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Dear Sirs

I wish to object in the strongest possible terms to the disgraceful attempt to bolt on another 350 houses to the 200 house site already [insanely] approved by you.

We have been subject to a ridiculous amount of additional housing in Henham and more especially Elsenham over the last few years and the local infrastructure is incapable of handling it. North Hall Road, the main road to Newport and Saffron Walden (where most children attend secondary schools) lies to the east of this development. It has been closed for significant periods of over 6 months twice in the last five years and has only just reopened after a 2 ½ years closure. It still floods regularly. Roads to the west of the development leading to Stansted and Bishop's Stortford are substandard and not suitable for a large increase in traffic with many lacking pavements and pathways for pedestrians and most routes being restricted by very narrow roads or difficult corners and some routes in Elsenham and Stansted also subject to frequent flooding.

It is evident that the roads are not able to deal with the current situation as it is. There are massive potholes all over the place and continual works to repair the roads/damage to infrastructure means that there is continual traffic disruption. Currently there are 3 sets of lights between us and Elsenham but sometimes it is more!

An increase in housing will also add to pressure on schools in the area. The primary school in Elsenham is full and there is absolutely no space for safe parking around it. Henham school has limited space but is inaccessible from outside the village to anyone walking as children would be required to walk on unlit, unpaved roads and footpaths that are inaccessible for six months of the year. The current parking situation at Henham is also dangerous with parents regularly double parking or parking on a blind bend.

The developers disingenuously state that there is ample public transport. If you wish to travel to Saffron Walden by bus outside rush hour it takes between 1 and 2 hours to do what is a 15 minute journey by car and you have to change buses. You can't get a bus at all from Henham after 6:30 p.m. Bishop's Stortford is a little better served by buses but the current state of the roads means it takes an eternity to get there. If you wish to travel by train and come from the east of Elsenham or from Henham and you don't have access to a car you have to walk on footpaths and roads without lighting or pavements which given current plans is going to become increasingly dangerous!

As usual developers plan on building houses without supplying the infrastructure needed to serve the people they are building for. Where is the additional space for doctors, shops and schooling. Where are the road improvements. I can't see that they have seriously considered this and provided a solution.

In conclusion this plan is unfeasible without major improvements to the infrastructure of the area. We have had substantial developments over the last few years but not a single improvement

to infrastructure. The strain on everything is evident to residents with problems with the state of the roads, the time it takes to get anywhere and problems with accessing educational and medical services. They get to build houses and then runaway and leave local government to deal with the problems they create!

Yours Sincerely

Helen Parris