



WHITE COLNE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of White Colne Parish Council meeting held at White Colne Village Hall on Tuesday 17th September 2024 at 19:30hrs.

Present: Cllr Paul Batchford
Cllr Kris Bell
Cllr Denise Drizen
Cllr Jane Taylor (Chairperson)
Cllr John Wilson
Jim Morris, Parish Clerk

Also Present: Cllr George Courtauld, The Colnes Ward
Cllr Chris Siddall, Halstead Division
Three members of the public

039/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr John Brace, Cllr Jim Bond, and Colnes Ward Cllr Gabrielle Spray.

040/24 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

None received.

041/24 PUBLIC SESSION

A parishioner reported some recent issues in the local area, including: that the bottle bank at the Village Hall had not been emptied.

Response: To notify Braintree District Council (BDC).

It was noted that Public Right of Way (PRoW) FP27 had been blocked by maize crops overspilling from the adjacent farmland.

Response: The issue could have been a temporary one, now resolved.

Overgrown hedges were interfering with pedestrian access and egress along footways adjacent to the road.

Response: The issues had been reported to BDC.

A question was raised over progress with livestreaming parish council meetings.

Response: The item was due to be discussed at Agenda item 11.iv.

An Allotment holder had written to the council regarding the destruction of crops on several plots at the site. It had been suggested that the issue could have been the work of badgers, and a question was put forward over the likelihood of installing badger-proof fencing.

The correspondent commended the council's work on securing solar power for the Hall.

Response: The correspondence was due to be discussed at Agenda item 10.i.

042/24 MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD 16.07.2024 & 09.08.2024

The Minutes of the White Colne Parish Council meeting held on 16.07.2024, and the Extra-Ordinary Meeting held on 09.08.2024 were received, confirmed, and signed as a true and correct record by the Chairperson.

043/24 MATTERS ARISING

Members noted the list of matters arising and ongoing from previous meetings (attached to record Minutes). Waste sacks would be delivered to residents along with the next edition of the parish magazine; Cllr Bell was liaising with the Speed Indicator Device (SID) supplier over a fault with the

machine, and a suitable location for it to be used at Bures Road was potentially troublesome; new model Financial Regulations were to be discussed at Agenda item 9.iv; clarification over Village Hall ownership had been gained and would be discussed at Agenda item 14; the council's maintenance contractor had suggested installing strimmer guards on council-owned outdoor seating, at a likely cost of £20; and, responses to recent Planning Applications and the BDC Local Plan review had been submitted. Some items regarding the Allotments and play areas remained outstanding.
It was RESOLVED: To purchase strimmer guards and fit them to benches.

044/24 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Colnes Ward Councillor Gabrielle Spray had distributed a report ahead of the meeting. The timetable for BDC's Local Plan review had been revised; BDC was recruiting to its Landscape Team; Cllr Spray had been interviewed on Radio 4's *Farming Today* programme; and, public notices of Planning Applications were being changed from orange to yellow.

Colnes Ward Councillor George Courtauld noted that BDC's call for sites had elicited proposals which would provide 131,000 new dwellings. The most recent Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) had stated that Braintree District required 1,098 dwellings per year. Cllr Courtauld therefore saw no requirement to accept proposals for more than 13,000 new dwellings over the remaining course of the Local Plan. It was noted that the incoming government apparently favoured development that would deliver 10,000 new dwellings and associated infrastructure.

Halstead Division Cllr Chris Siddall noted that the SHMA was vague on how numbers of dwellings would be delivered, but was hopeful that the new government would create policies to help revitalise rural villages. Elsewhere, Essex County Council (ECC) had upgraded its online reporting facility to include the ability to re-report and upload further photos; £25m had been allocated for highways issues such as resurfacing, signage, line repainting and vegetation works; and, in an effort to reduce food waste Essex residents were being offered the opportunity to buy reduced-price compost bins before the end of October.

ECC was ending the use of landfill sites by October 2025. A new incinerator plant would generate clean electricity to power 66,000 dwellings, offering significant carbon footprint savings; ECC's Transport Strategy Consultation remained open until the end of September; and Cllr Siddall still had funding available for small projects. A brief discussion was held over the potential forthcoming disposal of assets by ECC, the suitability of brownfield sites for potential housing, and ECC's policies on Community Asset Transfers.

In accordance with White Colne Parish Council Standing Order 10.a.vi, the Chairperson moved Agenda item 10.i forward.

045/24 LEISURE & FACILITIES – ALLOTMENTS: CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING CROP DAMAGE

Members received and considered correspondence regarding the loss of crops at the Allotments (attached to record Minutes). A detailed discussion covered the likelihood of badgers being responsible for the damage, legislation regarding badgers, vacant plots, and the likely cost of refencing the site. Fencing had last been replaced in 2006, and it was estimated that around £4,000 would be needed to restore an animal-proof boundary.

It was RESOLVED: To apply to a local grant-funding body for financial help with refencing the Allotments site; to seek quote for strimming and placing membrane on vacant Plots. Allotment Plot holders were encouraged to form a Society.

The order of business as published on the Agenda was resumed.

046/24 PLANNING

i. Applications

Ref: 24/01379/REM.

Location: Land to the Rear of 5 Colne Park Road, White Colne, CO6 2PL.

Proposal: Application for Approval of Reserved Matters (in respect of Access, Appearance, Layout and Scale) pursuant to outline planning permission 22/02902/OUT granted 27.02.2023 for: Outline planning application with all matters reserved for the construction of 1 No. 3 bedroom bungalow.

