

To: Chief Planning Officer

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Malden District Council

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Re: 'Local Development Plan Preferred
Options Consultation'

Dear Sir

I wish to make the following objections
to the above Development Plan

- The plan proposes a housing density of 40% that would be affordable with a density of between 30% - 50%. This at best (30%) would provide terraced properties and some smaller houses. At worst (50%) this would only provide flats. This is out of keeping with the rest of the village and does not 'fit' with the Plan's proposal to 'retain the identity of our villages'
- There are very few employment opportunities in Farnbridge. Residents seeking employment would have to travel towards Chelmsford and Hordon which is where they are more likely to find work. Both the cost of using the railway and its limitations would force most to use the greater flexibility of a car

- Employment close to home would be a solution but there is no provision in the Development Plan for the expansion of employment opportunities
- The problems of the highways in and out of the village are already well known. A combination of 75 new dwellings in N. Farnbridge and 450 in Burnham will only add to the problem. The Plan does not suggest any solutions or proposals. It seems to rely on the vague hope that railways will come to the rescue which will not happen.
 - The provision of health care in Farnbridge is already overstretched. It relies almost entirely on personal transport to access G.P.'s and even more so to reach Broomfield. Emergencies rely on the admittedly limited service provided by the Ambulances. The plan has no proposals to improve the situation presumably working on the premise that 75 more dwellings will just be absorbed.
 - Farnbridge has had severe sewage problems for many years. Again the plan does not have any proposed solutions to what is a very serious problem.