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I heard about this plan and the local consultation events very late in the day. I attended the event on Mersea, and in preparation for it, I produced the attached document setting out my immediate concerns.

I now understand that this may not be completely relevant to the current debate. However, my overarching concern when I look at how Colchester, in my opinion, has suffered over the last 30 years (why should we be proud of 'the fastest growing town in England?') is because of the failure of the key players in all this to produce joined-up plans to improve the town for the benefit of the existing residents, viz CBC, Essex County Council Highways and the NHS. The single biggest problem is the siting of the hospital to the North of the town with insufficient access routes over/under the railway and with no space now around it to enable it to grow for the existing population and transfer of Essex County hospital let alone massive further increases in population.

I understand and applaud the Vision of this document but need a lot of convincing that the mistakes of the past will not be repeated in the future! What assurance are there that all these bodies will work together? Who has the ultimate responsibility of ensuring/making this happen?

There is one other significant area which I have not been able to find in this report, and this relates to the securing and displaying of all archaeological discoveries which might be found as 'new' areas are opened up. I bitterly regret the failures of the past to maintain such discoveries (eg the Roman chariot circus) and to exploit them for the benefit of the town and myriads of potential visitors who could also enjoy them. Imagine the public outcry if the Roman settlements found near Hadrian's Wall had been dug up or built over!

I hope that these comments may be helpful as you continue to refine this Plan.

Kind regards

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