

Harlow's Local Development Framework

**Core Strategy Workshop for Harlow Youth Council
December 2009**



Why are we here tonight ?

Need to

- Prepare a new plan for Harlow's future called the Local Development Framework (LDF)
- This is required to meet the requirements of the East of England Regional Plan
- Meet the existing and future needs of the community
- Identify the issues town planning can address
- Develop policies to address these issues
- Ensure all members of the community and people with an interest in Harlow can have their say
- This includes the young people in the town such as **YOU!**



Some facts about Harlow!

- More people come to Harlow to work than work outside
- 59% of journeys by car, 11% by public transport *but* some roads can't cope with the amount of traffic
- Extensive footpath and cycle networks *but* there are gaps!
- Extensive green wedge network and surrounded by land designated Green Belt
- 2 Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) and 2 Local Nature Reserve's
- Population of district 78,100 and 35,000 houses
- 17% of population are waiting to try and get a Council house
- Over 60's will account for 37% of population over the next 15yrs
- Unemployment levels in town are relatively high (5.7%)
- Major employers include GlaxoSmithKline, Harlow District Council and Princess Alexandra Hospital



What are Local Development Frameworks?

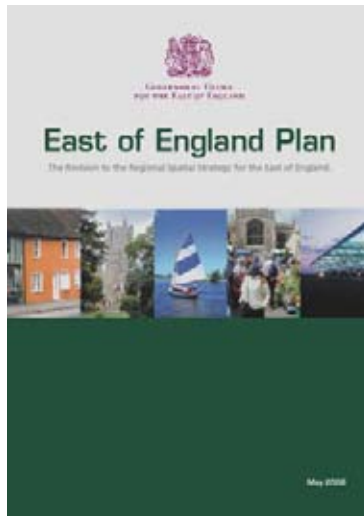
Forms part of the Statutory Development Plan

- guides development to appropriate locations
- forms basis for approving planning applications



East of England Plan 2008

- Key issues for Harlow



Harlow must provide:

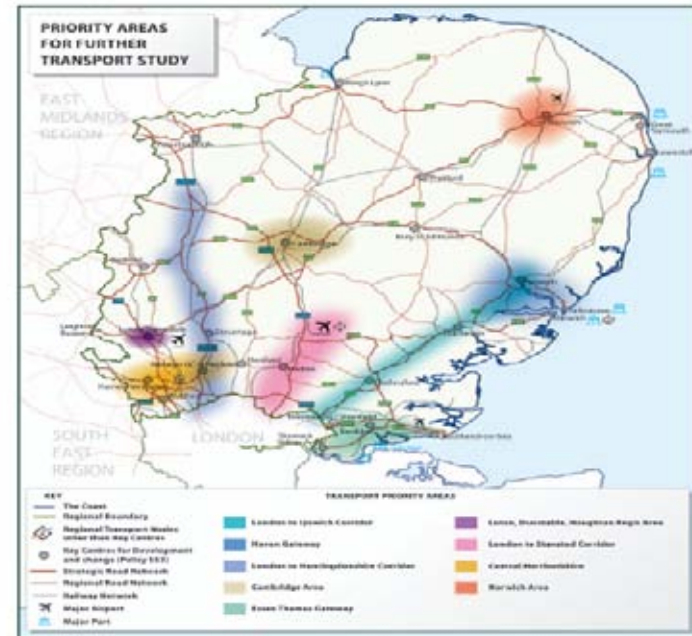
- 16,000 more homes to 2021 for the Harlow Area
- Town extensions identified to the south west, east and north of Harlow
- 56,000 more jobs (in Essex incl. Harlow)
- Coordinated working with adjoining districts



