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Dear Mr. Coleman.[Et al]

Regarding Local Development Planning [LDP] Consultation.

Thank you for your invitation [by emailed letter of 23rd January 2014] to offer comments relating to Local Development and its Planning.

It is with the greatest of regrets that I regard any involvement in the future planning and development structure for this area to be largely pointless !

One only has to view planning development and building permissions given, over recent years, as related to the Maldon Town Conservation Plan to realise this.

In all probability plans submitted to the Secretary of State, by the District, will be legal and doubtless comply with current requirements in that respect.

It is, again in my view regrettable, as a Maldon town resident of 35 years, possible to find many instances of the 'Conservation' area of the town, subject to developments well outside the apparent stated aims of Town Conservation plans. These developments, being agreed by Local government, granted after appeal, or on central Government directive, makes no difference. Several have clearly, to this layman, fallen well outside the so called Conservation plan.

Given the above, what point any consultation with the public, other than to be able to make the claim that it was indeed requested / offered ?

The costs of all this apparent consultation, without any real intent from the highest levels, are just wasted taxes.

I would however make one local observation, and from the heart. People come to Maldon, not because it competes directly with Chelmsford or Colchester, but because it differs from these places. It is impossible for Maldon to compete, head to head with the city of Chelmsford, or even Colchester, in particular as a shopping area. It is Maldon's differences that bring people here, despite it's appalling parking shortfall. I would beg our District council at least takes this thought on board, and considers it when next attempting to compete !

Accordingly I decline to make any further observations on the matter, the exercise being pointless and nothing but a waste of time and cash in any case.

Yours Sincerely
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