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Great Dunmow Neighbourhood Plan

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

Environmental Report: Annex A - Plans and Programmes

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1 Introduction

1.1 Background

Uttlesford District Council, on behalf of the Great Dunmow Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, commissioned Place Services of Essex County Council to undertake an independent Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) on the Great Dunmow Neighbourhood Plan.

Place Services are acting as consultants for this work; therefore the content of the SEA should not be interpreted or otherwise represented as the formal view of Essex County Council.

This document is Annex A to the Environmental Report of the Great Dunmow Neighbourhood Plan. It includes a comprehensive description of those relevant plans and programmes.

1.2 Identifying Other Relevant Policies, Plans and Programmes

The SEA Directive requires the production of the following information:

An outline of the plan or programme's "relationship with other relevant plans and programmes." Annex 1(a) and

"The environmental protection objectives, established at international, Community or Member State level, which are relevant to the plan or programme and the way those objectives and any environmental considerations have been taken into account during its preparation" Annex I (e)

The Neighbourhood Plan includes policies and site allocations equating to a range of social, environmental and economic aspirations. The relationship between various policies, plans, programmes and sustainability objectives may influence the Plan as a whole. The relationships are analysed to:

- identify any external social, environmental or economic objectives that should be reflected in the SEA process;
- identify external factors that may have influenced the preparation of the Plan; and
- determine whether the policies in other plans and programmes might lead to cumulative or synergistic effects when combined with policies in the Plan.

Engaging in this process enables documents within the Plan to take advantage of any potential synergies and to attend to any inconsistencies and constraints. The plans and programmes have been categorised by a hierarchy of influence from national to local however, it must be noted that no list of plans and programmes can be definitive. International Agreements and European Directives are integrated into complementary UK legislation and policy to ensure their objectives can be achieved therefore we have only reviewed up to the national level.

2 List of Relevant Plans and Programmes

The following tables offer a reference to the plans and programmes relevant to the Plan and the accompanying SEA.

Table 1: List of Plans and Programmes

National Plans and Programmes
Planning Practice Guidance, March 2014
The Localism Act 2011
National Planning Policy Framework, March 2012
Building a Greener Future: Policy Statement (July 2007)
Community Infrastructure Levy An Overview, CLG (9th May 2011)
Underground, Under Threat - Groundwater protection: policy and practice (GP3)
Model Procedures for the Management of Land Contamination – Contaminated Land Report 11 (September 2004)
Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006
Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000
Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (the SEA Regulations).
Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004
The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations, 2010
Sub-national Plans and Programmes
Essex Local Transport Plan 2011 (LTP3)
2011 Essex Biodiversity Action Plan
Commissioning School Places in Essex 2011-2016
Essex Wildlife Trust Living Landscape plans
The Essex Local Area Agreement – ‘Health and Opportunity for the People of Essex’ 2008 – 2011 (2010 Refresh)
Essex Rural Strategy: 2020 Vision for Rural Essex 2010
The Essex Strategy 2008 – 2018
Local Plans and Programmes
Uttlesford Adopted Local Plan (January 2005) + Saved Policy Direction (December 2007)
Uttlesford Pre-Submission Local Plan (2014) WITHDRAWN

Sustainability Appraisal of the Uttlesford Pre-Submission Local Plan (2014)
Uttlesford Futures Sustainable Community Strategy: A vision for our future – 2018 (June 2008)
UDC Infrastructure Delivery Plan, April 2014
UDC Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (2013) (SHLAA)
UDC Statement of Community Involvement (July 2006) Annex published April 2009 incorporating changes introduced by the 2008 Regulations
UDC Housing Strategy 2012 to 2015
Uttlesford at Play - Play Strategy 2007-2011
ECC Development Management Policies Adopted by UDC (February 2011)
ECC Parking Standards: Design and Good Practice Adopted by UDC (September 2009)
Essex Wildlife Trust Living Landscape Statements
Local Reports and Assessments
Great Dunmow Town Design Statement - Design guidance for enhancing and protecting the character of Dunmow (2007-2008)
Great Dunmow Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan (2007)
Essex Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (2009)
Employer and Business Survey (2009)
Employment Land Review (2011)
District Retail Study (2012)
Open Space, Sport Facility and Playing Pitch Strategy (2012)
Uttlesford District Historic Environment Characterisation Project (2009)
Historic Settlement Character Assessment (2007) - Great Chesterford, Great Dunmow, Henham, Newport, Saffron Walden, Stansted and Thaxted
Town and Village Profiles (January 2012) - Great Chesterford, Great Dunmow, Elsenham, Hatfield Heath, Newport, Saffron Walden, Stansted Mountfitchet, Takeley and Thaxted
Braintree, Brentwood, Chelmsford, Maldon and Uttlesford Landscape Character Assessments (September 2006)
Uttlesford Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (March 2008)
Uttlesford District Water Cycle Study - Stage 2: Detailed Strategy (November 2012)
Uttlesford Protected Lanes Assessment (March 2012)

