

HAWKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

RESPONSE TO ROCHFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL SPATIAL OPTIONS CONSULTATION

	Question	Response
Q1.	Are there any other technical evidence studies that you feel the Council needs to prepare to inform its new Local Plan, other than those listed in this section?	A full infrastructure assessment should be conducted, to include a local highway study/up to date traffic assessment. This study needs to be undertaken prior to deciding the best option to deliver the new Local Plan. The cumulative effect of the development of the present District Plan on Hawkwell's road system; the Christmas Tree farm, Rectory Road, Hall Road and Brays Lane sites, without the impact of Sapwoods site yet to be developed. It would also be important to obtain some statistics/reports from schools & doctor surgery and drainage capacity. All these areas appear to be at or near capacity already. Comprehensive air quality testing is a necessity, with the increase in traffic volumes (34.5%) there must have also been increased air pollution, which is dangerous to the health of residents and must not be overlooked. With reports of government already struggling to meet their climate change targets and the extremely worrying IPCC report it is essential that we start to consider the consequences of the rising temperatures, therefore a Flood Risk assessment should be provided. There are many areas in our District that are predicted to be under flood level by 2050 and the areas that aren't in the flood risk zone are already suffering from surface flooding problems when we have torrential downpours. (A very high proportion of Hawkwell/Hockley sites are rated 2 for flood risk) Perhaps a windfall report? It would be good to know how many houses have already been built over the course of the last Local Plan that couldn't be included. This could potentially be used for challenging government for a reduction in the housing target, which is something we would like to see. We find it very difficult to respond to this consultation without having the above technical evidence.
Q2.	Do you agree with our draft vision for Rochford District? Is there anything missing from the vision that you feel needs to be included? [Please state reasoning]	No. The Council believes that Hawkwell Parish should not be split with West Hawkwell joined with Hockley and East Hawkwell joined with Rochford in this study.
Q3.	Do you agree that we should develop a range of separate visions for each of our	Yes. As explained above each settlement has its own unique needs and characteristics and it is only by working with Parish Councils and residents that their

	settlements to help guide decision-making? [Please state reasoning]	views can be reflected in the Plan to ensure the unique character of each settlement is protected.
Q4.	Do you agree with the strategic priorities and objectives we have identified? Is there anything missing from the strategic priorities or objectives that you feel needs to be included? [Please state reasoning]	Strategic Option 2 fails to address the problems of the aging population within the District, partly due to the failure to provide low rent social housing. The strategy should provide council housing stock in small local exception sites.
STRATEGY OPTIONS		
Q5.	Do you agree with the settlement hierarchy presented? If not, what changes do you think are required? [Please state reasoning]	No. Council does not agree in splitting Hawkwell Parish into West and East and joining these areas with Hockley and Rochford/Ashingdon respectively. Hawkwell is the largest Parish in the Rochford District, except for Rayleigh Town Council, yet doesn't feature as a complete settlement in the hierarchy.
Q6.	Which of the identified strategy options do you consider should be taken forward in the Plan? [Please state reasoning]	Option 3a is Council's preferred option. This seems the least disruptive option and a new village to the west of Rayleigh has the advantage of being close to exiting road hubs (A127 and A130) which would enable good transport links to Wickford, Basildon, Chelmsford, Thurrock and Southend (the main employment routes). Option 3a would attract Section 106 funding for infrastructure, rather than adding to existing villages and hoping for S106 funding afterwards towards schools, community centres, medical centres and shopping parades. The Council promoted this option in the last Local Plan. Option 3b would put even more pressure on existing roads and erode the green belt and current separation between Rochford District and Southend. Option 3c would only lead to demands for a Southend Bypass, promoted by developers which would lead to further developments alongside the bypass.
Q7.	Are there any reasonable alternatives to these options that should be considered instead? [Please state reasoning]	Yes. A combination of Option 1 and Option 3a after utilising all available brownfield sites and infrastructure improvements have been planned and/or completed.
SPATIAL THEMES		
Q8.	Are there any key spatial themes that you feel we have missed or that require greater emphasis? [Please state reasoning]	Council is concerned that the whole character of the District will change with the urbanisation of the District. Accessibility to some of the consultation documents has been very problematic and Council has concerns that residents, particularly those without access to a computer, are not realistically able to view or respond to the consultation.
Q9.	Do you agree we should take a sequential approach to flood risk and coastal change in	We agree that it is essential that both flood risk and coastal change be considered when developing a

