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Chief Planning Officer
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Dear Sir,

I am writing to object to your development plan for North Fambridge for the reasons listed below. Whilst I can accept the need to increase housing availability there are some major infrastructure issues that need to be addressed before this is appropriate.

- North Fambridge has an inadequate sewerage and surface water system and any additional housing will add to an already overloaded system. Despite our Parish Council having been in dialogue with Anglian Water and OFWAT for some considerable years it would seem that nobody wishes to accept responsibility for it.
- The B1012 is already totally inadequate to deal with the volume of traffic and has regular accidents including fatalities near the turning into North Fambridge. Further housing development in Burnham-on-Crouch and North Fambridge will seriously increase road usage and accidents quite apart from adding to the bottle neck that occurs at South Woodham Ferrers.
- North Fambridge has a train service but other than that transport links are poor. The limited number of through trains to Liverpool Street leads many workers from the village to drive to Wickford in order to catch the train. The last train from Liverpool Street being 22.00 hours also makes it inadequate for shift workers. Those working in Chelmsford, Basildon and beyond require a car to access their employment.
- Transport links to Broomfield Hospital are poor and even with the provision of an on demand bus service long journeys by bus with at least two changes are required. Access to St. Peter's Hospital also requires the use of the demand service plus a change at Althorne.
- The Plan states that in relation to North Fambridge "there appears to be existing capacity to accommodate the demand for medical provision". An extra 75 dwellings would be an insufficient number for an additional doctor but certainly too much pressure for the already overstretched medical practices.

Yours sincerely,

