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To: Planning Policy Team, Brentwood Borough Council
Subject: Brentwood Draft Plan

Dear Sir,
RE: Proposed development in the Ingatestone Area

079A Land adjacent to Ingatestone by-pass (part bounded by Roman Road) 42 houses

128 Ingatestone Garden Centre, Roman Road, Ingatestone 60 houses

We wish to make our views known about the proposed development for the land between Ingatestone and Mountnessing. Having attended one of the planning display evenings at Ingatestone Community Centre we were concerned to see that the Ingatestone Garden Centre is only one of three sites. It seems that the Roman Road area is a targeted area of ribbon development and the quantity of housing and proposed commercial change of land use on the field site where Roman Road meets Roman Road seems rather high in such a small area.

The housing that was placed on the Heybridge Hotel several years ago was of such a high density that the houses were squashed into very small spaces resulting in an overspill of cars onto Roman Road. The planners had not considered the number of cars per home.

Our locality has yet again been identified in the plan for 42 houses on a green field site that will literally be next to the A12. The Ingatestone Nursery Site of 60 dwellings will be sited on a very busy slip road of the A12. We live directly abutting the site and are fully aware of the constant flood issues under the nearby railway bridge. What will become of the additional water created that will also be exacerbated by the increase in concrete? The garden centre was not a brown field site but green belt and a thriving business.

We noticed on our visit to the display of plans that there is a further proposed site for commercial development on Roman Road. Is this an appropriate site for such development? Green fields create space, homes for wildlife and are aesthetically essential to the well being of current residents. It appears that all of the sites have been placed in a very small area causing a complete change in appearance to our village. With the proposed development in Shenfield one long urban conurbation will link the villages of Ingatestone, Mountnessing and Shenfield.

Having read the Development Plan we noticed that it states that there are good transport links in our locality. The bus service is scant and the train is hourly. There are two village schools and one small GP practice. How will the current infrastructure cope with the burden of approximately 400 new residents?

We appreciated that housing needs to be built as indeed our own children were forced to move away but we would ask for consideration to the number of sites in such a small area.

Regards,
Jan and Graham Wootton

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