

Sirs,

After attending a meeting in Herongate last week we were asked to make formal comments to you regarding the above plan and our serious concerns.

It was pointed out to the Council representatives that the infrastructure deficiencies would need to be seriously addressed before any new building took place e.g. in Herongate and Herongate Tye we regularly suffer the indignity of sewerage flowing into gardens due to blocked drains, regular failure of water and electric supplies. Also refuse collections are often overlooked, inadequate hedgerow clearance and misplaced signs (green burial sign incorrectly placed on road).

Additional obstacles to be overcome by the residents for example HUNDREDS of potholes and inadequate public transport.

We are concerned of the plan for a dramatic expanse of housing at West Horndon where a village of 701 dwellings faces a plan for a further 1500. Your representatives at the meeting were unable to answer any questions or provide information regarding infrastructure for the new build. No information on drainage, gas/electricity/school/transport/medical facilities etc. We were informed there would be no extension to the railway where there is already adequate proof of overcrowded trains and car park.

We trust that adequate works and facilities would be put in place before any housing development occurs otherwise there will be a complete collapse in overburdened villages.

Yours faithfully,