

Dear Sir or Madam (cc Alexander "Sandy" Rich)

I write this letter on behalf of my brother Alexander Rich and mother Judith Rich in relation to the land we own around Foxley House. I currently live with my wife and children in Stansted, at 27 Brewery Lane CM24 8LB.

We had hoped to bring forward the land referred to with Cala Homes, but Cala (who took over from Banner Homes) are now too big to consider involvement in such a small scheme. We are in talks with a smaller local developer, who we think will answer all of the points helpfully put forward in the Steering Group's draft document.

In particular, the following two pages of the consultation have, in particular, been drawn to our attention:

We respectfully agree with the points made here, with one small exception. The site is not a "greenfield site", although it perhaps has the appearance of such. I was brought up here. When we moved to the site in the early 1980s, there were a large number of outbuildings which were ancillary to the use of the site as a stock-car and greyhound racing track - these reflected very long-established uses. Many champion greyhounds were trained here, and it is where a World Stock Car Racing champion Hadley Barber also trained.

My mother, when she moved to the property, embarked on a programme of removal of a large number of the outbuildings, breeding sheds, Nissen huts and scrap metal from the site, which does as a result have a significantly greener appearance than was previously the case. However, the only practical use for the site, beyond the use of part of it as my mother's garden, is to ensure the continued vibrancy of these important villages. We are doing everything we can to achieve that goal.

It is right to say that the small amount of development which has taken place recently to the South has been very beneficial to the village, its facilities and activities. The pub is now, I think, safe and the new homes and their residents have integrated particularly well into all aspects of village life. This is as true of those new to the village, and those who have been able to live in the village close to relatives already here, as a result of the small and well-designed additions to village life.

We would welcome dialogue towards the aims set out in an excellent, and well-balanced, document and would like to thank you for the careful analysis you have clearly engaged in.

Yours faithfully

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Steering group comment:

The previous use and reference to not being Greenfield will be added to the Plan