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

Dear Sir/Madame

I am writing to object to the further development of 200 houses in Elsenham as above.

I have now lived in Henham for 10 years and the development in Elsenham and the impact on the surrounding area is unbelievably negative. I recognise and understand that new homes need to be built, but sympathetically without destroying the surrounding area.

My daughter is now in Yr 2 at Henham Primary school - her class size in reception was 21, it is now 30. This is because Elsenham school is full and parents are turning to Henham, however there are no more teachers or resource... everything just spread thinner for those that attend. The school is struggling.

The road system simply cannot cope. There have been 2 recent fatalities on the Elsenham-Stansted road: too much traffic, no speeding measures. Elsenham is impassible at school drop off and pick-up as the facilities are inadequate and Grove Hill in Stansted is frequently grid locked. It is just 7 miles from my home in Henham to Bishops Stortford but because of the traffic in Stansted now this journey frequently takes 45mins to an hour. The roads are creaking - another 200 homes?

Our local Dr's surgery now cannot cope and will merge with Stansted. We have to journey to the town of gridlock where you cannot park as a consequence of the development.

The excessive building in Elsenham has irrevocably changes Elsenham but is also impacting the local villages and surrounding areas. Villages are isolated by road closures and experience increased traffic and speeding issues. Our local amenities are ever overrun or closing and are schools are bursting.

And then there is the countryside, where we chose to live, which is getting eaten up by bricks and road and concrete day by day.

Please just stop. Enough is enough. There must be other suitable places to build.

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P.S Traffic assessments for Grove Hill were taken early morning one weekend in lockdown... not exactly a fair assessment.