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Planning Policy
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Dear Planning Policy Team

**Re: Tendring Colchester Borders Garden Community Development Plan Document (DPD)
Proposed Modifications Consultation, August 2024**

Thank you for consulting Historic England on the Proposed Modifications tracked changes version of Tendring Colchester Borders Garden Community Development Plan Document (August 2024) hereafter referred to as the “Plan”.

As the Government’s adviser on historic environment, Historic England is keen to ensure that protection and enhancement of significant heritage assets and their settings are fully respected at all stages and levels of local area planning.

We welcome the opportunity to comment on the Main Modifications in the Appendix A table.

Proposed Spatial Policy 1 and Place Shaping Policy 3 require designated heritage assets and their respective settings to be cared for through Heritage Impact Assessments for the future master planning with applications.

In summary, the modified content and language are sound and have responded to the concerns in our letter of 15 June 2023, as well as the subsequent March 2024 Statement of Common Ground (SOCG).

There is one outstanding edit in Policy Part E Elmstead Strategic Green Gap in relation to the setting of Round Burrow.

We look forward to working with you and to seeing the further detailed Heritage Impact Assessment, and pre-determination Archaeological Assessment to inform the planning application in due course.

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Finally, we would like to stress that this opinion is based on the information provided by the Councils in its consultation. To avoid any doubt, this does not affect our obligation to provide further advice and, potentially, object to any specific proposals for future master plans, or applications, where we consider these adversely impact heritage assets, or their settings.

Yours sincerely,

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