

Councillors,

Unfortunately, I am unable to attend the Extraordinary Meeting on April 26th and, as I will not be taking part, I must refute, in the strongest terms, issues that, contrary to the Executive Summary, **are significant and substantial** and have not been addressed. They are:

1. There is a serious lack of evidence to show that SCDC and Ipswich Borough Council have worked together to produce a strategy that will improve the A14 Orwell Bridge/Seven Hill Interchange and, importantly, take account of the changes on A12 at Copdock. It is vital that this is properly assessed otherwise the future is indeed bleak, in terms of mobility, environment and employment, for the Felixstowe Peninsula. – (The increase in container traffic from 3.4ml to 5.4ml, for the expanded Felixstowe Port, plus the increase in the number of private cars, from development at Felixstowe and Martlesham, a possibility of 4-6000 extra cars).

2. Worryingly, there has been no Visitor Impact Assessment on the Deben Estuary. Mitigation measures are insufficient, especially relating to a Country Park, development of which will not be within the plan period!

3. There has never been an explanation of why housing numbers increased from 1050, at Martlesham, to 2000.

4. Assumptions, but no firm evidence, jobs will be created for the occupiers of the 2000 homes, at Adastral Park.

5. New secondary education provision is problematic; 2000 homes would be insufficient to provide the full compliment of pupils for a secondary school.

Therefore, I conclude that with such significant and substantial issues yet to be addressed, the Core Strategy remains unsound. I cannot support the recommendations.

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