	our plan, locating development away from areas at risk of flooding and coastal change wherever possible? How can we best protect current and future communities from flood risk and coastal change? [Please state reasoning]	suitable plan and development sites. A plan needs to focus on limiting flooding, protecting people, wildlife and properties. According to the climate central coastal risk screening tool, the land projected to be below annual flood level in 2050 includes a large part of the district (areas affected include Foulness, Wakering, Barling, Paglesham, Stambridge, South Fambridge, Hullbridge, Canewdon and Rochford). The main route out of Rochford between the train station and the airport is also affected, roads leading to for example, Watery Lane, Lower Road etc and including the A130 & A1245. Large retail areas such as Purdeys Industrial Estate may also be affected which would affect employment. As would employment areas such Battlesbridge, Rawreth & Shotgate. As the sea levels rise further other complications may include: • People unable to get mortgages and insurance, therefore they may not be able to live in those areas. • People wanting to migrate to areas of lower flood risk.
Q10.	Do you agree that the Coastal Protection Belt and Upper Roach Valley should be protected from development that would be harmful to their landscape character? Are there other areas that you feel should be protected for their special landscape character? [Please state reasoning]	The Coastal Protection Belt only lasts to 2025 and needs to be extended for many years. All development in flood plains must be resisted as the danger of flooding will increase. Hockley Woods and Cherry Orchard Country Park must be protected from development. The fields around St. Mary's church in Hawkwell and the network of footpaths around Clements Hall and Glencroft Open Space need to be protected for its contribution to wildlife habitat.
Q11.	Do you agree we should require development to source a percentage of their energy from low-carbon and renewable sources? Are there other opportunities in the district to supply low-carbon or renewable energy?	The way forward is renewable energy, wind farms and solar panel farms, provided they are not in places with impact on sensitive areas. The area does not have enough free land to support wind or Solar P.V farms to create enough energy. These farms have a massive impact on the community as large trenches have to be dug over great distances to lay the cables to Sub Stations, that have to be built. Other sources of producing Zero Carbon energy should be selected, before covering every piece of land with P.V panels or Wind turbines.
Q12.	Do you agree we should require new development to achieve energy efficiency standards higher than building regulations?	Yes, providing the cost is not passed to the house buyer making the cost prohibitive. Local building control inspections should only be carried out by the Council's Inspectors.

	What level should these be set at? [Please state reasoning].	
Q13.	How do you feel the plan can help to support the local generation of low-carbon and renewable energy? Are there locations where you feel energy generation should be supported? [Please state reasoning]	Foulness Island could be a good location for a Solar Farm and wind turbines off the shore. The plan cannot support local low carbon generation and renewable energy. The only way this can be achieved by all the Districts or Counties is if the grid is de-centralised and smaller power stations are sited in places like Foulness, where impact to the Community would be kept to a minimum.
Q14.	Do you consider that the plan should include a place-making charter that informs relevant policies? Should the same principles apply everywhere in the district, or should different principles apply to different areas? [Please state reasoning]	Yes. They should be settlement specific to allow for individual characteristic of each area, sufficiently detailed to avoid confusion.
Q15.	Are the principles set out in the draft place-making charter the right ones? Are there other principles that should be included? [Please state reasoning]	Yes, provided that individual settlements are consulted, and they are adhered to.
Q16.		
a.	Do you consider that new design guides, codes or masterplans should be created alongside the new Local Plan?	Yes. Each individual settlement should be at the centre of it and considered as their own entities, with their own individual characteristics identified.
b.	If yes, do you think it is more appropriate to have a single design guide/code for the whole District, or to have design guides/codes/masterplans for individual settlements or growth areas? [Please state reasoning]	Design guides should be area specific under one single guide covering the whole district.
c.	What do you think should be included in design guides/codes/masterplans at the scale you are suggesting? [Please state reasoning].	The Design Guides must reflect the character of the settlements while allowing for some growth.
HOUSING FOR ALL		
Q17.	With reference to the options listed above, or your own options, how do you feel we can best plan to meet our need for different types, sizes and tenures of housing? [Please state reasoning]	Meet the needs for different types of tenures of affordable, social, council and specialist housing by requiring all types are provided on all new developments.
Q18.	With reference to your preferred Strategy Option, are there areas or sites in Rochford that you feel require a specific approach to housing types, size and tenure? What is required to meet housing needs in these areas? [Please state reasoning]	There is a need for more flats, bungalows, 2 bed houses. These can be accommodated in Option 3a. In addition, the Council has a long-held view that bungalows should not be converted into houses as this depletes the bungalow stock which are required for an ageing population.

