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**From:** Rosie Appleton [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** 26 February 2015 22:06  
**To:** Planning Policy  
**Subject:** Battleswick farm

I write to object to the application for the above farmland to be re-classified from its current designation as green belt land. This is the status which provides protection from any development. As this land has also been submitted for consideration in the 'Local Plan', I could not object more to this status change. Rowhedge is already under the shadow of large redevelopment at the wharf end, and Rowhedge Business Park is also proposed to the Local Plan. This is a small fishing village with already overstretched amenities - the school and doctors surgery are near capacity, and this is without the confirmed addition of 300+ houses in the year to come.

The fields of Battleswick provide a haven for wildlife including endangered species such as the water vole and cuckoo.

I urge the planning department of Colchester Borough Council reject this and any further plan involving the precious and sadly rapidly reducing countryside of Colchester - there is no room in Rowhedge for any further development; development which this change in classification wholly invites.

Yours faithfully,

Rosie Appleton

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