

## 1. INTRODUCTION – ROLE AND PURPOSE OF PLAN

### 1.1

**Ref.No: 219 Rep.No: 4 Objection: 1 Support: 0**

**Representor:** Fletcher, English Heritage **Agent (if applicable):**

**Amendment(s) Sought:**

**Reason(s) for Amendment(s) Sought:** The urban white paper also contains relevant advice, especially on housing density, location of development and design. It should be mentioned.

**Comments:** *Agreed*

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### 1.1

**Ref.No: 206 Rep.No: 1 Objection: 0 Support: 1**

**Representor:** Walker, Uttlesford LA21 Group2 **Agent (if applicable):**

**Amendment(s) Sought:**

**Reason(s) for Amendment(s) Sought:** The Farming, Wildlife & Countryside Group of Uttlesford Local Agenda 21 UK welcomes the declaration of support for the UK national strategy for sustainable development and we thoroughly support the main aims and objectives set out in para 1.1 especially with respect to the safeguarding of the environment.

**Comments:** *Noted*

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### 1.1

**Ref.No: 218 Rep.No: 1 Objection: 1 Support: 0**

**Representor:** Dale, Saffron Walden Friends of the Earth **Agent (if applicable):**

**Amendment(s) Sought:** For suggested amendments see representation

**Reason(s) for Amendment(s) Sought:** Plan at present does not present a complete picture on the character of the District

**Comments:** *The plan would be improved by a concise description of the overall social, environmental and economic profile of Uttlesford. This will draw on community strategy work. The FoE analysis is not necessarily agreed.*

**Recommendation:** *Additional introductory text based on the community strategy be inserted between paragraphs 1.10 and 1.11.*

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### 1.1

**Ref.No: 121 Rep.No: 1 Objection: 1 Support: 0**

**Representor:** Bush, Stansted Airport Limited **Agent (if applicable):**

**Amendment(s) Sought:** Amend text to read " social progress which recognises the needs of everyone"

**Reason(s) for Amendment(s) Sought:** Misquotation of Government Aim regarding social progress. It is assumed that the reference to sustainable development at Para

1.1 is to relevant Government documents such as " A better quality of life, a strategy for sustainable development in the UK(1999) and as such the statement regarding social progress needs to be corrected to reflect the Government statement.

**Comments:** *Accepted*

**Recommendation:** *Substitute "recognises" for "meets".*

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1.2

**Ref.No: 206 Rep.No: 2 Objection: 0 Support: 1**

**Representor:** Walker, Uttlesford LA21 Group2 **Agent (if applicable):**

**Amendment(s) Sought:**

**Reason(s) for Amendment(s) Sought:** The Farming, Wildlife & Countryside Group of Uttlesford Local Agenda 21 Uk welcomes the declaration of support fo the UK national strategy for sustainable development and we thoroughly support the main aims and objectives set out in para 1.2 especiallywith respect to the safeguarding of the environment.

**Comments:** *Noted*

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1.3

**Ref.No: 218 Rep.No: 2 Objection: 1 Support: 0**

**Representor:** Dale, Saffron Walden Friends of the Earth **Agent (if applicable):**

**Amendment(s) Sought:** For suggested amendments see rep

**Reason(s) for Amendment(s) Sought:** List of planning principles suggested that will provide an essential guide to the intentions of the plan and supplements the Council's objectives.

**Comments:** *The Plan would be improved by some headline "planning principles" consistent with those in Regional Planning Guidance for the South East. The Planning Objectives listed in Appendix 2 Performance Indicators and Targets to be found at the back of the deposit plan provide a good basis.*

**Recommendation:** *Insert additional explanatory text under Vision for the Local Plan.*

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1.3

**Ref.No: 121 Rep.No: 2 Objection: 1 Support: 0**

**Representor:** Bush, Stansted Airport Limited **Agent (if applicable):**

**Amendment(s) Sought:** Amendments to text to include comments raised.

**Reason(s) for Amendment(s) Sought:** The published date of RPG9 is March 2001. Reference not made to international connections as a key reference of regional strategy. Reference not made to regional economic strategy.

**Comments:** *Accepted. The regional economic development strategy is a material planning consideration.*

**Recommendation:** *Include specific reference to the regional economic development strategy in the section on Regional Planning Guidance.*

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1.3

**Ref.No: 121 Rep.No: 4 Objection: 0 Support: 1**

**Representor:** Bush, Stansted Airport Limited **Agent (if applicable):**

**Amendment(s) Sought:**

**Reason(s) for Amendment(s) Sought:** STAL supports the vision set out in para 1.13 and will work with the District Council with the objective of supporting the economic well being of the District whilst seeking to develop and operate its business in a responsible and sustainable fashion.

