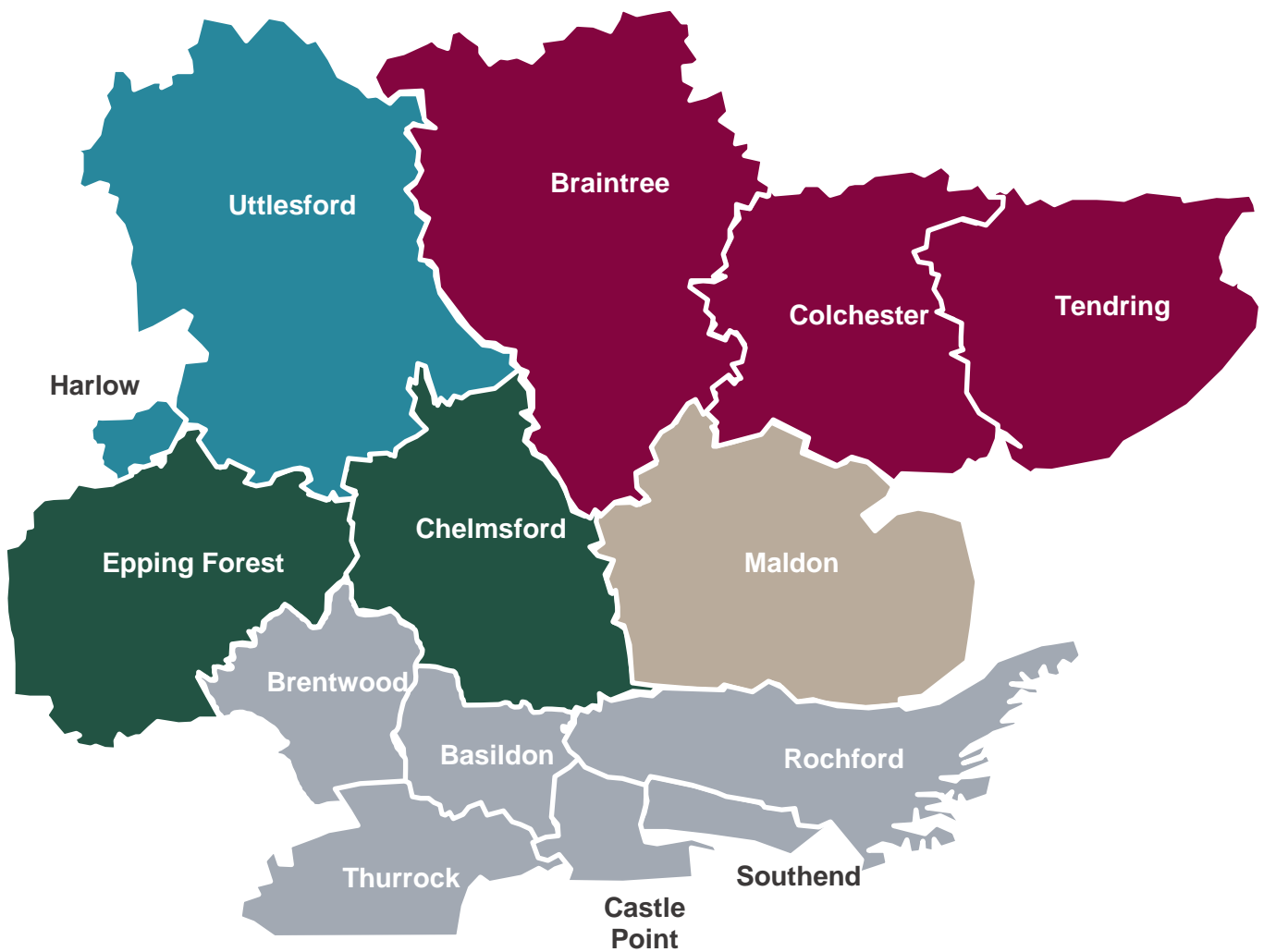


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LOCAL AUTHORITY**CURRENT POSITION**

Basildon

- Following election in May 2018, on 7th June Basildon Council approved a review of specific aspects of the Draft Publication Local Plan, which had previously been approved for pre-submission consultation (Regulation 19). The review included options for the CIL Charging Schedule, location of traveller plots, neighbourhood plans and allocation or otherwise of particular sites.
- The Strategic Infrastructure and Planning Committee will be considering a revised Local Plan and CIL Charging Schedule on 3rd October with a recommendation to endorse these for public consultation.
- If approved, the Draft Local Plan and CIL will be presented to Full Council on 18th October 2018 with recommendation to approve the Regulation 19 (Local Plan Pre-Submission) and Regulation 15 (CIL) Consultations.
- If agreed, public consultation is likely to begin soon after 18th October.
- Discussions are taking place between the South Essex authorities (Basildon, Brentwood, Castle Point, Rochford, Southend, and Thurrock) on a Joint Strategic Plan (JSP) for the sub-region, addressing issues of strategic housing distribution and growth locations across the region. This is expected to include a consultation in Q1 2019.