3 Review of Plans and Programmes

3.1 Review of National Plans and Programmes

National Plans and Programmes	Main Aims and Objectives	Relevance to the Neighbourhood Plan
Planning Practice Guidance (web-based resource). (Last updated 06/03/14)	This web-based resource provides guidance to support the National Planning Policy Framework and its application in practice.	Provides guidance on the preparation of Plans and accompanying SEA and Environmental Report.
The Localism Act 2011	<p>Part 2 of Schedule 9 states,</p> <p>(1) Any qualifying body is entitled to initiate a process for the purpose of requiring a local planning authority in England to make a neighbourhood development plan.</p> <p>(2) A “neighbourhood development plan” is a plan which sets out policies (however expressed) in relation to the development and use of land in the whole or any part of a particular neighbourhood area specified in the plan.</p>	The Localism Act includes schedules that introduce Neighbourhood Planning and specify their requirements.
National Planning Policy Framework (March 2012)	<p>This framework sets out the Government’s planning policies for England and how these are expected to be applied. It replaces all Planning Policy Statements and Planning Policy Guidance.</p> <p>The framework seeks to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development by pursuing economic, environmental and social gains jointly and simultaneously through the planning system. It defines planning as having:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an economic role – contributing to building a strong, responsive and competitive economy,; • a social role – supporting strong, vibrant and healthy communities; and • an environmental role – contributing to protecting and enhancing our natural, built and historic environment. <p>The framework sets out 12 core land-use planning principles that local planning authorities should follow and provides guidance on preparing Local and Neighbourhood Plans and on determining planning applications.</p>	The Plan must be in conformity with this national planning document

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	<p>The framework also describes the role of planning in delivering sustainable development under 14 themes. These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building a strong, competitive economy • Ensuring the vitality of town centres • Supporting a prosperous rural economy • Promoting sustainable transport • Supporting high quality communications infrastructure • Delivering a wide choice of high quality homes • Requiring good design • Promoting healthy communities • Protecting Green Belt land • Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change • Conserving and enhancing the natural environment • Conserving and enhancing the historic environment • Facilitating the sustainable use of minerals <p>A key part of the NPPF is the presumption in favour of sustainable development which is relevant to both plan making and decision making.</p>	
Building a Greener Future: Policy Statement (July 2007)	This document sets out the Government's intention for all new homes to be zero carbon by 2016 with a major progressive tightening of the energy efficiency building regulations - by 25 per cent in 2010 and by 44 per cent in 2013 - up to the zero carbon target in 2016.	The Plan should have regard to this policy statement and include measures which seek to achieve the targets set
Community Infrastructure Levy An Overview (9th May 2011)	This document provides an overview of the Community Infrastructure Levy; a new planning charge that came into force on 6 April 2010 through the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (now amended by the Community Infrastructure Levy (Amendment) Regulations 2011	The Plan will need to be aware of the district's funding mechanism for new infrastructure and community facilities through the planning process.
Underground, Under Threat - Groundwater protection: policy and practice (GP3)	This document sets out the Environment Agency's (EA) aims and objectives for groundwater, their technical approach to its management and protection, the tools they use to do their work and the main policies and approach to the application of	Land use planning can have negative impacts on groundwaters. Relevant to the Plan, impacts can occur from urban development and over-abstraction.

