



Notes of the Feering Parish Council Planning Working Group
held virtually on Monday 6 January 2025 at 10.00apm
via Teams

In Attendance: Cllr Katherine Evans Cllr Pam Carlaw
Cllr Jo Spencer Cllr Jane Maddison
Lisa Collins – Clerk

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1 **DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS**

a) **Essex Devolution – Local Government Review Consultation**

To consider and propose a response to the Local Government Review Consultation on behalf of the Parish Council

Comments by Councillors: Discussion was held around the questionnaire and the fact that we have to answer questions in relation to each of the proposals for unitary authorities. There is a text box at the end of each proposed authority division for any comments to be made. It was discussed that the 5UAs offers greater opportunity for local engagement even though they don't specifically say about Neighbourhood Committees. Each of the proposals present the finances in a different way and it's impossible to compare them. It was discussed that at one of the webinars it was stated that the finances are similar for each of the proposals. So given that the finances are probably going to work out very similar over the next 5-10 years then the point is deciding what you think about the other areas, ie provision of services, connection with the local community. It was stated that none of the proposals meeting the government guidance recommendation of a population of 500,000 per unitary. The 3UA is higher, the 5UA is considerably lower. There will be a big reduction of councillors in the 3UA proposal. Smaller unitaries will have less problems merging their council tax, where the council tax is very different across the districts. Answers are needed on what is going to be done about Thurrock's debt.

Delegated response: After a robust discussion it was agreed that no response to the consultation should be submitted on behalf of the Parish Council as there is not a majority Parish Council view. It was further agreed that a social media post should be put out explaining this and asking individual residents to comment on the proposals.

b) **Colchester City Council – Local Plan Preferred Options Regulation 18 Consultation**

To consider whether any response to the consultation is required.

Comments by Councillors: Comments should be made to the same extent as the Tiptree Neighbourhood Plan comment made in 2020 regarding the traffic and should also include the sites in Messing which will also come out onto Kelvedon Road. Marks Tey

Delegated response: Feering Parish Council submits the following comments in response to this consultation, specifically in relation to the proposed allocations in Tiptree, Messing and Marks Tey.

Traffic and Movement

The majority of the proposed allocation of homes in Tiptree and Messing are located close to the B1023 (Kelvedon / Inworth Road). The Parish Council considers that the scale of

additional development proposed in this area would have a significant and detrimental impact on the local highway network, which is already experiencing high levels of congestion and is widely regarded as overstretched.

This pressure would be further increased by additional development proposed along the Inworth Road corridor, including sites adjoining Feering parish (for example, Crown Estates land in Feering). Together, these allocations are likely to generate substantial additional traffic movements using the same limited road network, exacerbating existing congestion and safety issues.

The Parish Council is also concerned that, following the withdrawal of Government funding for the proposed A12 expansion, the infrastructure improvements previously anticipated – including the delivery of an all-ways junction with a potential connection from Inworth Road / Kelvedon Road to the A12 – will now not be available. Without such supporting infrastructure, the cumulative impacts of these allocations cannot be adequately mitigated, and the proposals would further worsen an already constrained network.

For these reasons, Feering Parish Council cannot support the proposed allocations in this area in the absence of clear, deliverable traffic mitigation measures and infrastructure improvements.

Marks Tey Allocation

The Parish Council notes the proposed allocations at Marks Tey, including the site abutting the Feering parish boundary. While it is acknowledged that these allocations may not directly increase traffic within Feering itself, they will have a clear impact on residents travelling from Feering towards Colchester, particularly via the A12 junction 25 roundabout, which is already subject to significant congestion.

The allocation of approximately 2,500 dwellings across the two parcels by Marks Tey is expected to intensify this congestion further. The Parish Council therefore requests that the Council gives careful consideration to the impact of these proposals on the strategic road network and ensures that suitable and deliverable mitigation is identified and secured.

c) Great Bardfield Neighbourhood Plan – Regulation 16 Consultation

To consider whether a response is required to the Regulation 16 Consultation.

Comments by Councillors: As this is not within the vicinity of the Parish of Feering, we have no comment to make.

Delegated response: Feering Parish Council has no comment to make on this consultation as there are no boundaries adjacent to the parish of Feering.

d) ESS/39/23/BTE/LA5 – Rivenhall Airfield, Coggeshall Road, (A120), Braintree CO5 9DF

Details pursuant to 6 month review of Traffic Routing Management Scheme (ESS/39/23/BTE/LA1) associated with ESS/39/23/BTE the extant permission for the Rivenhall Integrated Waste Management Facility as at December 2025

Comments by Councillors: No Comment on this application.

Delegated response: Having considered the document, Feering Parish Council have no comment to make.

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UPDATE ON APPLICATIONS APPROVED / REFUSED

Applications approved:

25/02158/TPO – 10 Kings Gardens

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25/01987/TPO – Connemara, Inworth Road

25/02126/BNGDAC - Cockerells Farm, Skye Green Road

25/02518/HH – 1 Prested Hall Cottages, London Road

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 6 January 2026 at 10.00 am

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