

Coggeshall,

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Dear Mrs Copsey

## **Re. Part 2 Examination of Braintree District Local Plan**

I wrote on behalf of Coggeshall Neighbourhood Plan group on the 27/7/17 in response to the consultation at that time. The letter covered both Parts 1 and 2 of the Local Plan, while this updated letter will only cover part 2. Since then Coggeshall Neighbourhood Plan Group has become a sub-committee of Coggeshall Parish Council and I write as Chair of that sub committee.

[Coggeshall's Neighbourhood Plan](#) went to referendum on May 6th and passed with 90% agreement from residents. The Coggeshall Neighbourhood Plan will be going to the July full Council meeting of Braintree District Council (BDC) for adoption. The full Neighbourhood Plan is appended but I will only highlight those issues which have been updated from the 2017 letter.

A major change has been the inclusion of a new allocated site north of the Colchester Road to accommodate 300 houses. The policies for Cogg174, Cook Field are at Pages 27-29 and the land north of the Colchester road are at Pages 29 - 35. Maps for sites are at pages 36 and 37. Cook Field has been allocated for 15 houses as opposed to the 25 houses identified in the 2017 Draft Local Plan. Housing numbers for Coggeshall were agreed with BDC and backed up by evidence in a Housing Strategy Report (DAC Planning 2019) and approved by the planning inspector. To ensure consistency with between BDC's development plans we anticipate that the draft Local Plan will be amended to reflect the allocated site at Colchester Road and its numbers are therefore included within the BDC's total contribution to housing provision, and that the housing number for Cogg174 reduced in the Local Plan.

Further significant changes agreed in the plan are: Green Buffers to prevent coalescence, Policy 7 (pages 48-50); Local Green Spaces, Policy 8 (pages 51 - 53) and Green Amenity Areas (pages 54 - 57). The maps included in the 2017 Draft Local Plan for Coggeshall are now out of date since they do not include the updates from the Referendum version of the Coggeshall Neighbourhood Plan.

Overall, we would not expect the new Part 2 Local Plan to supersede the Coggeshall Neighbourhood Plan (CNP) where there may be differences between the two, since the CNP is the newer document.

I hope this is all in order.

Yours sincerely

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Chair Coggeshall Neighbourhood Plan (A sub-committee of Coggeshall Parish Council)