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Dear Sir/Madam

I am submitting this letter of objection to the above Plan for the following reasons:

1. The number of houses proposed is excessive if protecting the character of the village and improving the quality of life is taken into consideration, as stated in this Plan. A proportionate number of houses could be absorbed and not destroy further the identity and character of North Fambridge.
2. A large part of North Fambridge is in a flood zone.
3. It is within a Conservation Area and next to a site of Special Scientific Interest and would have a detrimental effect on the local wildlife population and environment through the loss of open land.
4. Installation of lighting would completely destroy the character and rural aspect of the village.
5. It would place a totally unacceptable additional burden on an already over-capacity sewage system which regularly cannot cope with the existing inflow.
6. The main road, the B1010, is already becoming unacceptably dangerous and has recently suffered 2 fatal accidents very close to the access to North Fambridge. Any additional traffic would only serve to exacerbate this.
7. The additional traffic coming into the village on the only narrow access road (which is already unacceptably dangerous with the amount of heavy vehicles owned by R J Roe & Sons now using it) would lead to a significant increase in the risk of accidents.
8. The local catchment area primary/junior school has no capacity for additional pupils and the proposed alternative is a faith school which would not be universally acceptable.
9. There are very few employment opportunities in North Fambridge, indeed there are many people currently unemployed, and there is no provision in this plan for any expansion. As there is no regular bus service and the railway is limited in both the area it serves (not either of the 2 main local towns where the chance of employment is greater) and the ability to increase the number of trains (as it is only a single track with a crossover), new residents would have to rely very heavily on commuting/travelling by car. Working from home is almost impossible with the current inadequate broadband service.
10. Transport links to the closest emergency hospital facility (and most hospital needs) at Broomfield Hospital are very poor, and the journey to and from this is extremely difficult and takes an unacceptably long time if you are unable to drive and have to rely on public transport.
11. The GP services in the Maldon district which are available to North Fambridge residents are already oversubscribed and this Plan would add even more pressure on existing services.

I ask you to take my objections into consideration, together with the views of other residents of North Fambridge.

Yours sincerely

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