

APPENDIX A

Community Stakeholder Workshop 30 November 2010

Workshop 1: What are the planning issues affecting your local area?

Discussion record

Group facilitator	Access to public transport	Green spaces	Community facilities	Affordable housing	Local job opportunities	Variety of housing types	Traffic congestion	Shops and restaurants
KH/KP	<p>Rural areas suffer as are relatively isolated from public transport</p> <p>The lack of access is a particular problem in the north-east of the district</p> <p>Many bus services finish too early – unhelpful for people wishing to visit town centres in the evening.</p>	<p>It's particularly important to protect the green spaces in the area from Waltham Abbey/Nazeing to North Weald</p> <p>There are a lot of green spaces in the north-east of the district, however there isn't much that is particularly accessible for community use.</p> <p>The north-east of the district has some high quality views which are important to protect</p> <p>Concern regarding the loss of green spaces such as school playing fields in the Loughton area.</p>	<p>Need for linkage between public transport / homes in order make sure people can access community facilities</p> <p>Increasing demand for a better network of shared resources with allotments</p>	<p>Debden/Waltham Abbey – particular shortage of affordable housing</p> <p>House prices are lower in Harlow</p> <p>Important to have affordable housing to keep younger people in the district and reduce the impacts of an ageing population</p>	<p>Need for jobs for young people in rural areas</p> <p>Need for employment closer to where people live</p>	<p>Need for life-time homes that are located within easy access to community facilities</p> <p>Need for a mixture of houses with gardens and flats</p>	<p>Need to reduce the need to use of cars in rural areas – creates pollution and congestion wastes people's time</p> <p>Rural single lane roads are being over used</p> <p>Direct link with high level of commuters</p> <p>Potential for a park and ride system</p> <p>Congestion is particularly bad around Roydon station</p>	<p>There is a good level of shops and restaurants in the district</p> <p>Need to encourage High Street multiple retailers to town centres</p> <p>Waltham Abbey town centre has suffered decline</p> <p>Shop rents and parking issues are the major barriers for local retailers</p>
JP/AW	<p>Re-open Epping-Ongar rail link</p> <p>Need to improve access to North Weald airfield</p> <p>Need to improve parking at stations</p>	<p>Need to protect use of brownfield</p>	<p>Need to a secondary school in Ongar</p> <p>There are school issues in Epping</p>	<p>Need to consider the mix of housing on estates (e.g. St Margarets)</p>	<p>Potential for new jobs at Langston Road</p> <p>Need for local jobs to discourage commuting</p>	<p>Consider building bungalows</p> <p>Conservation areas</p>	<p>Particular issue in Epping and Loughton</p>	<p>Need for a balance of retail/non retail in all town centres</p>
IW	<p>Wide differences in public transport accessibility in different parts of the district</p> <p>Lack of information about community transport to pick up the elderly from their homes</p>		<p>Need for medical services to be more locally available</p>	<p>Need to retain small and rural affordable housing</p>	<p>Some demand for local jobs rather than London</p> <p>Need for decent training opportunities</p>	<p>Need mix of all types of housing</p> <p>Need to protect bungalows</p> <p>Over supply of large housing, need to provide more smaller properties</p>		<p>Need for clothes retailers in Epping</p> <p>Cheaper parking would make town centres more competitive with Harlow</p>
LM/SK	<p>Issues with commuter parking</p> <p>Not enough residential parking available</p> <p>High rail prices encourage people to use the tube</p> <p>Support extension of central line to North Weald/Ongar</p>	<p>Support the idea of specific designations for protecting local green spaces</p> <p>Need to protect the green belt</p> <p>Unused farm land could be used as parks</p>	<p>Need for more facilities for young people. E.g. The Box, skateboard parks</p> <p>Need for commercial leisure facilities – e.g. a cinema at Langston Road?</p> <p>Concern that current local service infrastructure will not support further growth e.g. A&E</p>	<p>Consider there is significant problem with young people unable to afford to buy</p> <p>Identified the importance of using evidence to assess the need for affordable housing</p>	<p>Consider that local transport improvements are key to delivering local jobs</p>	<p>Identified the importance of using evidence to assess the need for different housing types</p>	<p>Parking is a problem throughout the district</p> <p>Particular congestion problems on Loughton High St and accessing the M11</p>	<p>Need to encourage local shops</p> <p>Reducing car parking charges would help boost local retail</p> <p>View that growth in restaurants has meant there are fewer shops in the district</p> <p>Waltham Abbey town centre identified as suffering from decline</p>

