

## Talking Notes MAR (v5) 3 Fields – 25 March Finchingfield @CHE 7.30pm

### County

The ECC Local Highways Panel (LHP) process is being reviewed – the “new simpler, leaner process” only including chairs of the 14 local panels in GECCA will meet at a further reduced frequency of [ ]? [Chairmans Panel]

### Questions

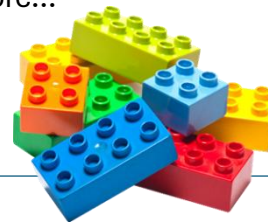
Public visibility of LHP is already very low – how will this be improved in the new simpler leaner process?

What about permanent BALC representation or improved access for Parishes and Cllrs? Or will it be more click here, email this generic inbox and wait...

What about local issues and concerns – e.g. B1057 premature surface failure / bridge strikes and HGV threat / green lanes / signs?

Fear a bunker approach by officers and “Deputy Mayors for roads” – for a key local service used by millions of residents and visitors everyday. Rural could get lost – until it’s time for le Grand Depart / Ride London encore...

What will be left for UA’s to “play with”



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### County & District

Dash for Devo – Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Govt is running an Essex only – GECCA (Greater Essex County Combined Authority) - consultation until 13 April.

### General overview can be found here

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/about-council/plans-and-strategies/our-vision-essex/devolution-and-local-government-reorganisation>



## GECCA Next Steps

17 Feb – 13 April 2025 MHCLG – Greater Essex Devo consultation – Public

[https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/greater-essex-devolution/greater-essex-devolution-consultation?fbclid=IwY2xjawlpTmNleHRuA2FibQIxMAABHSZUF83YBI3IhBENGfHbjo5h-xjkKLhZKYSwPbR7vRZvd70rM6qbYSZhbQ\\_aem\\_15LFWPWYGRP3uhH3SSbMdw](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/greater-essex-devolution/greater-essex-devolution-consultation?fbclid=IwY2xjawlpTmNleHRuA2FibQIxMAABHSZUF83YBI3IhBENGfHbjo5h-xjkKLhZKYSwPbR7vRZvd70rM6qbYSZhbQ_aem_15LFWPWYGRP3uhH3SSbMdw)

Question 1: To what extent do you agree or disagree that establishing a Mayoral Combined County Authority over the proposed geography will deliver benefits to the area?

Question 2: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposed governance arrangements for the Mayoral Combined County Authority?

Question 3: To what extent do you agree or disagree that working across the proposed geography through the Mayoral Combined County Authority will support the economy of the area?

Question 4: To what extent do you agree or disagree that working across the proposed geography through the Mayoral Combined County Authority will improve social outcomes in the area?

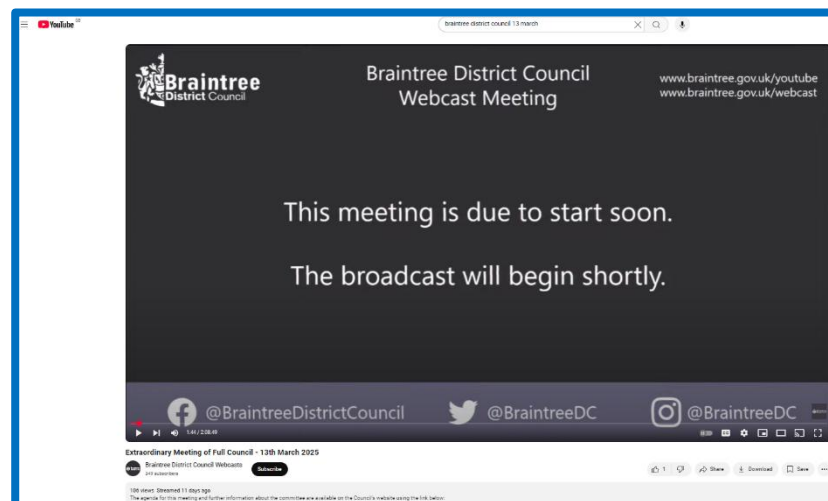
Question 5: To what extent do you agree or disagree that working across the proposed geography through a Mayoral Combined County Authority will improve local government services in the area?

