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Save Our Bridge

Paper Mill Bridge is in danger!

Essex Highways are considering building a new Bridge and Causeway 100 metres downstream to replace our existing Bridge at Papermill Lock.

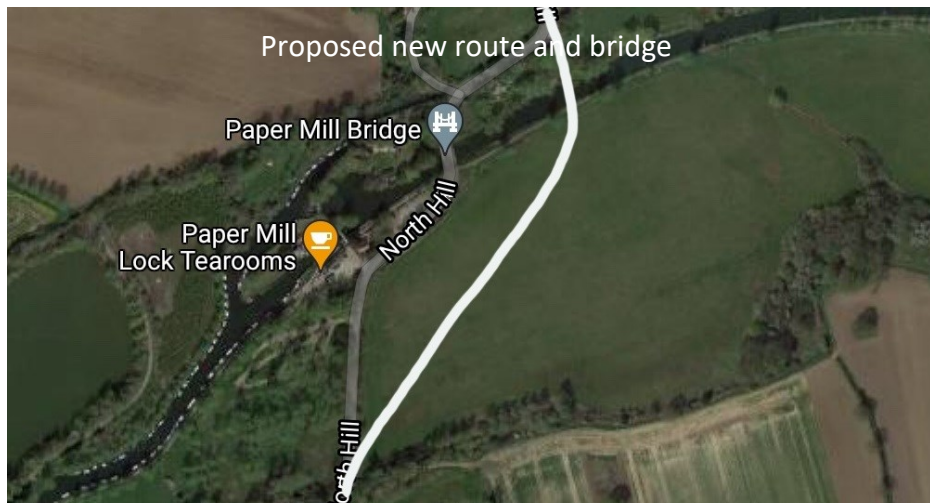
Little Baddow Parish Council are working tirelessly on your behalf. We are in ongoing discussions with Essex Highways to facilitate a repair to the existing bridge rather than the building of a new bridge

We believe that building a larger more obtrusive bridge will change the visual landscape of Paper Mill Lock and the village surroundings forever.

- Destruction of the visual landscape by constructing a raised road (causeway) of approx. 3 mtrs high across the water meadow
- Increased traffic flow including HGV,s along the main access routes (The Ridge/North Hill). These roads being used as rat runs to gain access to the A12 and inevitably increase pollution.



A petition will be available online and in the Memorial hall if you choose to support our endeavours. For further information please visit the website at www.littlebaddow.org.uk if you wish to contact us you can email us at: sob@littlebaddow.org.uk



A new bridge will lead to :

- Increased pollution * increased traffic levels especially HGV's (the new bridge will be built to full load bearing levels where Sat-Nav will divert HGV's along this route)
- * Destruction of visual landscape in the Chelmer valley conservation area * Decimation of wildlife habitat * Village characteristics will be changed forever
- * increased traffic speed * Increased danger to pedestrians and cyclists * heavy construction traffic through our village

What we have done so far:

The Parish Council have organised a working group which meet regularly to help save our bridge. We have met with Essex Highways and Ringway Jacobs where the proposed plan was presented, we had a Q and A session. We have written to Essex Highways expressing our concerns regarding the necessity for a new bridge and about the lack of information regarding the repair of the existing bridge. We have shared what information we have so far on social media and organised a straw poll to assess Parishioners views on how we as a council should proceed on your behalf.

What we will be doing:

A petition will be available shortly both online and at the memorial hall where you will be able to share your views. We will be adding a section to the Parish website to share all the information we have with you. We will continually monitor the situation and will update you on a regular basis. You will be able to sign up to receive regular updates via email and social media. Visit www.littlebaddow.org.uk