

Planning Policy
Maldon District Council
Princes Road,
Maldon,
CM9 5DL



26th February, 2014

Dear Sirs,

I would like to make a few comments about the proposed vast new developments in Heybridge, Maldon and the surrounding areas – 4,000 + new homes – before your 7th March deadline. I am shocked at the sheer amount of development/housing proposed considering how many have already been built since I moved into the area (previously in Heybridge for 26 years) and think these new proposals are madness. Once these homes are built, then what? Another 4,000 +, then another 4,000+ and so on and so on. There has to be a cut off point sometime – you cannot keep on allowing our precious countryside and farmland to be swallowed up by greedy developers under a sea of concrete. Once it is gone, it is gone. Do you realise that? What sort of area are our grandchildren and great grandchildren going to live in? A sprawling metropolis with Tiptree, Heybridge, Maldon, Danbury and Chelmsford all adjoined. Already the roads are manic. Heybridge is bedlam at peak times and the traffic is incessant even outside of these times already. What about Danbury, for example, the main road through to the A12 and Chelmsford? It has been choc-a-bloc for years and this will only make it worse.

What about all the extra sewage? I understand the mains in Heybridge is already struggling to cope with the existing amount. You will need a vast new sewage network to cope before long. And then there is the extra household waste. And the schools. I have heard reports of OFSTED threatening to close Heybridge Primary due to under performing. That would be total madness itself but what would the consequences on schooling be in Heybridge if it did happen? And just because there has been lots of rain in the last two years and the reservoirs are full, that does not mean we will not have more prolonged drought period as in the 90's. Then what will the implications be when there is not enough water to go around? Doctors surgeries? Hospitals? The whole infrastructure in the area is already at bursting point. And what with our precious farmland constantly being developed, how do you propose we feed ourselves in the future? (long term). History has proved we struggled on this point if there was a crisis. We will certainly struggle if there is another crisis in the future. Nothing about all this extra development is going to help anybody longterm, it is all a shorty term "fix" to satisfy central governments (not just the goons in power now but the previous even bigger goons) demand for tax and tax now, because we all know how much tax house building generates right from the gravel/mineral extraction to the final build.

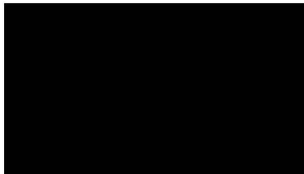
The bigger reason we are having all these houses forced upon us (and they will be, whatever I or anyone else say) is because of a complete and total failure of central government to control our borders and let in millions of immigrants to a tiny island already bursting at the seams. But that is another argument and not fair to you at MDC for me to start moaning at you for that total cock-up.

You are our District Council and should be sticking up for our area and telling those buffoons in central government enough is enough and to go away and take a long walk off of a short pier. Yet, I am under no illusions. These houses will be built and would still be built even if ninety nine point nine percent of all the communities affected disagreed and did not want them because that is the nature of power and government and poxy developers. Basically, the whole system stinks and you know it and are probably powerless to do anything about it. How and why, when so much fuss is made with planning regarding extensions and home improvements, this continued rape of our countryside and farmland is allowed, is beyond me. It is about time you at the council, along with other councils countrywide, stick together and started to stick up for our communities instead of watching them ruined by greed.

And no, I am not a NIMBY, I have three children and understand the difficulties youngsters have in finding a place to live. We were young once and had EXACTLY the same problem!

No, I am just deeply concerned about the long term effects of vast development after vast development will have on our countryside, farmland and our country as a whole. Is that wrong?

Yours faithfully,



P.S. I came across a previous letter sent to you in 2009,
AFTER I had composed this one. I have enclosed a copy.
Obviously, my concerns haven't changed.

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Director of Community Services
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13th December, 09

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Application No: FUL/MAL/09/00960

Dear Sirs,

I am writing with reference to the above application number and indeed with reference to any further applications for development on this area. To start with: Don't you think enough is enough? It is astounding how much actual development there has been in this area (Maldon/Heybridge) in the twenty three years I have lived here. We are already overdeveloped and now is the time to stop. It has got to stop some time. It hasn't yet dawned on those morons in government (ore it probably never will) that this is a tiny island bursting at the seams. It is however about time it dawned on you and all local authorities and you started to tell the government to go and take a long walk off of a short pier. When are you going to show some balls and actually stick up for this area? Perhaps you will be satisfied when Totham joints Maldon/Heybridge, Maldon/Heybridge join Danbury, Danbury joins Chelmsford etc..... and we are just a sprawling metropolis. But then that won't affect you people now, or me, or in fact anyone now. But it will affect my children, Grand children etc... Again, enough is enough. You must stop all this unnecessary development before it is too late. Once the countryside and our farm land is gone, it is gone. We will not get it back. We all know it is organised by that pathetic shower in government:- a) they hate the countryside and rural areas and all it stands for b) they have allowed in excess of 3,000,000 foreigners into this country c) they have allowed all these in so as they can feed us with nonsensical rubbish about how desperate we are for 3,000,000 extra homes countrywide in the next ten years (or whatever the figures are) d) the ONLY reason they want all these homes is because they rake in tax by the bucket load for each house that is built. Fact! They don't care what they ruin, wreck or destroy and their greed is astounding. And that goes for the developers too! Stand up for this area and set an example to other local authorities.

If the plan is for "X" amount of homes in the next ten years, then what for the next ten, and next ten, and so on. Take heed and mark my words – this area (and indeed this county) will be ruined by development after development and all that it brings with it – gridlocked roads, more roads to counter the grid lock, total infrastructure breakdown, more pollution and most importantly the loss of our green and pleasant land. Do something now!!!

Yours faithfully,

