**Consultation on the Essex Coast Recreational disturbance Avoidance and Mitigation Partnership (Essex Coast RAMS), Draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)**

**PAPER COMMENTS FORM**

This form has three Parts:

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**Part A – Consultation Details**

The Essex Coast RAMS has been developed by a partnership made up of twelve local councils[[1]](#footnote-1), Essex County Council and Natural England. The RAMS provides a strategy for mitigating the impact of recreational disturbance resulting from new residential developments on protected Habitats Sites along the Essex Coast. This mitigation is funded by contributions from all new residential dwellings built within the ‘zone of influence’ of each habitats site.

The Essex Coast RAMS has recently become Bird Aware Essex Coast. Its aim is to raise awareness of the birds that feed and breed on the Essex Coast, so that people can enjoy the coast and its wildlife without disturbing the birds.

The Essex coastline stretches for just over 350 miles from the Thames Estuary to the Stour Estuary. The coastline is extremely diverse and features a variety of habitats and environments including mud-flat, saltmarsh and grazing marsh which are internationally important for wildlife including thousands of waders and wildfowl. These birds need to feed and rest undisturbed so that they can survive the winter and build up enough energy to fly back to their summer habitats. Their survival relies on everyone helping to prevent bird disturbance.

A Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) has been prepared to provide applicants and developers with guidance on how the Essex Coast RAMS affects them and their development. In particular, the SPD provides information on what mitigation is needed and how this will be funded through the planning system.

The Essex Coast RAMS draft SPD has been published for consultation in accordance with Regulation 12, 13 and 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

**How to comment**

We strongly encourage comments to be made online via our Consultation Portal as this enables the quick and efficient handling of comments:

<https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/place-services/the-essex-coast-rams-spd>

Comments can also be emailed to ecology.placeservices@essex.gov.uk or posted to Place Services, Essex County Council, County Hall, Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 1QH.

Alternatively, please use this form to provide comments. Completed forms should be returned to the above email or postal addresses.

**How comments will be used**

**Please note we are unable to accept anonymous representations. It is a requirement of the plan-making process that comments can only be deemed legitimate (“duly made”) if they are received in a written format with a name and address supplied. Comments made verbally or anonymously cannot be accepted.**

**Any comments received after 5pm on Friday 21 February cannot be accepted.**

Essex County Council will acknowledge receipt of your comments but not enter into individual correspondence.

Comments will be published in accordance with the Data Protection Act and General Data Protection Regulations at:

<https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/place-services/the-essex-coast-rams-spd>

Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 requires that the Essex Coast RAMS should avoid any form of discrimination and foster good relations between different ethnic groups. Comments which are deemed to be discriminatory will be inadmissible and will not be accepted. We would ask that you avoid the use of such comments when making your representations.

**Part B – Contact Details**

**Personal Details**

Title ………………………………….

First Name ………………………………….

Last Name ………………………………….

Organisation (if comments you are making are on behalf of an organisation):

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Address ………………………………….

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Postcode …………………………………..

Telephone Number …………………………..

Email Address ………………………………..

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Signature ……………………………………...

Date ……………………………………………

**Agent Details (if applicable)**

Title ………………………………….

First Name ………………………………….

Last Name ………………………………….

Organisation (if comments you are making are on behalf of an organisation):

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Signature ……………………………………...

Date ……………………………………………

**Part C – Your Comments of the Draft Essex Coast RAMS SPD**

Please indicate which Section/ Paragraph Number/ Table/ Appendix that your comments relate to.

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Please provide an explanation below together with any changes you consider necessary:

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Continuation sheet:

**If you wish to submit a representation on more than one issue to the Draft SPD, please complete a continuation sheet as provided for each one**

Please indicate which Section/ Paragraph Number/ Table/ Appendix that your comments relate to.

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This paper comments form can be made available in alternative formats such as large print, and other languages. Please telephone 03330 322 130 or email ecology.placeservices@essex.gov.uk

Thank you for being part of the consultation.

1. Basildon Borough Council; Braintree District Council; Brentwood Borough Council; Castlepoint Borough Council; Chelmsford City Council; Colchester Borough Council; Maldon District Council; Rochford District Council; Southend Borough Council; Tendring District Council; Thurrock Council and Uttlesford District Council. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)