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To whom it may concern at the Planning Inspectorate

( Please acknowledge the receipt of this email to the sender, Mrs M Howard)

I have been a resident of Peaslands Road Saffron Walden for many years and as such I am very aware of the current dangerous traffic conditions along Peaslands Road / Mount Pleasant Road. The roads are part of the route taken by children from four schools by foot and by car in order to go to school and as such are heavily congested both by pedestrians and cars. In addition to this the roads are being used as a link road around Saffron Walden, as they are now a clear way and as such are used by emergency vehicles travelling very fast. The roads also provide access to the extensive housing development to the East of Thaxted Road (recently built by Keir).

Planning permission has just been granted for the development of the former Walden School / Friends School site into a major new housing development with the accompanying parking facilities and access onto Mount Pleasant Road. This new development will further increase the traffic congestion along the Mount Pleasant /Peaslands Road.

In view of all these factors and the existing traffic regulations for the area, I consider that the existing roads cannot support the further development of land into new homes proposed by Keir.

In addition to my concerns re road safety and congestion, as a resident of Saffron Walden I am also very concerned about the effect of the rise of population in the town, with respect to the existing infra structure, particularly medical and general health provision.

The existing infra structure is struggling to cope with the needs of the existing population and cannot cope with additional demand. This planning application by Keir is very vague in its commitment to contribute to the local infra structure if at all. ("£1.5m in planning towards local facilities").

I therefore ask that you take these factors into consideration when considering the application for planning permission to build yet more housing without taking into account the needs and safety of the local residents. The Saffron Walden Neighbourhood Plan, which came into force on the 14 th October 2022 , (formally adopted by Uttlesford District

Council on that date ) clearly states the requirement for health facilities etc and in the absence of a local plan represents the wishes of the residents of Saffron Walden and should not be ignored.

Kind Regards  
Ms Howard