



# Great Dunmow Neighbourhood Plan

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2015-2032

Evidence Base Summary

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# Introduction

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This Evidence Base Summary has been prepared by Great Dunmow Town Council (“the Town Council”) to accompany its submission to the local planning authority, Uttlesford District Council (UDC), of the Great Dunmow Neighbourhood Development Plan (“the Neighbourhood Plan”) under Regulations 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (“the Regulations”).

The Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared by the Town Council, a qualifying body, for the Neighbourhood Area, as designated by Uttlesford District Council on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2012.

The policies described in the Neighbourhood Plan relate to the development and use of land in the designated Neighbourhood Area and do not relate to any other designated Neighbourhood Area. The plan period of the Neighbourhood Plan is from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2032 and it does not contain policies relating to excluded development in accordance with the Regulations.

## Background

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The plan preparation process has been led by Great Dunmow Town Council, as a ‘relevant body’ under the 2012 Regulations, with decisions delegated to its ‘Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group’. The project, in effect, commenced with the earlier preparation of the Great Dunmow Town Design Statement, which predated the Localism Act that established neighbourhood planning.

The plan making process has comprised four main stages:

- Evidence Base Briefing Papers and Further Evidence Gathering (c. 2013) – the Briefing Papers are a series of reports summarising all the background evidence gathered in preparation to beginning the Plan-making process. The Great Dunmow Town Design Statement provided further background information. A process of evidence gathering and community consultation then began, summaries of which can be found in the Evidence Base Summary and the Consultation Statement;
- Pre-Submission Neighbourhood Plan (July - September 2014) (Round 1) – the draft Neighbourhood Plan (vision, objectives, policies, proposals and maps), and draft SEA, was released for an eight week public consultation period;
- Pre-Submission Neighbourhood Plan (September – October 2015) (Round 2) – the draft Neighbourhood Plan (vision, objectives, policies, proposals and maps) and Strategic Environmental Assessment) was released for a statutory six week public consultation period;

- Submission Neighbourhood Plan (January 2015) – including the Submission Neighbourhood Plan, a Basic Conditions Statement (this report) which takes into account the representations received on the Pre-Submission Plan (which has been modified as necessary for submission to the local planning authority), an SEA Screening Report, a Consultation Statement, and a Summary of the Evidence Base.

The Town Council has consulted the local community extensively, including the 2012/13 questionnaire and the consultations for the previous Town Design Statement. Groups of local residents have been established to review and agree which issues should be addressed by the Plan. There have also been community surveys to obtain the fullest view of local community concerns, needs and wants from the Neighbourhood Plan, engagement events with surgeries, schools, businesses and residents, a constant media interest, and public exhibitions.

It has also worked closely with officers of UDC since the start of the project to collate and examine the Evidence Base, to design and iterate policy proposals and to define the proper relationship between the Neighbourhood Plan and the 2005 Uttlesford Local Plan and emerging Uttlesford Plan Strategy. The outcome of that work is the submission version of the Neighbourhood Plan.

## Evidence Base 1: Reports & Documents

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UDC Street Naming and Property Numbering Policy (January 2013). Available at [www.uttlesford.gov.uk](http://www.uttlesford.gov.uk)

UDC Housing Supply Statement 2014. Available at <http://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/backgroundstudies#HousingSupply>

UDC Visitor Survey Great Dunmow (Spring 2013). Available at [www.uttlesford.gov.uk](http://www.uttlesford.gov.uk)

UDC Parking in Great Dunmow. Available at [http://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/article/2301/Where-to-Park#Parking in Great Dunmow](http://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/article/2301/Where-to-Park#Parking%20in%20Great%20Dunmow)

UDC Report of Car Parking Task Group to Scrutiny Committee 15<sup>th</sup> October 2013 (Author: Cllr.Iris Evans: Chairman. Available at <http://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/parkingreview2015>

West Essex & East Hertfordshire Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2015. Available to view at <http://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/backgroundstudies#Strategic%20Housing%20Market%20Assessment>

