

# A Few Notes from your District Councillor

January 2022

## **PLANNING INSPECTOR BACKS SECTION TWO OF LOCAL PLAN FOR TENDRING**

I am very pleased to report that Tendring District Council (TDC) has received a report from the independent Planning Inspectors. The Inspectors are backing Section Two of TDC's Local Plan, which means TDC can now move forward towards the final stages of adopting its new Local Plan.

Section Two was the subject of an online two-week public hearing earlier in the year, which then led to a series of main modifications to the report being sent to the Planning Inspectors, which then went out for a six-week public consultation over the summer.

This latest report from the Planning Inspectors follows the consideration of the comments that were made, and states that the document could now be found legally sound subject to the formal adoption of the main modifications with some minor amendments, which has now been completed.

A Local Plan is a strategic blueprint document setting out how development should take place across the district for the future, with the emerging Local Plan for Tendring covering the period until 2033.

Section One of the Local Plan, which was submitted jointly by Tendring District Council, with Colchester Borough Council and Braintree District Council, looking at strategic planning matters, has already been examined, approved, and adopted.

Section Two is unique to Tendring and provides more detail on where housing and other development will take place within the district.

The Planning Inspectors' letter will now be considered by TDC's Planning Policy and Local Plan Committee on 11 January 2022, it will then go onto the Cabinet before going to full council on 25 January 2022 for the vote on the adoption of the plan.

All these meetings will be held at Clacton Town Hall.

Cllr. Nick Turner, Chairman of the Planning Policy and Local Plan Committee, welcomed the Inspectors' letter. He said, "This is resounding good news for Tendring, meaning that subject to the final few steps required to formally adopt our Local Plan we now have a definitive shape to the growth of our district for the coming decade.

## **NEW INITIATIVE LAUNCHED TO HELP HOMES IN TENDRING TO BE WARMER, GREENER AND SAVE ON FUEL BILLS THIS WINTER**

People across Tendring are being encouraged to check if they are eligible to receive help under a new scheme being launched to help local householders be warmer in their homes, lower their carbon emissions, and save money on their fuel bills this winter.

Under the Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery scheme, delivered by Warmworks on behalf of Tendring District Council and through funding from the UK Government, householders can apply to receive improvements to increase the comfort and warmth in their home. The scheme offers a wide range of insulation measures and renewable heating technologies.

The scheme is open to homeowners, private tenants, and people in social rented accommodation, where the home has a low energy rating and a low annual income.

Warmworks will arrange a survey in the homes of eligible householders to agree the work that will be carried out. An accredited and registered sub-contractor team then completes the installation of the agreed heating and energy-efficiency measures before an independent

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inspection assesses the completed work against rigorous quality standards. Where required, Warmworks will also then arrange for a full annual service to be completed 12 months later.

You can find out if you are eligible for the scheme by completing the short application form at <https://surveys.est.org.uk/s/GreenHomesGrantSchemeLAD/>

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## **SHARE YOUR EVENT ON TENDRING'S WEBSITE AND APP**

I should imagine that many event organisers would find added publicity to be very useful for your events and be pleased to take advantage of this free service to promote their events.

Details shared with the district's Tourist Information Centre get uploaded to the Tendring District Council (TDC) website on the 'What's On' page, also entries are featured on the Love Tendring mobile app.

Whatever the events are whether they are village fetes, school open days, or bigger events such as music festivals, Carnivals, Village Shows or parades Cabinet Member for Leisure and Tourism, Cllr Alex Porter has said "let us help you by sharing your events for you"

As well as what's on, the Love Tendring app also contains other useful information for residents, such as showing a ward map of the district, where polling stations are, and linking to the My Tendring online self-service system where people can do things like checking their rubbish day.

It is free to download on both the Apple Store (<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/love-tendring/id1571283893>) and Google Play Store (<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.tendringdc.LoveTendring>).

To submit details of an event visit <https://www.tendringdc.gov.uk/leisure/events-entertainment/whats-on> and complete the form

*I wish you all*

*"A Happy New Year"*

*Many thanks*

*Lynda*

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**Please** do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns; I am always very pleased to help and hear from you.

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