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I write with the strongest objections to what i consider an ill conceived plan to concrete over Heybridge. I am aware that the council are under governmental pressure to provide housing but please consider spreading the developments across the whole of the area not concentrating on Heybridge who have already have had to take their fair share including affordable housing over the last few years. The land on which the proposed 900+ houses are to be built is the same as when a similar proposal by French Kier was rejected some 20+ years ago, although their proposal was for 300 houses on the same space??? this is a Greenfield site on grade 2 agricultural soil and is within a nature Conservancy Zone and is also partly in a Special Landscape Area. There was also great concern over the water table across this land which is prone to flooding (our Insurance Policies are loaded accordingly) which in turn manifests itself in Holloway Road. The Heybridge Wood is approx 200years old and although it has had much of its hardwood stripped from it by whoever and i believe were fined for it, it is still a very important part of Heybridge and is crammed full of wild life, what of them if the housing is to go ahead and what of the very important ecology of the wood and the surrounding area.

I would question Are These Houses for our Local people or are they wanted for people way outside our area where are they going to find jobs? the manufacturing base is fast disappearing in the area and what have we to offer to attract new industry when we haven't even got a railway station unlike Chelmsford and Colchester who in turn are building thousands of houses and a new railway station, i suspect a prospective employer would not invest anywhere where there are such poor transport links. The proposed new road in my opinion will not alleviate the congestion which will arise from putting another 2000 cars onto our already congested roads. The impact on Hatfield Peveral, Wickham Bishops, Totham, Witham, Danbury and even Chelmsford which are already are jam packed with traffic now, without loading another 2000 cars into the equation, and remembering that the traffic out of Burnham could come through Maldon and Danbury (although at least Burnham has a railway) it is a recipe for chaos. Where is the Bus Service to back up these houses coming from? try getting a bus in or out of Maldon in the evening.

Where is all the healthcare coming from for these thousands of people? the doctors, dentists and the ambulance service are stretched now. The hospitals at Chelmsford, Colchester, Basildon and Southend are over stretched (try getting a an appointment) and they are failing hospitals in the eyes of the NHS. Can the Police service and the Fire Brigade cope with this influx? Chelmsford are building a village and a railway station at Boreham, thousands of houses, where i ask are they going to get their healthcare, at Broomfield? So what chance have the people of Maldon and Heybridge getting our much needed services from Broomfield.

I see a Primary school is proposed, When and Where is that to be built given the developers promises in the past have USUALLY come to nothing?. An extension of Plume is proposed, it is already split and two further extend it would be to the detriment of the pupils. I am given to understand 600 secondary school places are required for 3000 houses, well as the draft plan proposes 4400 houses logic says that a new secondary school is required urgently.

In conclusion, if there is a need for the number of houses proposed please spread the load across ALL areas of Maldon, some of which would be more suited especially where traffic is concerned instead of concreting over Heybridge with such density 60+units an acre it is far far too much and i would think a green space between the existing houses in Heywood Way and the new housing is the very least expected to ease the great dumping of housing on the residents of this village. It must be obvious to all residents in Maldon and Heybridge that the infrastructure for this housing should All be in place before a brick is laid so that Education and Healthcare and the ability to drive and move about the area which is paramount, is ready. It must also be apparent that it will be the death knell to Maldon high street as parking is so restricted now let alone adding thousands of new cars to the equation, which will also impact on the

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