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To: Section 62A Applications <section62a@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection to S62A/22/0007: Land to the south of Henham Road, Elsenham, Essex.

I am writing to object to the application by Countryside for 130 homes ref. S62A/22/0007: Land to the south of Henham Road, Elsenham, Essex.

Elsenham has the infrastructure of a small village. One shop, one pub, and one small GP surgery. No secondary school, no nursery, no dentist, no cafes, or restaurants besides the pub.

All of the routes out of the village are all small country roads, which struggle to cope with the existing traffic.

There are regularly long queues and sometimes grid-lock at the Grove Hill traffic lights to the west.

Hall Road to the south which recently underwent extensive bridge repair work now has deep potholes on the "new" stretch of road, due to the volume of heavy lorries going down this road.

North of the village, there is a narrow and very winding route out along Bedwell Road (where another proposed development will soon be adding more traffic). Alternatively, there is North Hall Road which has been closed for 2 years due to erosion, and the single track Patmore End (currently being used as the diversion for North Hall Road and crumbling to pieces). There are regularly long tail-backs through Newport village whenever the M11 is shut, as was the case just yesterday.

To the East of the village, along the road to Henham there is the "Fairfield site" where work is already underway for 350 houses, and a further 200 have been applied for on this site. Not much further along just past the turning to Henham, an application has been made for 150 houses.

With each developer packing in as many houses as they can, we are about to have hundreds more houses, hundreds more cars on the roads, but no additional retail units, food outlets, early years settings, retirement facilities or medical services, all of which are sorely needed in the village and would reduce car journeys as well as lessen the strain on existing services in the area.

Finally, the site of this application is one of the last green spaces in our village - a central focal point at the historic Elsenham Cross. Visiting the cows in this field is a favourite activity of many. In Countryside's illustrative master plan they have marked out 'key views' that residents of the new houses would be able to see of St Mary's Church peeping between the buildings, which is sad and ironic given this development would obliterate one of the key views so loved by generations of residents of our village.

Yours sincerely, Annie Gleeson Resident of