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**Re Planning Application S62A/2022/0012 Land East of Station, Elsenham**

I have been a resident of Uttlesford for 19 years, and wish to object in the strongest possible terms to the opportunistic and unwanted 'bolt on' application for a further 200 houses abutting the Bloor site in Elsenham, immediately adjacent to Henham Parish land.

This creeping piecemeal approach to development application fools no-one - it is a known fact that the **Secretary of State adjudged in 2016 that an application for 800 dwellings in this area was not sustainable.**

For it suddenly now to be a proposition that a total of over 1,000 dwellings is acceptable - based on the total of developments already allowed and those now applied for - is, I state without any pleasure, another example of the magical thinking that continues to blight the effective governance of our county and wider country.

Here are the accepted reasons why this level of development has already been rejected - all of them still apply just as much as they did in 2016 :-

*\* The road network in the area is unable to support any more vehicles - these are narrow, unlit excessively potholed highways (which Uttlesford and Essex County Council woefully under maintain to the cost of all residents).*

*\* Daily traffic jams blight Stansted's Grove Hill, Lower Street and Chapel Hill - the main route out of this area to the A120 and M11 - a direct result of the excessive development already allowed in this area in recent years.*

*\* Elsenham Primary School is already full.*

*\* Local buses are a limited service - residents in the area need to use a car to realistically be able to shop / work efficiently.*

*\* The shopping, leisure and medical facilities required to support this level of development are simply not available in Elsenham or the immediately accessible local area - residents must travel by car to Bishop's Stortford or Saffron Walden to avail themselves of most of these these services.*

*\* The proposed site consists of Grade 1 and Grade 2 agricultural land - it is unsustainable to forfeit this high value productive land for unwanted new houses.*

In addition to these acknowledged points, the recent level of development here, and in many other areas, is spreading communities from out of their natural settlement boundaries into the neighbouring countryside.

I passionately believe the countryside should be protected from further residential expansion, so Uttlesford continues to be the quiet rural area that is renowned throughout Essex, not just another anonymous suburban sprawl.

The constant high level of development over recent years has brought constant disruption to the quality of life of all residents in the area - gas, water, waste, electric service provision have seen road closures on a scale unprecedented - enough is enough, this needs to stop now and happen somewhere else where sites have been allocated for development.

I fully support the Parish Council stance and strongly object to this further unnecessary, unwanted and opportunist development.

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