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Sent: 08 September 2022 09:37
To: Section 62A Applications <section62a@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
Subject: Planning Objections S62A/22/0007 Land to the south of Henham Road, Elsenham, Essex

Dear Planning Inspectorate,

RE: Planning Objections S62A/22/0007 Land to the south of Henham Road, Elsenham, Essex

As a resident of [REDACTED], I write to object to the planning of buildings on the fields mentioned above.

As a resident of the High Street, I am concerned about the amount of traffic that the high street is experiencing. The local primary has doubled its capacity, and there is nowhere for parents to park and safely drop off their children. The High Street is the only road between the villages and the M11 and is already suffering heavily under increased traffic demands from new developments and the HGV needed for more development. The street also regularly floods during winter due to increased mud and lack of drainage, and should school children try and walk to school, they get drenched on the way. The sidewalks are very narrow in many places, and parents parking to drop their youngsters block the busy road and traffic gets backed up. This problem will only increase if there is more housing and vehicles in the village.

Secondly and importantly to note, the fields do not only provide a much-valued view between the village and the church on the hill, but it is officially part of Stansted Airport Countryside Protection Zone. The fields are vital for the heritage asset of Elsenham Place and the history that stretches 800 years. The site is also on a slope that ends in Stansted Brook – which needs protection.

Thirdly this site is the last green space left close to Elsenham Cross – and with the increase in development that has doubled since 2011, the village is at its limit. During that time, the amenities have not doubled, the GP surgery has not doubled in size, the roads have not doubled, and the danger of flooding has only increased. In the village there are often problems with foul smells from inadequate sanitation due to over-usage, internet and mobile connections struggle to keep up with the demand: in turn affecting people's abilities to work and contribute to the economy.

I invite you to spend some time in the high street during the school run and stroll out to the fields from the high street. As you leave the busy high street with idling, pollution-creating vehicles and sounds of children behind you, you will be met by a serene pastoral scene, and you might question if that view is worth the fortunes developers can make. What legacy are we leaving those children?

We must protect our villages from overdevelopment, and I urge you to take all and any objections seriously.

Yours sincerely,

Alcus and Erika Erasmus

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