

Question	Response
Why was the previous plan withdrawn?	The Council decided in 2022 to not adopt, and withdraw the draft Local Plan. The reasons for doing this were set out at the meeting (23 <sup>rd</sup> March and 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2022), which are both available online - <a href="#">Castle Point Borough Council - YouTube</a> .
How do we fix existing deficits?	<p>Alongside the Local Plan the Council is producing an Infrastructure Delivery Plan that will identify existing deficits, as well as needs that will arise due to new development.</p> <p>By law we cannot require a developer/development to fix an existing deficit through planning, however by holistically identifying where developments can potentially provide benefit to existing issues we hope that the Plan will enable development to maximise the benefit to the local area.</p>
I understand that Halfords and Morrisons may be up for re development would this be under compulsory purchase.	These sites have been identified as having capacity for development within the Issues and Options document. They are not allocated, nor do they have planning permission. At the current time the Council has no plans for any Compulsory Purchase activity.
Are you able to limit the number of houses built per year so that the total is spread over the full length of the Plan?	<p>The housing requirement is an annual amount, so the longer the plan, the higher the total. Local Plans are required to look ahead 15 years from adoption, and that is why the overall period is 20 years, we are at the time of writing 1.5 years in, the Plan making process is started, but not complete, then there needs to be 15 clear years once it is.</p> <p>When a site is allocated within an adopted plan we cannot control when it comes forward, as it is dependent on when the landowner/developer submits a planning application and/or when they start developing a site. External impacts may also impact this such as supply of labour and materials.</p>
<p>Can we put skyscrapers in North-West Thundersley to reduce the amount of flats built in all the other towns in Castle Point?</p> <p>(Ok not skyscrapers, but high density at least)</p>	If that is an option you wish to see come forward please make it heard in your response to the consultation.

Why are there no councillors here to hear our questions IF the plans haven't already been agreed	Councillors have attended a vast majority of the consultation events. The results of the consultation will be reported to Councillors at future meetings.
Why have a PIP elected member attended this consultation to answer questions on current thinking.	
Were any councillors present	
It talks about flood risks and the need to take them into consideration When the council totally ignores the present flood risks from the silted up lake and road culverts	These issues are noted. If you want to suggest particular improvements then please do submit them as part of your consultation response.
Is there an option for all 7100 houses to be located in Daws Heath?	This is not one of the 6 options. If you want to submit an additional option, you can.
Why is the GB8 Salvation Army Farmland on the consultation and whose decision was it to add it?	The Salvation Army land was put forward through the Council's call for sites. The Council have published all strategic green belt site options adjacent to the urban area that it received together for consultation.
Who makes the final decision about what land is built on?	The Draft Castle Point Plan will be approved by Full Council meeting, the final Castle Point Plan will be adopted by Full Council decision.
Put the houses on Manor Trading Estate	If that is an approach you wish to see come forward, please make it heard in your response to the consultation.
If the government consultation ends with a new number of housing that exceeds the 5100. Can the local plan not help the council defend its position against such statutory numbers given the plan?	The Council is required to make a Local Plan in line with Government regulations. It is changes to these national regulations that are being consulted on concurrently, but separately to our Issues and Options Document. The Council will respond to the national consultation, local residents and stakeholders can respond to both.
Castlepoint is only a tiny council. We couldn't cope with that amount of increased housing	Please include this in your response.
Despite the indication that Essex highways are working strategically with plans, they are currently very poor in supporting our borough in remediating our roads. What will be done about this ?	The Council works with ECC highways to identify where development has the potential to affect the highway network, as well as on wider transport matters. If there are issues that you have relating to highways, please make them in your response, but you should also consider contacting ECC directly if you have specific improvements that you would like to see.

