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Dear Ms Syrett

Colchester Borough Council's Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation

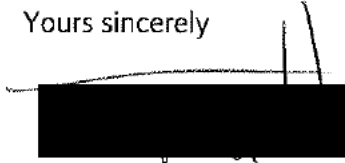
Thank you for your email of the 16 January 2015 consulting the Mayor of London on the initial consultation stage of Colchester Borough Council's DPD document.

In seeking to reconcile housing supply and need in the terms of the NPPF the Council may wish to reassure itself that its needs assessment takes into account uncertainty over future levels of out-migration from London and the way this may bear on household growth as well as any backlog of need. From a strategic, London perspective outflows associated with conditions recorded during the mid-2000s may be closer to the long term 'norm' than those associated with the recent recession.

With regard to economic development the council may wish to note that a presentation from GLA Economics on the Wider South East dimension of economic development in London is available in the Wider South East section of our FALP website (<http://www.london.gov.uk/priorities/planning/london-plan/draft-further-alterations-to-the-london-plan>). The council may wish to take into account the geographical links with London and the impact of migration and commuting flows between Greater London and Colchester. In October 2014 GLA published a report on 'migration and commuting' (<http://www.london.gov.uk/priorities/business-economy/publications/gla-economics/working-paper-62-migration-and-commuting>). This document builds on the migration and commuting analysis the GLA's 'Growing Together report' that discusses London's relationship with the rest of the UK (<http://www.london.gov.uk/priorities/business-economy/publications/gla-economics/growing-together-2>). Please also note that chapter 2 of 'Economic Evidence Base' (May 2010), which also looks at the relationship between London and its neighbouring regions (<http://www.london.gov.uk/priorities/business-economy/publications/economic-evidence-base>).

For further information please contact Elliot Kemp (elliott.kemp@london.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

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