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DEAR SIR/MADAM.

NORTH HEYBRIDGE GARDEN SUBURB DEVELOPMENT.

I AM CONCERNED WITH THE VIEWS OF THE COUNCILLORS AND MIRIAM LEWIS ON THE BUILDING OF 1,235 HOMES FOR NORTH HEYBRIDGE GARDEN SUBURB.

THE ISSUES AROUND FLOODING ON THIS AREA HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR MANY YEARS AND HAS BEEN REJECTED MANY TIMES IN THE PAST.

IF COUNCILLORS WERE MADE RESPONSIBLE PERSONALLY FOR THE FLOODING OF PEOPLES HOMES (RATE PAYERS) WOULD THEY STILL TRY AND PUSH THIS THROUGH.

IN THE LAST ISSUE MALDON STANDARD, DEVELOPERS SET TO PAY FOR FLOOD DEFENCES COST. IT SAID TO BOOST THE FLOOD PROTECTION SCHEME. IT CERTAINLY WILL BOOST THE FLOODING OF THIS AREA. THE SCHEME RE-ROUTINE DISCHARGE WATER, TO THE TIDAL RIVER CHELMER, ALSO USING AREA'S LANGFORD DITCH AND BLACKWATER RIVER.

THE REASONS AGAINST THIS, ARE

AS REPORTED IN THE MALDON STANDARD OCT. 9TH.

PHOTOGRAPHS, SHOWING FULLBRIDGE AND TESCO'S AT 6.2M TIDAL BLOCK. THE WATER OVERFLOWS THE BANKS AND ONLY LEAVES A SMALL GAP UNDER THE FULLBRIDGE BRIDGE, THIS ALSO GOES BACK TO BEELIGH WEIR) WHICH DOES OVER-FLOW INTO THE CHELMER CANAL, PHOTOGRAPHS ARE PROOF OF THIS.

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RE-ROUTING INTO THE TIDAL ESTUARY WHICH ALREADY HAS A TIDE BLOCK 2 TIMES IN A DAY, DOES NOT HAVE THE CAPACITY TO TAKE EXTRA FLOOD WATER FROM THE CHELMER RIVER, BLACKWATER RIVER AND FLOOD WATER FROM CHELMSFORD AND HATFIELD BASINS, USE THIS AS A FLOOD FLOW COURSE. PLUS THE LANGFORD DITCH.

WHEN THERE IS A TIDAL BLOCK, NO WATER EXITS VIA ESTUARY. THIS IS WITHOUT, STORM SURGES.

HIGH SPRING TIDES -  
OVER-FLOODED RIVERS.

AND SURROUNDING FARM LANDS, IN FLOOD.

THIS CAN ALL EXIT DOWN THE CHELMER CANAL AND FLOOD RATE PAYER'S HOMES, THAT ARE ALREADY THERE. THIS IS WITHOUT THE NEW BUILDING OF 1, 235 HOUSES WHICH WILL USE THIS TO EXIT THE CHELMER ESTUARY.

