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Dear Louise

Thank you for inviting Roydon Parish Council (RPC) to make comments in respect of recently submitted EFDC documents (ED33, ED34, ED34A, ED35 & ED35A). Comments are as follows:-

Document ED33 – Page 4, paragraph 4.1 (IV)

".....Sustainable Transport Corridors are a key element of the infrastructure required to integrate the new Garden Communities with the existing neighbourhoods and surrounding villages....."

" Perhaps this is poor wording but the Vision for Roydon (and one for which we have argued repeatedly) is that the area should maintain its separate identity, character and avoid any coalescence with Harlow. The same principle should apply to coalescence with the new Garden Communities which will form part of an enlarged Harlow.

Document ED34 – page 16/17 (3.5.3)

Central Stort Crossing

"The dualling.....is for the purposes of providing dedicated public transport lanes"

Eastern Stort Crossing

"Even with the achievement of the travel modal targets, additional highway journeys will still be generated by the housing growth, particularly of an inter-urban nature such as between the Garden Town and the Hertfordshire towns of Hertford, Ware, Sawbridgeworth, Bishops Stortford, Hoddesdon and Broxbourne as well as further afield"

We note the clear acknowledgement of the traffic impact of the Garden Town and wish to emphasise that Roydon village, due its position on the B181, is vulnerable to incursion by traffic seeking routes in and out of Hertfordshire. Apart from this we have serious doubts that the target of 60% of journeys in/out of the Garden Towns will be met and have already stated that, in our view, this part of the EFDC plan is unsound because of this. Persuading people out of cars will be almost impossible and deeply unpopular so major arteries need to be improved and new ones created to avoid traffic using unsuitable roads such as the B181 (which also passes through Broadley Common) as a cut through.

Document ED34 – page 37 (5.2.1 Transport) Table 7 Summary of

Transport Interventions: Highways

"Enhancements to Water Lane/A1169 roundabout, A1025 Abercrombie Way signals and traffic calming along the A1169" is all that is suggested as infrastructure changes to funnel traffic into Harlow rather than onto local roads. We would argue that these measures are likely to have the contrary effect of forcing more traffic onto local roads within Roydon parish. In view of the admission that there will be a traffic impact and that further measures would be required to deter the use of local roads, we submit that the plan is unsound in respect of the Water Lane development.

Document ED34 – page 40 (as above): Public and Active Transport

TR31 Off-road cycling and walking network between village 7 (Gilston) and Roydon

TR32 Off-road cycling and walking network between village 6 (Gilston) and the Pinnacles

Roydon PC has not been made aware of these routes before now and would need more logistical details regarding land purchase/access.

The over-arching map also shows a cycling/walking route heading west from Water Lane towards Hamlet Hill. Unless additional land is made available then this would be extremely dangerous as this is a major HGV route.

Document ED35 Introduction 1.3

The total number of dwellings for the Water Lane area is now given as 2,500 an increase from the 2,100 previously stated. It is not clear where this new figure comes from and it has not been subject to consultation. We contend that the unexplained introduction of upwardly revised figures has implications for the surrounding area, particularly Broadley Common, and renders the plan unsound.

The location of Roydon village and its parish, between the large developments at Water Lane and Gilston, renders the area vulnerable to adverse impacts and the potential loss of identity. We have seen no evidence that the planners of the Garden communities recognise these facts, or have the will to mitigate the impact of their proposals on the existing communities particularly Roydon village and Broadley Common. The themes running through the Local Plan documentation are 'consensus' and 'working together' but RPC feels that this has been in short supply so far. RPC would ask that genuine engagement, as a partner organisation, takes place as development proposals progress.

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many thanks

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