What is the purpose of this meeting?
Kelvedon Parish Council (“KPC”) is pleased to welcome you this evening to its public consultation following the publication by Braintree District Council of its Draft Local Plan (“the Local Plan”). Given the long term impact of the Local Plan it is critical that the communities within Kelvedon and Feering have their say. Although KPC can make representations on behalf of the community, the strongest voice comes directly from members of the community. The purpose of this meeting is to outline the scope the Local Plan, to discuss its impact and to gather the views of local people.

What is the difference between the Braintree District Council Local Plan and the Kelvedon Neighbourhood Plan?
You will no doubt have seen posters and media publications around the village and on social media with this logo, advertising the Kelvedon Neighbourhood Plan (“the Neighbourhood Plan”). A Neighbourhood Plan allows communities to determine and influence the type and nature of development they want to see in their area.

KPC applied to submit a Neighbourhood Plan on behalf of the village so that we could have that voice. An independent group has formed and has been gathering evidence and views from the local community on behalf of the Parish Council. Each plan must undergo scrutiny by an independent planning consultant to verify that the evidence supports the proposals. So for a plan to achieve success, the process must be transparent and actively backed by the community. Once the plan has been adopted it will be legally binding for a period of 15 years.

The Local Plan is prepared and owned by Braintree District Council (“BDC”). KPC can comment upon it on behalf of the community but it cannot overturn or reject it. The Local Plan is the basis for the future development of homes, employment and business sites while protecting the countryside. Planning applications, whatever their size and proposed use, are assessed for approval against the policies contained in the Local Plan. It will have effect until 2033.

If there is a conflict between the Neighbourhood Plan and the Local Plan, the Local Plan will take precedence. That is why it is so important that during this consultation period all residents make their views known so that BDC can take account of those views. That is also why you should tell BDC what you think even if you have already completed the Neighbourhood Plan Survey.

How will the Local Plan impact Kelvedon and Feering?
On 14 March 2016 BDC decided that the Local Plan should deliver 845 new homes per year between 2016 and 2033. In order to achieve this BDC will allocate around 10,000 new homes within the Local Plan. Although the Local Plan recognises Kelvedon and Feering as separate villages it has decided to deal with them as a single entity for the purposes of the Local Plan since: “they functionally act as a single centre, with facilities in Kelvedon being used by Feering residents and vice versa.” Accordingly the Local Plan Sub-Committee: “agreed to a combined allocation as Service Village for Kelvedon and Feering.”

On 25 March 2016 BDC considered 11 proposals which relate to Kelvedon and Feering. The table attached sets out the recommendation, the position of the Parish Council and the decision of BDC. KPC strongly objected to two of the recommendations, namely: allocation of site KELV335 (Monks Farm) for the development of 300 houses; and designation of sites FEER232, FEER233 and FEER230 (the Crown Estates land) as an area of Strategic Growth which would be expected to provide up to
1000 houses. Those objections were both overruled by BDC. It is the view of KPC that these two recommendations will have a significant and material impact on Kelvedon and Feering.

**What is a Strategic Growth Area?**
Critical to understanding the impact that the Local Plan will have on the community is BDC’s designation of the Crown Estates Land as a ‘Strategic Growth Area’. As set out above, the Neighbourhood Plan is an opportunity for communities to set out for themselves the future planning direction that they wish to see within their area. As part of that process: “the neighbourhood plan can allocate different sites for development within the Parishes as long as they provide for at least as many homes as the Local Plan is proposing. However, strategic site allocations can be excluded from this process...Development proposals which would compromise the delivery of an identified strategic growth location will be resisted.”

What this means is that if the Local Plan is adopted in its current form then the area in Feering designated as a Strategic Growth Area would fall outside the remit of the Neighbourhood plan. Given the number of new houses proposed for that site KPC feels very strongly that taking it outside the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan not only undermines the views of the Kelvedon and Feering residents, but may also jeopardise the Neighbourhood Plans in their entirety.

**What is Kelvedon Parish Council doing?**
- KPC has made its position clear to BDC through Kelvedon District Councillor Robert Mitchell, who is supportive of KPC’s position.
- The Neighbourhood Plan Survey data has now been analysed and the steering group has been working hard to consult with the community on the outcome of that consultation.
- One of the most significant impacts which the BDC proposals will have relates transport infrastructure, traffic measures and parking within the village. KPC has mandated the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to engage a Consultant who will analyse the impact of both the proposals considered and recommended by BDC under the Local Plan, and other possible sites which may be put forward as proposals for development in the future.
- Following this meeting tonight the views expressed will be collated and report provided to Cllr Mitchell for consideration with BDC. However, we would strongly urge you to make your own voice heard and write directly to BDC. The more voices which are heard by BDC the greater the impact will be.

**How can I make my views known?**
1. **TAKE A LOOK AT THE PLANS ONLINE:** [www.braintree.gov.uk/newlp](http://www.braintree.gov.uk/newlp). If you don’t have access to the internet you can view the plans at: Braintree District Council, Causeway House, Bocking End, Braintree, Essex, CM7 9HB. If you have difficulty getting to the BDC Offices please contact the Kelvedon Parish Council Office and a copy can be made available for you to view.
2. The first Local Plan consultation period runs from 27 June until 19 August 2016. You can comment on the draft local plan: [www.braintree.gov.uk/consultlp](http://www.braintree.gov.uk/consultlp) via email to localplan@braintree.gov.uk or call 01376 552525. KPS would be grateful if you could please copy it into any correspondence regarding the Local Plan. If you are happy to do so please provide a copy to info@kelvedon.org.uk or by post to 102 High St, Kelvedon, Colchester CO5 9AA.

**What happens next with the Local Plan?**
Following the 8 week public consultation responses to the draft Local Plan will be considered and revisions made to the Local Plan. In November 2016 District Councillors will consider the latest draft with a second public consultation taking place over the winter period. WINTER 2016 Second public consultation. The Local Plan will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for consideration in Spring 2017 with an independent public examination taking place during summer/autumn (subject to the timetable of the Planning Inspectorate. It is anticipated that the Local Plan will be adopted by BDC in early 2018.