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Subject: Colchester Borough Council's Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation

Dear Sirs,

On behalf of Kelvedon Parish Council I wish to submit our comments on your Local Plan Options.

- 1) In all sub options B there is expected to be development in Tiptree. The current provision of transport links to the A12 and rail line is not considered adequate for the current traffic from Tiptree with particular congestion at Gore Pitt, along Feering Hill, Kelvedon High St and London Rd, at peak times. Any additional development will inevitably exacerbate this as the only access on the southbound A12 from Tiptree is along this route. As noted in your consultation document the rail line and A12 are already at capacity. We object to these options unless a new link road is first constructed that would provide access to the north and south bound A12 traffic at the north end of Feering, which would then remove the need for vehicles to travel through Kelvedon to access the southbound A12. In terms of the rail line, this line is already at capacity at peak times and we would urge CBC to use its influence during the current rail franchise consultation to force any new operator to commit to increase capacity.
- 2) We also note option 2 outlines an option to create a sizeable development in the Marks Tey area. The proximity of this development to Kelvedon brings the potential for residents to use both Kelvedon as a short cut on to the A12 southbound and Kelvedon station as an alternative to Marks Tey station, both of which would increase traffic not only through Kelvedon but also on the surrounding rural country lanes. We would request that any design takes account of this and that development encourages new residents to use the Marks Tey A12 junction and station.

Best regards,

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