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Subject: S62A/22/000002 Former Friends' School, Mount Pleasant Rd, Saffron Walden CB11 3EB

Hi,

I have some further comments regarding the proposed development.

Saffron Walden's road plan is centuries old and poorly suited to high volume traffic and dense urban development. This evidenced by the abundance of one-way road systems and two-way roads restricted to single lane usage by on-street parking.

Further increases in population density within town is unsustainable without reducing quality of life for existing residents and making the town a less attractive place to visit.

Problems associated with overdevelopment and poor planning are noticeable; air quality is reduced, noise pollution has increased, and green space has been reduced. Diversity of land usage has also fallen, creating a bland landscape of purely residential areas, e.g. Bell Language School.

Further residential development should be directed to the outskirts of town where modern road planning can be implemented to adequately accommodate further increases in population.

With regards to the Friend's School site specifically, ideally the site would be used as a school again but it seems unrealistic. Residential development on this site should be heavily restricted and no further green space or trees should be lost under any circumstances.

There is very little green space available for recreation on the south and east sides of town. I believe it is essential to maintain and even expand upon the availability of green spaces in these areas to improve quality of life for residents and make Saffron Walden a more attractive place to visit and invest in.

Kind regards,
Andrew