Response: White Colne Parish Council has no objection to Planning Application ref 24/01379/REM.

ii. Decisions

Ref: 24/00881/FUL.

Location: 1-2 Fox & Pheasant Centre, Colchester Road, White Colne, CO6 2PS.

Proposal: Change of use from Use Class E to mixed Use Class E and Sui Generis (Dog Grooming Salon). Replace windows and doors.

Decision: Granted.

iii. Appeals – none received.

iv. Consultation - Statement of Community Involvement (Attached to record Minutes).

It was RESOLVED: That the Consultation be noted.

v. Consultation - Sustainability Appraisal (SA) of Braintree Local Plan: Scoping Report (Attached to record Minutes).

It was RESOLVED: That the Consultation be noted.

vi. Bures Neighbourhood Plan Pre-Submission (Reg 14) Consultation (Attached to record Minutes).

It was RESOLVED: That the Consultation be noted.

vii. Tendring Colchester Borders Garden Community -Notification of Consultation on Modifications to the Development Plan Document (DPD) (Attached to record Minutes).

It was RESOLVED: That the Consultation be noted.

047/24 HIGHWAYS

i. Correspondence: *Bures Road* (Attached to record Minutes). Members discussed correspondence received regarding an increase in lorry sizes and movements to and from agricultural units on Bures Road. Cllr Wilson recounted a recent occasion on which he had been nearly knocked down by a large vehicle turning into Bures Road. The lack of pavement, the road's unsuitability for use by large vehicles, and concerns raised by a number of parishioners to individual members of the council were noted. Cllr Siddall queried whether the owners of the site had appropriate usage permissions, and offered for the matter to be raised via his direct contact address.

It was RESOLVED: That the Clerk offer a response to the council's correspondent and contact Cllr Siddall following the meeting.

ii. Public consultation launch: Essex Transport Strategy (Attached to record Minutes).

It was RESOLVED: That the Consultation be noted.

iii. Speed Indicator Device data. A fault with the council's SID had prevented any data from being collected.

It was RESOLVED: That the item be noted and considered at a future meeting.

iv. Bures Road drainage and manhole cover. Works to the manhole had been carried out and would be put to the test in due course. An invoice was expected.

It was RESOLVED: That the item be noted.

048/24 FINANCE

i. External Auditor's AGAR S3 Report & Certificate, and Notice of Conclusion of Audit (Attached to record Minutes).

It was RESOLVED: That the External Auditor's AGAR S3 Report & Certificate, and Notice of Conclusion of Audit be approved and published.

ii. Schedule of payments 22.05.2024-31.08.2024. The council's Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) was in the process of entering all income and expenditure into the Scribe accounting package. Full reports would be provided at the next scheduled meeting.

It was RESOLVED: That the item be noted.

iii. Items for White Colne Parish Council budget 2025-26. The council's budget for 2025-26 would be considered at the next scheduled meeting.

It was RESOLVED: That the item be noted.

iv. New Model Financial Regulations (see Background Paper). The RFO had assessed the new model Financial Regulations and made some suggestions for consideration by the council. Cllr Wilson noted unclear wording in Paras 2.2 and 2.6.

It was RESOLVED: That the item be deferred for consideration at the next scheduled meeting.

v. Correspondence: *Marie Curie* (Attached to record Minutes).

It was RESOLVED: That the correspondence be noted.

049/24 LEISURE & FACILITIES

ii. Apple Day. Cllr Taylor had arranged with a parishioner to host a working party at the Orchard on 20th October, with apple cake provided. It was further suggested that the Community Payback scheme could be offered work at the Meadows.

It was RESOLVED: That the date for Apple Day be noted.

050/24 COMMUNITY LIAISON

i. White Colne Village Hall net zero project & energy provider update: £42,000 in grant funding had been received via the UK Levelling Up Prosperity Fund administered by Braintree District Council. The grant had been delivered in arrears, on proof of the works having been carried out and paid, which had caused cashflow issues. Solar panels had been fitted and were supplying the Hall’s energy needs and battery storage, a new heat pump had been installed, and additional radiators added. The heat pump had a delay in achieving correct temperature ahead of a booking, and a slight issue with the thermostat app had been encountered, but could be resolved by the addition of a remote thermostat. Electric Vehicle (EV) chargers had been installed but were yet to be commissioned. The password for the charger would be needed for data gathering. The Hall’s energy board was due to be updated, and a new account opened with Octopus in order to sell excess energy back to the grid. The loos would no longer be plumbed with hot water due to the delay in heating. The Community Payback scheme had been unable to attend to decorate the Hall, and a new date was due to be agreed. Three quotes had been received for additional works to soffits and fascias, which the council considered.

It was RESOLVED: That Fascia Fit Direct be appointed to carry out the additional roof works. The EV charger password would be provided to Cllr Bell.

ii. Colne Valley Community Energy project: The Hall had been booked for Saturday 16th November to host a community event which would showcase the new equipment. Speakers on solar power would be in attendance. It was expected that pay-as-you-go contracts would be launched at the event.

