# District Councillor Report –October 2026

Maldon District Council is the first local authority in Essex to be producing a Local Plan under the new 30-month plan-making system which will set out a long-term vision for Maldon District, including where homes, jobs and infrastructure should be located, how high-quality design will be supported and how the district's distinctive natural and historic environment will be protected and enhanced.

Councillor Simon Morgan, Leader of Maldon District Council, said: "A new Local Plan is essential to make sure future development is plan-led, supported by the right infrastructure and shaped around the needs and character of Maldon District and not dictated to us by speculative developers. The detailed preparation completed so far gives us a strong foundation and a clear, realistic route forward.

Public consultation opens on the proposed vision and priorities for Maldon District Council's new Housing Strategy, which will include Housing, Homelessness and Rough Sleeping.

Maldon District Council is today launching a four-week public consultation on the proposed vision and strategic priorities for its Housing, Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy, and is asking residents, tenants, landlords, partners and community groups to help shape the strategy.

The new strategy will guide how the Council and its partners tackle housing challenges across the district over the next five years. It will replace the current 2018–2025 strategy and comes at a time when high housing costs, limited availability of suitable and affordable homes and demand for homelessness services are placing pressure on residents, the Council and other public services.

The Council is proposing three overarching priorities: prevention and early intervention; building and making best use of the right homes; and creating a joined-up housing system.

The consultation runs from Monday 28 September until Sunday 25 October 2026. The proposed vision and strategic priorities, evidence summary and questionnaire are available at www.maldon.gov.uk/housingconsultation

Paper copies are available on request from 01621 854477.

Town and parish councils across the district are also being asked to share details with their communities, so that residents in rural areas can take part.

Maldon District Council has condemned a series of vandalism incidents at Promenade Park last weekend, which caused over £5,000 of damage to seating, paving, bins and play equipment.

Most of the damage is believed to have occurred on Friday night and was discovered by the council's parks team on Saturday morning. Further damage was then found in the Valley play area following Saturday night.

Whilst we are using CCTV images as part of the investigation, the public can also assist, if you have any information which may be of help, please report it to the Police using crime reference numbers 42/154613/26 & 42/153399/26."

Get ready for a spook-tacular evening under the stars this Halloween! In partnership with Moonbeamers, we're bringing a Halloween-themed outdoor cinema experience to Promenade Park on Monday 26 October.

Enjoy a family favourite as the sun goes down, followed by a Halloween classic. With fancy dress encouraged and plenty of autumn atmosphere, it's the perfect way to celebrate the spooky season with family and friends.

The films showing will be Coco and Hocus Pocus and times will be announced shortly.

Maldon District Council is delighted to share that its Environmental Health Team received a Gold PawPrints Award for Animal Activity Licensing from the RSPCA.

The PawPrints Awards are the only awards scheme of their kind in England and Wales, recognising local authorities and public sector organisations that go above and beyond to improve animal welfare in their communities. The Gold Award recognises the Council's commitment to maintaining high standards of animal welfare through its animal licensing work.

The Council's Environmental Health Team is responsible for licensing and inspecting a range of animal-related businesses across the district. This includes dog breeders, kennels, catteries, dog day care providers, pet sellers, horse hiring businesses and animal exhibitors. Through regular inspections and regulatory oversight, the team helps ensure animals are cared for in safe and appropriate conditions, in line with national welfare standards.

# District Councillor Report –November 2026

Maldon District Council is modernising its parking machines and going paperless in its car parks this November, with 12 new payment machines being installed in Maldon's town centre and Promenade Park.

The work will take place during November and is due to be completed by 20 November. The new machines will accept contactless payments only and will not print a paper ticket.

Drivers will need to enter their registration number when paying to park, and an email payment receipt can be requested on the machines.

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The service will begin at 10.45; with the two minute silence observed at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month and this will be marked by a maroon.

It will provide an opportunity for the community to come together in quiet reflection and remember all those who have lost their lives in conflict.

Just a few days left to have your say on the future of housing in Maldon District

The consultation closes on Sunday 25 October 2026. Once it has closed, the feedback will be used to inform the final strategy.

Don't miss your chance to help shape Maldon District Council's new Housing, Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy.

Maldon District Council is reminding residents, tenants, landlords, partners and community groups that there are just a few days left to take part in its public consultation on the proposed vision and strategic priorities for the new Housing, Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy.

The consultation closes on Sunday 25 October 2026. Once it has closed, the feedback will be used to inform the final strategy, and the opportunity to influence it will be gone.

Maldon District Council has welcomed an announcement supporting the development of a new neighbourhood health centre in Maldon.

Health Minister Karin Smyth confirmed the Government's support during a debate in Parliament on Wednesday 14 October. The announcement marks an important step towards providing modern, fit-for-purpose health facilities for the Maldon District.

Following the announcement, Cllr Simon Morgan, Leader of Maldon District Council said: "This is fantastic news for the Maldon District and a welcome recognition of the strong case our communities have made for modern, accessible health facilities.