		According to the strategy options/growth scenarios, the house price to local earning ratios, suggest our area is the least affordable in the country. It also states that our housing registers has grown by 20% in the last year. With house prices going up it would mean that younger generations are priced out of the area. If they leave the area it would create more of a retirement settlement than before, therefore requiring less employment & retail space etc. Focus on building smaller properties (e.g. 1-3 bedrooms) and tailored towards singles/couples/first time buyers/young adults who are still living at home with parents. Other priorities should be for ground level properties, suitable for the aging and disabled residents, we should be safeguarding existing bungalows which are rapidly disappearing. Providing these options would 'free up' the larger properties within the district, meaning we shouldn't require so many larger (4/5 bedroom) homes. It is important to note that first time buyers, buying a property in the area will more than likely already live in the district and own a vehicle. This means that no new traffic is created, however for larger, more expensive properties that attract buyers from outside the area will also bring additional vehicles onto the already congested roads. Social housing and homes for homeless and vulnerable residents also needs better consideration.
Q19.	Are there any other forms of housing that you feel we should be planning for? How can we best plan to meet the need for that form of housing? [Please state reasoning]	Affordable housing for the disabled and starter homes should be planned for.
Q20.	With reference to the options listed, or your own options, what do you think is the most appropriate way of meeting our permanent Gypsy and Traveller accommodation needs? [Please state reasoning]	Possible need a permanent traveller site which could be controlled in terms of site population exceeding capacity.
Q21.	With reference to the options listed, or your own options, what do you think is the most appropriate way of meeting our temporary Gypsy and Traveller accommodation needs? [Please state reasoning]	Sites need to be away from residents but also close enough to schools. Also needs to be near main roads to accommodate large vehicles and caravans.
Q22.	What do you consider would need to be included in a criteria-based policy for assessing potential locations for new Gypsy and Traveller sites? [Please state reasoning]	See answer to Q21. In addition, sensitive green belt areas should not be considered as potential locations.

EMPLOYMENT & JOBS

Q23.	With reference to the options listed above, or your own options, how do you feel we can best ensure that we meet our employment and skills needs through the plan? [Please state reasoning]	Ensure that Essex Education Authority provides evening and afternoon classes to offer affordable, local adult education to address skill shortages and allow opportunities to support residents to get back into work or upskill/retrain. Work with local colleges, as well as businesses, job centres and Essex County Council to assess what sustainable employment is needed in the District. Large retail areas such as Purdey's Industrial Estate may be affected by flooding in the future, which would affect employment. Current businesses within the flood risk area may possibly need to be relocated or they could lose employment opportunities.
Q24.	With reference to Figure 30, do you consider the current employment site allocations to provide enough space to meet the District's employment needs through to 2040? Should we seek to formally protect any informal employment sites for commercial uses, including those in the Green Belt? [Please state reasoning]	Greenbelt sites must be controlled by regularisation of informal sites. Brownfield sites should be used first and protected from housing development if they have a current or future potential to provide employment opportunities. There is a need for employment in local communities as this is a greener option as it reduces transport use.
Q25.	With reference to your preferred Strategy Option, are there opportunities for growth to deliver new employment facilities or improvements to existing employment facilities?	Council's preferred option 3a provides many employment opportunities to establish the new infrastructure over many years. Various types of employment facilities, i.e. industrial units, hospitality, retail and other employment could be included in option 3a. This option satisfies the 'Employment Option 4' which states "meeting future needs by prioritising employment space alongside any new strategic housing developments."
Q26.	Are there any particular types of employment site or business accommodation that you consider Rochford District is lacking, or would benefit from?	Yes, lacking in 'green' industries. Sites for 'sustainable living' businesses e.g. refill stores, market type sites for locally grown or manufactured foods or crafted items, small holdings, upcycling or repair & restore facilities.
Q27.	Are there other measures we can take through the plan to lay the foundations for long-term economic growth, e.g., skills or connectivity?	Better road networks and public transport links to serve new schools and colleges required as result of the increase in population linked to development. Also improve footpaths and cycle path access. Consider higher or further education facilities and availability of apprenticeships and training for all ages, to address the current and future skills shortages.
Q28.	With reference to the options listed above, or your own options, how do you feel we can best manage the Airport's adaptations and	Careful consideration should be given to the growth of the airport; it would bring additional jobs and business opportunities, but it would also put more strain on the existing transport network and would bring additional

	growth through the planning system? [Please state reasoning]	noise and air pollution. It would also require more land. Improvements to the public transport system and road network would be required to enable growth and jobs linked to the airport industry. Airport linked transport adjacent to both the existing airport industrial park and Saxon Business Park should be included in the strategy. Given the ongoing uncertainty surrounding the impact of Climate Change on the aviation industry (e.g., urgent carbon reduction), we should continue to make decisions based on the existing JAAP for the time being, but to consider developing a new Area Action Plan, or masterplan, after the new Local Plan is adopted or when the need arises.
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BIODIVERSITY

