



Subject: Notification of Colchester Borough Council's Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation - 16 January 2015 - 27 February 2015

Sent on behalf of Karen Syrett, Place Strategy Manager,
Commercial Services

The Council is carrying out a consultation on the Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation Paper, in accordance with Regulation 18 of The Town and Country Planning Regulations 2012. The new Local Plan is an important document which will determine the way forward for Colchester. It will provide the strategy for the growth of the Borough, setting out what development will take place and where, to 2032 and beyond. Once adopted, the new Local Plan will replace the Borough's existing local planning policies.

The Plan will set out a vision for the area, establishing the long term aims and aspirations for the Borough going forward. The Plan will include policies and allocations that help to deliver these aims and aspirations.

For details of the consultation, including the Issues and Options Consultation Paper and a questionnaire, please visit the [Issues and Options](#) page of the website. Paper copies of the consultation documents will be available at Colchester Library during normal opening hours.

Consultation drop-in sessions are being held at the times and locations set out below. Please do come along and chat to one of the Council's Officers about your

thoughts and ideas, or to ask any questions you may have about the future development of the Borough, the Local Plan or the consultation itself.

Colchester Library

Trinity Square, Colchester, CO1 1JB

27 January, 2pm-6pm

Asda

Turner Rise, Colchester, CO4 5TU

24 January, 10am-2pm

Great Horkesley New Village Hall

Tile House Lane, Great Horkesley, CO6 4EA

31 January, 10am-2pm

Tiptree Community Centre
1a Caxton Close, Tiptree, CO5 0HA
7 February, 10am-2pm

The Mersea Centre
38a High Street, West Mersea, CO5 8QA
11 February 4pm-8pm

Wivenhoe Scout and Guide Hall
Off High Street, Wivenhoe, CO7 9AB
14 February, 10am-2pm

Hythe Community Centre (in conjunction with Hythe Forward)
1 Ventura Drive, Colchester, CO1 2FG
16 February, 12pm-8pm

Marks Tey Parish Hall
Old London Road, Marks Tey, CO6 1EJ
21 February, 10am-2pm

The consultation runs from Friday 16 January 2015 until 5pm
Friday 27 February 2015.

All representations should be made using the online questionnaire, or emailed to planning.policy@colchester.gov.uk. Please note that all documents (other than maps and images) should be submitted in Word format, pdf submissions will not be accepted.

If you, or someone you know, do not have access to a computer, consultation

responses can be posted to:

Spatial Policy
Colchester Borough Council
FREEPOST RLSL-ZTSR-SGYA
Colchester
Essex CO1 1ZE

In conjunction with the Issues and Options consultation the Council is carrying out a further Call for Sites exercise. The Council will be inviting further submissions for the future use of land in the Borough in order to provide an opportunity to those who did not submit sites in 2014. To find out more about the Call for Sites, including how you can submit sites, please visit the [Call for Sites](#) page of the website.

If have any queries about the Issues and Options consultation, or the Local Plan process, please contact the Planning Policy team on 01206 282473 or 01206 508639.

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Read Boxted Parish Council's Chairman's view here

Mobile Library:

Boxted Playing Field, 10.55 to 11.30
Tuesdays January 20 and February 3

<http://www.essex.gov.uk/Libraries-Archives/Libraries/mobile-home-library/Documents/CM2-Wk1-2014-15.pdf>



Boxted Airfield Historical Group

On Tuesday January 20 at 7.30pm at the Museum, Langham Lane, Langham, Bill Smith will be speaking on *The Vickers Machine Gun*. Doors open 7pm, admission £3 members, non-members also welcome; tea and coffee available.

<http://www.boxted-airfield.com/boxted-airfield-historical-group>



Evergreen Club: a talk on reflexology:

Boxted Village Hall at 2.30 pm on Thursday January 22 .

My life as a Victorian Footman by
Timothy Jenkins



Boxted History Group,
Wednesday January 21,
Boxted Village Hall, 7.30 for 8 pm.



Mandy, the new Rector, is Priest in Charge of four churches: Boxted, Langham, Gt Horkesley and West Bergholt.

This involves conducting services in two different villages each Sunday in quick succession.

Despite this hectic schedule Mandy keeps smiling!

Church Services Sunday January 25:

11 am service at Boxted Methodist Church

11.15 am Sung Eucharist at St Mary's Langham.

6pm Evensong at St Peter's, Boxted

Langham Community Café

Friday January 30

Hosted by the Carpet Bowls Club

The cafe takes place monthly and is



hosted by a different village group each time.

It is held at Langham Community Centre from 10.30–12.00, with the 100 club draw taking place at 11.30.



Sunday 1st Feb Langham Community Centre
Doors open 5.45 for 6pm
Venue fee on the door of £2
Drinks and sweets for sale

TFN are the Teen Film Nights
They are alternative film nights
chosen by and run by teens.
They are open to all,
within the BBFC's age restriction.



