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Dear Sir

I am writing to object to the planned building of 75 new homes in North Fambridge.

I believe the level of the proposed development is not sustainable.

Here is a list of my objections:-

Highways

The B1012 is already a dangerous road and the turning into North Fambridge is recognised as accident reduction zone. The turning is incapable of improvement. The combination of 75 new homes in North Fambridge would seriously increase road usage and accidents.

Sewerage and Surface Water

I do not think the sewerage system could cope with a further 75 new houses. Since 1974 the Parish Council / Residents have been in dialogue with MP/MDC/ Anglian Water/ OFWAT regarding the inadequate sewage system in North Fambridge. Flooding and/or backing up have occurred because of the inadequate infrastructure. Any More housing will increase pressure on an already overloaded system and will make it "not fit for purpose".

Housing Density

As there may be a diversity of houses, the focus is on 1-2 bedroom dwellings, 40% being affordable. The density is 30-50 per hectare. At 30 per hectare this would provide terraced houses or flats and some smaller houses. At 50 per hectare this could only allow flats.

This is out of keeping with the rest of the village and does not comply with the stated objective to retain the identity of our village.

Flood Risk

Much of North Fambridge is within the flood zone. In addition the building of 75 Houses would increase the risk of surface water flooding even if the Sustainable Drainage Systems approach is used.

Environmental Issues

North Fambridge has extensive SSSI sites, a Ramsar site and an Essex Wildlife Trust reserve.

The building of 75 houses would severely impact upon the wildlife in the area with the loss of agricultural land.

GP Services

The LDP admits that GP services in the Maldon District area are oversubscribed, including the surgeries at Burnham and Maldon; despite this it states that in relation to North Fambridge "there appears to be existing capacity to accommodate the demand for medical provision". This is clearly not the case for the extra 75 dwellings. This is an insufficient number for an additional GP but too much pressure for existing medical practices. It is difficult to envisage the nature of the enhanced medical provision stated in the Consultation document.

Lack of amenities.

This includes parks, open spaces, footpaths, cycle paths, bridleways etc.

Hospital Links

Transport links to Broomfield Hospital are very poor and even with the provision of an on demand bus/taxi service long journeys by bus with at least 2 changes are required, most villages rely on transport by car. It is also difficult to access St. Peter's In Maldon , again requiring the on demand service and then a change in Althorne for the bus.

The reason for the allocation of 75 houses is stated to be because of its proximity to a higher level of services in South Woodham Ferrers, North Fambridge's railway station and access to employment opportunities in South Essex. Many of these additional facilities are only accessible by car or a long walk from South Woodham Ferrers railway station.

Yours

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