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To: Section 62A Applications <section62a@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
Subject: S62A/2022/0012 Land east of Station, Elsenham.

Dear Planning Inspector,

The above mentioned planning application is just another example of sliding in another quantity of houses by stealth to an already overloaded infrastructure without taking into consideration the future sustainability for the new and existing residents.

Over the past 12 years the areas of Henham and Elsenham have been inundated with housing developments, small and large, and to date, not a single attempt has been made to improve or solve the ever increasing seriousness of the lack of road access, along with every other service needed to support an ever larger local population.

As residents, we know the area better than anyone, we have pointed out the area's shortcomings to inspectors and developers over the years, and in exchange we have been fobbed off with 'sticky plaster' solutions that have solved nothing.

On occasions, there have been Government ministers and Inspectors who have seen the obvious limitations in this small community and said No to further developments. However, in just a few weeks after each refusal, the buildings continue to gain planning consents. Asked how this was possible, we discover that a new Minister or Inspector or in one case a Judge in Wales overturned the previous decision thus overturning all previous professionals credibility.

We all appreciate the need for more housing in the UK and especially within the M11 corridor, and I don't think we are being obstructive beyond pointing out the serious reasons why there are enough developments now within Henham and Elsenham.

My view is looking to the future as much as anyone, but when there are better safer and well serviced areas available just beyond this small corner of Essex, why continue to cram in houses to the point of destroying any chance of people being able to have a reasonable place to live.

We are gridlocked now, apart from living under the shadow of a very busy, noisy and polluting airport, a noisy and polluting motorway right through the middle and a single local access via Grove Hill in Stansted that's single lane with traffic control.

Please look seriously at the conditions you could be imposing on existing and future residents and prevent this extra new development from coming to fruition.

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