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	<p>legislation. The main aims are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to encourage co-operation between the EA and other bodies with statutory responsibilities for the protection of groundwater; • to promote policies, so that land-users and potential developers may anticipate how the EA are likely to respond to a proposal or activity; • to influence the decisions of other organisations on issues the EA are concerned about but which they do not regulate; • to ensure that groundwater protection and management are consistent with EA's Vision for the environment and a sustainable future; and • to provide vital information and background on groundwater protection in England and Wales. 	Groundwaters may have to be a consideration in Plan policy.
Model Procedures for the Management of Land Contamination – Contaminated Land Report 11 (September 2004)	The Model Procedures for the Management of Land Contamination provides the technical framework for structured decision making about land contamination. They encourage the formalisation of outputs from the process in the form of written records that contain details of specific project objectives, decisions and assumptions, as well as recommendations and other specific outputs. The Model Procedures are intended to assist all those involved with, or interested in risk management of land affected by contamination.	Contaminated land can affect Plan policy where it may present a risk to a range of receptors including humans, ecosystems, water quality, and property. Not understanding the risks may inhibit the development or redevelopment of land, and in some cases contribute to long-term dereliction and increase pressure to develop Greenfield land.
Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006	This document relates to nature conservation, biodiversity, SSSIs and Rights of Way amongst others in regards to a duty to protect, and enforce codes of conduct in relation to these designated and non-designated elements of the environment.	The Plan can influence the protection of these designations and non-designated elements of the environments through policy and appropriate site allocations.
Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000	Further information on Rights of Way in relation to nature conservation with wildlife protection, SSSIs and biological diversity amongst other elements of the environment.	The Plan can influence the protection of these designations and non-designated elements of the environments through policy and appropriate site

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		allocations.
Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (the SEA Regulations).	<p>These regulations transpose the requirements of the SEA Directive (2001/42/EC) into national law.</p> <p>The SEA Directive sets out the requirement for an environmental assessment to be undertaken when preparing certain plans and programmes and also details which types of plans and programmes are likely to be subject to SEA.</p> <p>The regulations also set out procedures for preparing the environmental report and consultation.</p>	Neighbourhood Plans may be subject to SEA and this is the case for the Great Dunmow Neighbourhood Plan. These regulations will help inform the content of the Environmental Report.
Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004	<p>The PCPA requires local authorities to produce a local plan to guide future development and change within its area.</p> <p>The act aims to promote sustainable development by requiring a Sustainability Appraisal to be produced for all local plans, encouraging the integration of social, environmental and economic considerations into development documents.</p>	<p>The RPB (in this case the District Council) must</p> <p>a) Carry out an appraisal of the sustainability of the proposals in the draft and</p> <p>b) Prepare a report of the findings of the appraisal</p>
The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations, 2010	<p>These regulations transpose the Habitats Directive into national law, and updates and consolidates all the amendments to the Regulations since they were first made in 1994.</p> <p>They set out protection and registry of European sites, including SACs and SPAs classified under the Birds Directive. They also make special provisions for the protection of European marine sites and the protection of protected species.</p>	The Plan must ensure the protection of sites of European Significance in relation to their flora and fauna, and enter into the agreement that compensatory measures will required where damage may occur through development.

3.2 Review of Sub-national Plans and Programmes

Sub-national Plans and Programmes	Main Aims and Objectives	Relevance to the Neighbourhood Plan
Local Transport Plan 2011 (LTP3)	<p>Comprises two distinct parts – a long-term Essex Transport Strategy and a short-term Implementation Plan. The Strategy's outcomes/goals are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide connectivity for Essex communities and international gateways to support sustainable 	The policies and aims within both the LTP and those within the Plan should be complimentary of each other.

Sub-national Plans and Programmes	Main Aims and Objectives	Relevance to the Neighbourhood Plan
	<p>economic growth and regeneration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce carbon dioxide emissions and improve air quality through lifestyle changes, innovation and technology • Improve safety on the transport network and enhance and promote a safe travelling environment • Secure and maintain all transport assets to an appropriate standard and ensure that the network is available for use • Provide sustainable access and travel choice for Essex residents to help create sustainable communities. 	
1999 and 2011 Essex Biodiversity Action Plans	<p>The 2011 Plan replaces the first 1999 Biodiversity Action Plan for Essex setting out targets and actions at a district level, where appropriate. Groups are based on habitat types, which will include relevant species and sub-plans for more specific habitats. Habitat groups are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lowland Farmland • Lakes and Ponds • Rivers • Wetlands • Coastal • Marine • Urban and Brownfield • Woodland 	It will be important that the Plan has regard to the habitats and species within the Plan Area and supports the targets and action plans adopted.
Commissioning School Places in Essex 2013-2018	<p>In its role as Commissioner of school places in Essex, the County Council compiles this document annually. It provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • information on the current organisation of school places, and the existing capacities and number of pupils attending those schools; • information about the size of existing school sites and opportunities that may exist for further expansion where required to meet housing demands; and • forecasts of future pupil numbers, and how any increases might be accommodated, or how any surpluses could be addressed. <p>It will help the County Council, schools, promoters, parents and local communities understand the need for school places and establish future demands.</p>	Provision of education should be taken into account in relation to future population growth and development within the district in the Plan.

