

Committee: Planning Policy Working Group

Agenda Item

Date: 22 June 2017

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Title: Major Development Proposals - Historic Impact Assessments Topic Papers

Author: Richard Fox, Planning Policy Team Leader **Key decision:** No

Summary

1. Appended to this report are three topic papers considering historic assets within and adjoining the new settlement / neighbourhood locations at:
 - Chelmer Mead
 - Takeley
 - Elsenham
2. The purpose of the topic papers is to undertake a desk based survey of the sites and identify whether there are significant areas of information which are currently lacking and needed as evidence in preparing the Local Plan. At the meeting of the Working Group on 17 May 2017 topic papers were considered for Easton Park, Great Chesterford and West of Braintree.
3. The topic papers were prepared by the Council's Conservation Officer .

Recommendations

4. For information

Financial Implications

5. None

Background Papers

6. None

Impact

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Communication/Consultation	The documents will form part of the evidence base to the Local Plan.
Community Safety	N/A
Equalities	N/A
Health and Safety	N/A

Human Rights/Legal Implications	N/A
Sustainability	A sustainability appraisal will be undertaken on the whole plan
Ward-specific impacts	Elsenham and Henham Takeley Flitch Green and Little Dunmow Felsted
Workforce/Workplace	N/A

Situation

8. The three topic papers that are appended relate to historic asset. These matters are important considerations in determining which potential new settlements can be allocated in the local plan.
9. The papers indicate that there will be impacts on these areas. However, it must be borne in mind that these issues are part of the planning balance that needs to be met in determining which sites to allocate and needs to be considered in the light of other factors such as housing need etc. Consideration also needs to be given to mitigating the negative impacts of growth on historic assets.

Risk Analysis

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Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
Insufficient information is available to make an informed decision.	1. The Council is working to a project plan to ensure there is a proportionate evidence base.	Local Plan found unsound.	Prepare proportionate evidence.

1 = Little or no risk or impact

2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary.

3 = Significant risk or impact – action required

4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.