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To: Planning Policy

Subject: Rowhedge Call-for-Sites

I am writing to strongly object to the land surrounding Battleswick Farm, Rowhedge to be used for development. This includes the fields at the back of Rowhedge Road, Hillview Close and Ashurst Close.

My main objections are:

There has been a lot of housing development in Rowhedge over the recent years, including along the river front and the massive development planned for the Rowhedge Wharf. The current school and doctors surgery are not big enough to cope with the extra influx of people.

A big concern of mine is wildlife in the area, the surrounding fields houses several badger setts and supports a lot of wildlife - including badgers, foxes, newts, snakes, deer, squirrels and a wide variety of birds. We need to try and preserve some natural areas for wildlife and for future generations to enjoy.

When we purchased our property the plans showed that some of the fields are flood plains and with the problems other areas have had recently with flooding this needs to be a big consideration.

A development this size will generate a considerable amount of traffic and I feel that the surrounding roads are not big enough to accommodate it.

On a more personal note the development will affect our view, quality of life and the value of our property.

We need to keep Rowhedge separate from Old Heath and to try and preserve some of our green places.

I look forward to your comments with interest.

Many thanks.

Jane Page (Mrs)