Question 6: To what extent do you agree or disagree that working across the proposed geography through a Mayoral Combined County Authority will improve the local natural environment and overall national environment?

Question 7: To what extent do you agree or disagree that working across the proposed geography through the Mayoral Combined County Authority will support the interests and needs of local communities and reflect local identities?



~~13 MAR 2025 – Braintree District Council debate 7.15pm~~



Cllr Mark AULT and Cllr Michael STAINES INDEPENDENT MAR 2025

- ~~Mar 2025~~ – Greater Essex representatives submit outline plans to UK Govt
- Autumn 2025 – GECCA reps submit full plans to UK Govt re xUAs?
- 2026 – “Greater Essex Consultation” – Public
- 8 MAY 2026 – Greater Essex Regional Mayor Election (direct)
- MAY 2027 – Election of Shadow Authorities (Regional Mayoral plus xUA’s)
- APR 2028 – xUA’s Go-Live

**DISTRICT**

1) **Bins data review** (>7500 responses) will come to Corporate Policy Development Committee in April



2) Plus BDC’s own waste composition analysis reported 13 MAR 2025

- In November 24, c.250 houses across 5 streets in BDC had residual waste collected and analysed by external contractor for ECC.

**9 April**

- Corporate Policy Development Panel



**w/c 12<sup>th</sup> May**

- Briefing to group leaders date TBC
- Briefing for All Members date 14<sup>th</sup> May

**27 May**

- Cabinet



## What's bin going on X- GECCA?

Basildon Home Page > Residents > Waste and recycling

### New waste and recycling service 2025



#### Downloads

- Basildon Council - Waste Disposal Strategy (PDF, 2 MB) [↗](#)
- Waste and Recycling Collection Policy 2025 (PDF, 1 MB) [↗](#)
- New Waste and Recycling Service Leaflet (PDF, 2 MB) [↗](#)

From 28 April 2025, the new waste service will commence with weekly residual waste collections returning and the current white and blue reusable sacks being replaced with two single-use disposable bags: white for cans and plastic, and blue for paper and cardboard.

### Why is this a potential issue for folks in Braintree and wider GECCA?

If waste is not streamed effectively more volume and tonnage will find its way into the Black Bin incinerator stream .... this currently costs ECC lots of money in Landfill gate plus landfill tax (~£175/tonne). ECC waste disposal will shift from landfill to incineration this year and we are braced for the imposition of the ETS tax – which could add £25-75m per annum to ECCs “bill to burn”.

ECC allowed the operator of the incinerator to drop the original planning requirement to sort waste on site to maximise recycling.

*The plant will emit upto 600,000 tonnes of CO2 per year into the atmosphere – which dwarfs any measures announced so far to reduce emissions in Essex.*

If carbon capture is required to be retrofitted this will likely increase the visibility of the plume over Braintree. *The operator is now seeking to have the no visible plume planning condition dropped.*



# Local Plan Refresh

## Local Plan Review Timetable

This is the timetable for reviewing the Local Plan. It has been updated as a result of the central government changes to the National Planning Policy Framework.

Timetable for Review

Local Plan Review Starts	Early 2024
Call for Sites	Spring 2024
Evidence Base	Spring 2024
Issues and Options Consultation	20 January - 7 March 2025
Referred Options Consultation (Reg 18)	October/November 2025
Pre-Submission Consultation (Reg 19)	Spring 2026
Submission to Planning Inspectorate	June 2026
Review Complete	Adoption December 2026

NEW TOWNS TASKFORCE

# Building new towns for the future



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**Interim Update**

**February 2025**

By summer 2025, we will submit a final report to MHCLG ministers, in line with our Terms of Reference, which will include a list of places new towns could potentially be located, as well as wider recommendations on the funding and delivery of new towns.



