

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

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COMMENTS AND OBJECTIONS TO HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS IN GREAT WAKERING

We are greatly concerned about the proposed building of 1310 additional houses of various sizes to be built on two sites in Great Wakering. This lovely village that we have lived in for nearly 50 years has reached its capacity in many ways.

The number of cars, buses and other vehicles using our roads makes it already congested. I visit a friend in New Road frequently and it is already a safety hazard with cars parked on both sides of the roads making it difficult for pedestrians, cyclists, delivery vans, cars and buses to navigate safely and this is without any extra traffic.

The potential increase in the car population is likely to approach 4,000 should both the proposed sites get the go-ahead. It is estimated that even if 50% of the users of these vehicles do not use them for commuting, potentially an additional 2,000 cars will need to use the Bournes Green junction and probably the Priory Crescent junction onto the A127, daily. Both these junctions are among the most congested in the area.

We understand from a very reliable source that the surplus capacity for both water supply and sewage disposal is virtually nil.

We do not require another pharmacy or doctors, any more shops and definitely not any more football pitches. We already have Cupids and the Recreation Park which is more than adequate for football.

Another point of concern is the Special Needs School. I worked in a special needs school at Eastwood for 24 years and know the problems first hand with the extra mini-buses, taxis, staffing etc. that this entails as most pupils will need to have transport. At least at Eastwood there were many ways to get there and it was very central but I think having it in this location is not beneficial for the students as well as our overcrowded village. We know a new special needs school has got the go-ahead in Rayleigh, plus proposals by Taylor Wimpey for another new special needs and disabilities (SEND) school between Hockley and Hawkwell. How many are actually required or is this fashionable for developers to help with their proposals?.

There seems to be very little information about the proposed development at Tithe Park. Our other concern is that Great Wakering could then be joined to Shoeburyness by urban sprawl. Lots of questions need to be addressed in our opinion.

From the research I have read, infrastructure will not happen. Less than 30% of developers' promises are kept. The government is pulling funding for infrastructure in Essex, so these projects are dead. Research also shows that house prices will still be inaccessible for those who need it. When the developers walk away after a year, we are left with the mess, not them. They have no responsibility to us.

Southend, Castle Point, Rochford and Great Wakering, in particular, cannot cope with more houses. We are in the corner of the UK here.

Please consider these comments and thank you for taking the time to read our statement.

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Barrie & Mary Walpole