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From: Parish Clerk <wormingford@outlook.com>
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To: Planning Policy
Subject: CBC - Local Plan - Response from Wormingford Parish Council.

Dear Spatial Policy Team,

Wormingford Parish Council welcomes the opportunity to respond to the Local Plan proposals for the Borough. This document was debated at the Council's February meeting and the following response should be used as the Council's formal response to the consultation.

In our position at the extreme edge of the borough boundary, situated almost equi-distant between Colchester and Sudbury and on the very edge of the Stour Valley we feel that we are in a unique location. Our location and isolation is one of the many appeals to our residents.

Our village and surrounding countryside form a popular destination for those walkers and cyclists seeking the healthy lifestyle referred to in your Local Plan Theme- Promoting Healthy Communities. It is our belief that Wormingford would react positively to discussions focussed on improving our facilities such as cycle routes and footpaths aimed at improving and developing such healthy activity.

With respect to housing development we feel that infill development would continue to be appropriate within existing settlement boundaries. Any backfill or increment in the Settlement boundary would threaten the very essence of the village and as such is felt inappropriate especially when taking into account the lack of services available within the village.

With respect to the re-use of redundant farm buildings and light industrial development, Wormingford already has some considerable experience with the Grove Farm buildings, Colchester Skip Hire, Paul Flatman Poultry and Fairfields Farm Crisps. It is our experience that such businesses start off in a small manner but over a fairly short period can outgrow the local infra-structure. One of the major concerns amongst many within the village is the increased passage of HGV's along the unclassified road between Wormingford and Fordham Heath. When we take the infra-structure issue into account we feel that some IT based/administrative activities may be appropriate whereas further production/waste handling activities would be inappropriate.

If you have any questions regarding our response or would like to set up a meeting to discuss the comments raised, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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