



8th October 2013

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Local Development Plan 2014-2029 consultation identifying 75 new houses in North Fambridge.

I am writing to object to the above proposal on the following grounds:

Highways

The B1012 is already a dangerous road with several recent accidents including a fatality in the last month. The turning into North Fambridge is recognised as an accident reduction zone. The turning is incapable of improvement. The combination of 75 houses in North Fambridge and 450 in Burnham would seriously increase road usage and more accidents happening. Any upgrades would be at the expense of the developer.

Transport.

There is a train service but transport links are poor due to the fact that the last train leaves Liverpool Street at 10pm, which would make it very difficult for shift workers to commute. Many workers from the village drive to Wickford to catch a train to London. Links to workplaces in the immediate area ie Maldon, Chelmsford, Basildon etc require a car. The cost of an annual ticket to Liverpool Street is approx £3500 and rising therefore requires well paid employment.

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 two changes are required, most villagers rely on transport by car.

It is also difficult to access St Peter's Hospital in Maldon, again requiring the on demand service and then a change in Althorne for the bus.

Employment

There is very little Employment in North Fambridge with some positions in Deerlands Nursery, Yacht Haven, Ferry Boat inn, Roe jetting services and some related farming. There is very little opportunity for the unskilled and they would have to seek positions outside of the village involving difficult and expensive travel.

There is no provision in the draft Local Development Plan for the expansion of employment opportunities.

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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 SW Ferrers railway station.

I would be grateful if the above points will be looked at carefully,

Yours faithfully


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