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Here are the comments from:

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Boxted Parish Council have noted from the Colchester Borough Council Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation paper that growth strategy options 3A and 3B provide for development North of the A12 on land in or adjacent to the villages of Boxted and Langham (and therefore further encroaching upon the Dedham Vale AONB)

The residents of Boxted have recently been canvassed for their views in relation to their Neighbourhood Development Plan. There has been overwhelming support (94%) for the maintenance of a clear green boundary between Boxted and Colchester to maintain the village identity of Boxted.

We are therefore objecting most strongly to the inclusion of Options 3A and 3B in the Issues and Options Consultation Paper and would request that these Options be removed from the plan.

We are particularly concerned at the statement that the acceptance of these options 3a and 3b would necessitate a 'range of smaller sites' which could potentially mean creeping development on the clear green boundary between Colchester and Boxted as well as the potential impact on the Dedham Vale AONB.

We are concerned that any such development would not be in keeping with the character and distinctiveness of the area particularly with regards to habitats and landscape types and would not retain and enhance existing local green infrastructure which includes Boxted Heath, Dedham Vale AONB and the Stour estuary and we are further concerned at the loss of traditional agricultural and potential new wooded areas that the acceptance of Options 3a and 3b would provide.

It is also noted that most development in recent years has been focussed on the North of the town (North Growth Area) and this Council feel that it would now be more appropriate to consider looking at future growth, if needed, elsewhere in the Borough.

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