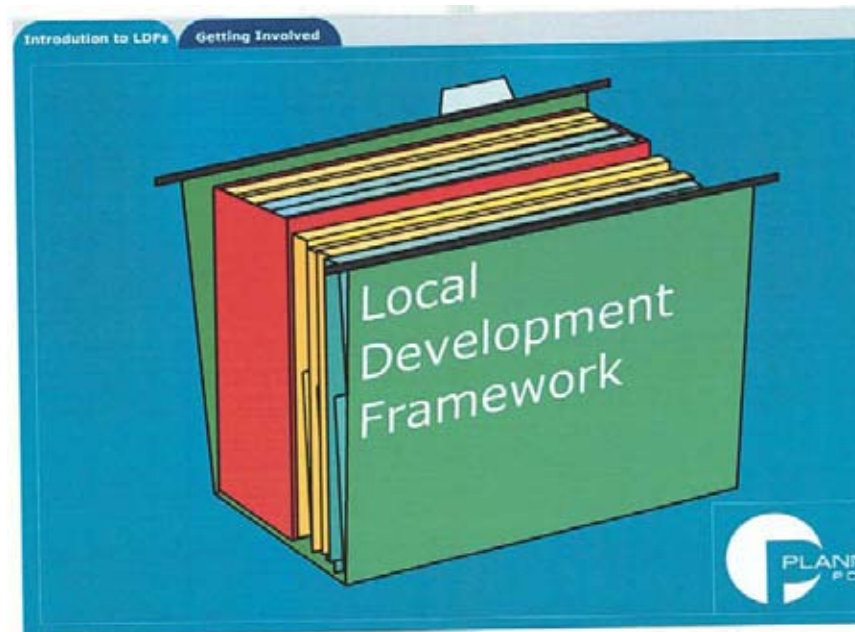
East of England Plan Context



Figure 4 Priority Areas for Further Research Study

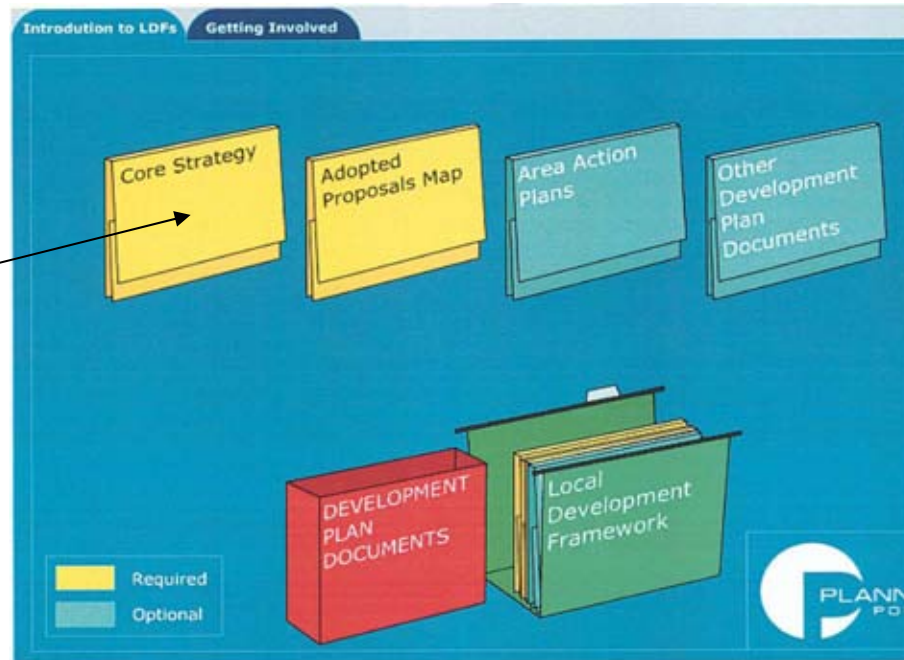


Local Development Framework (LDF)



