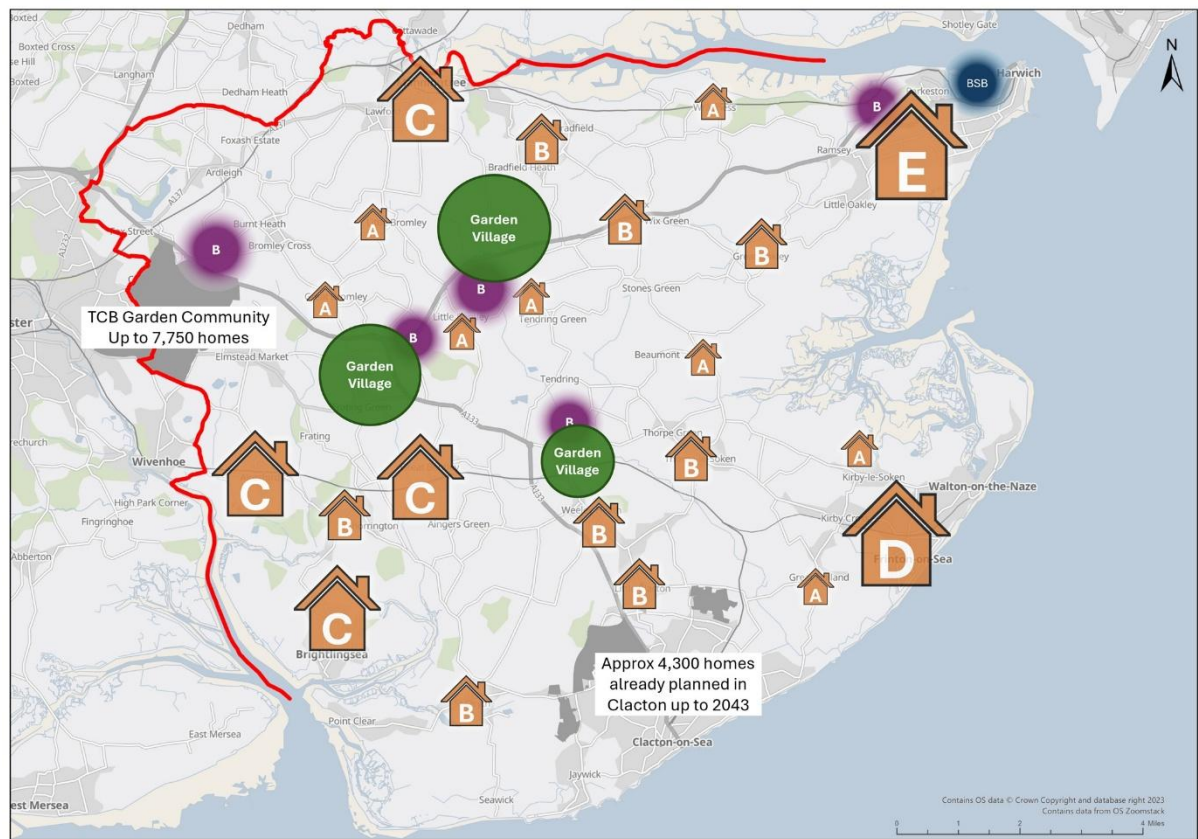


TDC September 2026 – Report

Residents across Tendring to have their final say on Local Plan for thousands of new homes

Residents across Tendring are being asked to have their final say on the district's Local Plan — the blueprint for where more than 18,000 new homes, plus jobs, infrastructure and community facilities should go over the next 17 years.



Tendring District Council (TDC) approved the submission version of the Local Plan Review for public consultation at a meeting on Tuesday (1 September).

The six-week consultation will run from Monday, 7 September until Monday, 19 October and will include five face-to-face consultation events across the district in late September and early October, alongside opportunities to respond online.

It will be the last chance for residents, businesses, community groups, landowners and other interested parties to comment before the plan is submitted to Government for independent examination.

The review has been prepared against the Government's mandatory housebuilding targets, which require Tendring to plan for 1,069 homes a year — 18,173 homes between 2026 and 2043.

