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Dear Parish Council,

**Public Consultation on the Braintree District Council Draft Site Allocations and Development Management Plan and Sustainability Appraisal /Strategic Environmental Assessment (SA/SEA) and on the draft Revised Statement of Community Involvement .**

I am writing to inform the Parish Council that the Council is preparing a Site Allocations and Development Management Plan and has published a draft Plan for a period of six weeks public consultation, commencing on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2013. This Plan sets out proposed areas for development in the District up to 2026. It accompanies and supports the strategic development proposals in the Core Strategy approved in 2011. The Council would welcome your views on the draft proposals and representations about what a plan with that subject ought to contain. The Council is also publishing a Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment, which accompanies the Draft Plan and a Draft Revised Statement of Community Involvement, which sets out how the Council proposes to consult on planning proposals, upon which comments are also sought. I enclose a CD for the Parish Council which contains the Draft Site Allocations and Development Management Plan, the draft Revised Statement of Community Involvement and the response forms and guidance notes. I also enclose hard copies of any Inset Maps which cover your area. The SA/SEA will be available on the website in approximately one weeks time.

The Draft Site Allocations and Development Management Plan sets out land allocations for future development on maps for each town, village and industrial area in the District, which have a development boundary. The maps shows the boundary of areas that can be developed. Outside these areas, land is classed as countryside, which is protected from most development. The maps identify specific areas of land proposed for;

- Housing developments of 10 dwellings or more
- Land which will be used for employment
- Open space and land set aside for recreation and allotments
- New retail development and boundaries for town centres and primary shopping areas
- Land safeguarded for community uses, education or cemetery/churchyards.

As this is a draft document, it contains two maps for most settlements. The first is the Council's preferred option for the development boundary and land allocations in the settlement and the second shows other sites that have been proposed by landowners so far, for consideration for new development which have not been supported by the Council as part of the draft plan. Further development sites may also be suggested as part of this public consultation.

Please note that the principle of the strategic growth locations, as well as the regeneration sites (at Premdor/ Rockways Sible Hedingham and former Crittalls/Finishing Company Silver End) were approved as part of the Core Strategy document in 2011 and are not part of the current consultation. The strategic growth locations are;

NW Braintree off Panfield Lane, Springwood Drive 600 houses and 15ha employment  
West of A131 at Great Notley 18.5ha employment area  
SW Witham north of Hatfield Road, 600 houses  
NE Witham off Forest Rd in Rivenhall Parish 300 houses