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For ease of reference, I have attached my comments to those of my fellow district councillor Mike Brown. I concur absolutely with the statements made by councillor Brown and John Cutting, the Chairman of Little Clacton Parish Council. The development extension referred to, would provide space for around 32 dwellings, an insignificant number in relation to the local plan as a whole. The resulting intrusion into the green gap however, could not in my opinion be considered insignificant, nor in anyway justified for such a small numerical contribution. I am deeply concerned that this apparently "small change" to the previously agreed site, could ultimately have far reaching consequences. As councillor Brown rightly points out, it is likely that at some future review, a "squaring off" of the boundary, would lead to yet further erosion of the already shrinking green gap.

I do not believe that the removal of this small but potentially president setting expansion, would diversely affect the overall plan and thus find resistance to the request to remove it, a little strange.

Like councillor Brown, I have no wish to in any way hold up or derail the local plan, but would struggle to support it whilst this particular issue remains unresolved.

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As district Cllr for Little Clacton and Weeley I'm finding it hard to support the local plan despite the importance of its early completion. the reason ,the discovery of an development extension which has penetrated into the green gap at the motel site at the bottom of Centenary Way.

Twenty years ago planning granted permission for a motel at this site and in 2014 it was included in the draught local plan with an obvious squaring off of the plot however in the latest draught local plan an addition of further housing development has emerged coming as a complete surprise to the Parish council, Cllr Bray and myself

we believe this addition not only means extra housing but cuts into the green gap which should remain sacrosanct.

In my opinion and in most residents minds the narrowing or closing of any green area separating villages is a mistake that cannot be reversed.

The latest addition to this area has also left an irregular shape which could make it ripe for further development in the future with that old argument "IT SQUARES OFF THE AREA".

Little Clacton like a few local villages has had more than its fair percentage of housing development I believe the number of proposed dwellings is approaching 270 a disproportionate increase of 24% in the size of the village.

Although the number of extra houses is not large and the main objection remains the erosion of the green gap, the arguments surrounding any extra housing in the area,lack of infrastructure ie roads doctors,schools,jobs,hospitals remain and the fact that there not needed.

At every stage of the local plan there has been discussion of any new development however small at parish meetings but on this occasion this addition at the motel site has slipped passed the normally vigilant Parish council and its two district Cllr's either because of a short cut or a casual addition.

For the reasons above I cannot support the local plan in its present form. Cllr M A Brown.