

From: Chairman SWCFC [REDACTED]

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To: Section 62A Applications <section62a@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>

Subject: Response to Section 62A Planning Application: S62A/2022/0014 Land west of Thaxted Road, Saffron Walden

Dear Sir/Madam

Saffron Walden Community Football Club note the proposed development on Thaxted Road. It is with regret we note that once again, there is no provision for sports playing fields or any other facilities. Saffron Walden is a growing town, and the provision of such facilities is already limited. Our football club has over 750 players (boys and girls) registered to play. We have to find and over use pitches in many surrounding villages. We can barely satisfy existing demand. The same is true of the local rugby clubs.

Building 170 more family dwellings will only increase this demand and consequent pressure. Indeed, the latest developments in our town have all resulted in the loss of playing fields, such as the Bell language school, Friends school and the Ridgeons development. This trend must stop.

The club would implore the Council to mandate the building of either a new 3g artificial pitch for football and potentially rugby, or further grass pitches installed to a suitable standard. In both cases, adequate facilities (toilets, clubhouse etc) should also be built.

SWCFC would be in a position to manage such facilities, and allow public use of them. Our record of operating the pitches at Lime Avenue, Herberts Farm, Wimbish and Newport indicates we are the most appropriate local organisation to maintain these facilities.

For further information, please contact Tony Saward (Chairman) on [REDACTED]

Yours faithfully

Tony Saward