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Dear Sir

MALDON DISTRICT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN CONSULTATION.

In reply to your letter of the 15th September, we would like to make the following comments and observations in relation to SOUTHMINSTER:-

My wife and I have lived and farmed in Dengie and Southminster for some 60+ years, - so as you can imagine we are passionate about the area and in particular the village of Southminster, where, many years ago we financed and built a Medical Centre for Southminster.

With the increased amount of housing stock and estates built over recent years the current Medical Centre is bursting at the seams and is now in-adequate. There is nowhere within its current boundary for it to expand as we have already gone upwards and outwards over the past years.

The current major Land Agents who submit their glorious proposals for new estates invariably include a promise for a new Medical Centre BUT these proposed estates, in our opinion are too far out from the centre of the village for medical facilities.

A Medical Centre needs to be exactly that, in the CENTRE (or as close to the centre as possible). For example, there is land to the north of Queensborough Road, where, for a medical centre to sit would be ideal. There is also un-used overgrown land between Burnham Road and Kings Road in Southminster, - again this would be an ideal site.

Failing all others and, although not ideal, there is also the Old Vacant Police Station at the top of Queensborough Road, - could this be turned into additional medical facilities to work in conjunction with the existing medical centre ?.

Food for thought?

Yours sincerely

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