Isn't the Salvation Army land Green Belt?	Yes.
We don't want green belt land built on, especially not Salvation Army land	Please include this in your response.
We don't want green belt build on.	Please include this in your response.
Don't build on Salvation Army land	Please include this in your response.
Isn't some of the land in GB8 designated as a coastal protection belt in addition to green belt?	The lower section of the Salvation Army Land is part of a recognised Coastal Grazing Marsh, the land put forward by the Salvation Army is the upper fields, which is not. The site is in the green belt.
Regarding allocations adjacent to the A130, to what extent has urban sprawl with Basildon been considered in light of allocations there that also run adjacent to the A130?	There is Green Belt separating Benfleet and Basildon, and the villages in-between. This acts to control sprawl as one of its purposes. The Issues and Options does not propose a green belt review, which in effect manages this issue. If a green belt review is undertaken the function of the green belt in maintain separation of the two urban areas will be a matter for consideration.
Not only doctors etc. What provision will there be to build new hospitals increase ambulances and other emergency services to ensure the safety of the increase on population.	As part of this consultation the Council are engaging with service providers including the NHS, ambulance and other emergency service providers. Their responses will inform how the Infrastructure Delivery Plan is updated to ensure these services are planned for through new development.
Is there going to be improvement to emergency services, fire stations & police stations?	
what happened to Section 20 Hadleigh town centre from 2012	A town centre master plan was completed for Hadleigh in 2012, however this is not included within the Issues and Options document. If there were aspects of this master plan that you would like the council to look again please submit it as part of your response.
Is the large urban site located adjacent to GB12 the council offices, SEEVIC and Runnymede? If yes, where would these services be relocated?	Yes. All development capacities include provision for non-residential floorspace, so that if they do come forward there is scope to replace or improve current uses, and/or bring new uses into an area.
People putting affordable housing at the bottom is baffling. As a 29 year old saving to buy a home, with castle point being out of reach financially, Where can i purchase an affordable home?	Please include this in your response.

<p>What rules dictate minimum viable community infrastructure (doctors, schools, etc) and transportation infrastructure?</p>	<p>As part of this consultation the Council are engaging with service providers including the NHS, education and transport management agencies. Their responses will inform how the Infrastructure Delivery Plan is updated to ensure these services are planned for through new development.</p>
<p>What is the point of green belt land being green belt , if it can be built on?</p>	<p>As per national policy, Green Belt serves 5 purposes: to check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas; to prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another; to assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment; to preserve the setting and special character of historic towns; and to assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land. Green Belt can only be developed once it has examined fully any other reasonable options for meeting its identified need for development. For further information please see the government guidance here:  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-planning-policy-framework/13-protecting-green-belt-land">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-planning-policy-framework/13-protecting-green-belt-land</a></p>
<p>How are housing needs calculated and how recent/up to date are the calculation variables?</p>	<p>Housing need is calculated using the governments standard methodology set out within the NPPF. This uses household projections from 2014. The Council have undertaken a Local Housing Needs Assessment using data from the 2018 household projections alongside 2021 census data. Further details on this work can be viewed here - <a href="download.cfm">download.cfm</a> (<a href="castlepoint.gov.uk">castlepoint.gov.uk</a>)</p>
<p>Who sets the budget for this Plan and who pays for it?  What level of risk funds are in place to cover inflation, unforeseen issues etc?</p>	<p>Council budgets, including that for planning, and plan preparation are set by the Council, and these are reviewed annually.</p>
<p>Why cant you reject to the government that castle point is under pressure as it is and we cannot build anymore homes</p>	<p>The Council is required to make a Local Plan in line with Government regulations.</p>
<p>With the central government consultation, should we also complete this as individuals or will the council represent us residents with the feedback?</p>	<p>The Council will consider feedback received in our consultation in response to the central government consultation in its response to the NPPF consultation. Individual residents and stakeholders are also able to respond directly to the national consultation.</p>
<p>What if any influence will our MP have?</p>	<p>The MP has submitted a consultation response to the Council and this will be recorded and analysed just like any other representation.</p>

With all this building, people are having to put up with a postage stamp garden, and 10 houses overlook them, with no front garden. Where's the quality of life?

There are currently minimum space requirements set out in Residential Design Guidance 6. If you feel that there should be a larger space requirement please make that known in your response to the consultation. Privacy within new homes is also a consideration in planning applications.