Q29.	Do you agree that the plan should designate and protect areas of land of locally important wildlife value as a local wildlife site, having regard to the Local Wildlife Sites review? Are there any other sites that you feel are worthy of protection? [Please state reasoning]	Yes. Gusted Hall Wood, Hockley Woods (ancient woodland). The upper Roach Valley, the lower Crouch Valley. The rivers Roach and Crouch. All local Nature Reserves and ancient woodland sites must be protected at all costs. Magnolia Nature reserve is home to protected Great Crested Newts. We should avoid building on green belt, park land and coastal locations, to protect wildlife and habitats. Evidence suggests that society is losing its connection to nature, we must not allow this to continue and must ensure that future generations have a legacy. New wildflower meadow creation would also be very valuable as our insects and pollinators are in decline.
Q30.	Do you agree that the plan should designate and protect areas of land of locally important geological value as a local geological site, having regard to the Local Wildlife Sites review? Are there any other sites that you feel are worthy of protection? [Please state reasoning]	Yes. Many areas provide important wildlife habitats for protected, endangered or rare wildlife and fauna. It is important that these areas are protected for future generations.
Q31.	Do you consider net gains for biodiversity are best delivered on-site or off-site? Are there specific locations or projects where net gain projects could be delivered?	On-site.

GREEN AND BLUE INFRASTRUCTURE

Q32.	With reference to the options above, or your own options, how do you feel we can best deliver a quality green and blue infrastructure network through the plan? [Please state reasoning]	By retaining what is already in existence by ensuring the links are in place to join as many locations as possible. Additionally, ensuring that Public Rights of Way (ProW) are free from land-owner obstructions and that they are kept free from any debris. Also, paths need to be made accessible to the disabled to ensure all- inclusive facilities.
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Q33.	Do you agree that the central woodlands and island wetlands, shown on Figure 32 are the most appropriate areas for new regional parklands? Are there any other areas that should be considered or preferred? [Please state reasoning]	By lobbying central government to allow revision of RDC plans to support a quality green and blue infrastructure; additionally, Parish Councils could maintain paths such as coastal paths with funds from Section 106 agreements.
Q34.	With reference to your preferred Strategy Option, are there opportunities for growth to help deliver new strategic green and blue infrastructure? [Please state reasoning]	Our choice of Option 3a, Council believes there should be concentration on brownfield and town sites to protect rural communities and the Green Belt. Alternative options 3 or 4 mean less development in rural areas and are therefore more accommodating to the needs of smaller rural areas.
COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE		
Q35.	With reference to the options above, or your own options, how can we address the need for sufficient and accessible community infrastructure through the plan? [Please state reasoning]	It is important to assess the shortfall of facilities and networks before plans are approved to ensure adequate planning and funding can be secured before any building takes place. Options could be considered to get people across the road without the need to stop the traffic, such as a walking bridge/flyover on Ashingdon Road where there are 3 crossings within close proximity to each other, which is a significant cause of traffic and congestion.
Q36.	With reference to your preferred Strategy Option, are there opportunities for growth to deliver new or improved community infrastructure? [Please state reasoning]	Any section 106 monies should be legally specified/described in the plans to state that it must be allocated to the development area stated within the plans and not used for other sites elsewhere.
Q37.	Are there areas in the District that you feel have particularly severe capacity or access issues relating to community infrastructure, including schools, healthcare facilities or community facilities? How can we best address these? [Please state reasoning]	Ashingdon Road is gridlocked most days and has a severe congestion problem. There should be public transport links that allow residents to easily travel between parishes within the district (for example: Ashingdon to Hullbridge, or even travelling from East to West Hawkwell would currently require 2 buses). Even if Section 106 grants were made available, healthcare facilities in Hawkwell are currently severely restricted, especially since the pandemic due to doctor shortage; those grants are unlikely to improve the situation. Further development in Hawkwell would put further burden on the healthcare provision. A new site for the waste recycling site should be located; the tip in Rayleigh seems to be insufficient now.
OPEN SPACES & RECREATION		
Q38.	With reference to the options above, or your own options, how do you feel we can best	Bus links to existing facilities in the district should be improved. For example, the link to Clements Hall Leisure Centre. There should be an aim to provide