**Comments:** *Noted*

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1.5

**Ref.No: 119 Rep.No: 1 Objection: 1 Support: 0**

**Representor:** Proto Limited **Agent (if applicable):** Littman and Robeson

**Amendment(s) Sought:** Add to end of paragraph after "Stansted Airport which has increasing economic importance, particularly through its potential as an intergrated transport hub

**Reason(s) for Amendment(s) Sought:** The role and contribution of Stansted Airport in the sub regional economy should be described. For example reference should be made to Stansted Airport's increasing importance arising from its potential as an intergrated transport hub as recognised by the Essex Economic Partnership's Essex Economic Strategy (1998-2008)

**Comments:** *Stansted is an important node in surface transport networks as well as its role as an airport, but the significance of this in development planning terms will need to await consideration of the London – Stansted – Cambridge study in preparation of new regional planning guidance for the East of England.*

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1.6

**Ref.No: 202 Rep.No: 4 Objection: 1 Support: 0**

**Representor:** Duncan, Countryside Strategic Projects **Agent (if applicable):**

**Amendment(s) Sought:** New Para 1.6 - see representation letter

**Reason(s) for Amendment(s) Sought:** Conclusion in 1.6 is that new regional guidance, structure plan review, SERAS and London to Cambridge studies etc are a matter for the review of the Local Plan and cannot be addressed at this stage. The substance of this objection is that this conclusion is inappropriate. The information will be largely available by the time this plan proceeds to inquiry and the short term incremental and largely reactive approach to future development that characterises much of the strategic planning in the County is harmful to the pursuit of a more sustainable pattern of development. Revisions should be made to ensure this Local Plan recognises the need for the Council to adopt a long term development strategy and within that context highlights the potential need for current planning policies and decisions to avoid prejudicing likely future development sites.

**Comments:** *Local plan proposals need to be consistent with regional strategy and there are significant strategic issues that need to be resolved first.*

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1.6

**Ref.No: 119 Rep.No: 2 Objection: 1 Support: 0**

**Representor:** Proto Limited **Agent (if applicable):** Littman and Robeson

**Amendment(s) Sought:** Amend the last sentence by deleting "addressed" and inserting instead "finally resolved" and add at the end of paragraph "but this plan should not unreasonably close off options for future local growth".

**Reason(s) for Amendment(s) Sought:** It would be appropriate for the plan to comment that it does not seek to unreasonably close off options for local growth with regard to potential change from the existing adopted local plan's position

**Comments:** *As the plan's provisions will need to be reviewed in the light of new regional planning guidance it is not accepted that it closes off any future options.*

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1.10

**Ref.No: 121 Rep.No: 3 Objection: 1 Support: 0**

**Representor:** Bush, Stansted Airport Limited **Agent (if applicable):**

**Amendment(s) Sought:** Amend as suggested

**Reason(s) for Amendment(s) Sought:** General support for issues identified, especially the provision of local jobs. Suggest that accessibility to public transport should also be identified as a locational factor for housing.

**Comments:** *Agreed. This will be picked up in the proposed planning principles text.*

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1.10

**Ref.No: 221 Rep.No: 1 Objection: 0 Support: 0**

**Representor:** Porter, Friends of the Earth **Agent (if applicable):**

**Amendment(s) Sought:**

**Reason(s) for Amendment(s) Sought:** Little unemployment therefore new housing not applicable, except for affordable housing.

**Comments:** *Additional housing is needed in Uttlesford in response to demographic changes, as part of the structure plan strategy for a wider area.*

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1.11 - 1.13

**Ref.No: 221 Rep.No: 8 Objection: 0 Support: 0**

**Representor:** Porter, Friends of the Earth **Agent (if applicable):**

**Amendment(s) Sought:**

**Reason(s) for Amendment(s) Sought:** No vision or principles - no description of present situation Two objectives are very important and need to be emphasised. The impact on the environment must be taken into account in all decisions to ensure Uttlesford can continue to be regarded as a good place to live. A district wide plan to

take into account transport access from villages to transport centres and reduction in congestion in main towns.

