

Little Dunmow Parish Gateways								
Historically, the Parish has been divided up into settlement clusters which each has its own identity. The gateway locations intuitively mark the transition between countryside and settlement.								
It's the intention of the Local plan to identify the areas that fit the above description, rate their importance, and to preserve anything scoring less than 3								
Settlement	Ref	Location	Description	Rating 1 very important - 5 not important.	RECOMMENDATION			
Little Dunmow	1 1	The Street from the North	The village of Little Dunmow is seen after cresting the bridge over the A120. There are open fields either side of the road before the old school house on the right and on the left mark the start of the settlement. This is perhaps the best view of the village as the bridge gives an elevated view where much of the village can be seen.	1 - This offers a good view of the village showing it's context in the surrounding countryside.	Designate as Gateway in the Neighbourhood Plan			
	1 2	Station rd from the East	Station rd bends as it crests Pound hill bringing into view the Village sign which is situated on a green area in front of the Moors development. Bright Cottage is on the left and Bramble cottage on the right. At present there is open farmland to the right, to the left a new development of 16 dwellings is underway. Coalescence with Pound Hill is almost complete although a green area has been designated adjacent to Bright Cottage to give slight seperation.	3 - Already compromised by Brimstone Place development.	Designate as Gateway in the Neighbourhood Plan			
	1 3	Brook Street from the South	Brook Street is a narrow lane that runs North from the recreation ground into the village. St Mary's place has a junction with Brooks st at the gateway. To the left is the recreation ground and to the right open farmland before running between a mature Beech hedge on the left surrounding Michaelmas Cottage and some mature Scotts pine trees opposite.	2 - Development would also put huge strain on a narrow lane.	Designate as Gateway in the Neighbourhood Plan			
	1 4	Grange Lane from the West	After passing Grange farm the lane rises towards the village with Luttrells house on the right. This leafy lane gives a welcoming site to any approaching from this direction.	2 - Development would also put huge strain on a narrow lane.	Designate as Gateway in the Neighbourhood Plan			
Brookstreet	2 1	Brook street from the South West	From leaving the Brick house, Brook street is lined by mature hedges with a tree plantation on the right and open farmland to the left. The lane crosses a brook which runs beside No 5 Brook Street and an open meadow opposite.	2- Development would also put huge strain on a narrow lane and encroach on views over the Chelmer valley.	Designate as Gateway in the Neighbourhood Plan			
	2 2	Brook Street from the East	Brook Street bears to the right after crossing the Flitch way and runs between hedges overlooking open farmland. At the entrance to the settlement a driveway bears off to Manor Barns to the left and No 1 Brook street to the right. At this point there are some glorious views across the Chelmer Valley.	2- Development would also put huge strain on a narrow lane and encroach on views over the Chelmer valley.	Designate as Gateway in the Neighbourhood Plan			
Throws Corner	3 1	A1256 from the West	The B1256 runs between open farmland as it approaches the junction with Station rd. There are few hedges which give some uninterrupted views Stebbing in the distance. On the left is Gatefield, a distinctive small holding, there is no development on the right.	4 - Throws corner is more a small collection of agricultural farmhouses and buildings than a hamlet. It does have good views across the Rayne Plateau.	Do not designate as Gateway in the Neighbourhood Plan			
	3 2	A1256 from the East	The A1256 rises towards the junction with Stebbing Lane and runs between mature hedges. Throws cottage can be seen on the right at the beginning of the settlement with open farmland to the left.	4 - Throws corner is more a small collection of agricultural farmhouses and buildings than a hamlet. It does have good views across the Rayne Plateau.	Do not designate as Gateway in the Neighbourhood Plan			
	3 3	Stebbing lane from the North	Stebbing lane rises towards Throws corner, it is flanked by high hedges either side. To the right is Throws Farm cottages which are part of the Agri complex to the left is the garden of Throws cottage.	4 - Throws corner is more a small collection of agricultural farmhouses and buildings than a hamlet.	Do not designate as Gateway in the Neighbourhood Plan			
Pound Hill	4 1	Station rd from the West	Station rd bends to the left as it passes the second junction with the Street, at this point it passes between open countryside to the left and land under development to the right. Burgess cottages can be seen at the top of the hill as the road bends sharply to the left. Opposite is a layby used by residents of Pound Hill to park cars.	4- Pound Hill is a small settlement of houses but is compromised by new development joining it with Cromwell place.	Do not designate as Gateway in the Neighbourhood Plan			
	4 2	Station rd from the South East	Station rd bends to the left as it passes the junction with Bramble lane. To the right is open countryside and to the left is land being developed. 8 Pound villas can be seen on the left at the top of the hill with a layby opposite.	4- Pound Hill is a small settlement of houses but is compromised by new development joining it with Little Dunmow.	Do not designate as Gateway in the Neighbourhood Plan			

Brook End	5 1	Stebbing Lane from the North	Stebbing lane descends into Brookend between high hedges with open farmland either side. The Cartlodge on the left announces the entrance to the settlement.	1 - Brookend is an ancient settlement that needs to keep it's identity. Any new development will put unnecessary strain on the narrow lane.	Designate as Gateway in the Neighbourhood Plan		
	5 2	Stebbing Lane from the South	Stebbing lane descends into Brookend between high hedges with open farmland either side. Easterlee Barn on the left announces the entrance to the settlement.	1 - Brookend is an ancient settlement that needs to keep it's identity. Any new development will put unnecessary strain on the narrow lane.	Designate as Gateway in the Neighbourhood Plan		
Stebbingford	6 1	A1256 from the West	The A1256 descends into Stebbingford between open farmland screened by mature hedges. The entrance to the settlement is marked by the entrance to Rookwoods on the left and Bridge Farm on the right.	1 - Stebbingford is an ancient settlement thea needs to keep it's identity	Designate as Gateway in the Neighbourhood Plan		
	6 2	A1256 from the East	The Parish boundry runs along Stebbing brook which Bisects Stebbingford. The boundry when approaching from the East is again the A1256 descending between open farmland.	1 - Stebbingford is an ancient settlement thea needs to keep it's identity	Designate as Gateway in the Neighbourhood Plan		
Cromwell Place	7 1	Station rd from the South	Cromwell Place was built in 2010, it is accessed by Ainsworth Drive from Station Lane. From the South Station rd climbs a hill past Flitch Green past a railway bridge abutment and has a green area in front of number 1 Ainsworth Drive, opposite is land under development.	5 - Cromwell Place is a modern development which is already surrounded by <u>development</u> .	Do not designate as Gateway in the Neighbourhood Plan		
	7 2	Station Road from the North	Cromwell Place was built in 2010, it is accessed by Ainsworth Drive from Station Lane. From the North Station rd descends as it bends to the left bothe sides of Station rd have new buildings under development. The start of the settlement is houses at the end of Harrison rd which are seperated from Station lane by a new hedge.	5 - Cromwell Place is a modern development which is already surrounded by development.	Do not designate as Gateway in the Neighbourhood Plan		