	meet our open space and sport facility needs through the plan? [Please state reasoning]	permanent all year-round bus services to our main leisure sites. Section 106 monies, if available, should help fund the improvement of the football pitches at Clements Hall. It is important to safeguard, improve and maintain existing open spaces and recreational sites.
Q39.	Are the potential locations for 3G pitch investment the right ones? Are there other locations that we should be considering? [Please state reasoning]	All-weather facilities should be considered where appropriate.
Q40.	Are the listed potential hub sites and key centres the right ones? Are there other locations that we should be considering? [Please state reasoning]	The potential sites seem acceptable.
Q41.	With reference to your preferred Strategy Option, are there opportunities for growth to help deliver improvements to open space or sport facility accessibility or provision?	There could be improvements made to Clements Hall, including public transport links to and from the leisure centre. Council's preferred option 3a. would enable delivery of new open space and sports facility provision and S106 monies from larger developments could help fund appropriate new facilities.
Q42.	Are there particular open spaces that we should be protecting or improving? [Please note, you will have an opportunity to make specific comments on open spaces and local green spaces in the settlement profiles set out later in this report]	Magnolia Nature Reserve and all other Reserves, green spaces, parks, woodlands and the reservoir must be protected.
HERITAGE		
Q43.	With reference to the options listed in this section, or your own options, how do you feel we can best address heritage issues through the plan? [Please state reasoning]	Villages and rural areas need to be protected from over and/or inappropriate development through careful planning considerations. A list of sites should be composed with local consultation and those sites maintained with local residents and organisations.
Q44.	Are there areas of the District we should be considering for conservation area status beyond those listed in this section? [Please state reasoning]	Areas of precious woodland should not be taken for housing.
Q45.	Are there any buildings, spaces or structures that should be protected for their historic, cultural or architectural significance? Should these be considered for inclusion on the Local List of non-designated assets? [Please state reasoning]	The updated Local List needs to be made available for an answer on this section.
TOWN CENTRES AND RETAIL		

Q46.	With reference to the options listed above, or your own options, how do you think we can best plan for vibrant town centres in Rochford, Rayleigh and Hockley? How can we also ensure our village and neighbourhood centres remain vibrant? [Please state reasoning]	People need to 'want' to visit towns. People's habits have changed and therefore entertainment and shop offerings need to reflect this. If nightlife is going to be improved then consideration needs to be given to security; people need to feel safe, especially in areas that are prone to Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) already. Transport links to town shopping and amenities need to be improved. For example, there are no easy transport links from Hullbridge to Hockley, Hawkwell or Rochford.
Q47.	Do you agree with the local centre hierarchy set out in Figure 36? If not, what changes would you make? [Please state reasoning]	Rochford District Council (RDC) needs to encourage business with free parking and reduced business rates. Businesses should be encouraged to work together, or a number of shops have extended opening hours to encourage shoppers coming out in the early evening.
Q48.	With reference to Figures 38-40, do you agree with existing town centre boundaries and extent of primary and secondary shopping frontages in Rayleigh, Rochford and Hockley? If not, what changes would you make? [Please state reasoning]	N/A
Q49.	Should we continue to restrict appropriate uses within town centres, including primary and secondary shopping frontages within those centres? If yes, what uses should be restricted? [Please state reasoning]	Yes, a selection of retailers is essential. There needs to be a balance of outlets that keeps the area viable. Consideration should also be given to the restriction of chain stores as these tend to be the first to go in a crisis.
Q50.	With reference to your preferred Strategy Option, are there opportunities for growth to deliver improved retail and leisure services in the District? [Please state reasoning]	Spatial strategy option 3a will allow the most opportunity to expand retail both in terms of including retail space and bringing customers into the town centres, nearest to new developments. Depending on the development size, in a new development there would be scope to add a small, medium, or large retail precinct.
TRANSPORT & CONNECTIVITY		
Q51.	With reference to the options above, or your own options, how do you feel we can best address our transport and connectivity needs through the plan? [Please state reasoning]	Development should not be seen without seeing infrastructure first. Prepare an Infrastructure Delivery Plan to deliver meaningful improvement to transport networks, including cycle routes, walking pathways, public transport and roads. It is worth noting these modes are currently completely stretched and therefore modernisation and improvements need to occur before future housing developments are built. (An electric scooter scheme could also be introduced.) RDC need to work with Government, Highways England, Essex County Council etc to deliver meaningful road improvements to both the main and

