

DAC Planning 2020 Newsletter

This year has been challenging for everyone and has required us all to reconsider our working practices. With COVID-19 we have successfully adapted to working online and even grew our team during the first lockdown. Charlotte joined us halfway through the year in July. We have continued projects and begun new ones.

Thank you for your support this year, we look forward to working with you in 2021.

Our projects

Local Plans

We continue to support Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council in the production of a new *Greater Cambridge Local Plan*. Our work has covered Preferred Options development, advising on the approach to meeting the Duty to Cooperate, and analysing Issues and Options consultation responses.

In April 2020 we began work to support the progression of the *Wirral Local Plan* to Regulation 19. We are supporting the team with various aspects to finalise the Local Plan, including the Duty to Cooperate, policy drafting and the housing trajectory.

Since 2018, we have supported Castle Point Borough Council with their Local Plan and evidence base documents. The *Castle Point Local Plan* was submitted for Independent Examination in October.




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New Castle Point Local Plan
Pre-submission Plan
2018-2033
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Planning Advisory Service

Last year, in 2019, in conjunction with [Citiesmode](#), we produced the [PAS Local Plan Route Mapper and Toolkit](#). Since Autumn 2019, DAC Planning has provided a targeted plan-making support programme to over 17 local authorities on behalf of PAS, and has facilitated a number of surgery sessions across the country to provide plan making advice and support to groups of local authorities. We also embarked on a research project examining neighbourhood planning through the Planning Advisory Service and Local Government Association. This involved working with 19 Councils across England.

Infrastructure Delivery Plans and the Community Infrastructure Levy

We teamed up with Arup in March to update the *Maldon District Infrastructure Delivery Plan*. This will inform the production a CIL Charging Schedule.

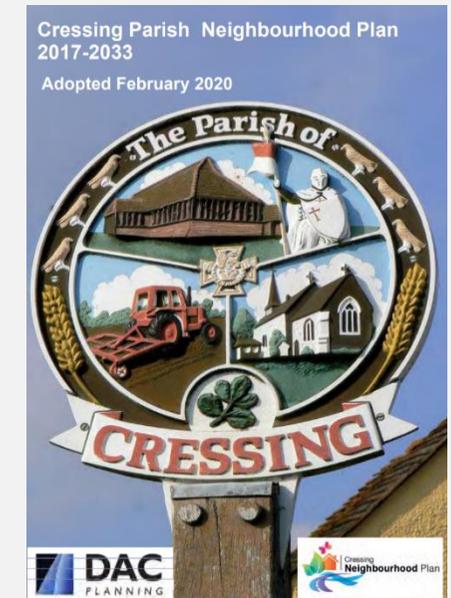
We are providing critical friend support for the production of the *Wirral Infrastructure Delivery Plan*.

We are also supporting Castle Point in the introduction of the Community Infrastructure Levy and Nuneaton and Bedworth Council in the progression of CIL, which was published for consultation in November 2020.

Neighbourhood Planning

We continue to support a number of neighbourhood plan groups with plan production, including Kelvedon, Ingatstone, Stansted Mountfitchet, Feering and Ramsden Bellhouse.

DAC Planning has also been working with Cressing Parish Council since March 2017 to support the production of the Cressing Parish Neighbourhood Plan. The Plan was passed at a referendum held on Thursday 6th February 2020 with 513 votes in favour and 30 against.



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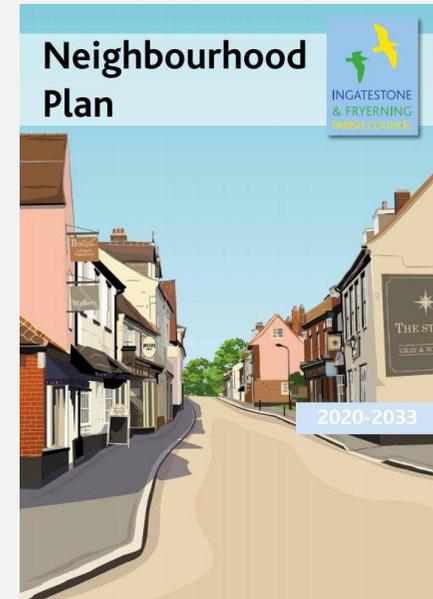
Meanwhile, the Coggeshall Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to Braintree District Council on 3rd February of this year and found to meet the Basic Conditions in the draft Examiner's Report. The Plan is scheduled for referendum in the coming year.

Ingatestone and Fryerning Parish Council are currently consulting on their Regulation 14 Draft Neighbourhood Plan. DAC Planning has been providing neighbourhood planning support on the production and progression of the Plan since 2019.

Town Planning

2020 has been an unpredictable year for all sectors and this was no different for the planning world with consultations on significant reforms and the impacts of COVID-19.

Neighbourhood Plan referendums are delayed until 6 May 2021 under the Coronavirus Act 2020. The Government introduced changes to the Use classes order which came into effect in September. The MHCLG published its proposed planning reforms for consultation in the Planning for the Future White Paper this August, receiving over 40,000 responses. Read our response to the White Paper [here](#). The MHCLG also published its proposals for the standard methodology in *Changes to the Current Planning System*, which received mixed responses. The Planning Practice Guidance was subsequently updated on 16 December 2020 with an altered approach focusing on urban areas. Further details to planning updates will likely be announced in 2021.



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