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**Subject:** Proposed Planning Application at Elsenham, ref S62A/2022//0012

Dear Sir/Madam, I have lived at [REDACTED] for 28 years. During this time, I have seen a large number of developments being added to the villages of Henham and Elsenham. I agree that it is good for the local community to add some extra houses to the villages to provide accommodation for local people. However, there comes a point when increased development starts to have an adverse effect on the community and change the whole character of the countryside. Already, the roads are very busy, there is pressure on schools and amenities. I have seen a significant decrease in water pressure at my house, for example. I am sure that a proper assessment, as it has in the past, would show that further development is unjustified.

However, my main objection is to the use of prime farming land for housing development. Surely, recent world events have taught us that a move to self-sufficiency in food production should be a national goal. Once built on, the farming land is lost forever. It has always amazed me that our governments have encouraged a mass exodus of people from all over the UK to the south east. I had hoped that the principle of "levelling up" discussed by the government would be based on common sense and provide opportunities and development for the whole country. I suspect the main reason for building houses here, which is driven by the development companies, is the large profits that can be made from house prices in this area compared to other areas.

I think it is time for the government to look at the bigger picture for national development and I hope that common sense will prevail. I therefore register my objection to this development proposal.

Kind regards, Iain Taylor.