

Evening All,

My name is Allistair Hunter and I'm a resident of Langham and a councillor.

I don't wish to stand up here and be negative about any house building, there is clearly a need to get affordable well built homes built in the correct areas with the required facilities.

However building 900 homes in Langham is NOT the answer to your issues. Langham currently has about 300 homes at its centre so this would drastically increase the size of the village, in fact building these homes would deem the village a small town!

So lets talk reality; 900 homes equals circa 2700 people, about 2000 vehicles and 1000 school places.

The proposed land is basically accessible via a country lane used by locals and many farm vehicles, there is a lack of public transport, poor footpath and cycle path connectivity, no additional school places in the immediate area, no doctors practices that have spaces for additional residents and more importantly there is an on-going issues with Anglian Water who themselves agree that there is not the capacity within the system to cope with the existing agreed planning approvals let alone 900 more, with no plans to upgrade this system.

Please refer to the Langham Parish Council Submission paper sent to members of Colchester City Council Local Plan committee last Thursday which I hope you have had the chance to review!

If you read that submission it clearly states what is required to build 900 homes and why this area is not suitable, these issues are not excuses not to build they are the realities of the situation, 900 homes in Langham would particularly fail in meeting 2 of CCC's 4 key strategic themes: being "well connected" and being "sustainable" the infrastructure is not in place and Unless the Council, Anglian Water and the building company are willing to spent many millions of pounds it will not be there, in fact if this was built it would make the whole investment unviable and unattractive to any third party contractor.

We wonder where on earth the money for serious road improvements is going to come from, given that there's been no funding even to repair the two bridges over the A12 connecting Langham to Colchester (Severalls Lane and Birchwood Road) for 5 and 2 years respectively now!

As I said at the start I don't wish to be negative, but anyone looking at this from the outside would see that this proposal is not the answer to this committees' problems unless they wish to disregard reality and spend money that is unaffordable or more importantly wasted.