Sub-national Plans and Programmes	Main Aims and Objectives	Relevance to the Neighbourhood Plan
Essex Wildlife Trust Living Landscape plans	<p>Essex Wildlife Trust has mapped 80 Living Landscape areas across Essex. .</p> <p>The Essex Living Landscape map aims to reconnect habitats and local people in the county, to restore habitats so that wildlife can flourish; restore the involvement of local people with their countryside so they can work for it, take pride in it and gain a better quality of life.</p>	The Plan has sufficient scope to link habitats and people through policy and development allocations. This resource raises awareness of wildlife issues that can inform the Plan and the SEA.
The Essex Local Area Agreement – ‘Health and Opportunity for the People of Essex’ 2008 – 2011 (2010 Refresh)	<p>This document sets out agreed performance targets for the most important issues over the next three years, including education, health and access to services and facilities. Outcomes, focuses and ways in which targets can be achieved are set out for each priority.</p>	The Essex-wide priorities held within this document can inform the Plan and the SEA, addressing the key issues across the county allowing for the set targets to be met.
Essex Rural Strategy: 2020 Vision for Rural Essex 2010	<p>This Strategy seeks to create a vibrant future for rural Essex, based upon six strategic aims:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active and caring communities • Improved access to services • Greater availability of affordable housing • A thriving economy • A rich and varied environment • A responsive planning and policy framework 	Policies and allocations held within the Plan should have regard to the six strategic aims contained within the strategy.
The Essex Strategy 2008 – 2018	<p>This document represents the latest update of the monitored outcomes of Indicators relevant to the Local Area Agreement. The strategy focuses on four broad aims:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety and health • Supportive communities • Education, work and leisure • Protection and enhancement of natural resources for prosperity 	The document provides the most up to date statistics for a number of Indicators. Policies and allocations within the Plan should be influenced by the aims contained within the strategy, particularly those where the data held shows the LA is not meeting monitoring targets.

3.3 Review of Local Plans and Programmes

Local Plans and Programmes	Main Aims and Objectives	Relevance to the Neighbourhood Plan
<p>Uttlesford Adopted Local Plan (January 2005)</p> <p>Saved Policy Direction (December 2007)</p>	<p>This plan provides the basis for all planning decisions within the district. It contains strategic policies; general policies on access, design, flood protection, good neighbourliness, light pollution, infrastructure provision to support development, nature conservation; and specific policies relating to the economic activity, environment, built and natural, housing, leisure and cultural provision, retailing and services, and transport and telecommunications. All policies, except two (Takeley Local Policy 1 & 2) were saved by the Secretary of State.</p> <p>Economic Activity objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure that provision is made for enough land to meet the structure plan requirement and enable the expansion of existing firms and the introduction of new employment; • To ensure that a range of employment opportunities is available at key locations across the district and that alternative employment exists other than in the concentration on the airport at Stansted; • To enable opportunities for local employment close to where people live, which may potentially reduce travel to work; • To ensure that development is accessible to all; and • To help diversify the economy in the rural area and provide alternative income for farm based businesses. <p>Environment, Built and Natural objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To safeguard the character of Uttlesford's historic settlements. • To conserve and enhance the historic buildings in Uttlesford and their setting. • To protect the natural environment for its own sake, particularly for its biodiversity, and agricultural, cultural and visual qualities. • To limit sensitive development in areas subject to high levels of noise from aircraft or other sources, and avoid 	<p>The Adopted Local Plan is the current statutory planning document for Uttlesford but it will be gradually replaced when the new documents within the new Local Plan are adopted. The Neighbourhood Plan and the district-wide Local Plan must be complimentary to each other.</p>