## Local Plan Sub-Committee

### Committee Details

Active: 01 April 2007 - onwards  
 Membership: Fixed  
 Substitutions: None

- Meetings
- Members
- Other Information

## Meetings

### Display meetings in date range

From:

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Meeting Date - Start Time : End Time	Venue	Status	Calendar
<a href="#">19 March 2025 - 19:15 : TBC</a>	<a href="#">Council Chamber</a>	Scheduled	
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<a href="#">24 September 2025 - 19:15 : TBC</a>	<a href="#">Council Chamber</a>	Scheduled	

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<a href="#">26 February 2026 - 19:15 : TBC</a>	<a href="#">Council Chamber</a>	Scheduled	



**Future**

Michael, Mark and Cllr Ann Hooks (Rayne – Independent) will be meeting DigiGo and ECC Cabinet member **THU 27 MAR** by Teams to discuss a range of issues and opportunities for the rural bus service NORTH ZONE.



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We are also continuing to engage with BDC Cabinet holders to push the S106 Towerland’s Public Transport £1m over 5 years to ECC’s DigiGo NORTH zone.

We await ECC’s response to LOVE YOUR BUS Grant application submitted 21 Feb

**Past**

21 FEB - LOVE YOUR BUS GRANT application was made by Shalford PC on behalf of x7 of 3 Fields with Gt Notley PC’s included with the DigiGo NORTH zone. We expect an update in Mid March. The £49K grant applied for would help address “availability” challenges in the NORTH zone.



## Home Office Community Grant Updates 11 MAR 2025

Traffic calming measures/restoring the pathway between Finchingfield/Wethersfield/Designing out traffic down Sculpins Lane

We received yesterday a draft scheme detail from Highways for the following works:

- Site surveys to identify proposed locations for poles to be installed for VAS units
- Establish the practicalities of creating village gates
- Establish the practicalities of the introduction of new traffic calming measures
- Establish the practicalities of the introduction of advance warning signage between Wethersfield and Finchingfield, to discourage further travel down the road past the entrance
- Establish the practicalities of providing and restoring the pathway between Wethersfield and Finchingfield
- Compile outline proposals/preliminary plans for agreement through the Project Justification Tool, highlighting the options available, the preferred solutions balanced against the needs of the Asylum Centre and the highway network, with high level, indicative costs for each solution, timescales, and risks with mitigation for each option
- Upon agreement with the Client, after providing defined costs and revised cost proposal with estimate for the next stage, proceed to detailed design and implementation utilising Essex Highways supply chain partners for delivery on site
- Engage with the Supply Chain Partner for associated surveys and buildability reviews
- Organise Road Safety Audits where necessary
- Provide project management and site supervision for the feasibility design duration

This initial proposal has been sent to the Home Office for approval, upon which we will engage with Highways on the specifics.

### Agreed SDO

I have not responded to your initial email on this because I am still awaiting an answer from MHCLG via the Home Office. I am aware it is on the gov.uk website stating this but it is not part of the SDO conditions.

However, I can reveal that a similar question has been asked of the Home Office by a media outlet this week, and the reply was:  
*"Failed asylum seekers are not being detained at Wethersfield, nor do we have any plans to send failed asylum seekers to be housed there."*

**How should the rest of the £2m HO money (& interest accrued) be spent?**



**Anti-social rural road use** Noisy and speeding bikes and cars.

We have kicked off our annual Spring / Summer engagement program with the Local Police (and Essex County Fire & Rescue Service - where road safety sits). We will report shortly on a suite of measures including, but not limited to, the following.

- **Biker Education Events** - Rural road hazards [walkers, horses, cyclists, farming, wildlife] etc and courtesy to residents (village greens)
- **Social Media Safety / Awareness campaigns** (which we'll share too)
- **Noise checking of vehicles** – Prohibiting and seizures stats etc
- **Speed Checking at Weekends** at locations known to residents as problematic
- **Street Racing on A131 / A120 and Notleys etc.**

The local team are getting new mobile Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) to support their work.

The team are refining the use of new Infra Red capability for their TRU CAMS – enabling Speed Checks at night.

More Locations are being approved for Police “speed traps” in the ward.

