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In 2016 the Secretary of State refused planning permission for 800 houses in this area. It was deemed as unsustainable and would cause unacceptable traffic issues. Two miles from the village the road connecting it to other local towns is a single track road controlled by traffic lights. An alternative route out of the village is a narrow winding road which is also totally unsuitable for coping with current use. The increased use that this proposed development would bring is unthinkable. Since 2016 many new houses have been built piecemeal in the area and the issues deemed unacceptable then have become significantly worse. The existing road structure already cannot cope with the volume of vehicles using it. There is no spare capacity which would accommodate increased use resulting from these houses being built.

One shop and a post office do not provide adequate retail facilities for existing residents and so road use in and out of the village is considerable. One road out of the village has been closed for over a year as it has collapsed into the adjacent river! With new houses already built, movement along these roads has become noticeably slower and more hazardous for all users, especially pedestrians and cyclists. I try to use the local bus service as much as I can but it is far too inadequate for me rely on totally. The developer refers to this as an excellent public transport facility! The government's repeated rejection of Uttlesford's development plan has allowed developers what seems like free reign in Elsenham and surroundings. This has got to stop as the existing infrastructure is at breaking point.

In view of current issues internationally it seems to me that more than ever the country needs to be able to produce it's own food. Building houses on grade 1 and 2 agricultural land is ludicrous.

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