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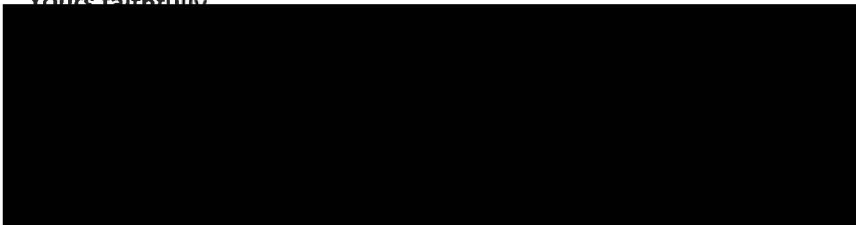
Dear Sirs,

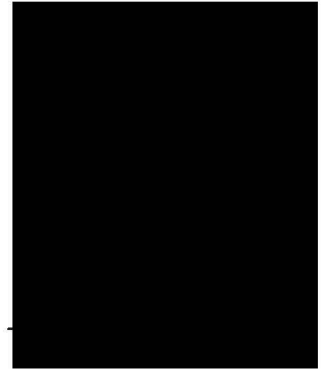
BUILDING ON LOW LYING AREAS ADJACENT TO FLOOD PLAIN

Please find attached a copy of a letter addressed to the Prime Minister, raising serious concerns we have regarding the sustainability of further development in North Fambridge.

We hope you will investigate this further.

Yours faithfully,





Dear Prime Minister,

MALDON DISTRICT PRE-SUBMISSION LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2014-2029

RE:- NORTH FAMBRIDGE

In the light of the recent weather conditions and the consequences people have endured we feel we have to write to you regarding this and raise the following:-

To continue to build on low lying land especially adjacent to the flood plain is quite frankly not only short-sighted but extremely cruel to the people who will live in these properties which are likely to be flooded.

In our experience of talking to the Environment Agency people at local meetings they continually state that it is not as bad as we think and when I raised the subject of the unprecedented weather impact in generally they said that it is more noticeable due to the media coverage.

In North Fambridge where we live future building which is planned up to the flood line and we all now know this is rarely where the water stops, there is sufficient land which is higher in the surrounding areas, and this is not a case of "not in my backyard".

In North Fambridge, which if there is a flood, the only road in and out would be under water with no way for villagers to get out or emergency services to get in?

The Environment Agency states that the areas marked as flood plain on their maps are only meant as a guide line and could vary one way or the other as a result building up to these boundaries would be foolhardy as in the future with global warming predictions sea levels will rise and the flood plain will cover a greater not lesser areas because of this no further development of any sort should occur in North Fambridge, the district councils Local Development Plan for approximately 75 or more dwellings which would not be sustainable in this area and needs urgent review.

I attach a copy of severe flood warnings which we received in December 2013, in the 6 years we have lived here there have been 3 severe flood warnings causing danger to life, even though we are not on the flood plain. The new proposed developments would be in the same situation being adjacent to the flood plain. How can further development take place? Where there is now an application to build further housing which will cause more worry and anxiety to residents and exasperate the flooding problems

I hope you will liaise with Maldon District Council and the relevant authorities and government departments, with regard to this matter before any flooding occurs in the future which may eventually cause loss of life and damage to people homes.

Yours faithfully,



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A Severe Flood Warning has been issued for the Tidal River Crouch from Creeksea to Battlesbridge.

2 messages

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Thu, Dec 5, 2013 at 10:37 PM

Important Information.

Severe Flooding. Danger to life.

A Severe Flood Warning has been issued by the Environment Agency for the Tidal River Crouch from Creeksea to Battlesbridge.

For the forecast high water due at 1:00am on Friday 6 December 2013.

Properties are expected to flood in South Woodham Ferrers, Battlesbridge, North Fambridge, South Fambridge and Creeksea.

Reference Port: Clacton

The predicted astronomical tide level is 2.41m AODN.

The forecast surge height is 1.79m.
The forecast tide level is 4.2m AODN.

The forecast wind direction is West.
The forecast wind strength is force 6.

This means that significant flooding is expected for this area at high tide.

You need to take appropriate action to protect yourself and your property now.

- Act now to protect yourself, family, neighbours, pets and valuables.
- You may experience power cuts and loss of services.
- Stay in a high place with a means of escape.
- Be ready should you need to evacuate from your home. Co-operate with the emergency services and call 999 if you are in immediate danger.
- Call Floodline on 0845 988 1188 using quickdial 111123 for up-to-date flooding information.
- The Environment Agency website contains details of river level and flooding information and can be accessed at www.environment-agency.gov.uk.

Contact

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