Braintree

- The Section 1 Strategic Plan Examination has been suspended due to Inspector's comments on soundness of evidence base regarding the North Essex Garden Communities.
- The Inspector's post-hearing letter invited the North Essex Authorities (NEAs) to consider 3 options for taking Section 1 forward.
- On the 23rd July 2018, it was confirmed by BDC to continue with Section 1 on the basis of Option 2. Tendring District Council have agreed with Option 2.
- Option 2 involves the NEAs carrying out the necessary further work on the evidence base and the Sustainability Appraisal, before the re-examination of Section 1.
- Colchester have suggested an alternative option which could result in the delivery timescale for the Garden Communities to be delayed. This would enable the plan to be more robust. It would also trigger a review of the Local Plan strategy.
- This alternative option has been put to Tendring and Braintree who have not yet formally commented.
- Section 2 Examination (policies, maps and sites for development) is dependent on the outcome of Section 1.

Brentwood

- Regulation 18 Consultation ran from 29th January to the 12th March 2018.
- The Council are currently reviewing their Local Plan evidence base ahead of the next stage of consultation.
- The Council are aiming to present a Draft Local Plan (which will confirm the draft allocations) on the 8th November 2018.
- If approved, it is likely that the Draft Local Plan will be consulted on through November and December.
- Discussions are taking place between the South Essex authorities (Basildon, Brentwood, Castle Point, Rochford, Southend, and Thurrock) on a Joint Strategic Plan (JSP) for the sub-region, addressing issues of strategic housing distribution and growth locations across the region. This is expected to include a consultation in Q1 2019.

Castle Point

- New Local Plan withdrawn in March 2017.
- The Secretary of State has identified the Council for intervention following failures to progress with the preparation of a new Local Plan. Details of what form this will take are still to be confirmed.
- Consultation to comment on the contents of a New Local Plan (Regulation 18) ended on the 15th August 2018.
- Publication of the Regulation 19 consultation is scheduled for January 2019 and Submission of the emerging Local Plan to the Secretary of State (Regulation 22) is scheduled for April 2019.
- Adoption of the emerging Local Plan is suggested for Summer 2019.
- Discussions between the South Essex authorities (Basildon, Castle Point, Rochford, Southend, and Thurrock) on a potential statutory plan for the sub-region addressing issues of housing distribution and possible significant growth locations.
- Discussions are taking place between the South Essex authorities (Basildon, Brentwood, Castle Point, Rochford, Southend, and Thurrock) on a Joint Strategic Plan (JSP) for the sub-region, addressing issues of strategic housing distribution and growth locations across the region. This is expected to include a consultation in Q1 2019.

Chelmsford

- The Draft Local Plan was submitted to the Secretary of State for Examination on the 29th June 2018.
- The Secretary of State has appointed Yvonne Wright BSc (Hons) DipT&CP MSc MRTPI as the planning inspector.
- Independent Examination hearing sessions are to be likely to be November 2018. However dates have not yet been confirmed.
- Draft Local Plan is scheduled to be adopted in early 2019.

Colchester

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Epping Forest

- Following the failure of a legal challenge by CK Properties, the Draft Local Plan has been submitted for Examination to the Planning Inspectorate by Epping Forest District Council on the 25th September 2018.
- Hearing sessions are yet to be scheduled.

Harlow

- Regulation 19 Consultation ran from the 25th May until 6th July 2018.
- Submission to the Planning Inspectorate for Examination was scheduled for September 2018 in the most recently adopted Local Development Scheme and adoption was scheduled for April 2019.
- There has been some slippage in the timetable.

Maldon

- Local Development Plan approved on 25th July 2017.

Rochford

- Call for Sites exercise ran until the 31st May 2018.
- The Local Development Scheme suggests a Preferred Options Consultation is scheduled to run in October / November 2019.
- Discussions are underway between the South Essex authorities (Basildon, Castle Point, Rochford, Southend, and Thurrock) on a potential statutory plan for the sub-region addressing issues of housing distribution and possible significant growth locations.
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Southend

- Currently working on evidence base and assessing housing need, along with other South Essex Districts.
- An Issues and Options Consultation is scheduled to run in Autumn / Winter 2018.
- Discussions are taking place between the South Essex authorities (Basildon, Brentwood, Castle Point, Rochford, Southend, and Thurrock) on a Joint Strategic Plan (JSP) for the sub-region, addressing issues of strategic housing distribution and growth locations across the region. This is expected to include a consultation in Q1 2019.

Tendring

- The Section 1 Strategic Plan Examination has been suspended due to Inspector's comments on soundness of evidence base regarding the North Essex Garden Communities.
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Thurrock

- Call for Sites exercise ran until the 23rd April 2018.
- Regulation 18 Issues and Options document is scheduled to go to Full Council in October 2018.
- Draft Local Plan currently anticipated for Spring 2019.
- Discussions between the South Essex authorities (Basildon, Castle Point, Rochford, Southend, and Thurrock) on a potential statutory plan for the sub-region addressing issues of housing distribution and possible significant growth locations.
- Discussions are taking place between the South Essex authorities (Basildon, Brentwood, Castle Point, Rochford, Southend, and Thurrock) on a Joint Strategic Plan (JSP) for the sub-region, addressing issues of strategic housing distribution and growth locations across the region. This is expected to include a consultation in Q1 2019.

Uttlesford

- Pre-Submission Draft Consultation (Regulation 19) ended on the 13th August 2018.
- Submission for Examination scheduled for Q3 and hearings Q4. Adoption estimated for Spring 2019. There is slippage in this timetable.

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