It was RESOLVED: That the item be noted.

iii. Grant funding applications and updates: All but £10 of the £42,000 Levelling Up grant had been spent. Cllr Taylor had successfully applied for £20,000 from the National Lottery Awards for All scheme to fund a weekly warm hub at the Hall over the next two winters. Grants of around £5,600 were being sought for funding new chairs for the Hall via the Essex Community Foundation, and an outdoors natural play area via UKSPF Community Gardens, Orchards and Open Spaces Fund delivered by the Communities Team at BDC.

It was RESOLVED: That the item be noted. Cllr Taylor was thanked for her efforts.

iv. White Colne Parish Council social media, livestreaming, and community liaison: Cllr Bell provided a breakdown of likely costs for providing livestreaming of parish council meetings. £3,000 would cover the costs of equipment for an appropriate system, which could also be used by people attending the warm hub. The council’s facebook had seventy-five members, and councillors were encouraged to post items on the page on a regular basis.

It was RESOLVED: That a grant funding application for £3,000 to Essex County Council’s Community Initiatives Fund for livestreaming and IT equipment be entered.

051/24 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE AGENDA OF A FUTURE MEETING

Budget 2025-26; Financial Regulations; and SID results were suggested.

052/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of White Colne Parish Council was scheduled to take place on Tuesday 19th November 2024 at White Colne Village Hall at 1930hrs.

The meeting closed at 21:00hrs.

Signed.....

Date.....



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Present: Cllr Paul Batchford
Cllr Kris Bell
Cllr Denise Drizen
Cllr Jane Taylor (Chairperson)
Cllr John Wilson
Jim Morris, Parish Clerk

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The meeting closed at 21:35hrs.

Signed.....

Date.....

**BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL
DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT
DECISION SHEET**



Application Details	
Application No:	24/00881/FUL
Development Type:	18Q
Date Valid:	3rd May 2024
8/13 Week Date:	28th June 2024
Extension Of Time (If Applicable):	7th August 2024
Recommendation	
Officer Recommendation:	Application GRANTED
Case Officer:	Harrison Lockwood
PD to be removed (Yes/No): (Condition Number & GPDO Class)	
Temporary Permission (Yes/No): (If Yes, Specify Expiry Date)	
S106 Legal Agreement (Yes/No):	
Delegated Decision	
Delegated under Part C of the Scheme of Delegation?	YES NO
If Delegated under Part B of the Scheme of Delegation, has copy of the Member Agreement been uploaded to IDOX?	YES
Authorised Delegated Officer Check	Signature / Date:
Development Type Delegated Report Decision Notice Extension Of Time (If Applicable)	SCE
	Date: 07.08.2024

DELEGATED REPORT

APPLICATION DETAILS

Application No:	24/00881/FUL
Address:	1 - 2 Fox And Pheasant Centre Colchester Road White Colne Essex CO6 2PS
Proposal:	Change of use from Use Class E to mixed Use Class E and Sui Generis (Dog Grooming Salon). Replace windows and doors

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

- See Appendix 1

SITE HISTORY

- See Appendix 2

DESCRIPTION OF THE SITE AND SITE CONTEXT

The Fox and Pheasant Centre forms a courtyard of buildings which are used for a mixture of retail and commercial purposes. Access is gained from the south-western corner of the site, with parking available throughout the central courtyard area. This proposal specifically relates to units one and two, the most immediately visible buildings upon access to the courtyard located to the east of the area. Beyond this eastern boundary lies Fox and Pheasant Farmhouse, which is Grade II listed under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended for its special architectural or historic interest (List Entry No. 1170860). In terms of planning history, the site has largely remained unchanged although various businesses have operated throughout the premises.

PROPOSAL

The proposal concerns the change of use from a Class E unit, to a mixed use Class E and Sui Generis for a dog groomers. Other than the replacement of windows and doors, the elevations would remain unchanged. The statement provided with the application outlines that the users would be restricted to one customer drop off and collection at any given time, during daytime hours.

SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION RESPONSES

ECC Highways – No comments.

ECC Historic Buildings Consultant – No objection.

BDC Environmental Health – No objection.

PARISH / TOWN COUNCIL

White Colne Parish Council – No comments in support or objection.

SUMMARY OF REPRESENTATIONS

A site notice was displayed to the front of the site and the immediate neighbours notified of the proposal. One representation has been received which references drainage capacity at the site. The design and access statement has been updated with further information in light of this and it is ultimately considered a matter between the site landlord and business operators. For the purposes of this proposal, it is not considered that the change of use would result in any adverse impacts as a result of the existing drainage arrangement.

ASSESSMENT

Principle of Development

Businesses located in the rural areas contribute significantly to the economy of the District and provide local employment opportunities to those living in rural areas which might be accessible by walking and cycling. Policy LPP7 of the Adopted Local Plan regards that outside development boundaries, proposals for small-scale commercial development, which involve the conversion and re-use of existing buildings that are of permanent and substantial construction and capable of conversion without complete re-building, will be considered acceptable subject to the criteria set out therein. This criterion concerns the highways impacts of the proposals, impacts upon neighbouring amenities and the impact upon the local landscape character.

In this instance, the units at the Fox and Pheasant centre provide for existing retail and commercial operations which cover a range of uses such as offices, workshops and salons. The provision of a dog groomers would be viewed in corroboration with these other uses in contributing to a small scale diverse rural enterprise. The proposal is therefore acceptable in principle, subject to the material considerations assessed throughout the report.