Langham Teen Film Nights



Friday 6 Feb 8pm Wales vs England

Come and watch the match at Boxted British Legion club house

50p per pint of beer for the duration of the match



Trees for Years 2015 Saturday February 7

The 9th Trees for Years Initiative sponsored by Office/S will be held at Rowan House Council Offices Car Park off Sheepen Road between 10am -1pm.

Free trees will be given away to Borough Residents, Community Groups, Schools and Parish Council's. Residents can collect up to 3 plants per household and up to 15 per community group, School and Parish Council.

The following species will be available.

Raspberry canes

Blackcurrant canes

Gooseberry bush

Forsythia x

intermedia 'Spectabilis'

Acer campestre - Field Maple

Prunus padus - Bird

Cherry

Betula pendula - Silver Birch

Corylus avellana -

Hazel cob nut

Cornus alba 'Siberica' - Red Stem dogwood

Cornus stolonifera 'Flaviramea' - Yellow stem Dogwood

- 2015 bare root trees/fruit bushes will be available on a first come first serve basis.
- Trees must be planted on private property and postcodes will be recorded to monitor the distribution.
- Cultivation guidance will be available so that trees can be selected, taking into account the ultimate size and form of mature trees.
- Remember to bring a bag to put your trees in.

Please visit <http://www.colchester.gov.uk> and follow the links to see more information on the Trees for Years Initiative.

Langham Film Nights

Presents....

" HILARIOUS...BRITISH COMEDY AT IT'S BEST"

By Ian - 06/02/2015

ROSAMUND PIKE DAVID TENNANT and BILLY CONNOLLY

"THE MOST REFRESHING BRITISH COMEDY IN YEARS YOU'LL INSTANTLY FALL IN LOVE WITH IT!"
Janis Goward - Page 18

WHAT WE DID ON OUR HOLIDAY

FROM THE CREATORS OF **OUTNUMBERED**



"WARM, WITTY AND DELIGHTFUL... A REAL TREAT"
David Garrage - 06/02/15

"AN ENORMOUSLY ENTERTAINING HEART-WARMER"
Ben Sanderson - 06/02/15



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SATURDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2015

AT

LANGHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

Cash bar opens at 7pm film starts at 7:45pm

Tickets £4 each

Purchase at the Langham Community Shop or online at:

<http://www.langhamcommunitycentre.org.uk/LFN.html>



In partnership with The Shepherd we are excited to offer 'Meal & a Movie'

Enjoy a delicious 2 courses of your choice from the set menu from 5:30pm then come along to see the film

£ 20 a ticket including the cost of the cinema ticket

Available only at The Shepherd or to book call: 01206 272 711



Every few months Langham Community Shop organises a bulk delivery of heating oil and because we might be ordering well over 50000 litres we can negotiate a very healthy discount! Call into the shop to register. Next date for latest orders: 11am Sunday 8th February 2015



Country Music Club

Saturday February 14.

Held the second Saturday of each month at Langham Community Centre. Tickets cost £6, available from Graham on 07970 636580. Doors open at 7.15, dancing at 8pm.



Fish and Chips Evening

Saturday February 21 from 8 pm

Boxted British Legion Club

7th March 2015

Langham & Boxted

Family Quiz Night



Saturday March 7.
Boxted Village Hall.
7pm.

Teams of up to 8 people.
£6 per head. (inc light snacks)
Licensed Bar and a Raffle.
All ages welcome.

To book a table ring Dominic Shiel. 01206 273324.
In aid of the village churches' youth work.

Run by and on Behalf of 2nd Langham Scout Group



!!Fun for all the family!!

Saturday 21st March 2015
5-8pm (Doors open at 4.30)

Earlier time to accommodate the whole family

Bring a picnic!!

Licensed bar and soft drinks available to buy

Tickets £1 each

Games cards £1 each



The evening will consist of 5 games of Bingo, with a win for 1 line, 2 lines and a full house on each game. Purchase as many game cards as you like on the night!

Tickets available from Colin Wallace (323638) or, on the door.



All proceeds to 2nd Langham Scout Group



Boxted St Peter's Primary School

The children are back at school after the Christmas break. In the last term, there were discos, parties, lunches, day-trips, the annual Christmas performance, a story-telling evening (in pyjamas and with hot chocolate), some new governors and a new teacher! We have also welcomed the new Reception class intake, who are all settling in well. As you can see, we have been very busy.

Maths and literacy are continuing to be our core focus. We have invested in lots of new books (thanks to our wonderful Boxted School Association, who do a marvellous job in raising funds for the school) and maths learning guides and tools, which can be seen hanging on walls throughout the school. The new curriculum is being incorporated into all areas and we are very proud of the progress our children are making. The children have tried tag rugby and also cricket recently, so new sports are another feature – school is a thoroughly enjoyable place to be!



