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Subject: Section 62A Planning Application: S62A/22/0007 Land to the South of Henham Road, Elsenham, Essex

I am e-mailing you to urge you to refuse this application

The Village has experienced a massive amount of housebuilding in the last ten years, and the land covered by present proposal is the last significant green space in the village. It is surrounded by listed building, including the Church, which overlooks the site. The whole setting of the field and its immediate surroundings is of great value in landscape terms and should be protected. There is no shortage of housing in Elsenham.

The current volume of traffic on narrow country roads is beyond what can be safely carried. This is made significantly worse by the ongoing failure of the Highway Authority, Essex County Council, to properly maintain the road network. Hall Road, which runs along the west side of this site, down to Abbotsford Bridge is a clear example of this appalling neglect. In the space of perhaps 250 metres(my estimate) there are the following defects

- a sunken drain cover, which has been in a dangerous state for several years
- A persistent flow of water from the site across the pavement and down the hill, over a totally blocked drain, which can soak pedestrians when traffic goes through the water and present a skid danger in icy weather
- a series of potholes along this length of road with a cluster of four close to Abbotsford bridge, complemented by a missing drain cover at the bridge.

The bridge is a nasty spot at the best of times, as the road on both sides falls sharply to the bridge which forms a significant bend with no view of oncoming traffic. The cluster of potholes significantly increases the danger as to avoid them, you have to cross the centre line of the road and this bend.

With roads like this and a failing Highway Authority, we do not need more traffic.

I appreciate that you are obliged to consult the highway authority on traffic matters On the other hand, given their appalling performance on maintaining the highways, it is intensely frustrating that their views carry any weight.

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