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ANON-QNH5-RD4S-S	Bill Critchley	Individual / member of the public		A120 single carriageway	Comment pointing out in relation to paragraph 2.37, the fact that the A120 dual carriageway ends at Braintree and continues as a single carriageway towards the A12 therefore restricting the connectivity with the eastern ports.	The council notes the challenges caused by the A120 to a single carriageway at Braintree. As the spatial portrait is just to give regional context to the district of Uttlesford the council believes the wording in this paragraph is sufficient.
ANON-QNH5-RD7U-X	Saffron Walden Town Council	On behalf of an Organisation	Saffron Walden Town Council	Childcare and early learning	The Local Plan currently mentions the importance of ensuring sufficient childcare and early learning opportunities to accommodate new growth patterns. However, it lacks the necessary analysis to support this claim. To improve this, they propose to expand section 2.43 on page 30 to include a detailed analysis of childcare and early learning needs, along with relevant references.	Noted. This bullet point aims to highlight the challenges that the Local Plan can help to overcome, but is only intended as a high level overview. It is considered necessary to add further detail.
ANON-QNH5-RD4W-W	Sandra Green	On behalf of an Organisation	National Trust	Country Park	Comment requesting that the fourth bullet of 2.27 should be modified to read that the creation of a Country Park in the south of the district is a challenge and cannot be met in the current plan period.	Noted. This is identified as one of the key opportunities and challenges for the plan to help to address. This Local Plan does contribute towards delivering country park areas and future plans can also contribute within the same period.
ANON-QNH5-RD1R-N	Neil Hargreaves	On behalf of an Organisation	Steering Group of the Newport Quendon & Rickling Neighbourhood Plan	Debden Water	Unfortunately, the only nationally designated Chalk Stream SSSI in Uttlesford, Debden Water, frequently dries up, even during peak water periods. This lack of consistent flow negatively impacts the aquatic environment and watercress beds. Low water levels and over-abstraction pose significant threats to these valuable habitats. To accurately reflect the situation, it's suggested to add a note in paragraph 2.23 about Debden Water's low flow and summer dryness.	A detailed study was undertaken on chalk streams as part of the regulation 19 evidence base which gives a more detailed contextual picture of the districts Chalk Stream. The council believe that more detailed commentary on chalk streams is more appropriate within the separate evidence.
ANON-QNH5-RD1W-T	Zhanine Smith	On behalf of an Organisation	Essex County Council	ECC duties	<p>Comment from Essex County Council, highlighting their various duties that relate to supported, or specialised housing. They state that paragraph 2.9 should reflect this to ensure consistency with Strategic Objectives 3 and 11.</p> <p>They request that paragraph 2.9 be reworded to: "The County Council is a key partner in its strategic role for infrastructure and service provision in a two-tier level local government structure. Along with its role as the Highway Authority, Local Transport Authority, Lead Local Flood Authority, Lead Authority for Education, Minerals and Waste Planning Authority, and Lead Adviser on Public Health, the provision of libraries, and seeks to influence new development to best meet/has statutory responsibilities for Adult Social Care (Care Act 2014) and Children's services (Children Act 1989) it also has responsibilities for Adult Social Care and the provision of libraries. Since 2020, it is also playing a leading role for Essex authorities by delivering the recommendations of the Essex Climate Action Commission and is the Responsible Authority for delivering the Greater Essex Local Nature Recovery Strategy."</p>	Noted. The council recognises the duties that the County Council undertakes and will ensure that clarification is made in paragraph 2.9 to reflect this.
ANON-QNH5-RD1W-T	Zhanine Smith	On behalf of an Organisation	Essex County Council	Economic Context	<p>Request from ECC for the Economic Context to include a reference to the demand for strategic uses, such as distribution centres along the M11/A120 transport corridors. They cite that this is to be consistent with later references in the plan, listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4.34: Lack of industrial supply within 10 miles of Bishops Stortford - 5.67 (Employment Needs Update): Lack of industrial supply within five miles of London Stansted Airport. 	Noted. Uttlesford will ensure that references to these Evidence Sources should be added for additional clarity.
ANON-QNH5-RD1W-T	Zhanine Smith	On behalf of an Organisation	Essex County Council	Footnote Additions	<p>Comment requesting that various factual statements in the spatial portrait are referenced with Source material, these being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the population statistics mentioned in paragraph 2.19. 	Noted. The council believe these additional references could be a useful addition to provide clarity. The data in paragraph 2.40 is from the ONS and refers to 38% of households, not individuals. A number of Additional Modifications will be proposed to amend some of the references/ footnotes.

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ANON-QNH5-RD4W-W	Sandra Green	On behalf of an Organisation	National Trust		The comments highlight that these updates will improve interpretation of the information and improve soundness and clarity of the information.	