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	<p>deterioration in the noise environment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To protect ground and surface water resources from contamination and over abstraction. • To protect users of residential properties in particular from long term exposure to poor ground level air quality. • To improve the health of the community. <p>Housing objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To meet the Structure Plan housing requirement and provide sufficient housing to meet locally generated requirements; • To concentrate housing development in the main urban areas and other locations well related to employment and facilities; and • To meet the need for affordable housing and retain mixed and balanced communities. <p>Leisure and Cultural Provision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To safeguard existing open space within towns and villages for either formal or informal recreation. • To enable the provision of community facilities in villages, which would accommodate activities central to village life, even where development would not normally be permitted. • To develop sport and leisure facilities at key sites and enable outdoor recreation in the countryside whilst protecting its character and amenities. • To ensure that play facilities are included in developments where appropriate. • To support tourism in Uttlesford within the capacity of its towns and countryside to accommodate visitors. • To improve access to leisure and cultural facilities and to ensure that all leisure and cultural provision is accessible for the benefit of the whole community to ensure social inclusion. <p>Retailing and Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To sustain and enhance the vitality and viability of Saffron Walden as a 	

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	<p>principal shopping centre, of Great Dunmow as a smaller town centre, and of the local centres of Stansted Mountfitchet and Thaxted;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To promote mixed use commercial developments in these centres; • To focus retail and mixed use commercial developments in locations that maximise the opportunities to use means of transport other than the private car; • To prevent further loss of retail and other services in rural areas. <p>Transport and Telecommunications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To facilitate the improvement of the transport and telecommunications network. • To protect the character of the countryside from inappropriate transport and telecommunications development. 	
<p>Uttlesford Pre-Submission Local Plan (2014) WITHDRAWN</p>	<p>The purpose of the this Local Plan is to set out the long-term spatial vision of how the district plans to develop and change within the plan period, giving consideration to local issues such as housing need and employment growth.</p> <p>The plan reflects both national guidance and local plans and programmes including the NPPF. Policies within the plan are developed having regard to such guidance as well as evidence from studies specific to the district.</p>	<p>Although now withdrawn, the past consultation version of the Local Plan will help inform further development of the Neighbourhood Plan.</p>
<p>Sustainability Appraisal of the Uttlesford Pre-Submission Local Plan (2014)</p>	<p>This report provides a detailed assessment of the policies contained in the Pre-Submission Local Plan to predict the effects of their implementation and to identify ways to mitigate significant negative outcomes.</p>	<p>The Neighbourhood Plan should have regard of the findings from previous stages in the SA of the Local Plan.</p>
<p>Uttlesford Futures Sustainable Community Strategy: A vision for our future – 2018 (June 2008)</p>	<p>It sets out a long term vision for Uttlesford and its people with the aim of creating a sustainable community. Priorities for action are divided into themes:</p> <p>Children and young people matter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every Child Matters • Gaps in provision of services • Commissioning services <p>Staying healthy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alcohol related hospital admissions 	<p>The Plan is an important component in delivering elements of the Sustainable Community Strategy and addressing the housing issues.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mortality from breast cancer • Access to services • Sustainability of the voluntary sector • Adult obesity <p>Developing business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing high value jobs in small businesses • Carbon footprint of local businesses • Tackling deprivation and poverty • Local tourism <p>Feeling safe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road safety • Young people and crime • Anti-social behaviour • Core crime • Violent crime • Substance misuse • Feeling safe <p>Protecting the environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate change mitigation • Climate change adaptation • Ensuring new development is sustainable • Environmental protection • Waste minimisation <p>Getting around</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public and community transport • Cycling and walking facilities • Accessible information on public transport • Condition of the roads • Safer journeys to school 	
<p>Uttlesford District Council Infrastructure Delivery Plan, April 2014</p>	<p>In order to make sure that new development delivers sustainable communities, the associated infrastructure needs of these populations must be properly planned so that the facilities and services needed are provided on time and to an appropriate standard. This Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) formed part of the evidence base underlying the Uttlesford Local Plan (WITHDRAWN) which will cover the plan period from 2011 to 2031. The IDP process features the following stages:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. identifying relevant service providers for each infrastructure type; ii. identifying the plans and strategies for those service areas; 	<p>The Neighbourhood Plan allocates sites for housing and other uses in line with those previously allocated in the District Local Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan should be aware and factor in the contents of relevant elements of this Infrastructure Delivery Plan.</p>

