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Dear Ms Copsey / Mr Clews,

While the housing projections for the whole of North Essex might not have changed very significantly, down less than 7%, those for Braintree District alone clearly have. If The Plan was formulated in expectation of needing 13,000 extra homes in Braintree by 2033 but the figure has now been reduced to 7,000, then clearly that difference, a reduction of over 46%, represents an extremely meaningful change in the housing situation from the one that existed in June 2018.

I would hope that if the near halving of the number of houses needing to be built in Braintree were written into The Plan then it would be easier for the Council to fend off the terrible speculative plans that are being put forward, such as the new mini-Brook Green which would doubtless lead to the rest of the site being developed in the future, and even allow the Council to rein back its own, approved, schemes; something we'd all be grateful for. I'm not against all development, but certainly don't want more than we actually need as the excess houses will go to yet more incomers who don't really want to live here in the first place but are being priced out of anywhere nearer to London, making Braintree even more of a dormitory town.

It would be a gross disservice to Braintree not to see some changes made to The Plan to reflect this new data. Six thousand unnecessary extra households would represent an increase of around 10% in the district's population - that is undeniably meaningful.

Yours sincerely, Brian
James