

Opposition letter guide

Braintree District Council Development Framework - The proposed development is outside the village envelope and also outside the area identified by Braintree Council as potential new development .

Coggeshall does not have the infrastructure to cope with an additional 350 houses for the following, but not limited to reasons:

Primary Schools

The local primary school is already oversubscribed.

Pre-School

At present there are no provision for a new pre-school to replace the current one located at the existing Honeywood site.

Community bus

Coggeshall does not have a public transport system to and from Kelvedon. The volunteer run community bus is a very popular service and often oversubscribed service.

Coggeshall car park at capacity

The car park is over capacity and no longer fit for purpose, with cars often parked outside of the marked spaces, making it difficult for vehicles to manoeuvre.

Parking in the new CO-OP

The proposal suggests that the new Co-op car park can be used by the village; will the Co-op really be content with people leaving their cars in its car park for long periods of the day?

New Industrial Estate

It is not clear how one small industrial estate will provide employment for even a significant minority of the population inhabiting the new homes.

A120 and Colne Road Junction

Currently the A120 is over capacity, the junction at the Colne road is badly planned and dangerous and is the location of many serious accidents every year.

East Street, West Street used as a short-cut

There is a very possible risk that if a roundabout is added to the Colne road junction, that drivers will use the East Street – West Street route through Coggeshall village to avoid queues.

The proposed pedestrian bridge

A bridge over the A120 providing access to the playing fields would create a very high risk situation, with a danger of objects being thrown from the bridge causing serious injury to motorists. Also any access over the bridge will have to be available at all hours otherwise there is the potential for people to try and cross the road by foot to access the playing field.

The Doctor's Surgery

Currently the Coggeshall Surgery is situated in a central position in the Village affording easy access to local residents, however the surgery is very close to capacity.

Swimming pool

The existing swimming pool is a charity run, not for profit pool. Money was raised to build the pool by having planned monthly activities such as sponsored events, rummage sales, big band and supper dances.

Drainage

Drainage, sewage and surface water is a major consideration with any development in Coggeshall. The proposed development land is one of the higher points of the village, and while it is unlikely to flood, development of the area will have an impact on surface run-off. The sewage system in Coggeshall is not of modern standard,