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To Whom it May Concern

We write in regards to the above planning application in Elsenham, Essex.

Elsenham is in an excellent position, near Stansted Airport, the M11 the A120 and it has a railway route to London and Cambridge. This makes it a prime building area. Unfortunately, the infrastructure is not, and indeed cannot keep up with the amount of homes being built. The country and town roads are constantly being dug up and half heartedly patched.

We have already had several hundred additional properties built in the last few years and have another development currently being built - no doubt the developer will be putting in for yet more properties shortly.

To leave Elsenham and drive towards the local large town of Bishops Stortford, an extremely narrow section of the ancient town of Stansted Mountfitchet has to be traversed. There are traffic lights and it can take up to 20 minutes to get through them outside of rush hour, especially if an hgv lorry decides to illegally come up Grove Hill. We then have to get through Stansted and attempt to join the traffic on the B1393 Cambridge Road. This is also full due to the amount of new housing being built there. If there is a problem on the M11, you might as well give up and go home.

If, as Fairfield Developments said in their public consultation (?) the traffic is "made" (not sure how they were to achieve that) to use Hall Road, that is a dark winding lane populated by deer and people walking to the airport on the road as there is no pavement.

Bishops Stortford itself is constantly gridlocked due to the ridiculous amount of housing engulfing the town. Harlow is building goodness only knows how many thousand homes. Cambridge, the same.

On top of all this, Uttlesford District Council is incapable of formulating a Local Plan and the developers consider £300,000 to be the price of affordable housing. I believe there is another development in for permission putting social housing alongside the M11 to protect the private housing. Why should the woefully inadequate social housing be plonked next to all that pollution?

Please note, this is not brownfield sites we are talking about, this is good agricultural land which is needed.

We would be very grateful if you could come and visit, not just Elsenham but the area in general, see how much damage is being caused by indiscriminate building without sufficient infrastructure. Please do not involve the UDC which is being run by people totally out of their depth (whom I unfortunately voted for but never again) or indeed any council members if this can be helped. Make your own minds up.

Thank you for reading my ramble

Best regards
Bev and John R