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I have been actively opposed to major development north of Harlow and support the concept of actively used countryside as in the Gilston Great Park Proposals.

I firmly believe that the area should remain part of the green belt and that any development should be based on need not greed. Any regeneration of Harlow should be designed to make Harlow better not bigger. Infrastructure is not in place and is unlikely to ever be in place given the state of the economy and the government's spending review. Water and sewage services will not cope, health services would be stretched, roads are already congested, schools are oversubscribed.

I believe responses to East Herts Issues and Options consultation spoke of overwhelming objection to Harlow North. On the other hand the developer's proposals and submissions to East Herts LDF consultation are based 100% on self interest, are potentially misleading, and in no way represents a balanced view of their engagements with residents. I shall continue to speak out against this development until all possibility of it happening has been removed.

in 2009 & 2010 I distributed leaflets urging residents to support Stop Harlow North Campaign. I have been a member of the campaign team since 2009. I wrote to the Herts & Essex Observer in 2009 highlighting the deceptive manner in which the developers were engaging with the public in leading them to believe that North Harlow was inevitable. I have appeared in a short film speaking out against development on our green belt land and the threats to our communities. In public meetings and via e-bulletins I have actively encouraged people to respond to East Herts LDF and oppose Harlow North. My election literature clearly states my support for the Stop Harlow North campaign.