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13<sup>th</sup> October 2013

Dear Sir's

**Maldon District Council Development Plan 2014 – 2029**

**75 new houses for North Fambridge**

I am writing with regard to the above Development Plan 2014 – 2019 for North Fambridge and wish to strongly object to this plan.

In your objective you wish to 'retain the identity of our villages' how is this possible when the focus is on 1-2 bedroom houses, 40% of which are to be affordable. This would be **totally out of keeping with our village!** The new development would be required to install street lighting – something our village hasn't got, again this would change the appearance of our village and this would not 'retain the identity' of it.

The sewage system currently in the village is inadequate and already causes problems to some residents. We have already been advised by Anglia Water in 1980 that the system is 'not fit for purpose' how can it be practical to add another 75 new dwellings to this inadequate sewage system?

North Fambridge is in a flood zone, the proposed new dwellings would increase the risk of surface water flooding in our village.

North Fambridge has sites of Special Scientific Interest; the impact of these new houses would significantly impact on the wildlife in this area with the loss of agricultural land and the increased population.

The road B1012 is a dangerous road and heavily used and the turning in to North Fambridge is recognised as an accident reduction zone. The proposal of 75 new houses for North Fambridge, combined with 450 new houses in Burnham, would severely increase the usage on this road and would completely overload it leading to increased accidents and more road congestion. The proposed development would increase traffic on the road B1010 which is a heavily used road and a dangerous one. There is practically no employment within our village so people would have to drive to other areas to seek it and again this would impact on already busy, narrow roads.

The new occupant s would be totally reliant on their cars as there is no regular bus service and the train service is costly and limited. An annual season ticket to London is approx. £3,500 and requires someone to be in a relatively high paid job to be able to afford this outlay.

The current catchment school is Purleigh primary school which is over subscribed. The proposed catchment school is Latchingdon which is a faith school and may not be acceptable to local residents

These proposed new dwelling will put pressure on the GP services that are already oversubscribed.

I hope you consider these points that I have raised.

Yours faithfully

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