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

Subject: S62A/2022/0007 Location: Land South of Henham Road, Elsenham

Dear The Planning Inspectorate,

I am writing to object to this planning application.

The site is located at the south of Henham Road, Elsenham, and is the heart of the village with many Grade II listed houses and barns, and the Crown Public House. The character of the road is very beautiful with the open fields and buildings. The fields at the moment are occupied by cows and sheep. The characteristics of the countryside should be protected and the area should not be over developed. New build houses will stand out spoiling the character of the area. Henham Road leads out of Elsenham to Henham and Thaxted. Since February 2022, it has become very busy with the new development being built by Bloor Homes – Land to the North West of Henham Road, Elsenham. A new road for this development has been built and large amounts of earth and sand have been removed from the site, also lorries have been delivering hard core for the road and housing estate. The services along the road have had to be located and enhanced, lowered in the road and the new path being constructed has resulted in a large volume of lorries coming and going from the site. The owners of listed properties have already been worried about possible damage to their properties with all the extra traffic along the road and this is not going to end any time soon as the development will take years to complete and is being built in stages. To have another site with houses being constructed is a development too much for Henham Road, Elsenham. We still have the development by Bovis Homes for Hall Road to be started. At the moment there is a large amount of dust and noise and I think the residents have had to put up with a lot in the last few months. It is like living on a building site. The road has consistently had traffic lights as the road and path have been dug up. Also houses are going to be built in Henham and Thaxted, and I am sure a lot of the construction traffic will be travelling along Henham Road.

The roads in and out of Elsenham are not suitable for a large volume of traffic. Hall Road over the years has seen one or two accidents at the junction opposite the Crown Public House and also accidents at Abbotsford Bridge which narrows and is difficult to see oncoming traffic. Grove Hill, leading into Stansted is very often at grid lock, and as only three cars can go down before the road is blocked this happens on a regular basis if you do not know the road! Also along Stansted Road additional houses are being built near the M11 motorway and also Isabel Drive. How we will ever get in and out of the village with the extra volume of traffic? Even people that have moved into the new housing estates in Elsenham are moaning about the roads!

Over the past few years we have had a lot of new developments in Elsenham and have as a consequence lost a lot of countryside and wildlife. I think we should start saving the countryside so we still have areas to be able to walk with a friends and dogs.

This site at times will be very noisy with the aircrafts going into Stansted Airport, and as the airport seems to nearly be back to normal, there must be a question mark about air quality.

The site slopes down to the Stansted Brooke, and I think care should be taken about the amount of water that would drain from the site into the Brooke, as I understand that the Bloor Homes development were not allowed to let any water go into the Stansted Brooke.

Also can the Primary Schools and Secondary Schools cope with more children the primary school at Elsenham was enlarged a few years ago for the additional houses that have been built in the last few years.

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