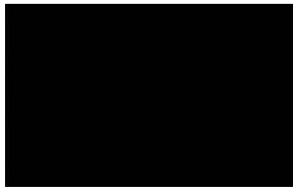


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To:

Chief Planning Officer

Local Development Plan Preferred Options Consultation

Maldon District Council

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object to the proposed development in North Fambridge due to;

- Transport and sustainability – transport links to the village are poor with no regular bus service. There is a limited train service but this is relatively expensive and links to Wickford and Southminster (direct trains to Liverpool Street London run only in rush hour and are already crowded). Getting to Southend or Chelmsford (main centres of employment and services) is difficult and time consuming. This means that a car is required.
- Highways – the B1012 is already a busy and dangerous road and the turn into North Fambridge is recognised as an accident reduction zone. The new houses proposed in North Fambridge would seriously increase road usage, especially as no additional public transport is proposed as part of the plan.
- Hospital links – transport links to local hospitals are poor and difficult via bus, making a car necessary.
- Sewerage and surface water – despite a long dialogue with local authorities and Anglian Water regarding the inadequate sewage systems in North Fambridge there is nothing in the plan about an up-grade. Currently the sewer system backs –up and causes sewage to flood into several gardens causing a health hazard and damage to property.
- Environmental issues – North Fambridge has extensive SSSI sites, a Ramsar site and an Essex Wildlife Trust Reserve. 75 additional houses will impact upon the wildlife in the area. The draft local development plan makes no allowance for the environmental significance of these areas

- Employment – there is no provision within the draft local development plan for the expansion of employment opportunities within North Farnbridge – all local employment growth areas in the plan are accessible only by car or train travel and so travel will be expensive. This may preclude unskilled/lower paid workers from taking up employment.
- Schools – the current catchment school for primary/juniors is oversubscribed. The proposed replacement is a faith school and may be unsuitable for many residents. Older children would have to be bussed to Burnham, making it difficult for parents to take advantage of any after school clubs/care unless they have a car.

Yours faithfully,