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KH/KP	<p>There would be market demand</p> <p>In favour of using sites within towns, preferably brownfield</p> <p>Against high rise development</p>	<p>Potential to develop around a reinstated Epping-Ongar rail link</p> <p>Potential to develop around a Stansted/Chelmsford rail link</p> <p>Understand that the rail network is saturated at present</p>	<p>Not supported as consider traffic congestion levels already to high.</p>	<p>Potential for this option although the character of a large area of new growth would evolve slowly.</p>	<p>Issues with traffic congestion growth would cause</p> <p>Would require a new infrastructure</p> <p>Concerns about loss of green belt</p> <p>Could work if new jobs in the area were also provided</p> <p>Need to provide high speed broadband in these areas</p>	<p>Generally, this option was not supported</p> <p>Considered that Harlow was designed to sit within its present valley</p> <p>There may be some space available along the Summers/Redeline edge.</p>	<p>This idea was supported with the assumption that there would be different size developments in different areas, as appropriate.</p>	<p>General view that 'balance is a good thing'</p>
JP/AW	<p>This option was supported where appropriate</p>	<p>This option was supported</p>	<p>Considered to be a possibility although not strongly supported</p>	<p>Not supported</p>	<p>Not supported</p>	<p>Considered to be a possibility although not strongly supported</p>	<p>Supported where brownfield land is used and where there is only limited development in villages</p>	<p>Considered to be a possibility although not strongly supported</p>
IW		<p>Concern raised over the capacity of the Central Line</p>	<p>Potential for growth here with an M11 Junction</p>	<p>Potential to concentrate in and around North Weald as close to road networks</p>	<p>Mixed views on satellite Church Langley somewhere in the district</p> <p>Satellite settlement in the Sheering area – close to Harlow and M11</p>	<p>Consider North Weald</p>	<p>View that villages need additional housing</p>	<p>Support one new settlement with additional housing around the district</p>
LM/SK	<p>Support on the understanding that well designed flats are built at higher densities in order to help retain green spaces in towns</p>	<p>Consider existing bus links to unreliable to be a driver for growth</p>	<p>Consider existing bus links to unreliable to be a driver for growth</p>	<p>Ongar identified as a potential location for expansion if infrastructure to support it is provided</p> <p>North Weald airfield was identified as a potential growth area</p> <p>The outskirts of Waltham Abbey were identified as a potential growth area</p>	<p>The development of North Weald airfield was discussed</p>	<p>Consider extensions to the south, west and east of Harlow</p> <p>Feasibility dependent on road links being built</p>	<p>Consider this option was the most likely to occur</p>	<p>Concern that housing spread around the district will not work as it would not be feasible to make the necessary infrastructure improvements</p>

