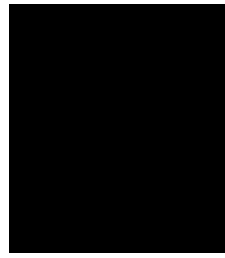


Mr Gregory Herne



5 April 2021

Response to section 2 Local Plan consultation for Abberton and the Peldon Rd site (Pantile's farm)

Dear Sir/Madame,

I do not believe this plan to be sound I have examined the plans and I know the site well. I wish to object strongly to the development of these 55 houses in this location in Abberton, Pantiles Farm site.

The proposal is inappropriate in that this site (Peldon Rd Pantiles farm sites either side) is outside the village envelope. More housing is not required in Abberton. There is ample opportunity to provide additional housing in areas that already have significant residential housing infrastructure which is sustainable and it does not impact sites such as Abberton Reservoir wildlife reserve, Abbots Hall Farm wildlife reserve, Langenhoe wildlife reserve and the coastal protection belt.

The site proposed (Peldon Rd Westside Pantile's Farm) is only 100m away from Abberton Reservoir wildlife reserve and has been unused for some 20 years and left in its natural state to allow rare and protected wildlife to settle and flora and Fauna to allow the wildlife to forage for food and make the site the place where they live. This has encouraged local Flora and fauna to take hold providing shelter and a food source for other wildlife that uses Abberton reservoir wildlife reserve and others wildlife sites such as Abbot's hall farm wildlife reserve, Langenhoe wildlife reserve some 500 metres.

The Peldon Rd Pantiles farm site is habitat for Bats for foraging and nesting. I believe them to be the Soprano and common Pipistrelle variety which are local to Mersea, Abberton reservoir wildlife reserve, Abbot's Hall Farm wildlife reserve, Langenhoe wildlife reserve. If their habitat were removed then this would be in contravention of the Countryside act 1981. During the evening I sit on my patio and watch these beautiful creatures flying all over that site.

The site proposed (Pantile's farm) is also 50 metres from a site in Glebe lane owned by a children's home, which was submitted for consideration for residential development in the local plan. It was later removed from consideration by Colchester Borough Council (CBC) due to the site being used for nesting and foraging by Nightingale birds and the existence of Great Crested Newts. The habitat on the Peldon Rd (Pantile's farm) is identical to that of Glebe lane and is also used by Nightingales. The Peldon RD (pantile's farm) is perfect for Nightingales. I listen to their beautiful song late spring and the summer. Their existence in Abberton is well documented.

There is a water tributary that runs along the westside of Peldon rd from Glebe lane and into/through the Peldon Rd (pantile's farm) site. This tributary leave water holes and ponds along its route. On the Glebe lane site (only 50m from the Peldon Rd Pantile's Farm), it is documented that Great Crested newts live on this site and also the Peldon Rd (Pantile's farm site) which again are protected under the Countryside act 1981.

If houses were built on the Peldon Rd (Pantile's farm west site) site it would destroy all the wildlife and habitat used for nesting/feeding/hunting and is in contravention of the countryside act 1981.

If house were built on the Peldon Rd (Pantile's farm) site it would significantly impact on the wildlife from Abberton reservoir who use this site 24/7

On the 5 April 2020 and 31 May 2020 Warren, son-in-law of the site owner of Pantile's farm was (witnessed by my neighbour and I) scarify the site using a tractor to an "inch" of its life, approximately 1 week prior to an assessment made by an environmental company. I have video footage of these occasions. I reported these occurrences to Essex Police and CBC neither seemed interested. The impact would have been that any fauna or flora would have been instantly destroyed, any ground dwelling wildlife such as reptiles, lizards, ground nesting birds would have been destroyed. Anything else living there would have been frightened away. This makes any environmental survey completed inappropriate. There is also the issue of whether this action was intentional, especially as the owner would have known of the date of the environmental impact survey and his actions 1 week prior.

I have lived adjacent to this land and for 7 years and this action has never previously been completed or has not occurred since. In terms of environmental impact and protection the plan is not sound and does not comply legally

In terms of education there are no early year's facilities with Abberton. Adding another 55 homes is completely unsustainable and will add significant pressure to surround schools. Langenhoe school does not have the capacity to already deal with all students that apply for places. Other schools nearby do not have capacity due to local plans. Key stage 1,2,3 Education in the area is unsustainable and the plan is not sound.

There are no GP or dentist surgeries in Abberton or indeed any kind of healthcare facilities. The nearest being some 3 miles away in Mersea or Layer De la Haye whose NHS waiting lists are at exhaustion. 55 new households along with all other local plan proposals will ensure that some people do not have access to basic healthcare. These new homes will cause significant issues to the already infrastructure within Abberton. The plan is unsustainable and not sound.

Peldon Rd is a dangerous road with a 30mph up to Abbeywood bungalow on the westside of Peldon Rd. Past this point (where the Peldon Rd, Pantile's farm site located) is national speed limit of 60mph. Any vehicles leaving the proposed sites on both the east and west sides of Peldon rd safety would be seriously compromised. The Peldon Rd is dangerous as users do not comply with the 30mph speed limit let alone the 60mph. There are no footpaths on either side of the road some 100 metres prior to Abbeywoods Bungalow. Development of the Peldon Rd (pantile's farm site) would seriously compromise the safety of local residents and visitors and would end up in death or serious injury. The Peldon Rd coming from Peldon is not straight and leads uphill into Abberton. This is dangerous as road users cannot see the village due to the bend and the hill. There have been several near misses on Peldon Rd. With at least 100 new vehicles will impact on the road traffic and on the protected wildlife in terms of noise and light pollution. Planning to have an entrance off the Peldon Rd will impact on safety and vehicle accidents. There are no facilities for sustainable

transport in Abberton, no bicycle lanes which makes using a bicycle along Peldon Rd very dangerous. Parents will be tempted to park on Peldon Rd which will make the road unpassable and will result in vehicle accidents, the loss of life or serious injury. This plan is unsustainable and is not sound.

There is a local shop now with very limited stock run by volunteers. It is not open for those residents returning after 6pm and limited at a weekend. The nearest shopping facilities are some 2 miles away. The plan is unsustainable and not sound.

Mobile phone signals in the Abberton area are poor as is the data signals. More phones or devices that use the signals will impact existing users and could make them unusable for some residents. Fibre Broadband was promised to Abberton some two years ago but the provider is very unreliable and to date still has not provided Fibre Broadband. Where it has provided Fibre Broadband in other villages its service is very poor. This plan is unsustainable and is not sound.

Water supplies to Abberton & Langenhoe are poor due to water pressure issues. The Soil is of Clay origin which causes drainage issues and localised flooding. The Peldon Rd West (Pantiles Farm site) is downhill and is prone to flooding. This would cause sewage issues and water pressure issues with 55 additional households, home prone to flooding. This site also has a water tributary running through it. This plan is unsustainable and is not a sound plan.

Yours faithfully

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