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To: Planning Policy
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Subject: Call For Sites.

Dear Sir.

I refer to the Battleswick Farm application in Rowhedge.

I have lived in and around Colchester all my life and cannot believe that this area is under consideration. I moved to Rowhedge to escape the London overspill that is now North of the town and the old Barracks redevelopment which is causing nothing but misery on the roads of the town.

If this area is built on Rowhedge will be joined to Colchester and be just another suburb. For a start it is too far from the station for commuters as they would have to battle across town to access the station. Due to the cost of homes in the town commuters will be the only ones that can afford them anyway. The village is already having an extra 170 homes as the first phase of the dock development starts. This will increase the population by 50%.. Another consideration is flooding when the fields are concreted over, any heavy rain now makes Battles Brook flood.

Surely this madness for house building around Colchester will have to stop soon as the existing facilities and infrastructure can not support an even larger population. I see Colchester has built three times the number of houses that the County Town of Chelmsford has, why is this? Do all the Councilors live in the quiet villages around it?

Surely the best option for the area is the possible new "Tey" town development where the proposed A120 diversion meets the A12 between Marks Tey and Kelvedon? This would solve all the problems in one go regarding traffic on the A120 and A12, plus a new railway station for the commuters. There is plenty of empty land in the area which I am sure the landowners would be keen to sell.

Colchester was once a lovely country town and the Council decisions over the last few years beggar belief, do any of the people that vote on these decisions actually live and work here? I use to visit the town centre fairly often, but now I go about twice a year because the town centre is dying. Who wants to pay extortionate prices to park to go and see endless rows of charity shops, betting shops, bars and restaurants? And as for venturing in late at night...forget it!

I am sorry I digress. Back to Battleswick Farm, I personally and many others will fight tooth and nail should this plan progress any further than a possibility for housing etc.

Yours sincerely.

Paul Warner.