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R.E Maldon District Draft Local Development Plan

To the Planning Policy Team

Dear Sir/Madam

Ideally I am opposed to developments on such a scale as Essex has already been swamped with such a proportion of potential dwellers. It would help the Heybridge North site if the areas currently designated were swapped so that the area of open space will immediately adjoin current development while new housing will stretch beyond (see map, green crosses as potential area for open space.)

In my opinion sustainability equals accessibility. There is and will continue to be a need for improved transport links such as trains linking the Maldon and Heybridge settlements to London, Norfolk and Suffolk. All you will provide is a further strain on road links/more congestion- a suburban nightmare. Langdon's link with Colchester road is of minimal help.

Development may be accommodated' but at the cost of destroying local countryside, and making available facilities for housing and schooling at an irresponsible level which will lead to local communities on a further step to urbanization. Pretty nomenclature does not disguise the harsh realities offered. Take a look at the clash in housing style between Springfield Cottages and the new development off of Everest Way!

If the proposal a few years ago to make Springfield Cottages a part of a conservation area had gone ahead, the style of said development would never have been allowed. No wonder the conservation proposal process was stopped in its tracks!!

Maldon/Heybridge communities are being led to the slaughter by a local council that appears scared to face up to governmental pressure and the self interests of local landowners who are already rubbing hands gleefully at the financial prospects. Just ignore local countryside/loss of prime agricultural land/flooding
Requirement- Moderate the level of new building, so that a percentage of new homes can be created but not at the cost of the rural character of Heybridge, nor at the loss of valuable agricultural land, that could so easily be a vital element for future generations, in the event of the likely world food shortage.

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- Indicative New Link Road
- Strategic Road Network
- LDP Masterplan Area
- Proposed Extension to Masterplan Area
- E1 Employment

