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1st October 2013

Dear Sirs,

Re:- Local Development Plan Preferred Options Consultation
Relating to North Fambridge

With reference to the above I would like to make the following objections listed below:-

1. Flood Risk

- a. As we are told the global Warming is now a fact, over the period of the next 80 Year's sea levels are due to rise 1 to 2 metres or more meaning many areas of North Fambridge will be under water and even the railway line.
- b. Surface water/ground water table is very high in the village for example for most of the time you only have to dig down a short distance to find water making soakaways ineffective and the building of many more homes would only exasperate the situation and could lead to flooding in periods of heavy rainfall.
- c. The proposed areas are just outside of the flood plan. The Environment Agency say that the line shown on their maps are meant only as a guide line. Therefore with increased sea levels this would mean that they will not be sustainable.
- d. Fambridge Road is the only route in and out of the village for escape or emergency services to gain access, is in the flood plain.

2. Transport

The railway which runs through North Fambridge is only a single line which provides A limited service to London and other locations with passengers having to change trains at Wickford. The time of the last train being 11.10pm and trains on Sundays starting at 8.20am for villagers who have to work in the service industries and shift workers the service is useless and being the cost of travel to London annually is £3,800, most people cannot afford the fares so the car is their only option.

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3. Sewerage

The sewerage system in North Fambridge is unable to cope with many new properties a new treatment works would be needed along with the problems regarding the water table and flooding the water authorities may see this option as unsustainable.

4. Number of proposed dwellings

This being in the region of 75 would be a sizeable increase, and this would be against "to retain the identity of our villages"

5. Easy access to the A12

I travel to work to Chelmsford via the A130 to the A12 on average to reach the A12 it takes me 25 to 30 minutes on a good day and more in the winter months therefore this is not the case.

6. Unique rural area

The area around North Fambridge is surrounded by SSS1 sites and Ramser site which to maintain and sustain these sites any development may have a detrimental impact on the fragile environment which needs protections for future generations.

7. Approach to North Fambridge Station

The approach road to the station provides limited access and cannot cope with any further increase in vehicles. I live just one house before the approach road where cars and buses have to turn into the station over the brow in the road this being very dangerous. When there are problems on the train's line, coaches are provided as the access is so limited they have to shunt back and forth blocking the main road so any further increase in passenger numbers could create gridlock in the village

8. Medical Services

The only doctor's surgery in the village is for 1 hour each week. even with the proposed number of dwellings It would be uneconomic for the health authority to improve this therefore villagers have to travel for GP services. The nearest hospital to the village is Broomfield which to travel to on public transport takes approximately 1 ½ to 2 hours one way.

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9 Insurance for homes

To get insurance for buildings In North Fambridge is increasingly difficult with many companies refusing to insure property in the village stating that the proximity to the River Crouch being the problem. Any new houses being build may not be able to obtain insurance this being the case lenders would not provide mortgages.

10. B1012

The volume of traffic which the proposed development would create would cause problems on this road which at the present time is difficult for villagers to access onto, plus with the proposed increase in housing in Burnham etc., would increase the capacity on the B1012 creating increased traffic flow which would be untenable.

11. Schooling

The children in the village are taken to Purleigh School by bus at present as there are no schools in North Fambridge, the government has said they are looking into school transport, therefore putting more children in an area where they need school transport does not make sense.

Yours faithfully,

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