

Colchester Borough Local Plan 2017 – 2033 – Section 2 Examination

MAIN MATTERS, ISSUES AND QUESTIONS

Further statement in respect of questions requiring further answers

Main Matter 14 – Policies DM8 to DM11 - Affordable Housing, Development Density, Housing Diversity and Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople • Are the policies relating to Affordable Housing, Development Density, Housing Diversity and Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople justified by appropriate available evidence, having regard to national guidance, and local context, and CLP 1?

Representation 6182 – Whilst the Council have a register set up on their web site, there is no evidence of any availability of any self-build plots in the Borough. I think this is a political sop. I have made several applications on land that I own in Lexden to construct a bungalow for retirement and have been faced by objection from the Council and no willingness to act positively/proactively to achieve a legitimate planning consent.

- **Do policies DM8 to DM11 provide a clear direction as to how a decision maker should react to a development proposal?**

As above the policies in DM10 are words not actions. I see nothing in the plan to give positive meaningful support to self-build housing development. This is particularly evident in the Council's attitude towards elderly persons accommodation in sustainable locations. I would like to know why the Council continue to go out of their way to frustrate rather than facilitate self-build housing development?.

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