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Ref No: is 0120 Concerning Strategic Housing Growth at North Heybridge

Matter 3 Question 8 and s2 Question 1 (SHLA)

The latest "Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment" carried out by URS, and commissioned by Maldon District Council, concludes that the 4 acres of land to the north of Holloway Road site ID 2029a is Unsuitable and Undeliverable, due to the fact that it is within flood zone 3!

So the question i ask is, how can a site deemed unsuitable by such a reputable company as URS suddenly become suitable? Especially in the light of the historic flooding history of Holloway road

The Environment agency inform us we live within flood zone three, and they have also informed us that even after the flood alleviation scheme is completed, and the houses are constructed, we shall still be in flood zone three!.

I am somewhat alarmed of the fact that the proposed "flood alleviation scheme" i.e.: the holding ponds, to be sited to the west of the proposed link road, will only protect us from any surface water that is coming down from Wickham Bishops and will not have any bearing at all on the one hundred plus acre area where all of the proposed houses, 1350 are to be built!. Even more alarming is the information from the designers of this scheme that in the event of extreme continuous rainfall, the out flow from these ponds (which will be directed toward the tidal river), will have a shut off valve installed in it and that will be closed in such times to avoid flooding further downstream around the Maldon golf course area! Therefore sending the excess surface water downstream straight towards our already flooding homes!.

Yours Sincerely
R E Ryall