

Developing an ECC Housing Strategy

Place Scrutiny 23rd January 2020

Context

- **ECC already meets housing challenges** across the county e.g. care provider, infrastructure provider, partner on garden communities
- An **ECC owned Housing Strategy** will enable us to join up our approach with partners to tackle housing challenges:
 - *With c.144,000 new homes planned for Essex up to 2036 How can we ensure that growth enhances and protects what makes Essex a great place to live?*
 - *How can we ensure older people, people with disabilities, and people facing mental health issues have the right housing to live independently?*
 - *What more can ECC do to help end the need for rough sleeping and reduce the use of temporary accommodation in Essex?*

Strategic goal 1 Growing Essex while protecting the best of the county

- The delivery of new homes which meet Garden Community principles across planned new **Garden Communities** in Essex
- The number of **homes** - including **affordable homes** - built in Essex matches Local Plan aspirations;
- Increased investment is secured to support delivery of accompanying **infrastructure**
- Planning, delivery and maintenance of housing in Essex that supports wider aims including to – transition to a **zero-carbon economy**; create **beautiful homes and places**; embed sustainable active travel



Strategic goal 2 Enabling people to live independently throughout their life

- The design of mainstream housing in Essex enables people to **remain in their homes and live independent and healthy lives for longer**
- ECC service users who require it are able to access **high quality specialist and supported accommodation**
- **Adaptation and digital technologies** are widely adopted through co-design with residents to support people to live independently and healthily for longer




Strategic goal 3 Supporting people to have a stable home

- Partnership working to end the need for people to sleep rough in Essex, in line with the government's national ambitions; and
- A whole system focus on homeless prevention to stem the use of inappropriate temporary accommodation and end B&B and hotel use.





Next steps

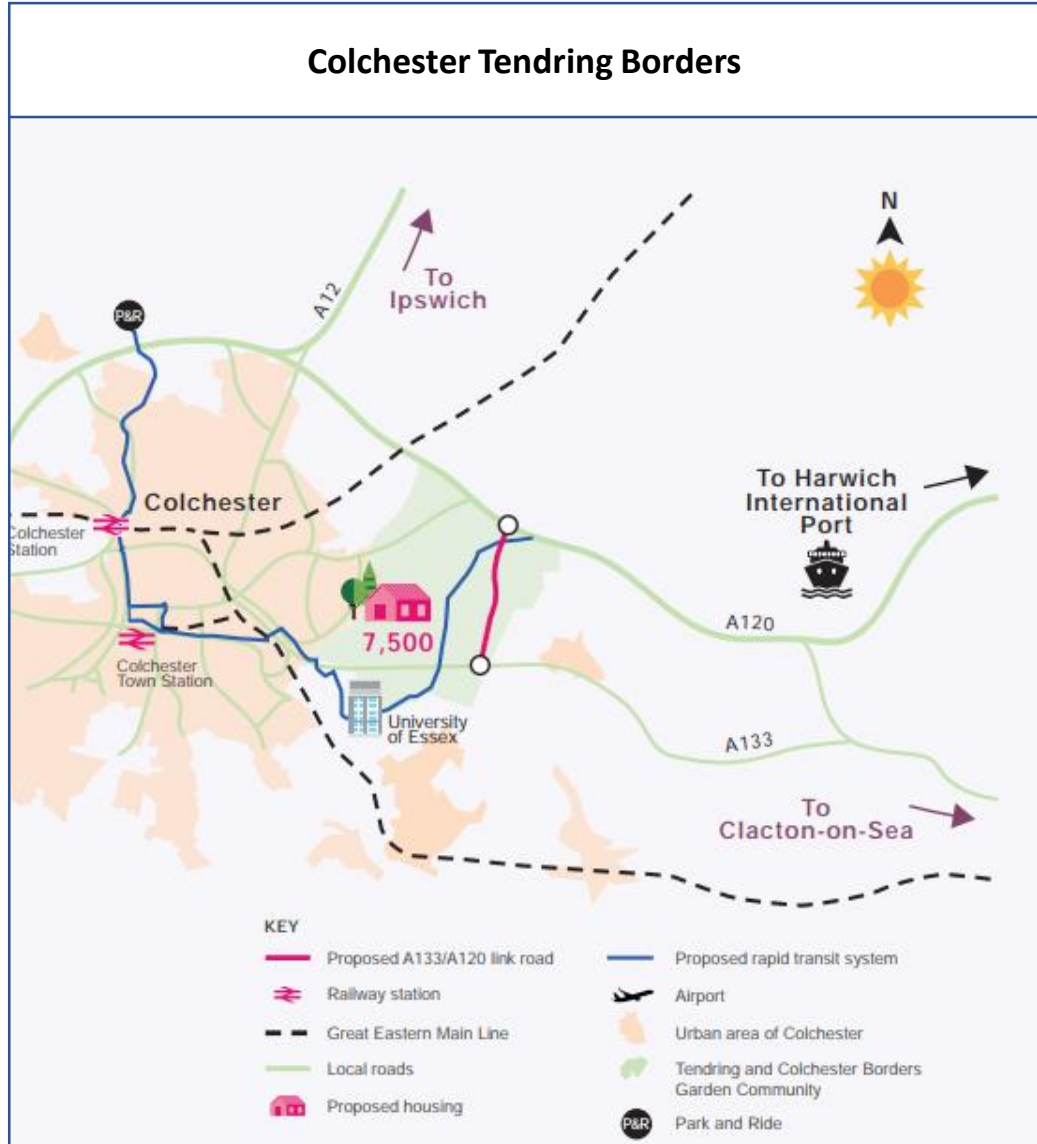
- 6 week public consultation
 - Engagement with key partners
 - Develop final draft strategy and action plan
 - Return to scrutiny committee before publishing
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Additional slides



HIF bids – Chelmsford; A133/RTS



HIF bids – A12 and Harlow Gilston

