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Chief Planning Officer
Local Development Plan Preferred Options Consultation
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Dear Sir

I refer to the LDP and write to object to the Local Development Plans on the following grounds:-

As in previous objections concerning development in North Fambridge you are well aware we currently have serious problems with sewerage and drainage due to the already over loaded sewer systems and therefore any further development would place an even further burden on a very poor system. There are currently 240 houses being served by Anglian Water. Another 75 would be impossible for an inadequate system to work and Anglian Water have already confirmed they will not be updating the system. There is only one pump in force and that has broken down numerous times due to the amount of people and houses it already serves. This area is already an area at risk from flooding and further housing would increase a risk of surface water flooding.

The village does not have any medical services and those in the surrounding areas are already oversubscribed with a surgery recently closing in South Woodham Ferrers and surrounding surgeries having to take on extra patients in surgeries already suffering with a current lack of GP's.

Schools are also oversubscribed and with the additional 75 houses it is doubtful that the only 2 secondary schools would be able to cope with the intake not taking into account the 450 planned houses at Burnham.

Further development in the village would obviously increase road traffic and consequently further accidents once again without taking into account the planned houses at Burnham. The turning into North Fambridge is unable to be improved and is recognised as an accident black spot and therefore any upgrades to the Highways the costs would have to be met by the developer.

There is no provision in the Local Development Plan concerning employment for which there are no opportunities in North Fambridge and limited access locally for employment opportunities. There are no regular bus services and a very limited train service, therefore further development would create more traffic and consequently further fatal accidents on the B1010 already notorious for the deaths that have occurred.

Most importantly we only have an adequate emergency evacuation area for North Fambridge villagers at this current time, there is no further space for any further people. There is no other access out of the village other than Fambridge Road. What would happen especially in time of emergency? Who would be responsible for any deaths that may occur in an emergency?

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No reference has been made to our Village Plan and Design Statement and although the LDP mentions the diversity of housing the density of some of the properties would only allow for flats and this is totally out of keeping with the rest of the village and does not conform to "retaining the identity of our villages". This development does not enhance the character of a rural village that is within a coastal zone, has a nature reserve with a conservation area and therefore compromises the open nature of North Fambridge which the Local Development Plan fails to even mention.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

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