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

Subject: Section62a Planning Application S62A/22/0007 Land to South of Henham Rd Elsenham Essex.

Dear Sir,

I am appalled at the recent changes to the planning system which bypass local councils from initial decisions on planning. Thankfully it was raised by MP's in parliament at PMQ's and the PM promised to instruct the appropriate minister to look into it.

I object most strongly to the plan to erect 130 homes in the centre of Elsenham. This village already has 750 new houses effectively doubling its size and if that wasn't enough a further 250 are being built. In addition a further 250 are being considered by the planners.

The meadow which this application refers to is in the middle of Elsenham amongst many listed buildings and others of historic importance to residents. It also in far better use as grazing for sheep and cattle. If planning permission for this is granted for such a needless development it will signify the final end to village life.

The parish of Elsenham and Henham has been targeted by developers for years now for no other reason but profiteering. This is not to mention the vast cost to residents for legal teams to defend against them. If there was a shortage of homes in the area there might be a justification but there certainly is not now.

Apart from this the number of homes proposed would bring a further minimum of 200 vehicles onto the rural roads in the district which were not designed for heavy traffic. There are few opportunities for employment in the area so the majority of residents commute some distance away. At peak periods there is congestion especially on Grove Hill in Stansted Mountfichet which is controlled by traffic lights to ensure only one lane at a time. It has a weight limit of only 7.5 tonnes but is regularly used by HGV which exacerbates the issue.

Please be minded to refuse permission for this development for the benefit of the long term residents of the district who have suffered enough.

Mr H J Hatt
Henham

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