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Section 62A Planning Application: S62A/22/0000002 Former Friends' School, Mount Pleasant Rd, Saffron Walden CB11 3EB

To Whom it May Concern

We are submitting this further response following the submission of further documents by the Applicant following the Application hearing on 25 August 2022.

We do not believe that the Applicant's late submission makes any difference to their Application. We have had seen the further Sports England objection and entirely agree with that, and that the new drawings do not address the loss of the Sports Hall, the area of protected playing field which is still to be lost or the ancillary buildings.

In addition, we would make one further comment. We attended the Application hearing on 25 August 2022, and raised a number of queries regarding the status of the retained playing fields which are not the subject of this Application, and whether they could be protected as part of this Application. Both the Applicant and the Inspector were clear that they could not, that the two areas of land had to be treated in isolation, and that only the land which is the subject of the current Application can be considered currently. The Applicant could have brought forward proposals as part of the Application guaranteeing the protection of the playing fields and demonstrating (if it were possible) that their usage was unaffected by the Application but has chosen not to.

Whatever the Applicant is claiming or not for the land outside the red-lined area is therefore irrelevant as far as the Application is concerned (and we would remind the Inspector that the Applicant has already applied to develop essentially the whole of the playing fields for housing, and been rejected, and has also put them forward in the Call for Sites issued by Uttlesford District Council as part of the Local Plan process).

We therefore believe that the further documents submitted by the Applicant make no difference to the Application, and we maintain our original objection.

Yours sincerely

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Lisa Courtney
Town Clerk