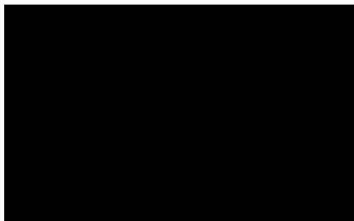


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Planning Department  
Maldon District Council  
Princes Street  
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Delivered by Han12 March, 2014

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to register my disapproval of the proposed building of new homes at the west Maldon site. This is because I believe, with ample proof, that the infrastructure of the town is not capable of handling more residential construction. In my previous home my kitchen was flooded twice. The water board said plainly that this was due to the building of new homes without care and attention given to the provision of adequate drainage. The new site in part is deemed by the Environment Agency (refer to their maps and website) to be in more than moderate danger of flooding. This does not begin to take into account the "knock-on effect" that so much loss of drainage land may have on existing residential properties.

In my current home I have recently come to within a centimetre of the kitchen flooding, while neighbours have experienced water running through their home, garage and the claimed appearance of effluent in a back garden. None of these problems has resulted in action to solve flooding problems.

In Maldon and Heybridge hundreds of residents were taken to the Plume School to escape recent tidal surges. I know of at least one resident who refused evacuation because she stated that no police or other property protection had been put in place, leaving properties vulnerable to burglary. If the District cannot protect existing residents from natural disasters, which scientists believe will only increase in time, then surely it is unwise to place more people in danger and in a position where insurance may not be available. Does the District Council intend to offer affordable insurance to new residents of the proposed site?

The survey form which was distributed in the town left a great deal to be desired. For this reason I have declined to fill the form in and return it. It was, in my opinion, worded to present an accomplished fact, not worded to allow an opinion to be stated regarding the proposed site.

I await the outcome of your consultation.

Yours faithfully,