Around 10,211 homes are expected on sites carried forward from the last Local Plan, including the Tendring Colchester Borders Garden Community and strategic sites around Clacton, as well as sites already under construction.

To meet the remaining need for about 8,000 homes, the proposals include garden villages at Hare Green, Horsley Cross and Weeley, a major expansion of Harwich, and growth around existing towns, villages and railway stations.

The previous consultation, held in the Spring, attracted more than 620 responses and saw around 700 people speak directly to planning officers, raising issues including transport, infrastructure, schools, healthcare, countryside impacts, jobs and affordable homes.

That feedback has helped shape the latest version, with changes including the deletion of some proposed sites, including plans for 300 homes east of Church Road, Brightlingsea, and 200 homes off Arthur Ransome Way, Walton, while the allocation at Thorpe-le-Soken has been cut to 70 homes after primary school capacity issues ruled out larger-scale growth in the village.

Councillor Carlo Guglielmi, Chairman of TDC's Planning Policy and Local Plan Committee, said: "This Local Plan represents years of hard work in the face of significant challenges, including changing national policy and demanding housing targets set by Government.

"Our officers have worked hard to produce a credible plan that gives Tendring the best chance of retaining local control over future development.

"We are now ready to move to the final public consultation, giving residents, stakeholders and statutory bodies the chance to comment before the plan is submitted for independent examination."

This consultation is different from earlier stages. Comments need to focus on whether the Local Plan meets legal requirements and the Government's tests for being sound.

Only comments submitted during this final consultation will be passed to the independent Planning Inspector. Anyone who wants their views considered by the Inspector will need to submit them again, even if they commented earlier.

Councillor Andy Baker, TDC's Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning, added: "We know there are strong views about growth, infrastructure and the impact of development, and we have listened carefully to the feedback given so far.

"This is a more technical stage, but it is no less important. It is the point at which people can say whether they believe the plan is legally compliant and sound.

"The Government's housing targets mean difficult decisions have had to be made, but having an up-to-date Local Plan gives Tendring the best chance of managing growth properly, securing infrastructure and resisting speculative development."

After the consultation, the council intends to submit the Local Plan to the Secretary of State later this year for independent examination by a Planning Inspector.

To take part in the consultation, which opens on Monday, 7 September, go to <https://tendringdc.oc2.uk/document/72>.

Hundreds of children learn vital water safety skills at Swim Safe sessions on the Essex Sunshine Coast

Hundreds of children earned vital water safety skills after this year's free Swim Safe sessions on Tendring's coastline saw a major increase in numbers.

A total of 463 children took part in public sessions, alongside 74 pupils through school sessions, meaning more than 530 young people benefited from the programme this summer.

The figures mark a significant rise on last year, when 309 children attended public sessions and 14 pupils took part through schools.

The national programme, created by Swim England and the RNLI, gives children aged seven to 14 practical water safety advice and in-water tuition at outdoor locations, teaching them how swimming in the sea differs from swimming in a pool and what to do if they or someone else gets into difficulty.

Tendring District Council (TDC) supported Swim Safe in Clacton, while Harwich Haven Authority funded sessions in Harwich. TDC also provided swimming teachers and Beach Patrol lifeguards to help deliver the sessions locally.

Councillor Mick Barry, TDC Cabinet Member for Leisure and Public Realm, said: "It is fantastic to see so many children taking part in Swim Safe this year and learning skills that could make a real difference when they are enjoying the coast.

"These numbers show just how important the programme is for local families, and it is especially pleasing to see such a strong increase in both the public sessions and school sessions compared with last year.

"We are proud to support this partnership work with Swim England, the RNLI, Harwich Haven Authority and our local teams, because helping young people understand the risks of open water is a key part of keeping people safe on our coastline.

"After such a successful year, we want to build on this momentum and help even more children benefit from Swim Safe in 2027."

Each Swim Safe session lasted around an hour and included land-based safety advice and up to 30 minutes of in-water tuition with qualified instructors. Children taking part had to be able to swim 25 metres unaided, with a parent, guardian or responsible adult present throughout the session.

