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To: Section 62A Applications <section62a@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
Subject: Reference number S62A/22/0007

Dear Sirs,

I would like to register my strongest possible objections to this application for development.

The village of Elsenham fought a long and hard battle to overcome plans to build up to 15,000 new homes between this village and the village of Henham. The Government inspector at the time dismissed the application on a number of factors:

- The local road network would not be able to cope and would need substantial investment and upgrade
- The utility companies could not guarantee the level of investment required to bring all services to the level required to serve such large numbers
- The impact on the local natural environment
- The impact on local sites of historical importance

to name but a few!

This application is yet another attempt to by-pass this decision with smaller applications done in piecemeal fashion in the hope that wider over development of this small area will not be noticed. It is basically a con trick.

The local roads are already suffering with the increased volume of traffic and why Essex Highways withdrew its previous objections (related to the local road Grove Hill) is still a mystery to most. The local roads could not cope with this increase in traffic. Please do not be fooled by the smoke and mirrors used to promote a 'green' living environment with most using bicycles or walking. People still use the motor car as their first choice of transport.

There is still no mention of the increased requirement for medical services, educational services (save a small prep-school) that would be needed to service the needs of the growing number of families in the area. This would lead to yet more use of the motor car to transport children to other schools in the area.

It is also obvious that the developer is trying to cram in as many houses as possible on this site. The site to the west of Hall Road already has approval for 130 homes on a much larger footprint.

Since 2011, Elsenham has seen so much development that it will double in size with developments already approved. This is despite Government and local authority assurances that areas will not be allowed to be changed substantially in terms of character and amenity.

I have lived in the village for nearly 30 years and am appalled at the level of development that has been allowed.

We have lost significant levels of local green and open space and this is the last green space around the historical Elsenham Cross. We have few remaining Historic assets left and this development will have an impact on them, notably Elsenham Place.

Please also remember that this development is within the Stansted Airport Countryside Protection Zone.

This development also slopes downwards towards the brook which has a history of flooding. Although that is rarer these days there are no mitigating plans to ensure this issue does not return.

I earnestly believe that instead of approving this application you should reject it and place a moratorium on any further development in the Elsenham area until the local authority (Uttlesford District Council) gets its act together and produces a coherent Local Development Plan.

Please help us protect what remains of our way of life, our open spaces and our right to expect some protection from those with the power to do so.

With kind regards,

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