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JP		Green spaces are of value to wildlife	Library facilities are good Concern about closure of some health facilities	Affordable housing was identified as an important issue	Concern that recent new jobs created by Tesco and Lidl haven't all gone to local people Concern that there have been no new jobs for local people created by the Olympics	New developments should provide more parking	Congestion is a problem in the crooked mile area	Concern that smaller shops have shut
SK	Bus services are not frequent enough	Need to keep green spaces and not build on them Would like more local wildlife sites	Would like a full time police station Need for more school and local health facilities – concern that these are being lost	Affordable housing should be offered to local people first	Business rates are too high and cause local businesses to close	There is no need for large houses Do not want any more sites for gypsies and travellers	Major daily traffic congestion Accidents on M25 frequently cause gridlock in Waltham Abbey	Business rates are too high and cause local shops to close Need a greater variety of shops Allow for temporary use of vacant retail units – e.g. street art
KP	Young people are most dependent on bus links Need to address public transport access when consider growth	Important to protect the greenbelt	Regeneration/upkeep of community facilities should link with other areas of infrastructure provision Young people would like a cinema	There is a significant need for affordable housing Better transport links are key in providing housing growth It is important to give young people a chance to get the housing they need	Assess local needs/businesses and supply what is needed Consider revising business rates		There is some congestion Lorries from M25 effect traffic on Honey Lane Need for a traffic impact/safety assessment	
AW	Buses/trains not integrated School bus service inadequate	Particular areas to protect: Epping Forest Coin Meadows Fishers Green Lea Valley Park	Nazeing is in particular need of improved community facilities Public amenities are not accessible	Favour integrated housing communities Traveller sites could be incorporated into community housing Build on flood relief channels	No transport at Hoddestno employment area High industrial rates/rents	Need for a mix of housing types to accommodate all	HGV traffic a concern on B194 Some roads are not fit for purpose Concern about parking on pavements in Waltham Abbey	Sun Street could be a place for tourist shops Need for niche shops to differentiate from the High Street High business rates are an issue

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KH/AW	<p>Public transport service is dependent on the Central Line, which is already at capacity and passenger numbers can't be increased</p> <p>Concern about growth putting more pressure on the Central Line</p> <p>No bus service link with Stansted airport</p>	<p>Concern about encroachment of the green belt with recent planning applications</p> <p>Consider that there should be no development anywhere in the green belt</p> <p>Brownfield sites in the green belt are appropriate for development</p> <p>Important to protect urban spaces, parks, villages, greens – add to quality of life</p>	<p>North/south divide within the district in terms of hospital access</p> <p>Pressure on primary and secondary schools as well as higher education services</p>	<p>Consider that affordable housing is unnecessary as there is no need to encourage younger people to stay in the district</p>	<p>Many local job opportunities are low paid retail jobs</p> <p>Against the conversion of industrial areas to retail</p>	<p>Family housing is needed – 2-4 bedroom properties</p> <p>Do not wish to see any more flats built</p>	<p>There are too many cars</p> <p>Concern about environmental impact of traffic on Epping Forest</p> <p>Epping Forest also suffers from noise pollution</p>	<p>There should be no licenced premises in operation after midnight</p> <p>Important to retain key retail frontages as in the current Local Plan</p> <p>Loughton town centres is saturated with bars and restaurants</p> <p>Buckhurst Hill has a good mix of restaurants and shops</p>
KP/SK		<p>Protection of green spaces is vital</p> <p>A practical approach to retaining green spaces is needed when we need new roads/housing</p> <p>Access to green space is important</p>	<p>Would like a cinema and theatre facilities in the local area</p> <p>The library needs enhancement</p>	<p>There is a lack of housing available</p> <p>Rise in demand for housing for people with special needs – e.g. dementia</p> <p>Need for functional homes where people can live with limited support as well as care homes with full-time attention</p>	<p>Local jobs for young people would make the area an inviting place to work</p>	<p>Need to provide housing for families and young people</p> <p>Need for new housing models</p>	<p>This is a significant issue with large volumes of commuters using Loughton station</p> <p>Children not walking to school is a significant cause of traffic congestion</p>	<p>There is a good balance of shops and restaurants in local town centres</p> <p>Need to maintain a variety of small shops and high street retailers</p>

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KH/AW	Appropriate within certain towns such as Waltham Abbey and Fyfield	The central line is at capacity and there should be no more development nearby It would be a good option if the Central Line was not saturated	This option would encourage people to commute by car	Potential for this in Waltham Abbey if it is near to a station	Not in favour of this approach due to loss of green space and congestion/requirement for new road building Would increase environmental damage	Appropriate in certain areas around Harlow that are less environmentally sensitive to development	This approach would be suitable for a very low level of growth in villages	This option was not supported
KP/SK	Appropriate for housing growth	Support office employment near public transport	Support this options for employment				This option is the most suitable	