**Comments:** *This will be addressed by the proposed additional text on planning principles.*

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1.12

**Ref.No: 93 Rep.No: 1 Objection: 1 Support: 0**

**Representor:** Hastoe Housing Association/Springboard HA **Agent (if applicable):** Oldfield King Planning

**Amendment(s) Sought:** It is our contention that the provision of affordable housing should be at the heart of the plan's strategy and that meeting housing needs should be the priority of the plan.

**Reason(s) for Amendment(s) Sought:** Five objectives notes and welcome the inclusion of 'ensuring the choice of homes better meets our community needs'. However, it is clear that there will be conflicts between the achievements of those objectives, and it is important that the plan provides direction and emphasis when conflicts emerge.

**Comments:** *The weight to be attached to different objectives where these potentially conflict is a matter for political judgement and the Council does not necessarily regard affordable housing as always being paramount.*

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1.12 & 1.13

**Ref.No: 18 Rep.No: 1 Objection: 1 Support: 0**

**Representor:** Parker **Agent (if applicable):** Bidwells

**Amendment(s) Sought:** Flexibility should exist within the plan to enable development to take place in individual settlements to assist those settlements to become "self sustaining" enabling shops and community services to maintain and improve their presence.

**Reason(s) for Amendment(s) Sought:** Chapter 1 makes no reference to the planning needs of rural settlements. The objectives are misguided as the remainder of the plan does not represent the rural settlements of the District.

**Comments:** *In the context of the high levels of mobility enjoyed by many Uttlesford residents, and the patterns of retail expenditure and consumer choice for goods and services, the pattern of new development is only likely to be a significant factor in service provision where development is proposed on a large scale. A few houses is unlikely to make much difference to a school roll or village shop takings.*

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1.12 & 1.13

**Ref.No: 119 Rep.No: 3 Objection: 1 Support: 0**

**Representor:** Proto Limited **Agent (if applicable):** Littman and Robeson

**Amendment(s) Sought:** Amend Paragraph 1.12 second to fifth bullet points to Growing the economy to meet needs. Improving health and safety, ensuring the choice of homes better meets needs and ensuring better access for all to services

and jobs. Amend last line of Para 1.13 to read jobs, facilities and services to meet needs.

**Reason(s) for Amendment(s) Sought:** The plans objectives and vision relates to "our community" and its needs. The plan should make clear that these include obligations to meet needs imposed on the area because of its location, economic influence and infrastructure and those who rely on these considerations are also part of the "community" alternatively and to avoid confusions the word "community" could be deleted. The local economy needs (and is forecast) to grow over the next decade and this should be identified as an objective without such growth other objectives will be impossible to achieve. It is not necessary or indeed desirable for the plan's main aims/objectives to repeat the Council's strategic objectives. They need to be translated into Land Use Planning Issues

**Comments:** *The strategy objectives relate to issues highlighted in community strategy work.*

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1.12 & 1.13

**Ref.No: 213 Rep.No: 1 Objection: 0 Support: 0**

**Representor:** Herrman, CPREssex **Agent (if applicable):**

**Amendment(s) Sought:** Vision for the Local Plan ought to come first, followed by Objectives

**Reason(s) for Amendment(s) Sought:** Revise order

**Comments:** *The local plan is one of the tools for implementing the Council's strategic objectives and therefore ought to precede the vision for the local plan.*

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1.12 & 1.13

**Ref.No: 215 Rep.No: 5 Objection: 1 Support: 0**

**Representor:** Vose, Countryside Agency **Agent (if applicable):**

**Amendment(s) Sought:** Cross Reference aims and vision to the planning objectives set out in Appendix 2.

**Reason(s) for Amendment(s) Sought:** Welcome the main aims and the vision although we suggest there would be benefit in stating here or at least providing cross reference to the Planning Objectives set out in Appendix 2.

**Comments:** *This will be addressed by the additional text on planning principles.*

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Titles and contents of Local Plan **Misc**

**Ref.No: 204 Rep.No: 14 Objection: 1 Support: 0**

**Representor:** Burchell, Essex County Council **Agent (if applicable):**

**Amendment(s) Sought:** 1. Add 'Replacement' or 'Review' to the title of the Local Plan to distinguish it from the Adopted Plan. 2. Use correct titles for Essex Plans in all references eg Essex Minerals Local Plan First Review. 3. In Para 1.9 after Essex Local Transport Plan add "and related Strategy Documents". 4. Para 1.10: Move first sentence to Para 1.9. Add heading "Local Plan". 5. The reasoned justification should consistently precede the policy to which it relates. Currently it is a mixture of

preceding and following, which is confusing. 6. All sections should have headings. Currently some sections do not, leading to topics appearing under the wrong heading.

