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I am writing regarding the latest development 'creep' into the Elsenham/Henham. I find it hard to believe that we find ourselves in this situation yet again...and the effects of the outrageous 350 plot site currently being built are nowhere near being experienced. Looking at it purely from a roads/traffic/ public transport point of view ( ignoring the other obvious issues of schools and facilities for everyday needs ).

The routes out of the villages are vastly over subscribed, particularly during the to/from work/school times.

GROVE HILL : ( the main artery) is basically a chicane with traffic lights which simply cannot allow a reasonable flow of traffic, compounded by the rightful parking of the residents on the hill. The sheer volume of traffic, including heavy vehicles for the various building sites has degraded the road and it will need to be shut off in the very near future for repair.

STATION ROAD leading to POUND LANE : A narrow, twisting road which has narrow stretches, allowing only single vehicle passage. On top of this, at the key times, it is not possible to access the road beyond the railway station due to the fact that the level crossing is shut ( probably 6 times in key hours) leading to a tailback beyond the access point.

NORTH HALL ROAD : This is also accessed from the same route in Elsenham at the level crossing. On top of this, it has quite incredibly been closed FOR ALMOST 2YEARS due to the dithering and inaction of the Highways Department.

PATMORE END : Basically a single Lane 'rat run', which has been vastly overused due to the general lack of options. HGV's have eroded and potholed the verges.

HALL ROAD (towards airport) : This too had been incredibly shut for over 18 months. Hard to believe as this is the main road to a London Airport, but reflects the organisational capabilities of Essex Highways. It has been open again for over 2 years, but is not considered to be a safe road, with I believe, 2 deaths in separate incidents in the past month. Presumably frustrated by the logjams elsewhere, people tend to drive much too fast for conditions. The sheer volume of HGV's servicing the building sites has also taken its toll here, with significant potholes on the climb into Elsenham.

I am a regular user of the village bus service, but most people choose NOT to use it because it operates at fairly irregular intervals ( necessary to take account of the volumes of traffic they get caught up in ), but also significant delays on top of that, due in main to the situation at Grove Hill. As an example, this week, I had to wait a further 20 minutes beyond scheduled time. Not unusual .

I have lived in villages in Scotland, Wiltshire, Gloucestershire, Kent and Hertfordshire and have never experienced access issues like this area. It almost has a Third World feel to it. Henham has a genuine rural feel, but within 3 minutes of leaving my house I can be in congestion Hell ( driving around school going in/coming out times to be avoided at all costs).

To grant permissions like the proposed would simply choke the area and change its whole character.

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