

Planning Policy Team
Place and Communities
Castle Point Borough Council

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By Email only CPPlan@castlepoint.gov.uk

Re: Castle Point Further Optional Statement

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a further optional statement consultation response to the Castle Point Local Plan. Our previous submitted consultation responses still stand, and we would like to add the following for clarification:

The emerging Local Plan covers the period 2026–2043 and proposes a housing requirement of 6,196 dwellings, equivalent to an average of approximately 364 dwellings per annum.

Essex & Suffolk Water (ESW) published its most recent Water Resource Management Plan (WRMP) in October 2024, covering the period 2025–2050. The Local Plan period (2026–2043) falls wholly within the timeframe of the WRMP, and ESW has planned for a level of housing growth within the Castle Point Council area that is aligned with, and comparable to, the scale of development proposed in the emerging Local Plan.

ESW advises that, should proposed development exceed the levels currently planned for within its WRMP, it would be necessary to review the phasing of development. This would enable ESW to identify any additional infrastructure requirements, including new or upgraded assets, and to establish appropriate and deliverable timeframes for their provision.

Yours Sincerely,

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