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All three local city councillors in Wivenhoe ward, all Wivenhoe Town councillors and the huge majority of Wivenhoe residents (as seen by the documented residents' voices in the neighbourhood plan), support the neighbourhood plan.

The neighbourhood plan is part of the local plan. We did the plan because we accepted that we needed to build houses. By moving the boundaries (ie coming north of the pylons) we come even closer to a coalescence between our town and the proposed Tendring new town.

Our setting is critical. The village envelope that was drawn allows us to be able to continue to view the open countryside. It is imperative that this remains the case. Many of my residents tell me they walk there with their dogs there, as do I, and the open space gives beautiful open views which must remain.

Anything north of the pylons is also unsustainable because to becomes too far walk to amenities... for many it would mean getting into their cars to access amenities which, in the climate crisis we find ourselves in, is very short sighted.

The Neighbourhood Plan specifically calls for a footpath to connect Richard Avenue to the football ground, yet Taylor Wimpey are proposing a hedge to go here, which will prevent safe pedestrian accesses from Elmstead Road to the football club. Young players and their families will not be able to walk to the match or to training during the week at their own club. No footpath means local people will have to drive to their own football pitch...this is environmentally unsound and does nothing to promote or encourage walking; it is a backward step to the current situation.

With 4 hectares of developable area, even without the Wolf strip, 120 homes divided by 4 gives you 30 dwellings per hectare You can't take off the constraints; they are incidental open spaces.

With Taylor Wimpey's plan of building 35 dwellings beyond the pylons, beyond the agreed boundaries, you would be putting 29% of the housing outside the agreed boundary. That's very close to one third of the total housing being built beyond the agreed boundary. This cannot fail to have an impact on the countryside views.

This proposal does not work in principle and it does not work in practice; in principle, it simply does not follow the neighbourhood plan and, in practice, it does not ensure we remain physically separate as a village. In practice, the proposals actively result in encouraging poor physical health to our residents and the environment.

Thank you
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