I am writing to strongly oppose the proposal to change the classification of Battleswick Farm in Rowhedge. Building on this land would significantly increase the size of the village and almost completely remove its independence as a village, since the built up area would connect the village to Old Heath. Passing the fields into Rowhedge gives the village its identity, separate from Colchester.

Whilst the Wharf development is not yet started we cannot even start to assess the impact such a large increase in the size of the village would have, to change the classification of this land from Green Space to allow building would not only remove an important local natural resource but also put pressure on already stretched local services.

Regards
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