

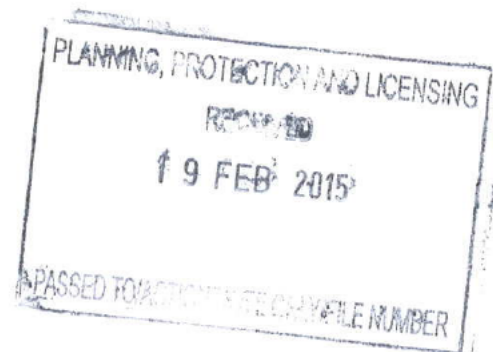


Planning Policy
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Dear Sir

Issues and Options Consultation, Local Plan



We are concerned about Options 1 and 2, which provide for a new settlement at Marks Tey. Whilst we have no objection in principle to a compact development centered on the station at Marks Tey, we would strongly object to the sprawling development proposed by the Marks Tey Consortium, which would extend ribbon-like along the A12 and A120 corridors, overflowing the Borough boundary into Braintree District Council territory. Such a development is unsustainable, in that most of it would be outside walking or cycling distance of the station, and would absorb large amounts of Grade 2 agricultural land. Moreover it would almost coalesce with the freestanding settlements of Feering and Coggeshall.

We therefore hope that you will choose other plan options, and if Marks Tey is selected then it should be compact and not extend towards other settlements.

Yours faithfully



Alan Stones, Secretary