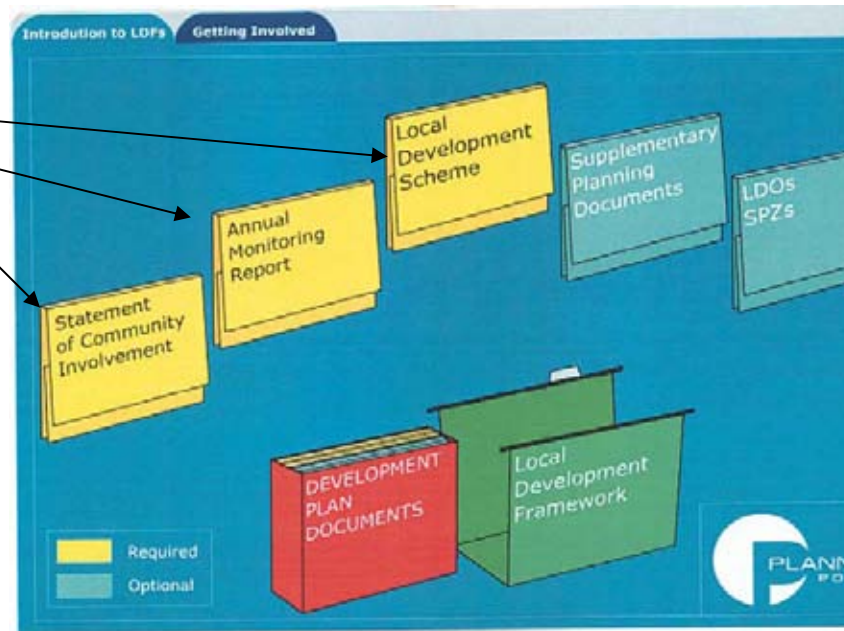
Key Development Plan Documents

We are here



Other Local Development Documents

We have already prepared these

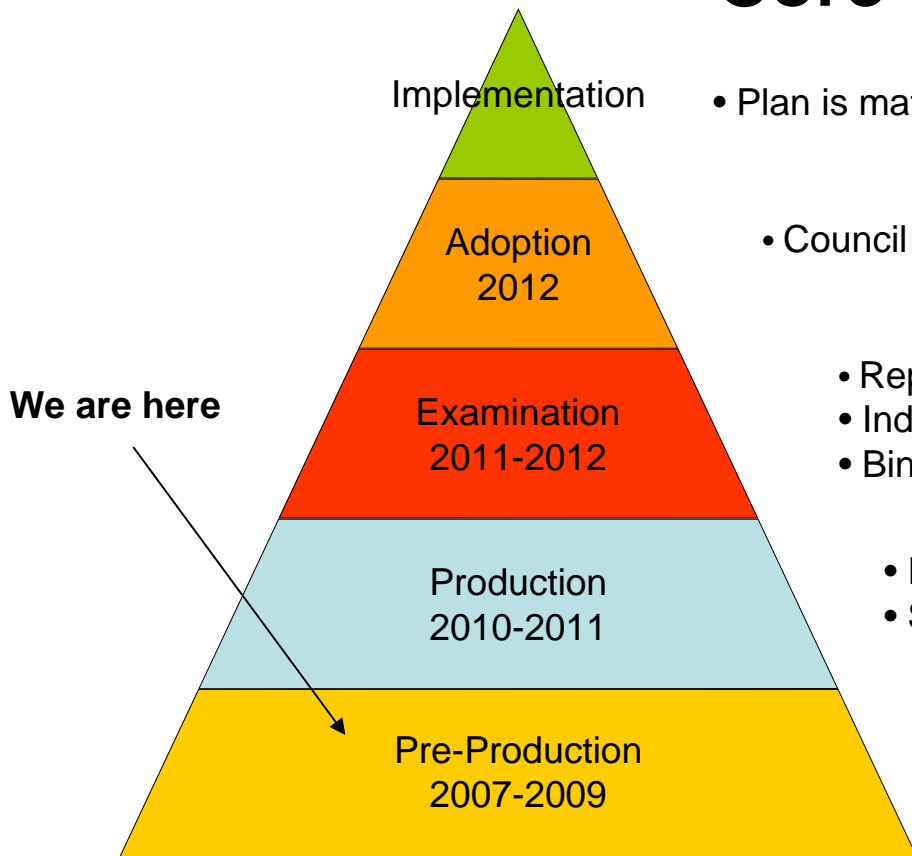


Harlow's Core Strategy

- Integrated set of objectives and policies
- Map showing where housing could go and what could stop it
- Based on assessment of economic, social and environmental needs of an area backed up by technical studies
- Produced through community involvement and consultation
- Accompanied by Sustainability Appraisal
- Adopted following independent examination by a Government Inspector
- It will be tested to ensure it is sound



Core Strategy Stages



- Plan is material consideration in decision making by the Council

- Council formally adopts Plan

- Representations made
- Independent Examination held
- Binding Report issued by Inspector

- Issues & Options Preparation & Consultation
- Submission

- Awareness raising & evidence gathering





So what's happening?