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	<p>iii. reviewing existing planned capital and infrastructure investment;</p> <p>iv. liaising with the service providers to identify the infrastructure requirements related to the Local Plan development proposals (including opportunities to deliver new infrastructure or opportunities for expanding existing provision, including locations, phasing and costing where known);</p> <p>v. identifying the delivery mechanisms for infrastructure proposals and assessing the potential risk to successful delivery; and</p> <p>vi. preparation of a IDP and re-consultation with the service providers on its content as part of the pre-submission consultation.</p>	
<p>Uttlesford District Council Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (2014)</p>	<p>The SHLAA is a study of potential housing on sites within the district over a 15 year period reflecting the period covered by the Council's 5-Year Land Supply Statement 2013. The 2013 SHLAA considers 320 sites. The overall aim of the SHLAA is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produce a list of sites, cross referenced to maps showing locations and boundaries of specific sites or broad locations. • Assess the deliverability/developability of each site (suitability; availability; and achievability) to determine when an identified site is realistically expected to be developed. • Estimate the potential quantity of housing a site could accommodate • Identify the constraints on each site, and • Recommend on how these constraints could be overcome and when. 	<p>The SHLAA represents a detailed analysis of the appropriateness of housing sites in the District. This includes sites within the Neighbourhood Plan Area and should be used as part of any site selection within the Plan.</p>
<p>UDC Statement of Community Involvement (July 2006) Annex published April 2009 incorporating changes introduced by the 2008 Regulations</p>	<p>This Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) sets out how and when the community will be involved in the development of the Local Development Framework which places significant emphasis on early community involvement.</p> <p>Members of the community to be involved include local communities, developers and landowners, statutory stakeholders, business sector, service providers and other agencies. The community should be involved at all stages in the production of LDF documents by being provided with information, consulted with</p>	<p>Public participation during the preparation of Local Plan must be consistent with the commitments made in this statement. This is relevant to the neighbourhood Plan in terms of consultation procedures.</p>

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	<p>and be able to participate in workshops and forums. The stages of production are listed as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-production - research and evidence gathering • Production - prepare issues and alternative options in consultation; • public participation on preferred options, & preparation & submission of document • Examination - representations submitted & independent examination • Adoption - adoption of Inspectors recommendations 	
UDC Housing Strategy 2012 to 2015	<p>This strategy sets out the long-term vision for housing in Uttlesford up to 2015 and beyond. It has three key objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximise the delivery of a range of new affordable homes to meet diverse needs • Improve the condition of the housing stock both public and private • Build sustainable and thriving neighbourhoods and communities and ensure that vulnerable people are supported in the community 	<p>This is the overarching strategy for housing for plans, strategies and policies developed within the District and therefore will shape the Neighbourhood Plan.</p>
Uttlesford at Play - Play Strategy 2007-2011	<p>A co-ordinated strategy that concentrates on developing play facilities and services within the district. The key aims are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To enable children and young people in the district to play in a variety of settings i.e. formal, free and countryside/country parks • To ensure that the value of play spaces are recognised and protected by the various agencies involved in planning and management of spaces • To highlight the importance of play with the various agencies working with children and young people • To encourage the development of quality play provision through provision of good quality equipment that meets relevant health & safety standards i.e. ROSPA; relevant workers to become qualified and trained to engage with children to gain maximum benefit from play, and highlight to those responsible for planning play provision the importance of the quality of the 	<p>Being active and having access to play facilities enhances well being and quality of life and should be taken into consideration during the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan.</p>