YOURS FAITHFULLY

R. H. Cooper.

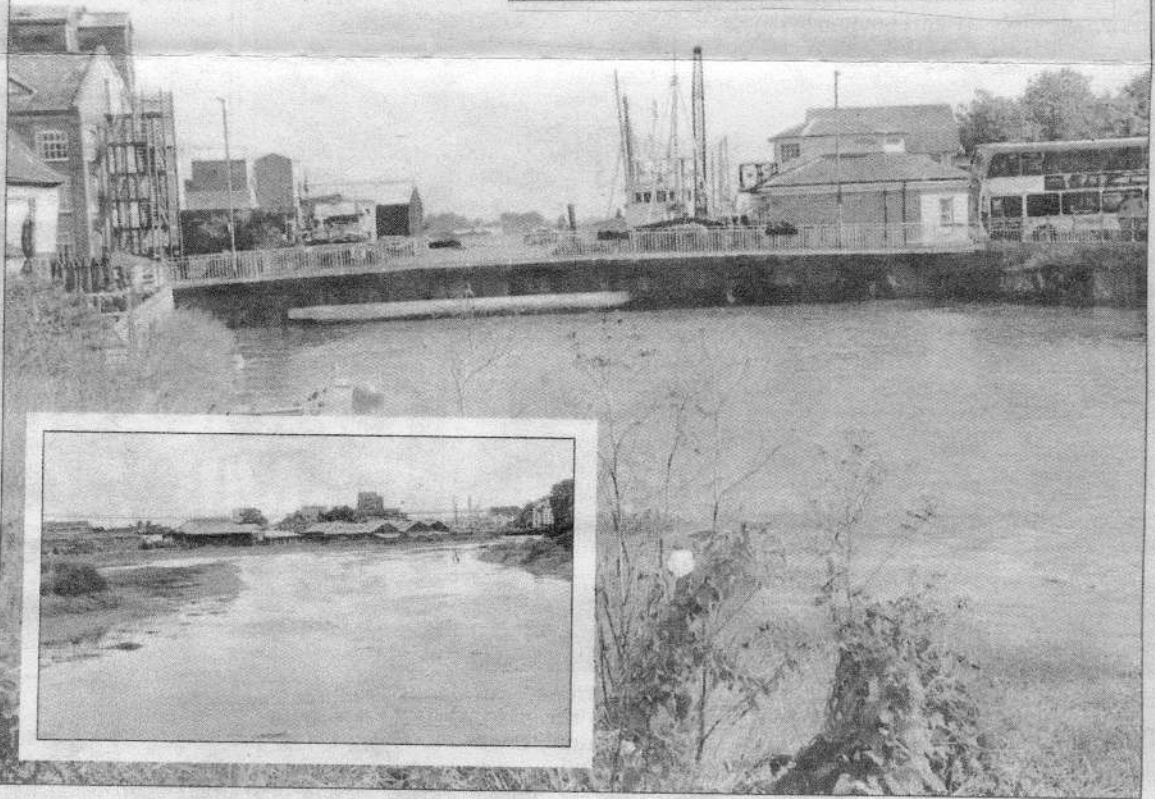
P.T.O.

MR. RICHARD COOPER.

I ATTACH A COPY FROM MALDON STANDARD, WHICH I SUPPLIED TO THEM RECENTLY AND IT WAS PUBLISHED AS PROOF OF THE TIDE BLOCK TWICE A DAY. THIS IS WITHOUT FLOOD WATER FROM, SURROUNDING AREA'S AND THE BLACKWATER RIVER / CHELMER RIVER WHEN IN FLOOD.

R.H. Cooper.

MR RICHARD COOPER.



## Proof Heybridge is at risk from floodwater

REGARDING the North Heybridge Garden Suburb Development, since the meeting, I have checked tide levels and, on Wednesday September 10, a high tide level of 6.2m at 14.00 hours was observed, pictures taken, low and high tide.

Pictures from Fullbridge and the estuary to Beeleigh Weir were taken for proof and accuracy.

The high tide only left a small gap under the Fullbridge and the estuary to Beeleigh overflowed

the banks. The estuary sea water went over and down the Blackwater/ Chelmer River via the canal, towards Tesco at its highest tide.

It was by luck a man closed the open lock gates on the Chelmer canal, thus stopping estuary water from going down the canal.

It had not rained for a week and was very dry.

No floodwater from the Blackwater or Chelmer Rivers and surrounding areas were

discharging into the estuary.

So where would the extra floodwater go, from the proposed new housing estate (1,350 houses)?

It would flood Heybridge. Councillors should be committed to protecting the existing homes in Heybridge, which are already at risk from flooding due to higher tides, storm surges and flash flooding.

RH Cooper  
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LOOKING AT FULLBRIDGE  
AND TESCO'S.

G.2 M. TIDE BLOCK

SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> WEDNESDAY 14.05 PM.