UDC Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) 2013

Uttlesford District Housing Strategy 2016-2021. Available at <http://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/backgroundstudies#Strategic%20Housing%20Market%20Assessment>

Great Dunmow Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Proposals, Approved November 2007. Available to view at <http://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/caa>

Uttlesford Economic Development Strategy 2012-14

Building for Life 12, Building for Life Partnership, 2012

## Evidence Base 2: Town Council, Steering Group and Other

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N. Greig & T. Hughes	Our Wildlife and Nature Sites	(20 <sup>th</sup> June 2013)
Terri Tarpey	Dunmow Chelmer Meadows	(7 <sup>th</sup> June 1999)
Terri Tarpey	Dunmow Chelmer Meadows: A Management Plan	(2 <sup>nd</sup> July 1999)
N.Plan Steering Group	Public Exhibition: Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2013	(Summer 2013)
Daniel Bacon	Healthcare Workshop	(11 <sup>th</sup> June 2013)
Vic Ranger	G2DS Greater Dunmow Development Strategy 2011-2041: A Programme for Growth & Prosperity	(31 <sup>st</sup> October 2011)
Daniel Bacon	Car Parking Survey	(October 2013)
Dunmow Town Design Statement Group	Great Dunmow Town Design Statement	(2007-2008)
Town Council	List of Assets of Community Value	(December 2012)
N.Plan Steering Group	Sports & Recreation: Activity in our Clubs	(July 2014)

## Evidence Base 3: Briefing Papers by Easton Planning, Sept 2012

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Easton Planning	Towards Defining the Issues
Easton Planning	Demographic Forecast
Easton Planning	Briefing Paper 1: Population and Housing Supply

Easton Planning	Briefing Paper 1a:	Education Planning 2011-16
Easton Planning	Briefing Paper 2:	Housing Land Availability
Easton Planning	Briefing Paper 3:	Employer Survey 2009
Easton Planning	Briefing Paper 4:	Employment Land Review 2011 Appraisal of Employment Land Issues 2006
Easton Planning	Briefing Paper 5:	Health Services in Dunmow
Easton Planning	Briefing Paper 6:	Historic Environment Characterisation 2009
Easton Planning	Briefing Paper 7:	The Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2008 Published October 2009
Easton Planning	Briefing Paper 8:	Landscape Character and Policies
Easton Planning	Briefing Paper 9:	Wildlife Sites. Review 2007
Easton Planning	Briefing Paper 10:	Open Space, Sports & Recreation
Easton Planning	Briefing Paper 11:	Renewable Energy in Uttlesford
Easton Planning	Briefing Paper 12:	Retail Study 2012 (Savills)
Easton Planning	Briefing Paper 13:	Transport
Easton Planning	Briefing Paper 14:	Water and Sewerage Infrastructure
Easton Planning	Briefing Paper 15:	Flood Risk

## Evidence Base 4: Consultations and Responses

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Daniel Bacon	Great Dunmow Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire Responses	(27 <sup>th</sup> March 2013)
Steering Group	Business Survey	(Summer 2013)
Steering Group	Focus Group Workshop	(March 2013)
Steering Group	Healthcare Engagement Sheet	(11 <sup>th</sup> June 2013)

Steering Group	Student Parliament Workshop Helena Romanes School	(30 <sup>th</sup> June 2013)
Steering Group	Staff Workshop Helena Romanes School	(30 <sup>th</sup> June 2013)
Steering Group	Focus Group Workshop	(23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2013)
Steering Group	Exhibition Feedback & Photographs	(8 <sup>th</sup> February 2014)
Various	Media Coverage: Newspaper Cuttings & Town Council Newsletters	

## Evidence Base 5: Miscellaneous

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ECC	Essex Cycling Strategy	(June 2015)
UDC/ECC Highways	Uttlesford Cycling Strategy	(October 2014)
Steering Group	Topic Group Workshops	(August 2013)
The Helena Romanes School and Sixth Form Centre	Learning at the Heart of the Community	(2013)

