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**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** S62A/22/2007. Land to the South Henham Road, Elsenham, Essex.

Dear Inspector,

**Ref:S62A/22/2007. Land to the South of Henham Road, Elsenham, Essex.**

**I am opposed to this planning application.**

My reasons are:

**You have recently consented to 320 houses to be built on the same road as this projected site.** The builders have cut back several metres of virgin hedges to allow visibility for the exit from that estate project.

Approximately 800 - 1000 extra people, will arrive shortly to live in that new estate, who expect to move to and live in a rural setting. The cost of the housing reflects this.

**The area proposed for the new site is the last green space between Henham and Elsenham and is at the historic Elsenham Cross site.** Coin from AD 61 - 96 was found here, and there is evidence of Roman occupation too, in the 2nd Century. This land is near the Church which has stood there for over 900 years but there is evidence that it was built on the site of an earlier Saxon church.

In 1821 the population of the village was 434. A daily coach service was begun by a wealthy landowner, Walter Gilbey's father and so transport to London became a reality from Bishops Stortford in Hertfordshire.

Into this country village, with little accessibility to good roads, tracks were laid down for a train service from Cambridge to London which stopped in Elsenham. This service, picking up and dropping off passengers as every station. No Sunday or nighttime trains. This was sufficient for the locals who were a self-sufficient farming community. **We still have no Sunday service.**

With the advent of the car, roads were laid down. This was approximately 85 years ago, however **the roads are narrow, on hillsides with no ability to widen them, do not allow for two way traffic and are subject to flooding at times.** This is our reality.

During the last 11 years, the area has seen large scale building projects without any infrastructure put in place to assist the people who live or who are going to live in this area. In July 2022 Elsenham Parish Boundary was adjusted to include the 'Bloor Homes' 350 houses development site. The population in 1991 was 1217 but by 2020 was 3465 with **No extra medical facilities, schools, shops, sports facilities, roads, clubs or utility infrastructure.**

**Please review your policy of allowing wholesale building in this area, have a wider overview and save these ancient fields from destruction; the roads from deterioration and chaos, the land from more flooding as the fields will not be there to soak up the rain; and let common sense prevail.**

Thank you for considering my plea.

Regards,

Susan Leech  
Henham



Cc Kemi Badenoch MP