		local road network. However, the Southend Bypass scheme which will destroy a large green belt area should be opposed.
Q52.	Are there areas where improvements to transport connections are needed? What could be done to help improve connectivity in these areas?	There needs to be an extensive review of the area with highways and transport revisions.
Q53.	With reference to your preferred Strategy Option, are there opportunities for growth to deliver new transport connections, such as link roads or rapid transit? What routes and modes should these take? [Walking, cycling, rail, bus, road etc.]	A bypass scheme that would only incorporate cycling, walking and scooters etc around the outskirts would help with congestion issues on the overcrowded roads.
GREEN BELT AND RURAL ISSUES		
Q54.	Do you feel that the plan should identify rural exception sites? If so, where should these be located and what forms of housing or employment do you feel need to be provided? [Please note you may wish to comment on the use of specific areas of land in the next section]	Green belt and farmland / agricultural sites must be protected. Rural and village life must also be safeguarded.
Q55.	Are there any other ways that you feel the plan should be planning for the needs of rural communities? [Please state reasoning]	There should be support for the requirement of developers of 10 units or less to pay something akin to s.106/CIL monies. That would go towards infrastructure improvements, particularly those affecting rural communities.
PLANNING FOR COMPLETE COMMUNITIES		
Q56.		
a.	Do you agree with our vision for Rayleigh? Is there anything you feel is missing? [Please state reasoning]	N/A
b.	With reference to Figure 44 and your preferred Strategy Option, do you think any of the promoted sites should be made available for any of the following uses? How could that improve the completeness of Rayleigh?	N/A
i.	Housing [market, affordable, specialist, traveller, other]	N/A
ii.	Commercial [offices, industrial, retail, other]	N/A
iii.	Community infrastructure [open space, education, healthcare, allotments, other]	N/A
iv.	Other	

c.	Are there areas in Rayleigh that development should generally be presumed appropriate? Why these areas? [Please state reasoning]	N/A
d.	Are there areas that require protecting from development? Why these areas? [Please state reasoning]	N/A
e.	Do you agree that the local green spaces shown on Figure 44 hold local significance? Are there any other open spaces that hold particular local significance?	N/A
Q57.		
a.	Do you agree with our vision for Rochford and Ashingdon? Is there anything you feel is missing? [Please state reasoning]	Hawkwell Parish shares the Ashingdon Road with both Ashingdon and Rochford Parish so any development has an impact on East Hawkwell, which is not mentioned in the consultation. Development not only affects our Primary Schools and Doctors Surgeries but also the road network. The proposed sites (some 5,000 properties) accessing onto Brays Lane leading onto the Ashingdon Road and Rectory Road, onwards to Cherry Orchard Way plus developments proposed in West Hawkwell (some 1,280 properties) would lead to the majority of the total development being concentrated in this part of the District and would result in complete urbanisation.
b.	With reference to Figure 45 and your preferred Strategy Option, do you think any of the promoted sites should be made available for any of the following uses? How could that improve the completeness of Rochford and Ashingdon?	Council's preferred Option 3a would alleviate the pressure on the villages of Hockley, Hawkwell, Ashingdon and Rochford.
i.	Housing [market, affordable, specialist, traveller, other]	N/A
ii.	Commercial [offices, industrial, retail, other]	N/A
iii.	Community infrastructure [open space, education, healthcare, allotments, other]	N/A
iv.	Other	N/A
c.	Are there areas in Rochford and Ashingdon that development should generally be presumed appropriate? Why these areas? [Please state reasoning]	N/A
d.	Are there areas that require protecting from development? Why these areas? [Please state reasoning]	N/A
e.	Do you agree that the local green spaces shown on Figure 45 hold local significance? Are there any other open spaces that hold	N/A