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	<p>experience for the child</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To continue to encourage partnership working to maximise benefit of services provided for children and young people • To promote inclusion for all in access to play facilities 	
ECC Development Management Policies (February 2011)	<p>Sets out transport development management policies for Essex which reflect the balance between the need for new housing and employment opportunities, the regeneration and growth agenda, and protecting the transport network for the safe movement of people and goods. The aims are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect and maintain a reliable and safe highway infrastructure. • Improve access to services in both rural and urban locations. • Offer where possible alternative travel options to the private car. • Support and enhance public transport provision. • Address the impact of commercial vehicles on the highway network and communities. • Support the aims and objectives of the County Council as the Highway Authority. 	<p>Uttlesford District has adopted this as an SPD which formed part of their LDF. The Neighbourhood Plan should be mindful and factor in any relevant policies from this document.</p>
ECC Parking Standards: Design and Good Practice (September 2009)	<p>Establishes guidance on parking provision for new development and provides parking standards. The purpose of this document is to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • assist the Local Planning Authorities in determining appropriate standards for their areas; • Advise members of the public in a readily comprehensible manner; • Assist intending developers in preparing plans for the development of land; and • Expedite the determination of planning applications 	<p>Uttlesford District has adopted this as an SPD which formed part of their LDF. The Neighbourhood Plan should be mindful and factor in any relevant policies from this document.</p>
Essex Wildlife Trust Living Landscape Statements	<p>Living Landscapes are large landscape scale areas of the countryside like river valleys, estuaries, forested ridges, and grass and heath mosaics, which are ecologically stable and provide a superb range of habitats for many species of wild plants and animals. There are over 80 living landscapes areas identified and over 20 have statements which set out the areas vision and objectives for protecting and</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Plan policy should have regard to these living landscapes.</p>

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	improving the wildlife and area as a whole.	

3.4 Review of Local Reports and Assessments

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Great Dunmow Town Design Statement - Design guidance for enhancing and protecting the character of Dunmow (2007-2008)	<p>The purpose of a town design statement is to set out the community's aspirations for the design of future development of a town based on an analysis of its character. The aim of the TDS is to ensure that the layout and design of new development in Dunmow meets the highest standards of design, complements the existing character and results in a safe attractive and rewarding environment for all the community. The objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To identify and summarise the best aspects of the existing character. • To set out design guidelines that support a high standard of design in new development that complements the character of the town and it's neighbourhoods. • To see these guidelines adopted as formal planning guidance by the local planning authority. • To ensure that new development respects valued features and where possible strengthens the landscape structure of the town. • To ensure that new development enhances people's accessibility by walking and cycling to the town's services and amenities. • To ensure that new developments are safe and constrain the speed and use of vehicles and to support this in the existing built environment. • To identify areas and aspects of the town's environment that should be enhanced. 	This Town Design Statement is a key document reflecting the policy direction of the Neighbourhood Plan.
Great Dunmow Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan (2007)	The document states that there is now widespread recognition that the quality of such conservation areas is the sum total of a number of factors. These include general layout, overall scale, the relationship of buildings to each other, the spaces and vistas between them and the elements that unite them, the mixture of uses; the quality of	The findings of this survey will help inform planning policies within the Neighbourhood Plan specific to the Conservation Area within the Plan Area. The Plan can also use the

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	<p>advertisements, road signage, surfaces, street furniture and trees, as well as the quality of the individual buildings themselves. Conservation area designation and the undertaking of this appraisal recognise the importance of all these factors, particularly in exercising the control of development and in formulating management proposals. The purpose of undertaking this conservation appraisal is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and justify the special character of the area • Identify elements that should be retained or enhanced • Identify detracting elements • Review the boundary • Put forward enhancement proposals • Provide and strengthen development and design control 	document as evidence to assess the suitability of any possible development allocations in or adjacent to the Conservation Area.
Essex Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (2009)	This assessment aims to provide more robust evidence on Gypsy and Traveller accommodation need at district level. It quantifies current and future accommodation requirements up to 2021.	Number of additional pitch requirement should be taken into consideration within the Neighbourhood Plan.
Employer and Business Survey 2009	Overall aim of this research was to establish the business needs of small and medium size enterprises within the Uttlesford District and whether or not any help can be given by the Strategic Partnership to secure the future of local businesses.	The findings of this survey will help inform planning policies within the Neighbourhood Plan.
Employment Land Review (April 2011)	This study was commissioned to identify the need for land and premises for employment purposes in Uttlesford District. It considers factories, warehouses and offices together with other similar uses and makes recommendations accordingly.	This study was undertaken to inform the development of the Local Plan. Its findings, along with any subsequent allocation in the District-wide Local Plan, will need to be considered in the Neighbourhood Plan.
District Retail Study (2012)	The study reviews existing shopping patterns in the area, the nature and content of the shopping facilities within the district and whether there is a need for additional facilities up until 2028.	This study was produced to inform the Local Plan. Its findings, along with any subsequent allocation in the District-wide Local Plan, will need to be considered in the Neighbourhood Plan.
Open Space, Sport Facility and Playing	This study provides information on the networks of accessible, high quality open	Informs the development of the Local Plan. Its

