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Dear Sirs

The very fact that both of the previous applications were refused should surely indicate that there are valid objections to an “Open Logistics Facility” being based not only in a Countryside Protection Zone but also right next to a very busy junction of a motorway. These applications were considered by members of the Planning Committee at the Local Authority: people who are familiar with the area who would know the problems which would arise should this proposal go ahead.

The site itself is far from being suitable for industrial purposes for a number of reasons. When the dual carriageway, A120 East, was built, it was no doubt envisaged that that the old A120 (now the B1256) would become a “minor” road. However, because of the rapid development of Takeley and other villages, the B1256 is still a very busy road. Queueing traffic at Junction 8 of the M1 extends back a considerable distance much of the day, especially between 7am and 9am. The number of extra “movements” of large vehicles from “Wren Kitchens” – 400 every 24 hours has been posited – would exacerbate the situation to an excessive degree. Added to this is the fact that whenever access to Junction 8 is limited – as it is at present – there is a constant stream of traffic through Great Hallingbury on what is essentially a village road – with hardly any pavements. Deep pot-holes are constantly appearing these days already and the thought of the type of transport used by “Wren Kitchens” adding their contribution is frightening. The increased noise and air pollution from this type of business to an area already having to endure this from being under the flight path of Stansted Airport would, no doubt, also affect both the physical and mental health of many people in the area.

It could, no doubt, be argued that the objections of the local residents are merely a case of NIMBYISM - but what should, and must, be taken into consideration is that this is primarily a residential and, indeed, rural area which is ill-suited to having a 24/7 industrial operation so closely-situated.

I would like to think that the Planning Inspectorate would make, at the very least, one site visit to where FKN are proposing to move their business.

Yours, in anticipation of “a site visit”,

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