

Minutes of the Clavering Parish Council meeting held on Monday 30th. November 2015 at 7.30pm in the Clavering Village Hall

Present – Cllrs S. Gill (Chairman), B. Barrow, R. Couchman, M. Patmore, R. Carter, L. Williams, S. Boardman and R. Stanford

Also present District Councillor E. Oliver and 2 Parishioners

1. Cllr Gill welcomed everyone to the meeting .
2. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr R. Clayton
3. **Parish Council response to the UDC Local Plan Consultation “Issues and options”**

The Councillors went through the 19 questions and below is the question and response which was sent to UDC planning department on Monday 30th. November 2015

Question 1: Vision and Development Strategy

What do you think the Council should include in its Local Plan vision and development strategy for the District in 2033?

No comment

Question 2: Cross-boundary strategic planning

Are there any specific cross-boundary planning issues that the District Council should consider in putting together its Local Plan? Please provide details.

There is an obligation for UDC to do this. Namely Braintree DC & Epping Forest & Harlow & East Herts & South Cambridgeshire.

Question 3: Settlement Hierarchy

Do you agree with the Planning Inspector that the settlement hierarchy is “generally soundly set out” and represents a pragmatic way forward for the Local Plan?

The Council is particularly interested to know:

- If there has been any significant change in the services and facilities in any settlement which should lead to its reclassification?
- Is the proposed function for each type of settlement appropriate?
- Are there other relevant factors which suggest that a greater or lesser amount of development should be directed to a settlement than would reflect its strict place in the settlement hierarchy?

Transport sustainability of each village. There is anticipated loss to the bus services in Clavering and Clavering does not have sustainable transport links to the railway stations

Question 4: Infrastructure planning

Please provide details of any particular infrastructure issues which you feel the Council needs to consider, if possible providing evidence

Any new development should incorporate the required infrastructure needs

Question 5: Employment

What should be the main influences on the employment strategy? Are there any locations which you feel would be particularly suitable for employment?

The plan should encourage/ protect new and existing sites of small, local and start-up businesses in rural areas.

Question 6: Housing Tenure Mix and Affordability

What are the main issues relating to housing tenure mix and affordability which the Council should consider?

UDC should look to OANS & predicted population to determine future housing mixes.

UDC should look at the provision of sustainable, affordable, low cost and social homes for local & key workers (such as teachers, nurses etc.) in the area.

Also housing to permit “downsizing”

Question 7: Leisure, Recreation, and Open Space

What do you think are the main issues the Council should consider in relation to Leisure, Recreation, and Open Space?

All existing PROW to be retained. UDC could consider “Green Wedges” to protect the countryside (see Chelmsford City Local Plan)

Question 8: Natural Environment and Historic Environment

What do you think are the main issues the Council should consider in relation to the natural environment and the historic environment?

As per NPPF. High regard should be placed on protecting the natural and historic environment.

Question 9: Other Areas of Search

Are there any other potential Areas of Search not shown in Figure 1 which should be assessed by the Council?

No comment

Question 10: New Settlements

What do you think about the principle of a new settlement in providing for the future development needs of the District?

A new settlement must address all infrastructure needs with provision for future expansion

Question 11: New Settlement Areas of Search

What issues and evidence should the Council consider when assessing the potential for a new settlement at Areas of Search 1-9? Please reference any specific Areas of Search in your response.

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Question 12: Saffron Walden

What issues and evidence should the Council consider when assessing the potential for urban extensions to Saffron Walden at Areas of Search 10a-g? Please reference any specific Areas of Search in your response.

It is disgraceful that Saffron Walden is being destroyed.

The old historic towns must be protected.

Current Saffron Walden schools (primary & secondary) are operating to capacity.

Road structure is medieval and will require bypassing roads to access rail links and M11 junctions at Duxford and Stortford and Gt. Chesterford need to be altered.

Question 13: Edge of Bishop's Stortford (within Uttlesford District)

What issues and evidence should the Council consider when assessing the potential for urban extensions to Bishop's Stortford at Areas of Search 11a and b? Please reference any specific Areas of Search in your response.

Schools have capacity but the M11 junctions and the A120 junctions are already over utilised.

Question 14: Great Dunmow

What issues and evidence should the Council consider when assessing the potential for urban extensions to Great Dunmow at Areas of Search 12a-f? Please reference any specific Areas of Search in your response.

Gt. Dunmow is historic and is being eroded. The market town road network cannot cope with the volume of traffic

Question 15: Villages

What issues and evidence should the Council consider when assessing the potential for development in the villages? Please reference any specific villages in your response.

Sustainability of transport links to access rail links health care and employment

Clavering lacks facilities for further expansion

Question 16: Development at 580 dwellings per year

What do you think the implications of development under scenarios A to D would be, at around 580 dwellings per year?

All future developments must be sustainable with complete infrastructure being provided

Question 17: Development at 750 dwellings per year

What do you think the implications of development would be under scenarios E to G would be, of around 750 dwellings per year?

2 specific new settlements would accommodate better infrastructure and protect the countryside and also maintain character of existing historic market towns and villages in the long term

Question 18: Other Scenarios

Are there any other potential scenarios not shown which should be assessed by the Council?

No

Question 19: Other points

Are there any other points you wish to make which do not relate directly to the questions above?

No

There being no more business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm and thanked everyone for attending

Date of next meeting Monday 14th. December 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

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Signed.....Date 11th. January 2016
Stephanie M. Gill