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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Unfortunately for some reason this only appeared in my inbox this morning, but it seems extremely convoluted and without remembering exactly what happened seven years ago difficult to assess for me anyway. I suspect my comments will not be acceptable, but this is the best I can do given my age and the time limit. I shall not be offended !

Policy Growth: Housing requirements for district. Well therein lies a problem as very little of this has actually gone to local people who have a requirement as the prices are ridiculous. It seems that little has been done to challenge the government over its housing policies as "requirement" should be locally not to incomers. I wonder if ECDC is aware of how many empty houses there are in Soham, been standing empty pre Covid presumably owned by second homers or investors. These are not filling a requirement along with a mass of incomers wanting to live in the countryside and turning this into an urban conurbation, hence my mention of a problem.

Proposal 4: Again, Housing requirement Reference "infrastructure planned none" and comments about no further planning so implication not needed. But what infrastructure has been put in place as I am aware of none whatsoever in Soham and others tell me none in Fordham or Ely ? Why is that? Three primary schools all over subscribed and one secondary modern (so called academy) also over subscribed and oddly people from as far away as Red Lodge enrolled while those living in Soham not so. How utterly extraordinary. The surgery has not moved and seemingly is not coping very well with the massive influx of new people, many with large families and also many elderly. I believe sewerage is backing up on some sites and Orbit at Regal Lane is proving problematic with major flood plain. A proper infrastructure would never have allowed this without ensuring drainage, sewerage, etc., can cope. In 2007 a large document, which I still have, stated Soham could not have any building until at least 2016 due to such problems. It was put out by ECDC and promptly ignored. My understanding is that Anglia Water is no longer a consultee and this is pretty clear. Frankly this needs to be addressed as a matter of urgency. I doubt it will be.

As an aside: Interestingly just last week green bins and black bags could not be collected due to mass staff sickness??? They still have not been collected and surely this is part of a failing infrastructure. Beginning to look like the Winter of Discontent !

