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To: Section 62A Applications <section62a@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>  
Subject: Comments

Dear Sir/ Madam

As a resident of Elsenham I wish to object to the above application on the following grounds:

The site of Henham Road is close to another major development of housing and the roads servicing this area are in poor repair, as they have been for many years, and are unsuitable for additional traffic the construction and thence residential occupation would bring.

The Cross junction has poor sight lines and Hall Road is not suitable for additional traffic of the volumes generated by this proposed development.

The density of development is too great for the proposed site

Current village facilities; the local schools, shops and health facilities (the Doctors' Practice) are already at capacity.

Traffic in the village is already at high levels and is causing damage to already poorly maintained roads.

The proposed access will cause significant traffic problems and congestion on a road which is the main link between Elsenham, Henham and outlying settlements and is narrow and winding with no run off areas between high banks. Areas of this road are prone to flooding and are unsuitable for the extra volumes of traffic generated by the proposed development.

Local public transport is not planned to increase in frequency or quality and would be insufficient to cope with additional usage.

Parking spaces at the local Station, and in the village generally, is insufficient for the extra commuter parking that the development would generate.

Drop off and pick up at the local school is currently causing problems to traffic flow and access for residents and this would increase with more housing at the proposed volumes in the vicinity. This parking problem is also growing around the doctors' surgery on Station Road.

The local market town, Bishop's Stortford, is also undergoing extensive development of many thousands of houses, added to the huge estates already completed, and as the main shopping area for the local area, this is causing the town to be congested and unfit to cope with the increase in traffic: the proposed development would exacerbate this to some extent.

The proposed area for development is one of the last green spaces in the village of Elsenham and is historically an agricultural space.

I would also urge you to consider that the increase in developments of large number of houses does not service a local housing need, increases the carbon footprint of the area and makes a substantial contribution to the warming of the atmosphere. It is a speculative development and will significantly

contribute to the destruction of the character and quality of the existing local communities as well as irreparably damaging the character of the countryside.

I ask you to refuse this application for an unnecessary and unwanted development.

Regards

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