

Maldon District Council
Chief Executive's Office
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The CEO
Maldon District Council
Princes Road
Maldon

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Dear Sir or Madam

RE: Local Development Plan

As you can see from my address, I live in the area designated for a "Garden Suburb" I feel that this is the wrong direction for a market town such as Maldon and these proposed developments will considerably alter the character of the town and surrounding areas.

The local roads are already overcrowded, there are frequently long queues from the roundabout near Morrisons back to the roundabout in Spital Road and at busy times I have to wait five minutes or more to get my car out of my drive, I would imagine it would be a nightmare for any one trying to leave the new estates.

As far as I can see the proposed relief road appears to be ill thought out, ill conceived and in the wrong place and will undoubtedly cause a bottle neck, adding further to the traffic jams which occur here regularly in this area.

The infrastructure of Maldon cannot possibly cope with the influx of more families, one of your road show staff agreed that it would undoubtedly add to the pressure of the town centre.

There is insufficient employment in the Maldon area and many people are forced to commute in order to find employment. Local traders and shopkeepers may see an increased footfall but, without a doubt, it would be the out of town stores which would be the main beneficiaries to the further detriment of the High Street.

I am concerned that the Maldon Wick nature reserve no longer seems to exist and the bridle path by Knowles Farm, which is very popular with dog walkers and ramblers, will also become a thing of the past, lost under a sea of concrete. There are few places such as these in the area and replacing them with antiseptic walkways and avenues doesn't have the same appeal.

From my property I enjoy uninterrupted views over the surrounding countryside and the wildlife that is in this area which includes green backed woodpeckers, skylarks, at least two types of owl and in winter large flocks of fieldfares and redwings plus many other indigenous species and bats. This will be lost, and undoubtedly due to the loss of this vista that my property will be seriously devalued..

My home is my investment for the future and I have added value to it over the years that I have lived there.

I realise that these developments are being initiated by the government, but I feel the density of the population in the South East is already too great.

On a personnel level I was disappointed to hear, when visiting the road show that they couldn't tell me the name of the property developers as this was private information. Nobody has had the decency to contact me with regard to the possible development and ensuing noise and disruption this would cause affecting the quality of my life.

I await your reply with interest.

Yours Sincerely

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