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**Sent:** 09 September 2022 13:46  
**To:** Section 62A Applications <section62a@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Section 62A Planning Application: S62A/22/0007 Land to the South of Henham Road, Elsenham, Essex

I am writing as a resident of [REDACTED] to register my strong objection to the above planning application from Countryside Partnership to build 130 houses on this meadow in the heart of Elsenham village.

Before you jump to the conclusion that this is a knee-jerk piece of Nimbyism, I would point out that this village has, over the past few years, seen the building of around 750 dwellings and there are currently another 250 plus in the process of being built. The result has been that Elsenham has doubled in size without any significant improvements to facilities and infrastructure. The surrounding lanes and narrow country roads have become damaged, congested and dangerous with building-related traffic and increased local traffic as villagers have to drive into Stansted Mountfitchet (itself an overdeveloped village but with better facilities), and the nearest towns, Bishops Stortford and Saffron Walden, for shopping and other needs. Furthermore, I understand there are already applications for another 250 houses in the pipeline for consideration by the Inspectorate.

Virtually all the new and proposed development has been on land previously farmed and Elsenham has accordingly lost most the very countryside that characterised its village identity and provided the much-valued amenity of walking and the enjoyment of nature in our midst. The site for the Countryside Partnership development is the last, and hence immensely precious, piece of unspoilt meadow left and is regularly used for grazing cattle and sheep – a reminder of village life and it has been referred to as our last 'green lung'. The meadow is located at Elsenham Cross, opposite the Crown, our beautiful old village pub, and close to other historic listed buildings.

All the new development currently in progress ensures that housing is not in short supply. Indeed, there is no justification for the loss of our remaining link with the origins of the village. To approve this planning application would be a final act of vandalism and I hope that you will see fit to turn it down.

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