

**BA1** - In addition to the comments of road congestion stated on the form.

### **Infrastructure**

There is a complete lack of detail as to how Baldock will be supported with an additional 3,600 homes.

**Green belt** – it was called a Green belt for a reason we should not be ignoring this on such a huge scale overdevelopment and essentially changing the nature of a town. The council will find they have created a new town that will require significantly more resources and finances than it has received previously.

**Traffic** – whenever there is a bridge strike or Lights failure at White Horse Street crossroad there is chaos will be simply be adding to this by increasing Baldock's total size.

There will be some traffic redirected by the proposed bypass but there will be without doubt a significant increase in volume esp. as there is development underway on Icknield Way East and one proposed for Icknield Way (BA6) – 86 properties sin total. In addition theres the overflow from Letchworth and Hitchin as they to increase in size feeding into the total traffic at Baldock's crossroads.

**Trains** – just to illustrate how disjointed this all is - the proposed train services for Baldock will down graded & it's out of peak hours service and it is pretty likely that regular commuters will not get seats due to the increased number of commuters getting onto the service at Baldock and there being less seats per trains - despite having more trains at peak times. Where will people park when the commuting population is increased by 70-80%? How many people will travel to Baldock to catch a train as the service is their own town is no longer good enough.

Also what will be done about pedestrians safety trying to cross Norton road to the station with 50 new homes already going at Icknield way east right next to the critical Baldock Crossroads and Trains station and the 3,600 still to come.

**Schools** - Existing Schools are already full and its unclear how it will cope with new requirements while the BA1 development is in eh process of being created and properties are starting to be filled. In the early years there won't be enough children for a new school but they'll need to go somewhere.

**Policing** – we have no police station in Baldock as it's been sold and redeveloped as housing. There had been no provision as to how this will work going forward and how anti-social behaviour and crime will eb handled. Currently Baldock is self-policing in many ways but once it is increased it will change the nature of town.

**Health** – How do we expect local health facilities such as the Lister to cope with thousands of new residents in the area? Doctors surgeries can't meet demand for appointments and there is an expectation that it will just work - It won't.

The additional air & noise pollution created by the development and proposed road infrastructure will encircle Baldock cannot be good for residents and for wildlife and livestock.