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**Subject:** Ref S62A/2022/0012 Land East of Station, Elsenham

Dear Sirs

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As a resident of Henham [REDACTED] I feel I must object in the strongest possible terms to the planning application for an additional 200 houses on what is prime grade 1 farmland between the villages of Henham and Elsenham.

Elsenham and the surrounding area has already seen unprecedented development way in excess of it's capability to sustain it. The local primary school in Elsenham is already full, and only this week a notification from the local Doctors surgery was received advising of the proposal to CLOSE the local surgery and merge with Stansted. This is due to being over-subscribed, meaning that the local facility has now been lost.

This also means that to travel the distance to Stanstead along Grove Hill would result in even more congestion.

In 2016 the then secretary of state refused planning permission for 800 homes in the same area on the grounds that the roads and infrastructure could not sustain it. Now that number is looking to be overtaken to 1000 homes with the current piecemeal applications. It is beyond credulity that no-one can see what is being done.

With regards to the road access in and out of Henham and Elsenham. The previous traffic survey taken out for the 350 Bloor homes application, which unbelievably was approved, was carried out during a period of restricted traffic usage. Anyone looking to view Grove Hill now during busy periods will see how bad the traffic is and how bad the road is getting. The situation at Grove Hill, Lower street and Chapel Hill is already completely unacceptable with extensive queues and delays. The rural roads through Ugley, Ugley Green suffer from poor highway alignment, have no footpaths or street lighting and cannot satisfactorily accommodate further growth. The range of facilities in Elsenham is limited and insufficient to meet the daily needs of the proposed development and beyond walking distance for most residents.

The Developer states that Elsenham has excellent public transport facilities. The buses are limited, one bus being the no. 7 and trains running only every 30 minutes during peak time, and residents need to use a car for most activities, including shopping.

This additional planning application must be refused, as it is looking to totally destroy the rural village life that currently exists, and would be detrimental to the currently quality of life

I urge you to reject this planning application and any subsequent appeal once and for all. Enough is enough!

Yours sincerely

Alan Rushbrook 