

# What issues were raised at our Regulation 18 Consultation?



During the Regulation 18 consultation which took place last winter, the Council received around five thousand comments in relation to various aspects of the Local Plan. The Council reviewed and responded to each of the consultation responses received to provide clarity on the Council's position and to support the preparation of the next iteration of the Local Plan, which is much improved owing to the feedback received.

The comments on the **Regulation 18 Local Plan** related to a myriad of issues, however, some commonly raised points centred around:

- The **scale and location** of growth being allocated at our existing settlements
- The lack of a new village/town proposal within the Local Plan
- The **sustainability** credentials of the proposed allocations, including sustainable accessibility and travel
- The impact of **additional traffic** upon the **existing highways network**
- The use of **greenfield land** to accommodate development needs and the associated impacts
- The location, viability and phasing of the proposed supporting infrastructure
- The housing requirements provided to the 'larger villages' as designated in the settlement hierarchy
- The amount and type of affordable housing being required of new residential development
- The amendments proposed to the boundary of the Countryside Protection Zone surrounding Stansted Airport
- General support for the new environmental and climate change standards on new development

