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Via email

Dear Laura,

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## Re Colchester Borough Council Local Plan Issues and Options

Thank you for consulting Braintree District Council on the Colchester Local Plan Issues and Options. We note the contents of the document and the progress that Colchester borough is making in producing its Local Plan.

As set out in the document Braintree District Council has agreed in principle with Colchester Borough Council to explore the potential for cross boundary options. By working together through the Local Plan process, the Councils can ensure that the needs for new homes, jobs and infrastructure for both areas are met in line with government guidance and also ensure that those areas with the highest environmental values are protected.

We will continue to work with Colchester Borough Council at both a Member and officer level to ensure that all cross boundary strategic issues are considered in line with our respective Duty to Cooperate.

Yours Sincerely

Councillor Lady Newton
Portfolio holder Planning and Property