The following article has been taken from www.Crimestoppers-uk.org

'Adopt a burglar's way of thinking'

by Michael Fraser.

Author note: Michael Fraser is an ex-burglar, who starred in BBC's 'To catch a Thief' and 'Beat the Burglar' as well as Channel 4's 'One last job'. He is also a trustee of the Apex Trust, which helps young people with criminal records gain employment.

When you're thinking about how to make your home burglar-proof, you have to think like an opportunist thief, because a burglar will look for the tell-tale signs of weaknesses in your home.

Start with the front of your house.

If your gate is open or broken, an opportunist will see it as a weakness. It's an invitation. Always close your gate. If it's broken – fix it. And if you don't have one, get one.

It's the first psychological barrier to keeping a burglar away.

If you have just one cylinder lock on your door, a burglar knows he can get in to your home no matter what. If you have two locks on your door and your neighbour and your neighbour only has one, the burglar will very likely go next door. He's not going to make more work for himself.

Avoid 'Beware of the dog' signs. They are a sure indicator that you don't have an alarm in your property. A thief will also think that you probably leave your back door open to let the dog into the garden. The same goes for an 'I love cats' sign or something similar. Pet owners often don't have an alarm.

If the front of your house looks weak to an opportunist burglar, he can guarantee that the back of your house will be even weaker. As soon as a thief can get around the back of your home, he knows he's probably safe.

As soon as a burglar is in your house, whether he got in from the front or back, he'll go to the front door with either a glass bottle or a broom. The thief will balance the bottle on the door handle. If the owner comes home, the bottle will fall off the handle and smash before they get inside. This gives the thief a warning sign and time to escape. Or he'll jam the door shut with a broom. Again, this will give the intruder a sign and time to escape if the owner fails to get into their house easily.

Humans are creatures of habit, they inevitably keep their house and car keys near the front door or in their handbag; a handbag will nearly always be left in the kitchen. Once a burglar is in your house, he'll look for keys first. Then he'll be looking to find out what your habits are. Your calendar will be very useful. Again, we humans are predictable and almost always have a calendar hanging in the kitchen. The thief will look for key dates – when you will be on holiday, when you have a dentist appointment – any clues about when you're scheduled to be out of the house.

The next thing on a burglar's list is to look for small items – non bulky valuables that can be taken straight away. This might include jewellery, credit cards, bank statements and spare keys. The thief will make a note of all bulkier valuable items in your house – he'll be planning to come back again to get these when he knows you'll be out.

Now the burglar knows you. He knows what kind of person you are from the items in your house and he has your bank details to clone later. If the burglar has taken a spare set of keys to get into your house, he'll normally trash it before leaving. When a homeowner returns to a messy house, they have to go through everything to see what's missing. They'll normally be concerned about expensive jewellery, antiques and items of sentimental value. Keys are one of the last things people think of and so often don't realise they're missing. So when a burglar returns to finish the job, it'll normally be within 7 to 10 days of the first burglary and the locks have not been changed.

How can you prevent yourself from being the victim of a burglary? Michael's top tips:

- A key tactic in burglary prevention is avoidance and not just alarming your property. For example, chain up your wheelie bin to a fence away from your house. A burglar will stand on a wheelie bin to get into the first floor of your house. Furthermore, a wheelie bin is like a filing cabinet, so shred all your documents before you throw them away.
- Having two locks on your front door is really important and make sure your windows have window locks that are visible from the outside looking in. This will make your home seem like too much hard work to a burglar.
- Fix broken gates
- Put a wire basket on the inside of your letter box. There's still space for letters to come through the door but it prevents burglars from fishing for keys through the letterbox – thieves know that keys are often left on a table next to the front door.
- Keep windows and doors shut and locked, even when you are at home. A thief will burgle your property even when someone is inside; for example, when they see a bathroom light go on.
- Use an alarm if you have one.
- Join your local Neighbourhood Watch and display the sticker saying you do. This demonstrates to the thief that you are aware of the risk of being a victim of burglary and he'll most probably decide to move on.
- Don't make it obvious if you are a pet-owner. 'Beware of the dog' often means "I don't have a house alarm" or "my back door is open" in burglar language!
- When parking your car, turn the wheel towards the curb rather than keeping the wheels parallel. It sounds so simple but this makes your car alien to the opportunist thief because everyone parks their cars with wheels straight. Those turned wheels means it will take the thief a few more seconds to steal your car. Every second counts and they don't want to take that extra risk of getting caught.
- Keep suitcases and bags in the loft or with their handles tied together. Otherwise a thief will use those very bags to transport items out of your home.
- Don't keep a calendar in your home. It tells a thief everything about you. Put a blind in the kitchen and in other rooms so that people can't see in. a thief can learn a lot about you just by looking in through your windows.
- One of the best things you can do is to film every room in your house in detail with a video camera or take lots of photos. Not only does this help you remember where everything was before the burglary but it helps you to prove to your insurance company that certain items were in your house.