



Planning Policy Team
Brentwood Borough Council
Town Hall
Ingrave Road
BRENTWOOD, CM

19 January 2015

Dear Sirs

Re: **Brentwood Local Draft Plan – Objection**
Site Ref: 219 – Land to East of Hutton Village

Please accept this letter as my strong opposition to the above proposed development as outlined in the Strategic Growth Options Consultation.

The “Preferred Options” states that “all development sites will be identified having regard to whether they are accessible to public transport, services and facilities” and that “will have no significant impact on the Green Belt, visual amenity, heritage, transport, services and facilities”

This proposed development fails on all of the above criteria, and my objection is based on the following:

1. Site Ref: 219 is Agricultural Land. The population of the United Kingdom continues to rise. Agricultural Land will be needed to assist in feeding this increased population.
2. Access to and from this site would be either from the A129 Rayleigh Road (a busy main road which links Hutton to Billericay, or from a narrow country lane opposite the Hutton Drive Estate. Traffic congestion would be inevitable. This part of the A129 is bordered by mature Poplar Trees which no doubt would be at risk should development be approved.
3. There are no available school places at either the Infant/Junior Schools or the local Secondary Schools.
4. The nearest Doctor’s surgeries are in Shenfield and are over-subscribed.
5. The waste water drainage is at capacity. . Any additional housing in this area will place more strain on the drainage facilities in this area.

Over the last few years Hutton has seen 55 (at least) new homes built on Willowbrook School Playing Fields and there is a proposal in the plan for a further 101 dwellings on the Essex Fire Brigade HQ in Rayleigh Road (Site Ref: 005). As well as numerous other sites earmarked for this area.

Hutton – which was a village when I first moved here 60 years ago, has seen major developments such as the:-

1. GLC Estate
2. Hutton Drive Estate
3. Long Ridings Estate
4. Tomlyns Estate
5. Edwards Close Estate
6. Hutton Poplars Estate (adjacent to the Adult Education Centre).

We have also seen other infill sites and of course expansion of the Hutton Industrial Estate – and yet the A129 remains exactly the same as it was all those years ago and has to cope with greatly increased traffic flows.

Hutton today has only a few hundred fewer residents than Brentwood itself. Our Parish Hall has been declared “surplus to requirements” and is now up for sale.

To allow this development would go against the Council’s vision for Brentwood and your Policy Statement SO7 to “Safeguard the Green Belt and protect and enhance variable landscapes and the natural and historic environment”.