ANON-QNH5-RD97-2	Lydia Sadler	On behalf of an Organisation	Stansted Airport Limited	General Support	Support for the Spatial Portrait, specifically: - Recognition at paragraph 2.5 that the Airport is both regionally and nationally significant - Inclusion of the airport icon within the contextual map of Uttlesford (Figure 2.1) - The usefulness of figure 2.1 in showing the key transport corridors, railway stations, key settlements and Stansted Airport	Noted. Uttlesford welcome the support for the spatial portrait.
ANON-QNH5-RD1S-P	Andrew Martin	On behalf of an Organisation	S. Robinson Farms Ltd			
ANON-QNH5-RD1W-T	Zhanine Smith	On behalf of an Organisation	Essex County Council	Green space access	Comment supporting the emphasis on improving access to sports and cultural facilities, particularly for young people. They state that access to green spaces is also important and therefore should be included in this bullet point. It is also stated that this would be consistent with Strategic Objective 3. They suggest an amendment to paragraph 2.22, bullet 3 to read: “improving access to a greater range of sports, green spaces and cultural facilities particularly for young people”.	Noted. The council accept this Additional Modification would be helpful.
ANON-QNH5-RD1W-T	Zhanine Smith	On behalf of an Organisation	Essex County Council	Health and well-being	Comments highlighting the aging population in the district creates healthcare challenges, especially for primary, community, mental health, acute, and ambulance services. Therefore Paragraph 2.43, bullet point 6 should include all health services and facilities, including - primary, community, mental health and acute healthcare, including ambulance services and facilities. A comment also requests that this bullet highlights health needs as well as health services. Another comment requests that the supporting information about health in the district provides more detail from the Essex Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (2022).	Noted. The council believes the additional wording around health services in the key opportunities and challenges section (2.43) would be useful to provide clarity on what health services should be required by the plan. Although the comment regarding extra information from the Essex Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (2022) in paragraph 2.41 isn't necessary as the spatial portrait is meant to provide a high level assessment of health needs in the district, further information on health infrastructure needs is available in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.
ANON-QNH5-RD1X-U	Rachael Donovan	On behalf of an Organisation	NHS Hertfordshire and West Essex			
ANON-QNH5-RDWV-Y	Gary Spilman	Individual / member of the public		Historic Buildings	Clarifies that to protect the non-listed buildings, UDC will support article 4 directions.	The spatial portrait aims to highlight the existing context of the district, not to give information on the councils position. Paragraph 11.74 gives further information about Article 4 directions and their function in the district. Also the paragraph give examples of medieval churches, as stated in the paragraph the district contains over 3,700 listed buildings.
ANON-QNH5-RD7U-X	Saffron Walden Town Council	On behalf of an Organisation	Saffron Walden Town Council			
ANON-QNH5-RD4S-S	Bill Critchley	Individual / member of the public		Junction 8 Works	Comment pointing out that in paragraph 2.38, the works to junction 8 referred to in the document will improve traffic flows to the west of the junction and heading south off the M11 into the new Stansted North Industrial park. They point out that there are no long term plans for traffic heading east from the A120 or B1256.	Noted. The paragraph only provides high-level context. Any Local Plan proposals are informed by more detailed analysis and evidence studies.
ANON-QNH5-RD4X-X	Sally Taylor	On behalf of an Organisation	Birchanger Parish Council	MAG commitment	Comment questioning the commitment of MAG to minimising the impact of noise and their investment in energy efficiency and low carbon. They highlight the fact that MAG are looking to increase night flights and reverse thrusters have on residents. Also a suggestion to add the junction numbers when describing the Location of Stansted Airport.	The spatial portrait aims to highlight MAGs commitment to a range of initiatives as part of the wider context to the Local Plan. The Plan itself includes a range of policies to guide development at and around the airport as part of its commitment to delivering sustainable development.
ANON-QNH5-RDWV-Y	Gary Spilman	Individual / member of the public		Main Settlement Population	Comment requesting that in paragraphs 2.20 and 2.21, the population statistics of these settlements (Great Dunmow , Stansted Mountfitchet) should be mentioned, as is the case in Paragraph 2.19. This is to ensure that the impact of the final allocations in the district are shown.	Noted. It is considered unnecessary to provide this level of detail. The proposed allocations are set out in Chapter 4 and Chapters 5 to 8 with more detail provided in the plan appendices.

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ANON-QNH5-RD7U-X	Saffron Walden Town Council	On behalf of an Organisation	Saffron Walden Town Council	New Growth Patterns	The 'new growth patterns' refer to growth in the population, therefore this should be mentioned.	It is not considered necessary to add 'population' to this paragraph.
ANON-QNH5-RD21-N	John Spencer White	Individual / member of the public		No Comment	The comment refers to the soundness of the Plan but does not add any wider details.	Noted.
