

APPENDIX 2 **DATE OF UPDATE: 08/02/21**
LOCAL PLAN WORKSTREAM STATUS
PERIOD: QUARTER FOUR
01/01/21 - 31/03/21

RAG Status		AMBER
Reasons	Actions	Date
There is currently 1FTE in house procurement officer and the local plan timetable requires a significant 'burst' in procurement activity within the next three months	Supplement current resources by using support from Essex County Council procurement staff as well as officers from other adjacent authorities	08-Feb-21
Required Decisions		
Description	Expected by	Due Date
Appointment of consultants for Infrastructure Delivery Plan	Lois Bowser and Cristine Oakey	31-Mar-21
Appointment of consultants for Landscape Sensitivities	Sarah Nicholas	31-Mar-21
Appointment of consultants for Habitats Regulation Scoping Report	Joanna Hill	31-Mar-21

Executive Summary

Steady progress continues to be made in accordance with the agreed local plan timetable.

The Council is currently part way through the Issues and Options stage of the local plan and within the last three months the following progress has been made:

The online Community Stakeholder Forum has completed six local plan topics for discussion.

The Local Plan Leadership Group has now considered feedback from the Forum and the public on two of the local plan topics.

Five of the local plan topics have been discussed with Parish Councils who were all invited to an online workshop.

A call for development sites across the district has been issued to landowners and developers.

Work on a TRACC accessibility model continues.

Consultants are about to be appointed to commence work on the Sustainability Appraisal.

A Strategic Infrastructure Delivery Group of district and county members has been established with an agreed programme of work. The next meeting is scheduled for 1 March 2021 when Hugh Ellis, Policy Director of the Town and Country Planning Association, will be one of the speaker to assist as discussion on Climate Change provision.

This month the tender for consultants work on the infrastructure Delivery Plan is to be issued.

Interim cover has been provided on Transport Planning and Urban Design whilst the established Principal posts are subject to recruitment

Risk Issues with actual or potential overall project impact

Ref #	RAG #	Description	Priority	Owner	Actions and Progress	Due Date
12	AMBER	Unacceptable planning application granted through appeal process	H	GG	A number of larger sites recently approved at appeal including 2 sites totalling 450 homes in Elsenham	Ongoing
15	AMBER	Standard housing methodology undermines sustainable spatial strategy	H	SM	Workshop arranged with LPLG 18.02.21	18-Feb-21
16	AMBER	Devolution White Paper leads to administrative changes that undermine the LP making process	H	DF	Engage in informal discussions with Stakeholders and respond to White Paper when published. Government paused devolution (no time scale given). Devolution may not require changes across all two-tier areas in England.	To be confirmed
20	AMBER	Unexpected events making call on corporate resources	H	GG	Ability to modify project plan and resourcing to respond to unexpected events	Ongoing
21	YELLOW	Lack of political consensus	H	GG	Establish governance with regular briefings and engagement with members	Ongoing
17	AMBER	Loss of staff and or difficulty in recruiting people with the appropriate skills and	H	GG	Appointment of new Principal Urban Designer and Principal Transport Planner	31-Mar-21
32	AMBER	Community Stakeholder Forum fails to make an effective contribution to the Issue and Options stage	H	SM	Balanced membership of panel, clear operational rules and effective communications to encourage public participation. Further guidance issued following forum discussion on Character and Design.	30-Jun-21

