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PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT WEST HORNDON

The proposed development would treble the size of this village and therefore would not be in accordance with the Forward in your Consultation Document that states, "it can do the most good and least harm". Since this enormous amount of building would effectively ruin the village at it stands and make it into a Town, all it shows is that no one has done any research in this whole affair.

It goes on to state "it should have good access to facilities, such as Healthcare. Parks, schools, shops and public transport. The facilities that we now enjoy are only sufficient for the 500 or so dwellings that we currently enjoy and would in no way be adequate for any further buildings

The Forward also states that the Plan aims to ensure the historic and natural environment are protected yet, you aim to remove the Metropolitan Green Belt which is the only thing separating us from the further sprawl of outer London.

No evidence is put forward as to the infrastructure that is proposed except to say that it might be forthcoming. I hope that this will include water supply, wastewater and its treatment, energy, telecommunications, utilities, waste, health, and social care of which we are in great need. Education for future Nursery, Junior and Senior schools and the ever present flood risk while Brentwood fail to protect us from the water that flows directly down from Brentwood on occasions and floods the A127, is then pumped out onto our surrounding fields and floods parts of the village.

The Borough Council is therefore attempting a consultation on a proposal which is at best poorly researched, and premature in terms of an evidence base. Too little regard has been given to the local community in which you hope to ease your housing requirements by foisting some 43% onto us.

West Horndon is a small village with a very limited range of amenities and facilities. It has few shops, no secondary school and is 5 miles from any large centre. The primary school is full to capacity and there is a limited amount of days when we actually have a Doctor on site. The railway station has already built the station platform to its full capacity and put on 12 compartment trains. Still the trains are difficult to board in the rush hour.

I urge you to carry out a consultation with the village in order to carry out a study of West Horndon focusing on infrastructure, services, amenities and public transport, you may then change your mind about building 1.500 extra houses here subjecting future populations to lack of transport besides a car and, any other facility that we have all come to rely on.