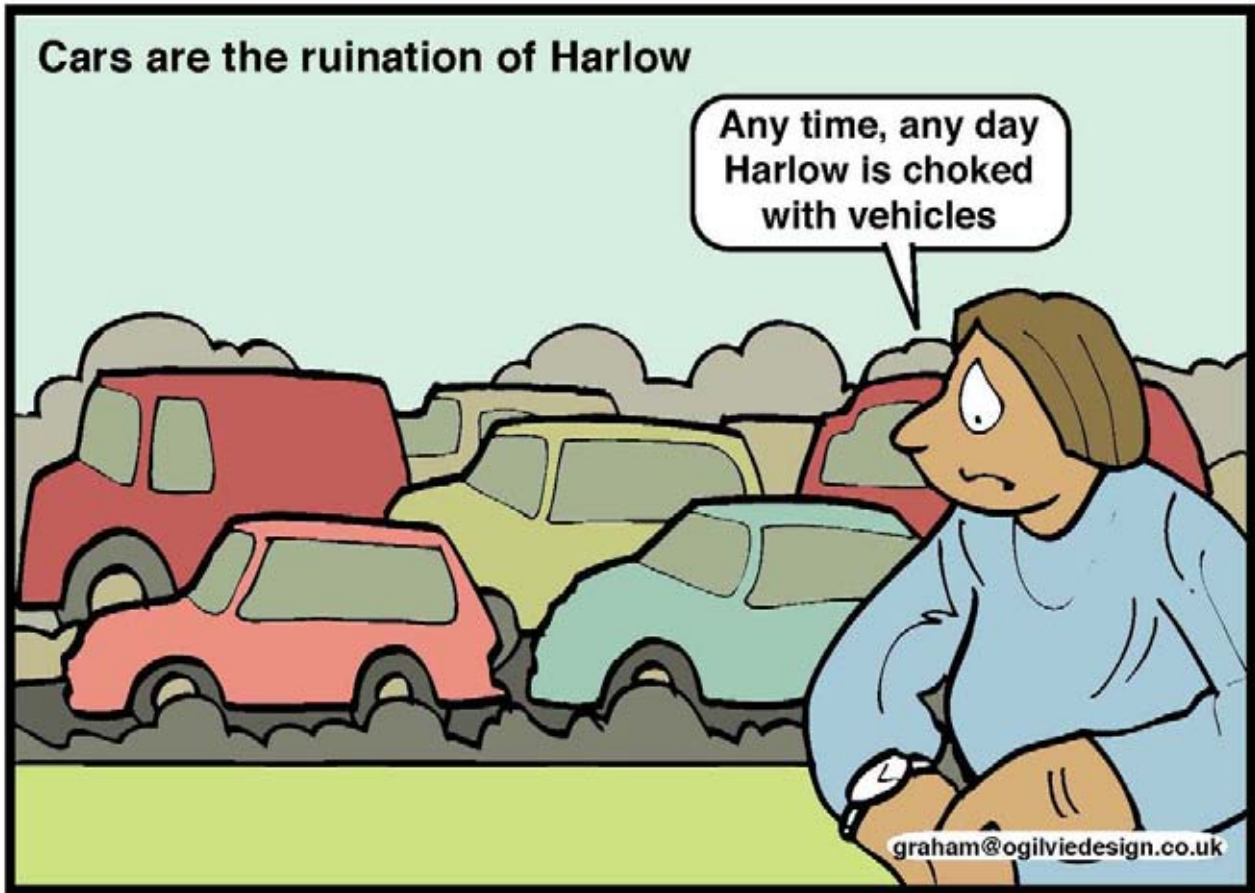


- A series of workshops involving people with an interest in Harlow to help identify issues
- **Some issues already highlighted....**

