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

Dear Sirs

I wish to register my strong objection to the proposed development of 200 houses at the above site.

There are insufficient facilities in Elsenham and Henham to cope with an extra 200 households there is only a mini Tesco and post office, take away and hairdressers in Elsenham. Henham has a little village shop and you cannot walk to these facilities from the proposed site. So people will need to drive.

The Elsenham surgery also looks at risk due to a potential merger with Stansted surgery. What about schooling - and possible 200 more children at primary school age - where will these children attend school? There will be more bedlam at school drop off and pick up times. I would urge you to spend some time trying to drive around in this area to fully appreciate the extent of the problem. What about secondary schools - these are all full, so where will the additional children from this proposed development attend secondary school?

Due to the ongoing piecemeal planning applications for large amounts of housing being granted in this area, there has been no coherent strategy for traffic and infrastructure. Essex Highways never object to any housing applications are they only view each application on its own and not as a whole, failing to take other developments into consideration, therefore roads to either Stansted/Bishops Stortford or Saffron Walden for secondary schooling and shopping are always gridlocked. Other rural roads leading from our village to Saffron Walden are either in a poor state of repair, closed (eg North Hall Road), or dangerous as so bendy and not designed for huge volumes of traffic. If 200 additional houses are built you are looking at another 400 cars on our local roads which already cannot cope with the existing levels of traffic. Sadly there have also been several recent fatalities along the road from Elsenham to Stansted Airport.

An application for houses on this site was refused by the Secretary of State in 2016 and due to it being unsustainable and traffic issues.

Please can you also consider our environment and the detrimental effect of another 200 houses on Grade 1 and Grade 2 agricultural land. We need to think about our children and grandchildren.

This is not about nimbyism, there are been already several hundred houses built in Elsenham and permission granted for more housing in Henham - this is about quality of life for residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

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