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Dear Sirs,

Havering is a nice, leafy place in which to live so I understand why other people would like to move here. We don't all live on top of one another and I do not object to new people coming here. However, I do object to the way planning is going as regards housing generally. A large amount of local money has already been wasted on consultants and prospective new projects which have not come to fruition.

We do have brown sites on which to build for housing and/or business. We also have older-type very large houses which could - with a bit of forward thinking - be sensitively renovated inside (instead of bulldozed) to form necessary flats without destroying the ambience of the area. Of course, this would mean a slight reduction in profit for the developers - but they have already had enough money out of this borough so far by building eyesores and then moving on to build more eyesores somewhere else. Just dumping a large number of desperate people onto this borough in order to placate some number-cruncher somewhere else with big ideas - is cruel to both the incomers and us residents. Planning for housing - and the infrastructure to go with it - requires careful thought and I don't feel that enough thought has gone into any of this despite the title of 'Consultation'.

Policy H1.

I oppose the proposed 60% increase in Havering's Housing targets. This will lead to the overdevelopment of existing and new developments leading to poor service provision (transport and infrastructure) and insufficient parking spaces.

That sentence basically says it all.

Policy E4.

I also oppose the proposed 'limited release' (loss) of part of the industrial/employment land in Havering (Rainham Development Area) for housing etc. which is counter-intuitive to an increase in our local population. If our population increases, then there will be more need for parking spaces, schools and hospitals (all of which are at over-capacity already).

I urge you to think again and not jump at ugly stop-gap measures offered by greedy developers and a panicking Mayor of London.

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