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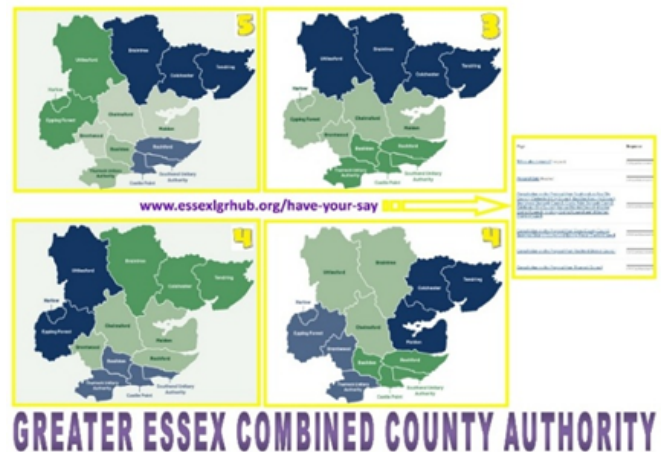
ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

will take place on 7 MAY 2026.

Registered Postal Voters will receive their packs next week. *You can register to VOTE (in person) or for a postal vote for 7 May County Election until 20 April.*

County B

UK GOVT Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) – expected to announce a “minded to” on the number of Unitary Authorities for Essex (betting is now closed).



County C

Public sessions by the North Zone Bus User Group will be held across the zone in the Spring





...in the meantime what about doing this survey for you (or somebody else) +65years or with a disability?

https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/EssexBusSurvey/?fbclid=IwY2xjawP1af9leHRuA2FlbQlxMABicmlkETAwbzVHaGNmbmhEd3lFMElZc3J0YwZhcHBfaWQQMjlyMDM5MTc4ODIwMDg5MgABHpZbaO57wvMyf1n_trmgVaD_jtL6vs9k_IXCnvr2xrdA_RbiunGJjt8Bnc0_aem_n0eUsLdiEcGxyRwWAXj5wQ



County D

ESSEX SAFER SPEEDS

STRATEGY CONSULTATION

Essex County Council

Essex Safer Speeds Strategy

Overview

Closes 26 Apr 2026
Opened 16 Mar 2026

Contact: saferspeeds@essexhighways.org

<https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/essex-highways/essex-safer-speeds-strategy/>
& / OR EMAIL saferspeeds@essexhighways.org

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Road safety in Essex

1. How important or unimportant do you feel it is to reduce the number of people killed and seriously injured on roads in Essex?

2. How safe or unsafe do you feel using the roads and footpaths (recreational) in your local area?

3. How concerned or unconcerned are you about the potential impacts of the speed of traffic on the safety of you, your family and/or friends?

4. To what extent does the speed of traffic discourage you or your family from walking or cycling? (1 = does not discourage at all, 5 = strongly discourages)

5. To what extent do you support the proposed vision for safer speeds in Essex?
"To have safe and consistent speed limits across Essex that enable us to create safer, healthier environments and eliminate death and serious injury on the roads, achieving Vision Zero by 2040."

6. To what extent do you support or oppose the proposed Safer Speeds Strategy objectives?

7. To what extent do you support or oppose the proposed approach to setting safe and appropriate speed limits based on how streets, roads and places in Essex are used?

8. Which types of roads or places do you think should be prioritised for safer speeds? Please rank your top three (1 - highest priority).

9. To what extent do you specifically support or oppose the introduction of 20mph speed limits in the following areas, where there is strong community support?

10. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: 'The new Safer Speeds Strategy sets the right overall approach to help manage speeds in Essex?'

11. Do you have any comments about the draft Safer Speeds Strategy?

12. Do you consider yourself to have a health condition, disability or impairment? Please select all that apply.

13. POTHoles! Highways Service Information Centre

14. THINK RESIDENTS

15. King Willy FEB 2026

16. Finchingfield 2026

17. PAST DUE

18. 20mph

19. Tour

20. PUT IT HERE! ADD YOUR ROAD! SPELL OUT YOUR ISSUES!

21. 20mph



District : Local Plan Review



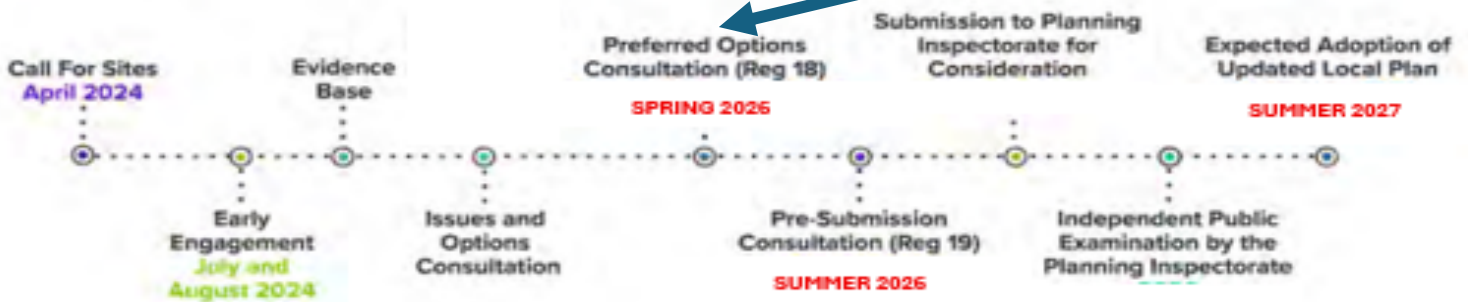
The 6 week consultation on the Preferred Sites and Policies agreed by Braintree District Full Council meeting on 2 Feb for period 2033 – 2041 is now LIVE and will close 5pm on Friday 17 April 2026.

