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Planning Policy Team
Brentwood Borough Council
Town Hall
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Dear Sir/Madam

## LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN CONSULTATION

We wish to object to the inclusion of the Honeypot Lane site 022 for proposed development on the following grounds:

- 1. The proposed site currently forms a transition between the semi rural northern end of the Homesteads Estate and Honeypot Lane to the Green Belt area around Weald Road and is bounded by trees and hedgerows that form a natural buffer to the busy A12.
- Access to and from this part of Honeypot Lane is already restricted by the
  narrow width of the road by the allotments and the curved middle section of
  Honeypot Lane where a 20mph speed limit applies. The additional traffic
  generated by this proposal would add significantly to congestion within the road
  and surrounding area.
- Access to Brentwood is already restricted by the busy London Road junction and single width section in Weald Road close to the junction with the High Street and the new development causing more problems at the points.
- 4. Traffic in Honeypot Lane is already heavy, particularly in rush hours, as it is used as a rat run between London Road and Weald Road, creating queues at the London Road. The proposed development would exacerbate this problem and spread the problem into the Homestead Estate.
- Much of the through traffic ignores the 20mph speed limit and an increase in traffic generated by the proposed development will only increase danger to residents.
- 6. The site itself has physical issues that make it unsuitable for development:

- 6.1 Abutment to the A12 with noise pollution issues for future residents.
- 6.2 A watercourse that dissects the site that already creates drainage problems.
- 7. The creation of further demand on local doctors' surgeries and schools.

In conclusion the overwhelming reason to remove this site from consideration are the highways/traffic issues and to maintain a transition from the semi-rural fringe of the part of Brentwood. There are other suggested sites that are far more suitable and in particular the Dunton Garden Village provides significant additional housing with the benefit of new essential amenities for residents.

Voure faithfully

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