
Colchester City Council Preferred Options Local Plan Regulation 18 Consultation November 2025

Changes Sought to Text & Policies *

Essex Police and its Blue Light Partners (Essex County Fire & Rescue Service and the East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust) are essential social infrastructure providers, who require developer funded Infrastructure/ facilities to mitigate and manage the impacts arising on service capacity from planned housing and population growth.

The draft Local Plan should therefore attribute appropriate recognition and a higher profile to the important role played by these bodies - in contributing to the creation of safe, cohesive, strong, healthy, vibrant and resilient new communities.

The changes requested below are made within this context.

Chapter 3 – Strategic Policies

Representation 1 – Page 14, paragraph 3.1

After ‘health’ in criterion c) insert “, police, fire & rescue and ambulance,”

Representation 2 – Categories of necessary infrastructure (P.39, para 3.65)

In bullet point 2 omit ‘emergency services’ & insert “police, fire & rescue and ambulance services”

Representation 3 – Categories of necessary infrastructure (P.39, para 3.67)

In line 4 after ‘community facilities’ insert “police, fire and rescue and ambulance services”

Chapter 10 – Community and Social Infrastructure

Representation 4 – Community & Social Infrastructure (p.125, para 10.1)

In bullet point 5 omit ‘emergency services’ & insert “police, fire & rescue and ambulance services”

Chapter 12 – Place Policies

Colchester Growth Areas

Representation 5 – P. 167, Policy PP6: Land at Colchester North Station, Mixed Use

Insert new criteria “n) Police, Fire & Rescue and Ambulance facilities provision/ funding as set out in the IDP Appendix A Infrastructure Project Schedule”

Representation 6 – P.177, Policy PP9: North-East Colchester

Insert new criterion “s) Police, Fire & Rescue and Ambulance facilities provision/ funding as set out in the IDP Appendix A Infrastructure Project Schedule”

Existing criterion s) to become criterion t);

Representation 7 – P.179, Policy PP10: Land south of Berechurch Hall Road, Colchester

Insert new criterion “o) Police, Fire & Rescue and Ambulance facilities provision/ funding as set out in the IDP Appendix A Infrastructure Project Schedule”

Existing criterion o) to become criterion p);

Marks Tey Growth Area

Representation 8 – P.197, Policy PP17: Land South of A12, Marks Tey Growth Area

Insert new criterion “r) Police, Fire & Rescue and Ambulance facilities provision/ funding as set out in the IDP Appendix A Infrastructure Project Schedule”

Existing criterion r) to become criterion s);

Representation 9 – P.199, Policy PP18: Land North of A120, Marks Tey Growth Area

Insert new criterion “q) Police, Fire & Rescue and Ambulance facilities provision/ funding as set out in the IDP Appendix A Infrastructure Project Schedule”

Existing criterion q) to become criterion r);

Large Settlements

Tiptree

Representation 10 – P.205, Policy PP19: Land North of Oak Road, Tiptree

Insert new criterion “o) Police, Fire & Rescue and Ambulance facilities provision/ funding as set out in the IDP Appendix A Infrastructure Project Schedule”

Existing criterion o) to become criterion p);

West Mersea

Representation 11 – P.213, Policy PP23: Land East of Dawes Lane, West Mersea

Insert new criterion “n) Police, Fire & Rescue and Ambulance facilities provision/ funding as set out in the IDP Appendix A Infrastructure Project Schedule”

Existing criterion n) to become criterion o);

Medium Settlements

Copford

Representation 12 – P.227, Policy PP29: Land East of School Road, Copford

Insert new criterion “q) Police, Fire & Rescue and Ambulance facilities provision/ funding as set out in the IDP Appendix A Infrastructure Project Schedule”

Existing criterion q) to become criterion r);

Eight Ash Green

Representation 13 – P.233, Policy PP32: Land North of Halstead Road & West of Fiddlers Wood, Eight Ash Green

Insert new criterion “l) Police, Fire & Rescue and Ambulance facilities provision/ funding as set out in the IDP Appendix A Infrastructure Project Schedule”

Existing criterion l) to become criterion m);

Great Horkesley

Representation 14 – P.237, Policy PP34: Land North of Coach Road, Great Horkesley

Insert new criterion o) Police, Fire & Rescue and Ambulance facilities provision/ funding as set out in the IDP Appendix A Infrastructure Project Schedule”

Langham

Representation 15 – P.242, Policy PP37: Land North of Park Lane, Langham

Insert new criterion “p) Police, Fire & Rescue and Ambulance facilities provision/ funding as set out in the IDP Appendix A Infrastructure Project Schedule”

Existing criterion p) to become criterion q);

Chapter 15 – Glossary

Infrastructure

Representation 16 – P.280, Glossary: Infrastructure definition

In line 6 omit ‘emergency services’ & insert “police, fire & rescue and ambulance facilities”