Plan?

Answer: Since Uttlesford District Council provided the figure of 96 over the period 2019-2033 we have updated the Council's methodology for providing an indicative housing figure. The methodology now apportions the assumed windfall allowance to parishes in a way proportionate to their population. The updated figure for Great Chesterford and Little Chesterford using the above methodology is 29 and 4 respectively (or 33 in total), over the period from now until 2040.

4. Uttlesford District Council's representations on the submitted Plan make reference to the content of the emerging Local Plan (e.g. it is "*recommending a Biodiversity Net Gain of at least 20%*") - is this document publicly available?

Answer: UDC does not have a publicly available document supporting the recommended 20% Biodiversity Net Gain since UDC does not have Green Infrastructure Strategy. The 20% BGN is an aspiration because there is a lack of open space in the northern part of the district.

5. What is the planning status of each of the three sites allocated for housing in the Plan?

Answer:

- **Land to the South of West Chesterford 17 June 2020 Approved** UTT/19/0573/OP  
Land to the South of West Chesterfield Road, Little Chesterford - 76 dwellings.  
UTT/19/0573/OP has been superseded by UTT/20/3329/DFO (approved 21.2.22). As per Building Control app UBR/22/0053/DWE, construction began on 21.3.22.
- Land north of Bartholomew Close UTT/19/2288/FUL. Construction began on 28.4.21.
- Land Opposite Rectory Barns (Chest 12) (Lt Chesterford - No application for this site