



East Lexden Residents' Association

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Colchester Borough Local Plan to 2031 'Issues and Options'

The East Lexden Residents' Association (ELRA) represents the householders and tenants of the 900 properties whose occupants vote at the Kingswode Hoe School polling station.

Representatives of the ELRA Committee have attended at a consultation session regarding the above and the document was discussed at a recent committee meeting and a decision was made that I should write to you to convey their views on what is being proposed.

The Committee is in favour of the Growth Strategy Option No. 2A 'Development to west of Colchester town' along with its allied urban developments in and around the existing urban area and the proportional expansion of the Rural District Centres of Wivenhoe, Tiptree and West Mersea'. It appears to us that the area to the west of the town would be the most desirable location for the transport infrastructure necessary for such a development.

In connection with 'Local Plan Themes: Promoting Healthy Communities', it is the ELRA Committee's opinion that the Local Plan is deficient in that no mention is made of the involvement of stakeholders in the delivery of the proposed strategies. Indeed, throughout the document, there appears a distinct lack of the 'localism' to which the Borough Council is committed. No-where is there mention of 'community groups', 'voluntary groups', 'residents' associations', 'community liaison' and the like. It is the opinion of the ELRA Committee that without a commitment to involve Colchester people and groups in delivery strategies, then the possibility of 'local ownership' of your plans is slender.

Yours faithfully,

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