

17th February, 2016.



Planning Policy Team

Town Hall,

Brentwood,

Essex. CM15 8AY

Dear Sirs/Madam,

Ingatestone is a village, it was always intended to be a village, and not become a linear town connecting Brentwood through to Chelmsford, making it a 'ribbon development' on the A12 corridor!!

I wish to air my disapproval of the possibility of up to 300 houses being built on various pieces of land in Ingatestone and Mountnessing, in particular the Garden Centre, and the farmer's field and triangle of land at the entrance to the village.

The field at the back of the garden centre down to the railway line gets flooded to the point that some residents in Burnthouse Lane have been given flood boards from the Brentwood Borough Council in the past. Who would want to live in a house on a plot of land which gets flooded and which is squeezed between the mainline railway lines and the main A12 road feeding the whole of East Anglia? The A12 is well known as being one of the busiest roads in the country!

There is also a case that the doctor's surgery in Ingatestone is already extremely busy and would not be able to accept all the extra people from the increased population, and the parking at the doctor's is extremely difficult already as it is situated at the bottom of Bell Mead. The primary schools are already virtually full and would not be able to accept as many children as there would be from such a large population. To accommodate the additional number of children that 300 houses could generate, upgrades to both Ingatestone and Mountnessing primary schools would be necessary.

It is well documented that Essex County Council acknowledge that the sewage capacity in the Ingatestone area is already at capacity and therefore a major increase in the sewage facility would need to be approved by the water authority.

Although strictly not a planning matter crime in the village has greatly increased lately, with several break-ins to cars and houses, not to mention the ram raid at Budgens just a few days ago. The CCTV cameras in the centre of the village do not work properly, and the police are very rarely seen in the village. This is because it is being targeted by criminals as they know they can get in and out quickly on the A12 road.

Yours faithfully,