Design, Appearance and Impact upon the Character and Appearance of the Area

The National Planning Policy Framework sets out the importance of achieving well designed places in section 12. Paragraph 131 of this section states that ‘the creation of high quality, beautiful and sustainable buildings and places is fundamental to what the planning and development process should achieve. Good design is a key aspect of sustainable development, creates better places in which to live and work and helps make development acceptable to communities.’ Paragraph 139 states development that is not well designed should be refused, especially where it fails to reflect local design policies and government guidance on design. This is reflected through Policies SP7 and LPP52 of the Adopted Local Plan which seek the highest possible standard of design in new development.

The external alterations would be limited to the replacement of doors and windows in order to increase security at the units. Given the lack of visual alteration at the site, the impact upon the local landscape character as per the requirement of Policy LPP7 of the Adopted Local Plan would therefore be negligible. Furthermore, the appearance of the replacement doors and windows are in keeping with the existing property with similar glazing detail provided. The design and appearance impacts of the proposal upon the wider character of the area are therefore considered acceptable.

Heritage

The building is located within the setting of the Fox and Pheasant Farmhouse, which is Grade II listed under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended for its special architectural or historic interest (List UID: 1170860). Paragraph 205 of the NPPF states that when considering the impact of a proposed development on the significance of a designated heritage asset, great weight should be given to the asset's conservation (and the more important the asset, the greater the weight should be). Paragraph 207 develops upon this further, noting that where a proposed development leads to substantial harm to the significance of a designated heritage asset, this harm should be weighed against the public benefits of the proposal including where appropriate, securing its optimum viable use.

This is reflected in Policy LPP57 of the Adopted Local Plan which outlines the requirement that for designated heritage assets, the development must meet the tests set out in national policy. It then goes on to specify the following:-

- The works or uses include the use of appropriate materials and finishes
- The application submitted contains details of the significance of the heritage asset, within a Heritage Statement which should include any contribution made by their setting
- There may be a requirement for appropriate specialist recording to be carried out prior to the change of use, demolition or conversion of a listed building or associated historic building

Necessary expertise has been sought from a Historic Buildings Consultant in accordance with Paragraph 201 of the NPPF which outlines that local planning authorities should take account of the available evidence and any necessary expertise in their determination. The replacement windows and doors are acceptable and would not diminish the heritage value of the site. In addition, the new use of the building would not adversely impact upon the setting of the heritage asset. The proposal is therefore acceptable in this regard.

Impact on Neighbouring Residential Amenities

Policy LPP52 states that development shall not cause undue or unacceptable impacts on the amenities of nearby residential properties. Unacceptable impacts are considered as any factors that can carry the potential to degrade the enjoyment of neighbouring properties in terms of overlooking, overshadowing, loss of light or loss of privacy.

There would be no adverse impact in this regard, however the use of the building may carry the potential to result in increased disturbances by way of noise and smell. In this regard, BDC Environmental Health have been consulted on the proposal and raised no objection. Limiting the use to one customer at a time would prevent any excessive or prolonged spells of noise and appropriate disposal methods are available at the site. The proposal is therefore acceptable in this regard.

Highway Considerations

Policy LPP52 of the Adopted Local Plan outlines that new development proposed should not have a detrimental impact on the safety of highways or any other public right of way, and its users. ECC Highways have been consulted on the proposal and raised no comments. The site plan indicates that there would be two parking spaces dedicated to the unit. The supporting statement outlines that the use of the site would be restricted to one customer at a time resulting in limited additional vehicular movement. A condition is imposed on the permission to ensure that this remains the case and that parking provision at the site remains adequate.

RECOMMENDATION

Application GRANTED

APPENDIX 1:

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

National Planning Guidance

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)
National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG)

Braintree District Local Plan 2013 - 2033

SP1	Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development
SP7	Place Shaping Principles
LPP1	Development Boundaries
LPP7	Rural Enterprise
LPP42	Sustainable Transport
LPP43	Parking Provision
LPP47	Built and Historic Environment
LPP48	An Inclusive Environment
LPP57	Heritage Assets and Their Settings
LPP52	Layout and Design of Development

Neighbourhood Plan

N/A

Other Material Considerations

Site Allocations and Development Management Plan
Essex Design Guide
Essex Parking Standards
ECC Development Management Policies

APPENDIX 2:

SITE HISTORY

Application No:	Description:	Decision:	Date:
88/00605/P	Retention and continued use of premises as retail and light industrial units.	Refused	01.08.88
83/00009/P	Continuation of use as restaurant.	Refused	28.02.83
86/01892/P	Erection of granny annexe and garage extension.	Granted	03.03.87
86/01893/LBC	Erection of granny annexe and garage extension.	Granted	03.03.87
87/00005/A	Display of non-illuminated hanging sign, and illumination for existing sign.	Granted	24.04.87
88/01669/P	Retention Of Existing Retail And Light Industrial Premises	Withdrawn	25.11.88
88/01781/P	Installation Of New Window To Rear Elevation, Construction Of Open Porch To Rear Of Dwelling	Granted	22.11.88
89/00273/P	Retention And Continued Use Of Premises As Retail And Light Industrial	Refused	15.08.89
89/00776/P	Erection Of Log Cabin To Let For Tourism During Spring And Summer Months	Granted	18.07.89
90/01116/PFHS	Retention Of Existing Commercial Uses And Improvements To Buildings And Highway Access	Granted	11.02.92
94/00756/LBC	Removal of fireplace to expose original inglenook	Granted	06.09.94
98/01737/LBC	Proposed alteration of existing staircase flight	Granted	22.02.99
09/00063/FUL	Change of use of Unit A from A1 (retail) to A3 (restaurant/cafe) with the ancillary use as a shop and takeaway service.	Granted	19.03.09
09/00108/DAC	Application for approval of details reserved by condition nos. 2, 3 and 4	Part Grant, Part Refused	06.08.09