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Pitch Strategy (2012)	spaces, sports and recreation provision for existing and future needs; the need for new provision and the enhancement of existing provision; and provides clarity for developers in terms of the requirements for open space provision.	content will need to be considered in the Neighbourhood Plan.
Uttlesford District Historic Environment Characterisation Project (2009)	This document assesses the historic environment to come to some conclusions about the sensitivity, diversity and value of the historic environment resource within the district. The Historic Environment has been assessed using character assessments of the urban, landscape and archaeological resource of Uttlesford. The results of these studies were then combined to create large Historic Environment Character Areas.	The document has a large section specific to the historic environment in Great Dunmow, including detailed commentary on the area's historic urban character, archaeological character as well as smaller individual areas within Great Dunmow.
Historic Settlement Character Assessment (2007) - Great Chesterford, Great Dunmow, Henham, Newport, Saffron Walden, Stansted and Thaxted	This project provides a detailed assessment of the historic environment within seven of the district's settlements to enable effective management and conservation so that the historic environment can make a contribution to shaping sustainable communities.	The document has a large section specific to the historic environment in Great Dunmow.
Town and Village Profiles (January 2012) - Great Chesterford, Great Dunmow, Elsenham, Hatfield Heath, Newport, Saffron Walden, Stansted Mountfitchet, Takeley and Thaxted	These profiles provide information on housing, employment, infrastructure and transport, minerals and waste, the historic environment and recreational land for the two towns and the seven Key Villages in the district.	The document has an informative section specific to Great Dunmow. It should be used as a baseline in which to gather information within the Plan Area.
Braintree, Brentwood, Chelmsford, Maldon and Uttlesford Landscape Character Assessments (September 2006)	<p>This document is a study of Landscape Character Areas and types within the administrative areas of Braintree, Basildon, Chelmsford, Maldon and Uttlesford. The study includes all the rural area up to and including the urban edge and, where they exist, river valleys and other green corridors extending into urban areas. The key objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide a baseline inventory and description of landscape character by Type and Area at a scale of 1:25,000; • identify key issues, sensitivities to change and management strategy objectives/guidelines for each 	The document has a large section specific to landscape characterisation in Great Dunmow and the wider landscape character area.

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	Character Area; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ensure that Landscape Character Areas and Types join up seamlessly across administrative boundaries, including with existing character assessment studies carried out by neighbouring authorities outside of the Study Area; and • to liaise with and understand the issues and concerns of the key stakeholder organisations in relation to the landscape characterisation process. 	
Uttlesford Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (March 2008)	The key objectives of the SFRA are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To investigate and identify the extent of flood risk to the area • To supplement current flood policy guidelines and to provide a straightforward risk based approach to development control in the local area • To contribute to the LDF 	Planning policy must have regard to the current and future risk of flooding from a combination of sources. This assessment informs the evidence base in determining future development options
Uttlesford District Water Cycle Study - Stage 2: Detailed Strategy (November 2012)	A Water Cycle Study is required to ensure that the water supply, wastewater collection and wastewater treatment infrastructure in the District can accommodate the required growth levels, whilst minimising flood risk and impact on the water environment.	This study is an important component of the evidence base supporting the Local Plan. It is an important tool in assessing the viability of sites within the Neighbourhood Plan Area.
Uttlesford Protected Lanes Assessment (March 2012)	Uttlesford's Protected Lanes Analysis was undertaken to assess the District's existing Protected Lanes using the new Protected Lanes criteria developed at a County level. Using the new criteria, each Protected Lane was checked against the threshold for determining Protected Lane status.	This document provides supporting information for the District's Local Plan policies regarding Protected Lanes. It should be considered by the Neighbourhood Plan steering group in the formulation any similar policies and the allocation of sites.

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