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Dear Sir

I am writing to object to Rochford's Core Strategy for 175 houses in Hawkwell which I believe is Unsound.

The proposal in the Rochford core strategy for this many houses in the Ward of Hawkwell West is unsound because the vital requirements of the Governments planning policy are not met in terms of sustainability, and therefore the Hawkwell West (South Hawkwell) should be removed by the inspector and the allocation moved to a sustainable location

In summary I object to this application for the following reasons.

1. Increased congestion on roads. The B1013 and surrounding feeder roads are already nearing their safe maximum capacity.
2. Inability to improve highways. The current road ways cannot accommodate the increased traffic without significant widening and improvements.
3. Distance from shops. There are no shops located within walking distance of this development.
4. Limited public transport. The current bus service is poor and Arriva have no plans to improve it
5. Distance from railway station. Distance to the railway station and the lack of public transport will only encourage the use of private cars
6. Semi-rural location unsuitable for large scale development. Any large scale development would mean a continuous coalescence of development between Hockley and Ashingdon via Hawkwell with the subsequent loss of community identity
7. Loss of green belt. It is the council's duty to protect Green Belt from development at all cost. Brown field sites should always be preferable.
8. Loss of wild life. Wildlife diversity in the area will be reduced and the loss of habitat will almost certainly see the extermination of Muntjac deer in the area
9. Loss of character. Rochford District Council has a duty to promote healthy communities and maintain the character of the area
10. No social economic or environmental benefits.

Yours Faithfully