	of approval 09/00063/FUL		
09/01481/FUL	Removal of condition 3 attached to planning consent 90/01116/FUL relating to the use of the unit; Variation of condition 7 of 90/01116/FUL relating to vehicular movements times; Change of use of Unit 1 to Health and Beauty Salon	Withdrawn	14.01.10
10/00583/FUL	Removal of condition 3 attached to planning consent 90/01116/FUL relating to the use of the unit and variation of condition 8 of 90/01116/FUL relating to vehicular movements times	Granted	24.06.10
11/01631/LBC	Proposed new windows and door and change of use of garage to kitchen area	Granted	23.01.12
12/00086/DAC	Application to discharge condition no. 5 of approved application 11/01631/LBC - Proposed new windows and door and change of use of garage to kitchen area	Granted	10.05.12
15/01276/LBC	Replacement of three first storey casement windows	Granted	21.12.15
19/02047/LBC	Replacement 2 No. windows.	Application Returned	
23/00055/COUPA	Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Change of use from Commercial, Business and Service (Use Class E) to 1No. Dwellinghouses (Use Class C3).	Withdrawn	23.02.23

Consultation – Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

23/08/2024 17:06

White Colne Parish Council

Braintree District Council is currently reviewing its Local Plan. As part of this process it has been agreed to update the Council's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI).

The SCI sets out the consultation strategy the Council will use when engaging in the Local Plan Review as well as the planning process in general.

Prior to adoption a consultation is being held between Friday 23rd August and 5pm on Thursday 10th October 2024.

The document is available on our website at:

- <https://braintree-consult.objective.co.uk>

Responses should be made via the online portal. Please note that the document can be accessed without creating an account or logging in but registration is required for responses as anonymous comments cannot be accepted.

A paper copy is available to view at Causeway House, Bocking End, Braintree CM7 9HB.

Once the consultation has been concluded the comments received will be reported to the Local Plan Sub-Committee and any alterations to the SCI agreed by that committee.

For further information please see the Planning Policy pages on our website:

www.braintree.gov.uk/planning-building-control/braintree-district-development-plan

Yours sincerely

The Planning Policy Team

Braintree District Council

Consultation – Sustainability Appraisal (SA) of Braintree Local Plan: Scoping Report

04/09/2024 14:12

White Colne Parish Council

We have previously notified you about Braintree District Council reviewing its Local Plan. As part of this process we need to produce a document against which the draft document can be assessed in terms of the likely environmental, social and economic effects it would have. This is called a Sustainability Appraisal (SA).

Before we confirm the details in this document, we must undertake a technical consultation with the Environment Agency, Historic England and Natural England of the scoping report. We are also inviting other stakeholders to comment on the document should they wish. The consultation is being held between Wednesday 4th September and 5pm on Friday 4th October 2024.

The document is available on our website at:

[Braintree Planning Policy Consultations page](#)

Responses should be made via the online portal. Please note that the draft document can be accessed without creating an account or logging in, but that registration is required for responses as anonymous comments cannot be accepted.

After the consultation period ends, responses from consultees will be reviewed and appropriate amendments made to the information contained in the Scoping Report, including the baseline information, policy context and SA framework where necessary.

For further information please see the Planning Policy pages on our website:

<https://www.braintree.gov.uk/planning-building-control/local-plan-review-2>

Yours sincerely

The Planning Policy Team
Braintree District Council

Bures Neighbourhood Plan Pre-Submission (Reg 14) Consultation

01/09/2024 16:19

Dear Stakeholder

Bures Neighbourhood Plan Pre-Submission Regulation 14 Consultation

Bures Hamlet Parish Council, as the qualifying body on behalf of both Bures St Mary and Bures Hamlet, is now consulting on the Pre-Submission Draft of the Neighbourhood Plan for Bures. This consultation is in line with Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations (2012) and will run for a period of a minimum of 6 weeks from Monday 2nd September to Monday 28th October 2024.

The consultation offers a final opportunity for you to influence the Neighbourhood Plan before it is submitted to the Braintree District Council and Babergh District Council.

*All comments received before **midnight on Monday 28th October 2024** will be considered by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and Parish Councils and may be used to amend this draft. A Consultation Statement, including a summary of all comments received and how these were considered, will be made available alongside the amended Neighbourhood Plan at a future date. Please also note that your comments cannot be treated as confidential and that they, or a summary of them, will be reproduced in our Consultation Statement at a later date.*

The Pre-Submission Plan, supporting evidence and survey link can all be found online: buresneighbourhoodplan.com

Should you wish to provide comments please send these by email to the Bures NP Steering Group buresnp@gmail.com by survey response or by post to the Parish Clerk, Jenny Wright, at the address below.

