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Dear sirs

I am writing in support of the Brood initiative to reduce the number of proposed houses to be developed in Burnham. My reasons are as follows

1 infrastructure

The approach roads to Burnham are already busy, the car parking at the Co-op and Tesco's often full with limited ability to expand — and additional influx of 1400 residents (proportionate to number of houses proposed) will only aggravate this. Also the medical centres etc are already at, or near, capacity — you only need to try to book an appointment to know that. Rail transport would also require a considerable upgrade - where are the assurances on this matter. I quote from your paper

- i. To maintain, improve and co-ordinate public transport provision, and promote sustainable modes of transport

2 employment

To insert this number of residents without addressing business development is risky. Without job growth in the area you are automatically increasing the unemployment levels in the town and the socio economic impacts that go with it. Where is the business development plan to accompany this population increase. The Irish housing crisis post 2008 faced just this issue with new housing built that ended up being ghost towns and with the houses subsequently being destroyed. To not learn from that experience seems shortsighted.

How are new local jobs going to be stimulated? Without employment demand and improved transport you run the very real risk of creating a glut of housing on the local market with no demand.

3 Long term damage to the towns marketability

Burnham is considered and marketed as a pretty river side village with considerable character. Adding 450 houses most of which are within 5 years jepordises the towns tourist income . i quote from your own paper "The District's strong associations with the coast, and our natural, historic and built heritage will make it a location of choice for people, businesses, day visitors and tourists. **We will ensure the sustainable growth of the tourism sector by protecting our designated sites, internationally important wildlife, our estuarine environment, salt marshes, unique heritage, beautiful countryside and picturesque towns and villages.** Our economy will be based on a highly productive skilled workforce ensuring success in the local, national and global economy. Maldon Town will be a focus for regeneration in order to ensure its continuing success as the District's main economic, social and cultural hub." **This approach will maintain the quality of the life which is valued by the local community. Growth will be focused in the most sustainable, accessible and appropriate locations taking into account constraints and the need to protect valued local countryside.**

Please consider this as a very definite no vote of confidence in this proposed housing development for 450 houses. Please reconsider with a more sustainable number.

