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Dear Sir

I strongly disagree with the proposed development for North Fambridge for the following reasons:

Highways - The B1010 is a dangerous road as I know to my personal cost (earlier this year I was forced off the road and avoided serious consequences by inches). The junction of Fambridge road and the B1010 is the only entrance or departure route for the village and is already difficult most of the time and downright dangerous at peak times. Adding 75 new homes and therefore 75-150 new cars would do nothing but increase this danger, let alone the additional traffic that 450 new homes in Burnham would add to the problem.

Housing Density - The development plan suggests that the focus is on 1-2 bedroom properties with a large number of these being "affordable". The proposed density suggests that the very small houses or flats would be considered. Such development would not possibly retain the identity of our village.

Schooling - I cannot understand how 75 new families in Fambridge could integrate their children into the education system. We are in the catchment area for Purleigh and this school is already over-subscribed. For senior pupils they would, in theory, need to travel to Burnham but your proposal includes the building of 450 new properties in that town. Therefore, how would new Fambridge children get the education they deserve. Would their parents need to transport them to diverse schools. Is this environmentally correct and what final strain would this place on the families, especially if they have a need for "Affordable housing"?

Employment and Transport - There are very few employment opportunities in Fambridge or its immediate locality. Therefore, any new resident must travel to secure work. It therefore follows that there must be environmental pressure and considerable financial strain on the worker and his/her family. Although the Plan suggest new business and the development of new employment opportunities, these must (de facto) be in Maldon and Burnham and will not be local enough to Fambridge to provide economic opportunities to its residents.

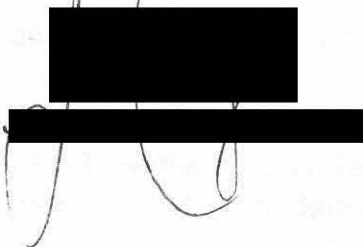
At first sight, it is South Woodham Ferrers could be considered to offer more job opportunities but, in reality, any worker travelling there must use private transport unless they are prepared to walk a considerable distance from its rail station AND accept that there is a 40 minute separation in train times.

There is no daily bus service and therefore all commuter journeys must be made by private car or motorcycle. This has both cost and environmental issues as previously discussed.

Doctors - We only moved to North Fambridge last year. We had to approach four doctors surgeries before we were accepted as new patients. We were told that the doctors had full lists and that having patients in Fambridge was too expensive in terms of both finance and time, especially if house calls were required. This emphasises to me that if 75 new families were added to the population this would add yet more pressure on an already oversubscribed system..

Sewage - It is well known that the sewage system in North Fambridge is inadequate and causes a health hazard as and when it fails to deal with surface water etc. There is nothing new in this and has been discussed for 30 years or so. Adding 75 new homes would exasperate the problem.

Yours faithfully

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