Mrs J Wright
Clerk to Bures Hamlet Parish Council

buresparishcouncils@gmail.com

<http://bures.onesuffolk.net/>

Tendring Colchester Borders Garden Community -Notification of Consultation on Modifications to the Development Plan Document (DPD)

10/09/2024 11:33

Dear Stakeholder,

Tendring Colchester Borders Garden Community -Notification of Consultation on Modifications to the Development Plan Document (DPD)

The partner Councils (Tendring District Council, Colchester City Council, and Essex County Council) for the Tendring Colchester Borders Garden Community are carrying out a consultation on modifications to the Development Plan Document (DPD) following hearing sessions held in May 2024. The Inspector has now recommended modifications to the DPD that he considers necessary to make the plan sound.

The Councils are holding a six-week public consultation on these modifications and supporting documents, from **10th September 2024 – 21st October 2024**.

The Consultation documents are:

- Modifications for Consultation
- DPD Policies Map – Modifications Update
- Sustainability Appraisal (SA) – Modifications Update
- Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) – Modifications Addendum

A track changed version of the DPD has also been produced to show how the proposed modifications would appear in full.

The consultation relates specifically to these documents and in particular the proposed modifications which have been recommended by the Inspector.

This consultation is not an opportunity to repeat or raise further representations about the published plan or to seek further changes to the plan.

You can view the above documents and submit your comments by visiting our engagement website at <https://talk.tcbgardencommunity.co.uk>.

Paper copies will be made available to view at Colchester Town Hall, Clacton Town Hall, Wivenhoe Library, Greenstead Library and all libraries in Tendring District.

You can view the Councils' Statements of Community Involvement at [Statement of Community Involvement \(tendringdc.gov.uk\)](https://www.tendringdc.gov.uk) and at [Statement of community involvement | Colchester Borough Council](#).

Kind regards,

Tendring Colchester Borders Garden Community Project Team:
Colchester City Council, Tendring District Council and Essex County Council

Bures Road

31/07/2024 11:59

Good morning

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> I live at 35 Colchester Road and I am wondering if any one else has raised concerns about the amount of heavy vehicles that are using the Bures Road. I know that farm vehicles are busy this time of year but the increase in articulated vehicles that find it hard to even turn into the road has increased enormously this year. They have also caused us to have to pull so far into the side of the road so they can get past.

>

> I await your reply

> Regards Pat.

Public consultation launch: Essex Transport Strategy

08/08/2024 12:49

We are delighted to be launching the public consultation for our new Transport Strategy for Essex, or Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4). The consultation starts today and will run for seven weeks, closing on Sunday 22 September.

Essex Transport Strategy

Our new Essex Transport Strategy will provide an overarching plan, outlining our vision for transport in Essex and what we need to do to be successful. It will set important transport priorities to help inform our future decisions and actions, and to unlock funding opportunities. It will be evidence-based and focussed on the delivery of the wider outcomes identified by Everyone's Essex, our plan to improve the lives of the people of Essex.

The consultation covers the key themes and outcomes that will underpin the further development of the Transport Strategy.

- Supporting People, Health, Wellbeing, and Independence; Ensuring that people have inclusive and affordable access to key services, improving physical and mental health and wellbeing, and ensuring that the transport network is safe, and feels safe, for all users.
- Creating Sustainable Places and Communities: Ensuring that all places support the transport needs of all residents, that Essex County Council works with partners to design sustainable developments from the start, and reducing the impact transport has on the environment.
- Connecting People, Places and Businesses: maximising the business potential of Essex, ensuring that people have inclusive and affordable access to employment, education & training, and that the transport network has a secure and long-term future.

Our new strategy will be underpinned by a number of other new and existing policies. These include our proposed new 'Place and Movement Approach', which looks at how we categorise our roads and streets, recognising they are used in different ways and the need for a more flexible approach to reflect this. We would also like your feedback on this. The best way to find out more about the strategy is by visiting our online consultation page at: consultations.essex.gov.uk/essex-highways/essex-transport-strategy In addition, we have produced a consultation document which is available on the page. Printed copies will shortly be available from mobile libraries, selected libraries and upon request. A second consultation will take place early next year on the full draft Essex Transport Strategy.

Kind Regards,
Melanie Happi Timbou BSc (Hons)
Sustainable Travel Planning Officer Intern

A promotional banner for the Essex Transport Strategy consultation. The banner features a red background on the left side with white text, and a photograph of a street scene on the right. The text includes the title 'Essex Transport Strategy', the purpose 'Help shape the future of transport in Essex.', the consultation website 'consultations.essex.gov.uk', and the closing date 'Sunday 22 September 2024.'. The Essex County Council logo is also present.

Essex Transport Strategy
Help shape the future of transport in Essex.
Have your say at:
consultations.essex.gov.uk | Consultation closes on
Sunday 22 September 2024.
Essex County Council

Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2023/24

We acknowledge as the members of:

WHITE COLNE PARISH COUNCIL

our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including arrangements for the preparation of the Accounting Statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the Accounting Statements for the year ended 31 March 2024, that:

	Agreed		'Yes' means that this authority:	
	Yes	No*		
1. We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements.	✓		prepared its accounting statements in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.	
2. We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.	✓		made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.	
3. We took all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and Proper Practices that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of this authority to conduct its business or manage its finances.	✓		has only done what it has the legal power to do and has complied with Proper Practices in doing so.	
4. We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.	✓		during the year gave all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about this authority's accounts.	
5. We carried out an assessment of the risks facing this authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	✓		considered and documented the financial and other risks it faces and dealt with them properly.	
6. We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.	✓		arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether internal controls meet the needs of this smaller authority.	
7. We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.	✓		responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.	
8. We considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on this authority and, where appropriate, have included them in the accounting statements.	✓		disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year end if relevant.	
9. (For local councils only) Trust funds including charitable. In our capacity as the sole managing trustee we discharged our accountability responsibilities for the fund(s)/assets, including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit.	Yes	No	N/A	has met all of its responsibilities where, as a body corporate, it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts.
			✓	

*Please provide explanations to the external auditor on a separate sheet for each 'No' response and describe how the authority will address the weaknesses identified. These sheets must be published with the Annual Governance Statement.

