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To: Section 62A Applications <section62a@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
Subject: S62A/2022/0012, Land East of Station Road, Elsenham

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to object to the 200 house "bolt on" application to the 350 houses already approved on land east of Station Road, Elsenham.

In 2016, the Secretary of State decided that a proposal for 800 dwellings on land included in the current application was not sustainable, and refused planning permission. The Inspector on traffic issues considered that 800 dwellings would bring significant volumes of additional traffic to a village at a significant distance from employment and services, and the Secretary of State agreed with this assessment.

Since then, piecemeal developments for a couple of hundred houses here, a few hundred more there have been approved, despite their combined effect being greater than the 800 refused in 2016.

Elsenham has none of the amenities needed to support such development. Our GP surgery is overstretched to the point that you cannot make an appointment in advance as the surgery cannot otherwise guarantee the availability of a doctor, our primary school is full, and we have no nursery, preschool, secondary school, dentist, sit-down cafes or restaurants other than the village pub. Therefore, each new development approved adds to the volume of traffic on our roads, as everyone needs to travel to Stansted Mountfitchet, Bishop's Stortford, Newport or Dunmow for the nearest basic amenities.

Every single route out of the village is either routinely jammed with traffic (for example leaving the village via Grove Hill to get to Stansted, or driving through Newport) or crumbling beneath the weight of vehicles that it was not intended to support (the newly-resurfaced Hall Road now has multiple huge pot-holes, North Hall Road has had to close for 2 years while it's subsidence has been repaired, and when this opens it will then be the turn of the current diversion through Patmore End closing to be repaired). The route south towards Stansted Airport has recently been the site of multiple fatal traffic accidents in a very short space of time.

The entrance to the Bloor site on the road between Henham and Elsenham is dangerously close to a bend, and more cars using this exit will only add to the awful traffic situation around the village.

I hope that you take these points into serious consideration as you deliberate this application - if the 2016 application was not sustainable then the combination of the piecemeal applications since then is not either.

Yours sincerely,
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