

# Wickham Bishops Parish Council

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12<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Dear Mr. Tofts,

## **Re: Maldon District Local Development Plan Consultation**

Thank you for the parish council's opportunity to comment on the proposed revisions to the LDP.

Wickham Bishops Parish Council does not support the inclusion of 'Land at Wickham Bishops' (your ref. S34) in the Alternative Site Assessment and makes the following observations:

- SA 1: the medical surgery is closed to new patients and the catchment school, which resides in a neighbouring parish, is continually over-subscribed. The Parish Council would expect to see a strongly negative 'scale of effect';
- SA 4, 5: the land is on the edge of the settlement with no footway access to the heart of the village. Up to 92 dwellings will increase the village size by 10%, bringing a noticeable number of new residents who will be forced to rely on car journeys at all times. This will limit opportunity for social interaction with existing residents, leading to social exclusion. The claimed 'reduction in isolation' would apply solely to the church and the inhabitants of its graveyard. Again, the Council would expect to see strongly negative 'scale of effect' ratings;
- SA 11, 12: whilst the increase in greenhouse gas emissions may be considered immeasurable against the district's emissions as a whole, there will be a concentrating effect from 10% of the village's vehicles passing through the same access road. Fumes and soot will be noticeable to the nearby inhabitants;
- SA 14: The area is characterised as Wooded Farmland; the loss of many trees will certainly affect its local character.

I trust that you will find the Parish Council's comments helpful in shaping the LDP revisions.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Liane J Rowland  
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