This Annual Governance Statement was approved at a meeting of the authority on:

21/05/2024

and recorded as minute reference:

MIN 661

Signed by the Chair and Clerk of the meeting where approval was given:

Chair

J. Styal

Clerk

P. Paleyman

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Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2023/24 for

WHITE COLNE PARISH COUNCIL

	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2023 £	31 March 2024 £	
1. Balances brought forward	33,892	31,859	<i>Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of previous year.</i>
2. (+) Precept or Rates and Levies	12,243	12,243	<i>Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.</i>
3. (+) Total other receipts	36,083	30,542	<i>Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept or rates/levies received (line 2). Include any grants received.</i>
4. (-) Staff costs	7,120	8,147	<i>Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include gross salaries and wages, employers NI contributions, employers pension contributions, gratuities and severance payments.</i>
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0	<i>Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any).</i>
6. (-) All other payments	43,239	34,460	<i>Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).</i>
7. (=) Balances carried forward	31,859	32,037	<i>Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) - (4+5+6).</i>
8. Total value of cash and short term investments	31,859	32,037	<i>The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March – To agree with bank reconciliation.</i>
9. Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets	145,020	153,455	<i>The value of all the property the authority owns – it is made up of all its fixed assets and long term investments as at 31 March.</i>
10. Total borrowings	0	0	<i>The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).</i>

For Local Councils Only	Yes	No	N/A	
11a. Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)		✓		<i>The Council, as a body corporate, acts as sole trustee and is responsible for managing Trust funds or assets.</i>
11b. Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)			✓	<i>The figures in the accounting statements above exclude any Trust transactions.</i>

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2024 the Accounting Statements in this Annual Governance and Accountability Return have been prepared on either a receipts and payments or income and expenditure basis following the guidance in Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities – a Practitioners' Guide to Proper Practices and present fairly the financial position of this authority.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer before being presented to the authority for approval

P. Palfreyman

Date

21/05/2024

I confirm that these Accounting Statements were approved by this authority on this date:

21/05/2024

as recorded in minute reference:

MIN 661 REFERENCE

Signed by Chair of the meeting where the Accounting Statements were approved

[Signature]

Section 3 – External Auditor’s Report and Certificate 2023/24

In respect of **White Colne Parish Council – EX0269**

1 Respective responsibilities of the auditor and the authority

Our responsibility as auditors to complete a **limited assurance review** is set out by the National Audit Office (NAO). A limited assurance review is **not a full statutory audit**, it does not constitute an audit carried out in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK & Ireland) and hence it **does not** provide the same level of assurance that such an audit would. The UK Government has determined that a lower level of assurance than that provided by a full statutory audit is appropriate for those local public bodies with the lowest levels of spending.

Under a limited assurance review, the auditor is responsible for reviewing Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with NAO Auditor Guidance Note 02 (AGN 02) as issued by the NAO on behalf of the Comptroller and Auditor General. AGN 02 is available from the NAO website – <https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/guidance-and-information-for-auditors/>

This authority is responsible for ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control. The authority prepares an Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with *Proper Practices* which:

- summarises the accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2024; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are relevant to our duties and responsibilities as external auditors.

2 External auditor’s limited assurance opinion 2023/24

On the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the authority:

None.

3 External auditor certificate 2023/24

We certify that we have completed our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, and discharged our responsibilities under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, for the year ended 31 March 2024.

External Auditor Name

PKF LITTLEJOHN LLP

External Auditor Signature

PKF Littlejohn LLP

Date

29/07/2024

White Colne Parish Council

Notice of conclusion of audit

Annual Governance & Accountability Return for the year ended 31 March 2024

Sections 20(2) and 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

Section 16 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/234)

	Notes
<p>1. The audit of accounts for White Colne Parish Council for the year ended 31 March 2024 has been completed and the accounts have been published.</p>	<p>This notice and Sections 1, 2 & 3 of the AGAR must be published by 30 September. This must include publication on the smaller authority's website. The smaller authority must decide how long to publish the Notice for; the AGAR and external auditor report must be publicly available for 5 years.</p>
<p>2. The Annual Governance & Accountability Return including the auditor's certificate and opinion is available for inspection and copying by any local government elector of the area of White Colne Parish Council on application to:</p> <p>(a) <u>JIM MORRIS</u> <u>PARISH CLERK & RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER</u> <u>clerk@whitecolneparishcouncil.gov.uk</u></p> <p>(b) <u>1000-1600 MON-FRI</u></p>	<p>(a) Insert the name, position and address of the person to whom local government electors should apply to inspect the AGAR</p> <p>(b) Insert the hours during which inspection rights may be exercised</p>
<p>3. Copies will be provided to any local government elector of the area on payment of £ <u>1</u> (c) for each copy of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return.</p>	<p>(c) Insert a reasonable sum for copying costs</p>
<p>Announcement made by: (d) <u>J. Morris, RFO.</u></p>	<p>(d) Insert the name and position of person placing the notice</p>
<p>Date of announcement: (e) <u>17th September 2024.</u></p>	<p>(e) Insert the date of placing of the notice</p>

Marie Curie

15/08/2024 16:03

Dear Sir/Madam,

I hope this email finds you safe and well.

