



Dear Sirs,

21/9/2013

**Re: The LDP Plan for Housebuilding at West Horndon**

I refer to the above proposed development by Brentwood Borough Council for up to 1500 new homes located in West Horndon. I am surprised and astonished at the proposed quantity earmarked for West Horndon being 43% of the entire allocation across the Borough! This surely you must agree is excessive and cannot be correct. Why should West Horndon have so much when there are many other parts of the Borough? What allocation is being made in Blackmore and Doddinghurst for example?

Further I am also extremely concerned about the comments that West Horndon could give rise to further capacity.

This large expansion effectively means the nature and characteristics of the village will be permanently changed and it will become a small town. There will need to be considerable infrastructure and building works put in place. The railway station and platforms are already at full capacity and the roads will become increasingly crowded and more dangerous. This is quite apart from the increased footflow and building work which will no doubt adversely affect the drainage situation in West Horndon, which as you know is on a flood plain.

As mentioned above West Horndon is on a flood plain and has been flooded in 1958, 1981 and 2012. It is obvious that further building on the proposed scale will increase the flood risk in certain locations in the village.

In addition as mentioned previously the roads and junctions in the area are inadequate to cope with more traffic. There will no doubt be adverse overcrowding implications for the A127 and A128, and doubtless gridlocks on the roads in and around West Horndon will ensue.

I understand that local plans of this nature must meet certain criteria and in my opinion this plan has definite failings and shortcomings. I have not even mentioned the destruction of the green belt areas and the loss of wild life.

Your proposal is just not acceptable due to the massive level of housing envisaged and for the reasons outlined in the foregoing paragraphs.

Yours Sincerely,