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The Planning Inspectorate  
Major Casework Team  
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Dear Planning Inspectorate,

RE: Land to the South of Henham Road, Elsenham , Essex

**Ref. S62A/22/0007**

I wish to strongly object to the above Ref. S62A/22/0007 for the following reasons.

- The site is in the countryside- farming land and is the last green piece of land in the village centre. The piece of land is regularly used for the grazing of cattle and sheep. It is in the heart of the village and forms a central area very close to many listed buildings and other buildings of historic importance to the village.
- Elsenham has in recent years expanded with substantial new development. Around 750 dwellings have been approved and built together with another 250+ in the course of being built. The number above what might be expected for a small village. There is over development, this development will contribute to a village which has doubled in size since 2011.
- More new development should be in the main towns where there is infrastructure. Infrastructure including services, employment, and

schooling which is able to support development. Doctor's surgeries are full, it can take a couple of weeks in order to make an appointment requesting a particular Doctor.

- Most residents of the village travel out by car. The road system out of the village is narrow and winding, and most journeys travel through Stansted Mountfitchett, which is already heavily congested, particularly with cars. I have had experience of significant queues, for many minutes in order to negotiate the narrow streets, congested with parking.
- The site is very close to Elsenham Primary School: St.Mary's Primary School. There can be very severe congestion on the roads close to the school making it very difficult to navigate and access other sites within the village.
- In 2016 when there were proposals for 800 houses it was dismissed by The Secretary of State on the basis that Elsenham is not a sustainable village for such growth as proposed and sadly is in the pipeline as the road system cannot cope – this situation has not changed.

I sincerely hope you will take note of my objections and register my comments.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Barbara B Smith

and Mr. John G Smith