As part of the fundraising team dedicated to serving Essex, we are always looking to gain support for our charity's (Marie Curie the UK's largest terminal illness charity) end of life support services, which is why we are reaching out to you. People are dying with a terminal illness, we need to make sure we can be there for everyone who needs us until the very end. That's why, we're reaching out to you, to ask for your help of our Marie Curie Information & Support service which includes a freephone support line where callers can contact us from the comfort of their own home and can speak directly to a Marie Curie Nurse, online information & support from how to let a child know a parent is dying to advice on funerals and finances and we also send out free booklets and leaflets to those who need them all free of charge.

Could you please share our appeal for support with your fellow councillors and if there is anything as a Parish Council that you can do to support our worthy charity please do get back in touch.

As experts in providing end of life care and support, Marie Curie can help, but only if it continues to raise the donations it needs to fund its vital work. Each call to our support line costs £17 to the charity. We have a mixture of staff and volunteers on our information and support service to minimise costs as much as possible but with training, facilities, booklets, printing and some staff costs, we still have some costs to bear. If you would be willing to make a donation we would be very grateful indeed and our account details are:

- Cheques can be sent to our administration team (please include the attached form together with your cheque)
- BACS payments to our regional account: Marie Curie South Region, Sort code: 60-40-05, Account no: 41586018. Please ensure the reference says: 'CF57PC' followed by as many letters of the village name as possible. If you choose this option please pop me an email so I can allocate your donation on our system against your Parish Council record. Thank you.

Marie Curie understands that family members of those affected by terminal illness need our support as well, because of this friends and family of those who are terminally ill can also contact our Information & Support service which is open 6 days a week: Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm, Saturday 11am to 5pm and we also open on special days like Mothers & Fathers Day and we are open over Christmas including Christmas Day for anyone struggling. If you, or someone you know, is affected by a terminal illness our Support Line team are ready to help with the information you need when you need it. Call free 0800 090 2309. You can also find more information on our website: mariecurie.org.uk

If you'd like to find out more about how to get involved, get in touch with me, your local Community Fundraiser,

Warmest wishes,
Angela Taylor

Community Fundraiser for Essex (I am based from home on the Essex/Suffolk border but our administration team is based in Scotland).

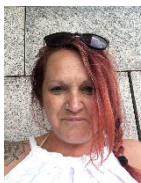
It's supporters like you who make the care Marie Curie provide possible

By giving us your details you agree to hear from us about other ways you can help. We will write to you by post from time to time to let you know about our work, fundraising activities and ways to get involved.

To update your contact preferences, including how often you hear from us, email supporter.relations@mariecurie.org.uk or call **0800 716 146**.

For more information, please see our privacy policy at mariecurie.org.uk/privacy

Charity Reg No. 207994 (England & Wales), SC038731 (Scotland) A105b



Angela Taylor She/Her
Community Fundraiser Essex

Marie Curie
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Northampton NN1 5LP
www.mariecurie.org.uk

**Whatever the illness,
we're with you to the end.**





**Marie
Curie**

Marie Curie donation form (please print off)

Please fill in the below and send together with your cheque if this is the option you choose so we can process a quick and flawless, easy transaction into our accounts and can also process your thank you letter, if you wish to receive one.

Parish Council Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Full address: _____

County: _____

Postcode: _____

Phone number: _____

Donation sum: £ _____

Thank you letter: YES _____ NO _____

Please send to:

The Supporter Relations Team, Marie Curie, PO BOX 23897, 14 Links Place, Edinburgh, EH6 9AB

To the Administration team:

Please batch this income under

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6 photos

30/08/2024 15:41

Councillors

Please find attached photos taken of the devastation caused presumably by muntjacs, mice and rabbits are presumed innocent, to our sweet corn patch. Two other allotments have also been attacked, Carols being one. I did not lose my entire crop I picked one last Wednesday to show my wife that they were ready!

We have had problems over the years mostly from pigeons and mice but this year has seen a massive escalation as the outer fencing has deteriorated. To begin with all of us had problems with damage to onions and leeks. I had to replant three times my cabbage and calabrese from the rabbits, finally having to buy sturdy wire fencing from Darkins as they managed to break in anything less. Then either rabbits or muntjacs nipped the tops out of the runner and french climbing beans. The former recovered after I surrounded the crop with more fencing but the latter were totally destroyed.

If we are to continue renting the allotment then it is obvious that better protection is needed either by the Parish Council or by myself. Some of you know my allotment is split into three separate elements, one large plot making about two thirds of the total and the other two a third each. To fully enclose the larger plot I estimate that the netting alone would cost in the region of £170, the three unprotected sides measured just short of 50 yards, and the stakes probably another £40.

Before I consider investing that much I think the Parish Council has to consider whether they wish to encourage participation in the allotments as the overall conditions have gone downhill in the last couple of years. It is now only the front rank plus one in the second rank that are kept to a decent standard.

My wife and I would be very sorry to have to relinquish our allotment as we get a tremendous satisfaction from the work and vegetables but I hope you will agree with me that the current situation is not sustainable.

Bernie Gaught

PS On another matter, congratulations on the current measures being undertaken at the Village Hall.







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