	particular local significance? [Please state reasoning]	
Q58.		
a.	Do you agree with our vision for Hockley and Hawkwell? Is there anything you feel is missing? [Please state reasoning]	The vision <i>“In 2050, Hockley and Hawkwell should be the District’s gateway to the green lung of the Upper Roach Valley, making the most of its access to ancient woodland and a network of nature reserves. Its town and neighbourhood centres should be vibrant places with an emphasis on independent businesses and providing for a diverse range of jobs. Deprivation should continue to be largely absent from Hockley and Hawkwell however housing affordability should have been addressed to ensure that local first-time buyers can greater afford to live locally.”</i> Firstly, it will not be a green lung if houses are built within it. To be the ‘gateway to the green lung’, it needs to be protected. Some of the proposed areas for Hockley & Hawkwell contain ancient woodland. A gateway also presumes by its nature that throughfare of traffic is required, which could be interpreted as traffic problems. Also, Hockley has a village centre whereas Hawkwell is mainly residential and comprised of green spaces rather than leisure/social facilities, except for Clements Hall, so the term vibrant would only be appropriate for Hockley. As answered in Questions 2 and 5, Council believe that there should be separate visions for Hockley and Hawkwell as they are very different. We agree that: “deprivation should continue to be largely absent from Hockley and Hawkwell however housing affordability should have been addressed to ensure that local first-time buyers can greater afford to live locally.”
b.	With reference to Figure 46 and your preferred Strategy Option, do you think any of the promoted sites should be made available for any of the following uses? How could that improve the completeness of Hockley and Hawkwell?	Most of the sites listed for Hockley & Hawkwell are marked as severe/mildly severe harm when it comes to the green belt. There are also a number of sites that contain ancient woodland. Hawkwell & Hockley are already at capacity and therefore would require infrastructure improvements before even considering any further development. Any sites that create traffic through Rochford, Hockley or Hullbridge would be opposed, in particular those that need to utilise Ashingdon Road, Spa Road & Lower Road, and those that empty traffic onto the B1013, due to already being over capacity.
i.	Housing [market, affordable, specialist, traveller, other]	
ii.	Commercial [offices, industrial, retail, other]	
iii.	Community infrastructure [open space, education, healthcare, allotments, other]	
iv.	Other	

c.	Are there areas in Hockley and Hawkwell that development should generally be presumed appropriate? Why these areas? [Please state reasoning]	No, we feel it is not possible to comment on any sites regarding their suitability without the full infrastructure delivery plan being provided beforehand. No green belt sites would be appropriate. Development should be on brownfield sites only. If the land would be of no use to agriculture and that infrastructure had current capacity to absorb the extra homes/residents. This would need to be evidenced.
d.	Are there areas that require protecting from development? Why these areas? [Please state reasoning]	Yes, green belt needs to be protected for biodiversity reasons and agriculture sites must be protected, as one of the consequences of climate change could mean we would have to look at growing produce locally. Ancient woodlands must not be touched as they are irreplaceable. Any sites containing wildlife must also be protected, even those that serve as a barrier from human life to wildlife as this creates a safe zone and habitat.
e.	Do you agree that the local green spaces shown on Figure 46 hold local significance? Are there any other open spaces that hold particular local significance? [Please state reasoning]	They would hold local and national significance, as they are green spaces and therefore hold significance, especially in mitigating the effects of climate change.
Q59.		
a.	Do you agree with our vision for the Wakerings and Barling? Is there anything QUESTIONS you feel is missing? [Please state reasoning]	N/A
b.	With reference to Figure 47 and your preferred Strategy Option, do you think any of the promoted sites should be made available for any of the following uses? How could that improve the completeness of the Wakerings and Barling?	N/A
i.	Housing [market, affordable, specialist, traveller, other]	
ii.	Commercial [offices, industrial, retail, other]	
iii.	Community infrastructure [open space, education, healthcare, allotments, other]	
iv.	Other	
c.	Are there areas in the Wakerings and Barling that development should generally be presumed appropriate? Why these areas? [Please state reasoning]	N/A
d.	Are there areas that require protecting from development? Why these areas? [Please state reasoning] Q59e. Do you agree that the	N/A

	local green spaces shown on Figure 47 hold local significance? Are there any other open spaces that hold particular local significance? [Please state reasoning]	
Q60.		
a.	Do you agree with our vision for Hullbridge? Is there anything you feel is missing? [Please state reasoning]	N/A
b.	With reference to Figure 48 and your preferred Strategy Option, do you think any of the promoted sites should be made available for any of the following uses? How could that improve the completeness of Hullbridge?	N/A
i.	Housing [market, affordable, specialist, traveller, other]	
ii.	Commercial [offices, industrial, retail, other]	
iii.	Community infrastructure [open space, education, healthcare, allotments, other]	
iv.	Other	
c.	Are there areas in Hullbridge that development should generally be presumed appropriate? Why these areas? [Please state reasoning]	N/A
d.	Are there areas that require protecting from development? Why these areas? [Please state reasoning]	N/A
e.	Do you agree that the local green spaces shown on Figure 48 hold local significance? Are there any other open spaces that hold particular local significance? [Please state reasoning]	N/A
Q61.		
a.	Do you agree with our vision for Canewdon? Is there anything you feel is missing? [Please state reasoning]	N/A
b.	With reference to Figure 49 and your preferred Strategy Option, do you think any of the promoted sites should be made available for any of the following uses? How could that improve the completeness of Canewdon?	N/A
i.	Housing [market, affordable, specialist, traveller, other]	
ii.	Commercial [offices, industrial, retail, other]	