We will brief residents on how to contribute to BDC and other groups as necessary – response volumes are expected to be very high.

As this is likely to be BDC’s last Local Plan before being incorporated into a bigger Unitary Authority – where planning decisions will devolved away from communities - we would like to see this consultation achieve the highest number of responses in BDC’s history.

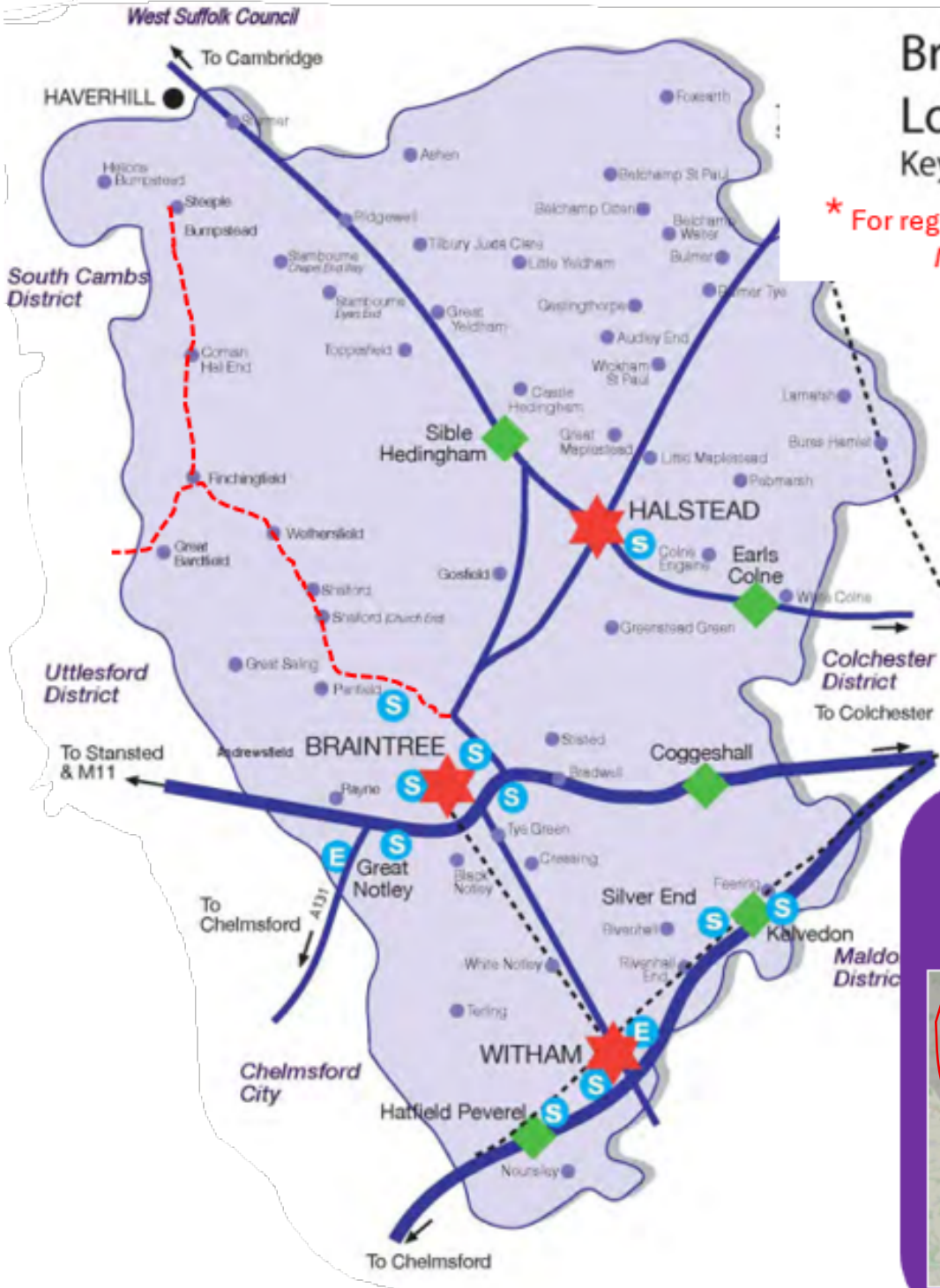
- BDC has been unable to push-back on the top-down UK Govt Housing target.
- BDC has been unable to secure planning or funding for A12 improvement or A12 – A120 dual link.
- BDC will be subject to more top-down National Planning Policy changes - which may affect the current preferred sites after the end of the public consultation and or before / during the Reg 19 Inspection process.
- The process will change completely again on the election of Mayor of Greater Essex currently in 2028 – but even if delayed – will still be likely BEFORE BDC’s last Local Plan is set to be implemented in 2033.

The current UK Govt deadline for approved District Plans remains 31 DEC 2026. BDC’s revised Local Plan Review timetable now looks like this



Braintree District Local Plan Key Diagram

* For reg 18 consultation April 2026
 May be subject to change



- KEY**
- ★ Main Towns
 - ◆ Service Villages
 - Villages
 - ⋯ Railway
 - ▬ Trunk Roads
 - ▬ Other A & B Roads
 - E Growth Location - Employment
 - S Strategic Growth Location
 - ★
 - B1053 / B1057?

Zone 3 (Strategic Corridors) Add capacity to support strategic growth within Braintree's wider area Braintree Future Transport Strategy AUG 2023



Parish

X7 Braintree District Parishes were represented at this session and we look forward to growing the Parish Network of VAS equipment and expertise in the coming weeks and months.

VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGNS

Parish Workshop INVITATION WED 18 MAR 2026
6pm—7pm Shalford Village Hall, CM7 5EZ

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Questions / RSVP

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