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Sent: 16 February 2015 15:02
To: Beverley McClean; Planning Policy
Cc: Tony Pullon; Michael Lilley - Cllr - own email; Simon Cairns
Subject: Re: Issues & Options consultation publicity

Dear Beverley

East Donyland Parish Council discussed various issues arising from this Local Plan Consultation at its Council meeting last Thursday.

It is concerned that a substantial area of land (part of Battleswick Farm) has been put forward for consideration to provide potential housing up to 2032.

Rowhedge is currently awaiting the commencement of a substantial development that will increase, in the first phase alone, the number of properties in our area by 15%. Whilst our village would appreciate more affordable housing for our first time buyers and sheltered housing for our older residents, we do not welcome the size of growth that would be inevitable with another 40 acre development. It would virtually overwhelm our current population of approx 2,600 and neither our bus service, primary school, pre-school or Drs Surgery could cope.

Rowhedge is proud of its heritage and village status; we would not welcome any development that has a negative impact on our discreet independence and in effect cause a coalescence with Old Heath and Colchester Town.

We are very keen to keep our village 'alive' and functioning as a semi-rural community. We would welcome improved infrastructure to support the planned for Wharf Development, phases 1-3, and maybe even some more housing off Rectory Road where there is small industry at present; this would not 'join' us to Colchester and be a manageable influx. We are keen to encourage small craft based industries to our area but not heavy industry as the country roads are not fit for regular HGV use. It would be great to have a butchers, bakers again and maybe there will be scope for this on the Wharf Development in due course.

It is extremely important to village communities to retain their identity, and our's is no different. We do not want a 'housing corridor' joining us to Colchester but green pastures that define the boundaries. We welcome new people and are keen to involve them in village life, we cannot do this if our village identify is virtually 'wiped out'.

Please acknowledge this response and share it with the appropriate officers in the Planning Dept carrying out the Consultation.

Thank you.

Regards

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- serving the village of Rowhedge.

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On Mon, Jan 12, 2015 at 2:35 PM, Beverley McClean <Beverley.McClean@colchester.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Parish Clerk

Colchester Borough Council has started work on its new Local Plan for the Borough covering the period 2017-2032.

The Planning Policy team will be running the Issues and Options Consultation from the 16 January 2015 until 27 February 2015 at the following locations

Tiptree Community Centre – Saturday 7 February 2015 (10am-2pm)

Mersea Centre (MICA) – Wednesday 11 February 2015 (4pm-8pm)

Wivenhoe Scout & Guide Hut – Saturday 14 February 2015 (10am-2pm)

Hythe Community Centre – Monday 16 February 2015 (12 noon - 8pm)

Great Horkesley Village Hall – Saturday 31 January 2015 (10am - 2pm)

Marks Tey Village Hall – Saturday 21 February 2015 (10am-2pm)

In addition to the above drop in sessions there will also be additional consultation drop in sessions at Colchester Library (Saturday 17 January 2015 10am-2pm & Tuesday 27 January 2015 2pm-6pm) and at Asda (on 24 January 2015 10am-2pm

I am now contacting you to see if you could put help us advertise/promote the forthcoming consultation. On Friday 16th January 2015 we will be sending you some promotional material and would be very grateful if you could distribute/display information, as appropriate. Also once you have received the email link to the consultation documents, which will go live on Friday 16th January 2015, could these also be added to your website and or social media pages if you use these.

Many thanks

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