iii.	Community infrastructure [open space, education, healthcare, allotments, other]	
iv.	Other	
c.	Are there areas in Canewdon that development should generally be presumed appropriate? Why these areas? [Please state reasoning]	N/A
d.	Are there areas that require protecting from development? Why these areas? [Please state reasoning]	N/A
e.	Do you agree that the local green spaces shown on Figure 48 hold local significance? Are there any other open spaces that hold particular local significance? [Please state reasoning]	N/A
Q62.		
a.	Do you agree with our vision for Great Stambridge? Is there anything you feel is missing? [Please state reasoning]	N/A
b.	With reference to Figure 50 and your preferred Strategy Option, do you think any of the promoted sites should be made available for any of the following uses? How could that improve the completeness of Great Stambridge?	N/A
i.	Housing [market, affordable, specialist, traveller, other]	
ii.	Commercial [offices, industrial, retail, other]	
iii.	Community infrastructure [open space, education, healthcare, allotments, other]	
iv.	Other	
c.	Are there areas in Great Stambridge that development should generally be presumed appropriate? Why these areas? [Please state reasoning]	N/A
d.	Are there areas that require protecting from development? Why these areas? [Please state reasoning]	N/A
e.	Do you agree that the local green spaces shown on Figure 50 hold local significance? Are there any other open spaces that hold particular local significance? [Please state reasoning]	N/A
Q63.		
a.	Do you agree with our vision for Rawreth? Is there anything you feel is missing? [Please state reasoning]	N/A

b.	With reference to Figure 51 and your preferred Strategy Option, do you think any of the promoted sites should be made available for any of the following uses? How could that improve the completeness of Rawreth?	N/A
i.	Housing [market, affordable, specialist, traveller, other]	
ii.	Commercial [offices, industrial, retail, other]	
iii.	Community infrastructure [open space, education, healthcare, allotments, other]	
iv.	Other	
c.	Are there areas in Rawreth that development should generally be presumed appropriate? Why these areas? [Please state reasoning]	N/A
d.	Are there areas that require protecting from development? Why these areas? [Please state reasoning]	
e.	Do you agree that the local green spaces shown on Figure 51 hold local significance? Are there any other open spaces that hold particular local significance? [Please state reasoning]	N/A
Q64.		
a.	Do you agree with our vision for Paglesham? Is there anything you feel is missing? [Please state reasoning]	N/A
b.	With reference to Figure 52 and your preferred Strategy Option, do you think any of the promoted sites should be made available for any of the following uses? How could that improve the completeness of Paglesham?	N/A
i.	Housing [market, affordable, specialist, traveller, other]	
ii.	Commercial [offices, industrial, retail, other]	
iii.	Community infrastructure [open space, education, healthcare, allotments, other]	
iv.	Other	
c.	Are there areas in Paglesham that development should generally be presumed appropriate? Why these areas? [Please state reasoning]	N/A
d.	Are there areas that require protecting from development? Why these areas? [Please state reasoning]	N/A

e.	Do you agree that the local green spaces shown on Figure 52 hold local significance? Are there any other open spaces that hold particular local significance? [Please state reasoning]	N/A
Q65.		
a.	Do you agree with our vision for Sutton and Stonebridge? Is there anything you feel is missing? [Please state reasoning]	N/A
b.	With reference to Figure 53 and your preferred Strategy Option, do you think any of the promoted sites should be made available for any of the following uses? How could that improve the completeness of Sutton and Stonebridge?	N/A
i.	Housing [market, affordable, specialist, traveller, other]	
ii.	Commercial [offices, industrial, retail, other]	
iii.	Community infrastructure [open space, education, healthcare, allotments, other]	
iv.	Other	
c.	Are there areas in Sutton and Stonebridge that development should generally be presumed appropriate? Why these areas? [Please state reasoning]	N/A
d.	Are there areas that require protecting from development? Why these areas? [Please state reasoning]	N/A
e.	Do you agree that the local green spaces shown on Figure 53 hold local significance? Are there any other open spaces that hold particular local significance? [Please state reasoning]	N/A
Q66.	Do you agree that our rural communities do not require individual vision statements? Are there communities that you feel should have their own vision? [Please state reasoning]	N/A
Q67.	Do you agree with our vision for our rural communities? Is there anything you feel is missing? [Please state reasoning]	N/A

Q68.	Are there other courses of action the Council could take to improve the completeness of our rural communities?	N/A
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