

Thank you for your letter dated the 9th April.

Like you I share residents concern that the proposed housing numbers in the as yet unadopted local plan currently being prepared by Basildon Borough Council (the planning Authority) could potentially if it were to be passed as is, leave Billericay vulnerable to some development in what is currently green belt. However many of the proposed sites would need considerable infrastructure improvements before they could be considered viable. You will also be aware that Basildon Council did carryout a comprehensive public consultation which I understand is still being evaluated this may yet influence the shape and detail of the plan that will eventually be submitted.

As a long standing resident myself with one daughter and both grandchildren living in Billericay I have no desire to see our town spoilt by inappropriate development. Insofar as I am able to influence matters as a County Councillor when County respond to the plan I will certainly do my best to represent views expressed by residents.

I will be issuing a full reply to the detailed points raised in your letter after the Easter break and I hope you will find this acceptable.

Tony Hedley