ANON-QNH5-RDWV-Y	Gary Spilman	Individual / member of the public		Providing sufficient affordable housing	Comment questioning how the opportunity of providing affordable housing for rent and part purchase in paragraph 2.22 will be met when 8,614 already have planning permission agreed. They state that this challenge will only have a 30% base to do this from.	Already committed development still had to comply with policies in the existing adopted Local Plan, which set out a % requirement for affordable dwellings. This section is meant to set out opportunities and challenges that an adopted Local Plan would aim to solve for future 'planned development'. The fact that a large percentage of dwellings have come forward already, is because of a lack of an up-to-date plan and this has meant the council has less control in terms of requiring affordable dwellings.
ANON-QNH5-RD1S-P	Andrew Martin	On behalf of an Organisation	S. Robinson Farms Ltd	Reputation of Plan Text	Comment repeating the vision for Transport East in paragraph 2.7 in the Local Plan.	Noted.
ANON-QNH5-RD4W-W	Sandra Green	On behalf of an Organisation	National Trust	SANG References	Comment requesting that the third bullet of 2.27 needs to read as follows 'to adopt and implement the Hatfield Forest Mitigation Strategy developed in conjunction with neighbouring Districts, Natural England, and the National Trust to mitigate visitor pressure and impact and preserve the value of Hatfield Forest NNR, along with increasing access to other Green Infrastructure and accessible open spaces' as the current wording describing the scheme has the incorrect terminology.	Noted. The council agree this Additional Modification would be helpful. This is included in the Proposed Modifications schedule that accompanies the submission documents.
ANON-QNH5-RD1W-T	Zhanine Smith	On behalf of an Organisation	Essex County Council			
ANON-QNH5-RD7U-X	Saffron Walden Town Council	On behalf of an Organisation	Saffron Walden Town Council	Specific housing for young people.	Suggestion that the key economic challenges and opportunities (paragraph 2.36) include an additional bullet point so that specific housing opportunities can be considered for young people.	Noted. The council is content with the current economic challenges and opportunities listed in paragraph 2.36. However, the Plan does make provision for a range of housing types, including for smaller and more affordable dwellings.
ANON-QNH5-RDC4-9	Margaret Shaw	Individual / member of the public		Stansted Airport - Emphasis	Comments criticising the emphasis on Stansted airport throughout the spatial portrait. Particularly noting omissions of sustainable transport modes in many of the paragraphs.	Noted. The council is content that the spatial portrait considers the context of the airport sufficiently whilst also considering public transport modes. A section relating to transport starts on page 27, but there are a range of transport related policies included in the plan, including within Chapter 9.
ANON-QNH5-RDN3-K	Edward Gildea	On behalf of an Organisation	Uttlesford Green Party			
ANON-QNH5-RDWV-Y	Gary Spilman	Individual / member of the public				
ANON-QNH5-RD97-2	Lydia Sadler	On behalf of an Organisation	Stansted Airport Limited	Stansted Airport - International Gateway reference	Comment requesting the spatial portrait reference Stansted Airport as the international gateway to the district.	The council is content with the current wording of paragraph 2.34 and recognises that Stansted is one of the most significant employment areas in the district, the majority of the need for additional employment in Uttlesford falls in proximity to the airport, and focussing development in this area provides an opportunity to maximise sustainable development.
ANON-QNH5-RDWV-Y	Gary Spilman	Individual / member of the public		Stansted Express	Comment questioning whether the Local Plan has considered dual track for the Stansted Express. They cite the cost of car parking at the Airport for locals is extortionate and needs to be addressed to encourage less use of cars for journeys into London.	Although the Local Plan does propose various sustainable travel interventions for the proposed allocations (see Site Development Templates 2-4), dualling of railway track is outside the scope of the Local Plan and would fall to the responsibility of Stansted Airport and Network Rail. The Council is not aware of any such proposals at the current time.
ANON-QNH5-RD7U-X	Saffron Walden Town Council	On behalf of an Organisation	Saffron Walden Town Council	Sustainable Travel Modes	Comment showing agreement that the apportioned growth in the Local Plan is appropriately located to maximise opportunities for sustainable travel. A comment also asks about more specific actions rather than just developing sustainable transport schemes.	The Council is satisfied with the wording in this section. Overall, the Plan makes a strong contribution to promoting sustainable modes of travel, from locating development in locations that help to maximise use to the policies, for example in Chapter 9.
ANON-QNH5-RDWV-Y	Gary Spilman	Individual / member of the public				
ANON-QNH5-RDWV-Y	Gary Spilman	Individual / member of the public		Typos	A typo highlighting that Junction 8 is of the M11 not the M1	Noted. This will be included in the Councils Proposed Modifications.