**Reason(s) for Amendment(s) Sought:** Clarification required

**Comments:** *These editorial points will be addressed.*

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Role and Purpose of the Plan **Chapter 1 Para 1.10?**

**Ref.No: 208 Rep.No: 1 Objection: 1 Support: 0**

**Representor:** Muller, English Nature **Agent (if applicable):**

**Amendment(s) Sought:** Acknowledgement of the existence of these important cross cutting issues, such as biodiversity, must form part of the Sustainable Development 'platform' on which the plan is founded. Such issues should be raised in the first chapter of the plan.

**Reason(s) for Amendment(s) Sought:** The text needs to clearly state that certain issues relevant to local plan formulation are characterised by their 'cross cutting' nature. These issues are of special significance in the Sustainable Development Context - it is these issues that provide key to 'joined up' thinking. EN supports the clear identification of the range of issues in Para 1.10 but notes that all the points listed are linked by biodiversity and related quality of life factors. Refer to 'Best value for biodiversity - Helping to achieve continuous improvement for biodiversity conservation within local government' Association of Local Government Ecologists (ALGE) Sept 2001.

**Comments:** *These points will be partly addressed by the proposed additional text on Planning Principles.*

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Titles and Contents of the Local Plan **Misc**

**Ref.No: 213 Rep.No: 31 Objection: 1 Support: 0**

**Representor:** Herrman, CPREssex **Agent (if applicable):**

**Amendment(s) Sought:** We wonder whether you would consider inserting an explanation for the changes on an extra page before the maps section. It might also be possible to indicate on that page the expected results of the landscape character assessments, so that those looking at the maps understand why the parish is no longer covered with the A.S.L.V. designation. Helpful to have a proper index of policies where the subjects are listed in alphabetical order, followed by the relevant policy or policies and page numbers. Please look at inserting page headlines. Perhaps just chapter titles in italic caps.

**Reason(s) for Amendment(s) Sought:** The information contained on the text insets that accompanied the maps in the Adopted Plan was very useful for parish councils and local societies. We appreciate the to re-instate them would greatly increase the bulk of the document and would also involve showing maps of all settlements including the hamlets now omitted because they do not have settlement boundaries. We found the Index of Policies of little greater help than the Contents List at the front. The plan would be easier to use if it had page headlines. Please could you consider inserting them.

**Comments:** *Some of these format points will be addressed. However, it would be inappropriate to refer back to the contents of a superseded plan.*

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Local Plan Content **Misc**

**Ref.No: 219 Rep.No: 1 Objection: 1 Support: 0**

**Representor:** Fletcher, English Heritage **Agent (if applicable):**

**Amendment(s) Sought:**

**Reason(s) for Amendment(s) Sought:** Not appropriate to refer readers to the Structure Plan to fill gaps in policy coverage. Lack of any policy on archaeology. Is not in line with PPG12, which states plans should concentrate on those matters that are likely to provide the basis for planning applications

**Comment:** *The structure plan is part of the development plan and therefore the basis for determining planning applications. No purpose is served by duplication.*

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Topic Chapters **Misc**

**Ref.No: 221 Rep.No: 4 Objection: 0 Support: 0**

**Representor:** Porter, Friends of the Earth **Agent (if applicable):**

**Amendment(s) Sought:**

**Reason(s) for Amendment(s) Sought:** The list has "economy" before "environment" but see 1.12 where National Strategy has "environment" before economy. Which is the most important in Uttlesford. I think consideration of the environment must always be included.

**Comments:** *The topic chapters are in alphabetical order so that users can locate relevant policies.*

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**Ref.No: 226 Rep.No: 1 Objection: 1 Support: 0**

**Representor:** Mead, North West Essex & East Herts Preservation Assoc **Agent (if applicable):**

**Amendment(s) Sought:** It therefore follows that the District Plan should not in anyway suggest or imply that there are circumstances under which the protection of our environment, its residents and heritage assets can be diminished or removed

**Reason(s) for Amendment(s) Sought:** Uttlesford is very rich over a whole spectrum of environmental items. How can any further deterioration be tolerated in the environment surrounding the SSSIs of Hatfield Forest and East End Wood, the ancient town of Thaxted, together with the listed buildings, conservation areas and special landscape value which abound in the District?

**Comments:** *it is not clear what amendments are sought to the plan in this objection.*