

Rawreth Parish Workshop

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1 Summary of Notes and Findings

Comments received during the Presentation Stage

See Presentation document for full Presentation given at the Workshop

- Many buses including the 11A are one a week and are terrible services.
- Suggestions that some applications are permitted without any neighbour notification.
- Residents would like projected statistics for the proposed new school on the site north of London Road
- There are concerns over the secondary school provision due to projections of deficit in places and worries over the already overdevelopment of the existing secondary school sites.
 - Are there any discussions over the possibility of a new secondary school?
- Rawreth Lane
 - The models that Essex County Council use to measure and predict traffic is inaccurate and provides a false picture. It is advised that ECC visit the site themselves (Rawreth Lane) to reassess and remake their models, including one for peak times.
 - The sites that have been approved based on this model have been approved on false information. Is there a possibility that the sites could be postponed if the models are proved to be incorrect? And only be reapproved for development if the new models support this development.
 - All the statistics produced by Essex should be challenged and queried until the true picture is reflected.
 - Concerns that the traffic and congestion along Rawreth lane is causing excessive pollution and would like ECC to monitor the air quality along this road.

- Once data comes in for air quality, it would easily be able to be calibrated to match highest pollution with peak time traffic – suggesting to Essex there is a problem.
- One possible solution may be to remove the traffic lights along this stretch of road.
- Infrastructure is not sustainable
- NIBS buses are a major polluter
- Drainage near ASDA and along Laburnum is of concern as this area floods despite being informed that it would not flood after the latest development.
 - Residents in the past have been ignored on planning matters.
- Possibility raised that Rochford District Council could be sewed if houses flood as a result of building the homes to the North of London Road. This could be done on the basis that the Council is irresponsibly planning.
- Where houses are regularly flooded, they should be offered to have their house rebuilt elsewhere.
- Any houses built to the east of Rawreth will impact the roads and traffic within Rawreth.
- The football pitches laid in Rawreth need to be made more permeable.
 - This is a dismissed enforcement case as the original plans were meant for a more permeable pitch.

Comments received during the Discussion Stage

See Map documents for full annotations and notes made at this stage

- In order to avoid housing in Rochford which is seen as providing for the London overspill – A 2 mile wide ring of agricultural land around London could be released for development, which would solve all the issues of house building in the towns and villages surrounding London.
- Carpenters Arms to Fairglen
 - Traffic lights need to be phased roughly 15 seconds to allow traffic to clear from the previous set of lights.
 - The new yellow boxes cause more issues than they solve.

- How are the sewerage and water treatment facilities going to cope from the additional 500 houses.
- Was an exception test made on the site North of London Road and West of Hullbridge?
 - Is there no where else more suitable to build on?
- More shops and a better bus service would be desired.
- Rawreth has many brownfield sites which could be used to provide up to 300 homes. These should be used instead of developing green belt.
- Residents have suggested several speed limit reductions;
 - 30mph – London Road between old London Road and Carpenters Arms
 - 30mph – Old London Road
 - 30mph – Old Chelmsford Road and Hawk Hill
- Church Road floods yearly, extra houses will only increase the likeliness and severity of the floods.
- The land surrounding the village hall could be used for affordable/ social housing
- Tide Mill Dam is an issue as it stops flood water draining away.
- Drains along Watery Lane need regular clearing
- Raise the sea wall on the Southern side of the R. Crouch by 2 foot to match the other side of the river.
- A new road is needed crossing the River Crouch financed by central Government linking A132 with Hullbridge, North Fambridge and originating near Southend Airport.
- Where does all the water pumped out of Fairglens underpass end up and how quickly?

Next steps

- Parish Council and parishioners to be continually engaged and notified of updates
- Issues & Options document Autumn 2016: Open, visioning, range of options. To meet with parish before hand to ensure compatibility