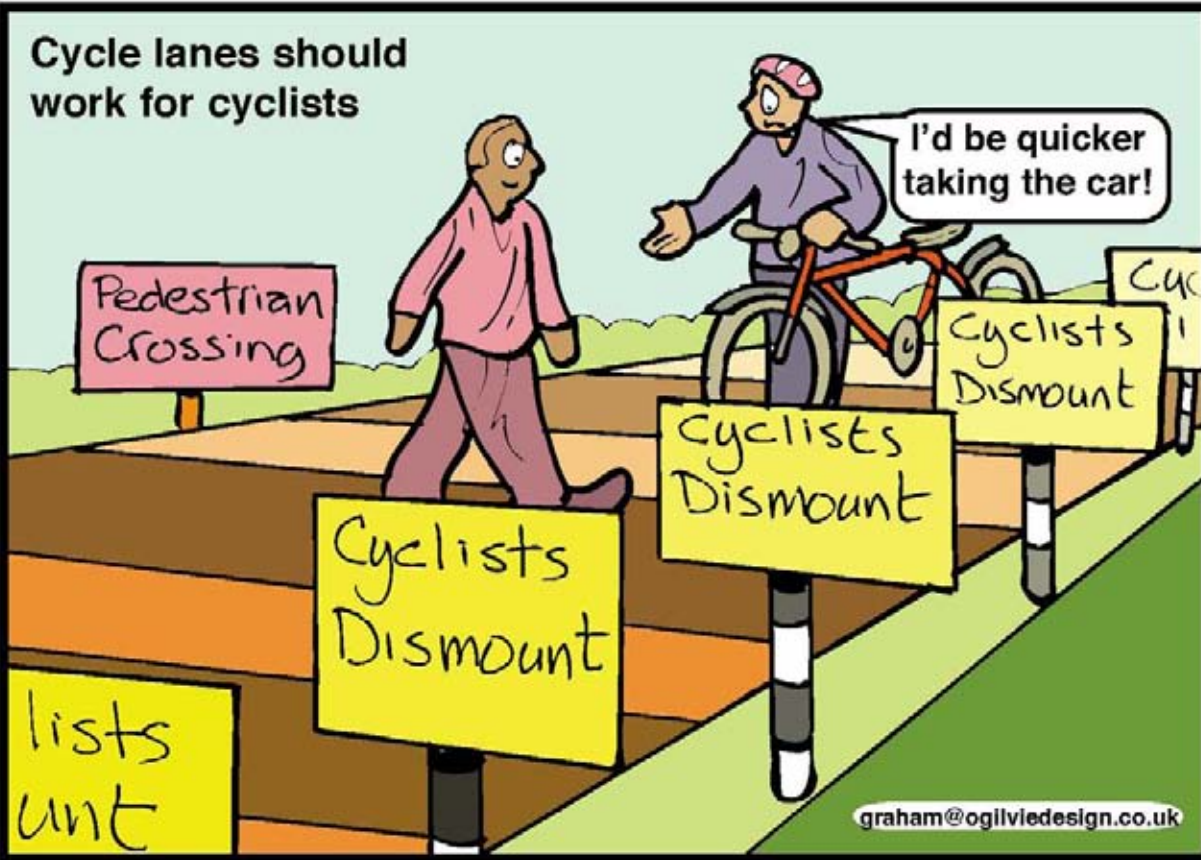


Cars are the ruination of Harlow

Any time, any day
Harlow is choked
with vehicles



Cycle lanes should work for cyclists



There should be more thought put into where houses are being built



Parks should be exciting and fun places to go



The council should plan projects better

Ouch! who's idea was it to put lampposts in the middle of a cycle path?!

Don't know mate - I'm just following the plans

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Edinburgh Way



Let's look after our old buildings

This is part of our heritage in Harlow

What a scary old building dad

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5 Core Strategy themes

- *Place shaping* - How Harlow will look in the future
- *Housing* - Meeting need and improving quality
- *Prosperity* - Meeting and improving employment opportunities
- *Infrastructure* - Provision of roads/schools/other community facilities like health centres at the right place at the right time
- *Lifestyles* - Meeting wider community needs sustainably



Questions?

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