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**Subject:** Planning Application S62A/2022/0012 Land east of Station, Elsenham

Dear Sirs

I wish to object to the above Planning Application in the strongest terms. There have been literally thousands of new homes built in this area, seemingly without anyone paying any attention to the local infrastructure. Traffic congestion is becoming a serious problem, many of the schools are full to capacity and people are having to wait longer and longer to see a GP. Local villages are losing their identities and being swallowed up by neighbouring towns. Surely anyone can see that the salutation is unsustainable?

With regard to this particular application, the land in question is Grade 1 and Grade 2 agricultural land and not even brownfield land, so why is it being earmarked for housing development? I was interested to see that the developer stated that Elsenham village has "Excellent public transport facilities." There is, in fact, a bus service which is so limited that most residents use their cars. This has already resulted in long queues and delays on local roads, particularly in the early morning and the evening. Grove Hill, in particular, suffers serious congestion every day. It is the main road out of Elsenham and has traffic lights controlling a single, alternate lane of traffic. There does not appear to be any way to widen this road, so the problem is only going to get worse. Many of the local roads are narrow, unlit and have no pavements, meaning people have to walk in the road in many places. At night this is a disaster waiting to happen.

I am sure that many other people will point out that the Secretary of State in 2016 refused an application to build 800 houses on land included in this current application, agreeing with his Inspector that these would bring about a significant increase in the volume of traffic. Am I alone in noticing that developments already allowed or applied for, if granted will exceed the number turned down by the Secretary of State in 2016? Are these developers taking the Planning Officers for fools? They certainly appear to think that the rules do not apply to them!

I sincerely hope you will give my comments serious consideration when considering the validity of this planning application and treat it accordingly.

Yours faithfully

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