Anyone visiting the coast is reminded to follow beach safety advice, pay attention to flags and signage, avoid swimming near piers, groynes and rocks, and never enter the water under the influence of alcohol. In an emergency, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard.



Spectacular Clacton Airshow 2026 brings Red Arrows, Sally B and twilight thrills to the Essex Sunshine Coast

The roar of fast jets, historic warbirds and evening pyrotechnics filled the skies above the Essex Sunshine Coast as Clacton Airshow 2026 brought two thrilling days of aviation, entertainment and seafront celebration to a close.

Now in its 33rd year, the show returned on Thursday and Friday (27–28 August) with the theme *A Celebration of Aviation*, mixing modern aerobatics, much-loved heritage aircraft, classic jet noise and family entertainment along Clacton’s seafront.

Organised by Tendring District Council (TDC), the free event once again saw Clacton’s seafront safely welcome huge crowds, with around 215,000 residents, visitors and aviation fans attending across the two days of the district’s biggest and best-loved summer event.

From the unmistakable precision of the RAF Red Arrows to the sight and sound of the Sally B, Spitfire MH434 and the MiG-17F ‘Fresco’, this year’s flying programme offered something for every generation of airshow fan.

Sally B, the UK's last remaining airworthy B-17 Flying Fortress, provided one of the standout moments of the programme, adding a powerful piece of living aviation history to the skies above Clacton.

The RAF Battle of Britain Memorial Flight also brought a poignant heritage display to the seafront in the year marking the 90th anniversary of the Spitfire's first flight.

As the sun set on Thursday, the popular twilight display gave visitors a dramatic finale to the first day, with Otto the Helicopter and the Firebirds Aerobatic Team combining aerobatics and pyrotechnics over the North Sea.

Away from the flying displays, the West Greensward Airshow Village added to the festival feel, with exhibitors, traders, hands-on activities and the RAF Careers Engagement team giving visitors the chance to climb into a replica Typhoon cockpit.

Actual Radio helped bring the sound and excitement of the airshow to audiences beyond the seafront as the official radio broadcast partner, with Radio Airshow available through smart speakers, the Actual Radio app and online.

Councillor Ivan Henderson, TDC Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Economic Growth, Regeneration and Tourism, said: "Clacton Airshow has once again delivered a fantastic showcase for our seafront, our district and the Essex Sunshine Coast.

"There were some truly memorable sights over Clacton this year, from the Red Arrows and the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight to the arrival of Sally B and the atmosphere of the twilight display.

"What makes the airshow so special is not just what happens in the sky, but the way it brings people together along the seafront, supports local businesses and creates memories for families, residents and visitors.

"I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped make this year's event happen, including the airshow team, council staff, emergency services, volunteers, sponsors, partners, traders and everyone who supported the show."

Jessica Bryan, Clacton Airshow Event Director, added: "Airshow week has a rhythm all of its own, and it has been brilliant to see the seafront come to life as the site took shape, the aircraft arrived and the whole operation came together safely.

"Behind the scenes, it is fast-paced, detailed and exciting, with teams making constant adjustments so the programme, ground site and broadcast all work together.

"This year's show has been a real team effort, and we are already full of ideas for making Clacton Airshow 2027 feel even bigger, brighter and more exciting."

This year's display sponsors included RedNova IT Solutions for the twilight flights, Actual Radio for the Flying Comrades, LocaliQ for the Strikemaster Pair, Fisher Jones Greenwood for

The Starlings, MRL Productions for Spitfire MH434, as well as The Lifehouse Spa & Hotel and Black Jacket.

We value your support – to keep Clacton Airshow in the skies, please donate [here](#).



Tendring District Council – Consultations ending this month

There are none, however the Local Plan Review Submission Version link is below which closes 19 October 2026.

Local Plan Review Submission Version

Start Date: September 7, 2026

End Date: October 19, 2026

<https://tendringdc.oc2.uk/document/72>.

Everything you need to know

Full details can be found on the [Planning Policy Consultation Portal](#)

Consultations can be found following this link: [Consultations](#)