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

I am writing to object to the above planning application as the overdevelopment of this area is completely destroying the lives of the local residents like myself.

At present there are severe traffic problems in the area due to the vast increase in newly built properties. In order to drive my children to school in Bishops Stortford I face daily delays trying to negotiate the huge queues on totally unsuitable roads (Grove Hill and Chapel Hill.) Previously quiet country roads are becoming racetracks and increasingly dangerous for local residents. These roads simply can not accommodate any more of this over development.

In 2016, the Secretary of State considered a proposal for 800 dwellings on this land that is included in the current application and was deemed unsustainable when refusing planning permission. The Secretary of State also agreed with his Inspector on traffic issues and the conclusion that 800 dwellings would bring significant volumes of additional traffic to a village at a significant distance from employment and services. The local situation has got worse since 2016, so refusal should be even more of a priority. The local piecemeal developments that have already been allowed and have been applied for will mean over 1000 houses, which is considerably more than the Secretary of State considered unsustainable.

There are simply not enough local facilities to meet the needs of a high number of additional residents and Elsenham Primary School is currently full.

This development should not be allowed planning permission.

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