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Subject: Reference S62A/2022/0012 Land east of Station, Elsenham.

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I would like to object to the planning application referenced above.

My wife and I live in Widdington which is about 2 1/2 miles from Henham as the crow flies and a little longer by road. Prior to our move to Widdington we lived in Henham for 16 years. From 2007 we have been objecting to repeated attempts to build hundreds of houses on the prime agricultural land between Henham and Elsenham.

We still visit Henham on a regular basis and indeed are still registered at the Doctor's surgery in Elsenham. Only this week we received an email from them saying that they are having difficulty in coping with the increased numbers of patients and are considering a merger with the Stansted practice.

This site has a long history and was first muted in that year when it was included in the then-emerging Local Plan as a possible site for housing. The community objected strongly at the Local Plan hearing and the Planning Inspector rejected the whole Plan mainly on the complete unsuitability of this development. The Developer then applied for 800 houses in 2016 and again was refused because it was not a sustainable site, on this occasion, the Planning Inspector made his recommendation to the then Secretary of State who agreed.

Meanwhile, other developments in areas abutting this development area have been allowed taking the total dwellings not approved or in the pipeline to nearer 1000. The infrastructure has not changed in any way since 2016, indeed it has gotten a lot worse as developments have been built and completed. It beggars the question of how can 800 houses proposed in 2016 be not sustainable and substantially more houses now planned be sustainable.?

The infrastructure here is almost non-existent, the roads are narrow country roads, and most exit roads lead to Stansted Mountfitchet which is a nightmare. Residents face delays of 30 minutes or more on a regular basis. This means that residents find very small and dangerous alternatives through hamlets to try to avoid Stansted. Everyone who lives in Henham and Elsenham use cars to travel to Bishops Stortford or Saffron Walden to shop.

Bishop Stortford is now regularly grid-locked due to overcrowding with new developments that, because it is in Hertfordshire and not in Essex, does not feature

in discussions in applications to Uttlesford, even though both Henham and Elsenham are in the Bishop Stortford postal district. My wife and I have, if we can avoid it, have ceased to shop there because of this.

There is one small Tesco mini-store in Elsenham and that's it. Henham has a community shop run by volunteers serving very basic food and beverages. A further 200 dwellings is a developer's trick to find a way to add to the 350 already allowed by a Planning Inspector.

It is a sham to get around a decision made by the Inspector. This site is Grade 1 and 2 agriculture land, does that count for nothing?

I urge the Inspector to listen to the residents that actually live in the area. They are aghast at the development at present. Enough is enough. Please reject this application.

Yours
Bill Bates