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To: Section 62A Applications <section62a@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
Subject: S62A/2022/0012 Land East of Station, Elsenham

To whom it may concern,

My name is Nicole Wilson and I live at [REDACTED]

I would like to express strong opposition to the current proposed development of 200 houses. This appears to the residents of Henham to be an underhanded way to achieve the larger development which was refused in 2016 and has caused us to lose faith in the systems and organisations who process these applications.

The traffic and facilities around Henham and Elsenham are already stretched to the limit with an absolutely appalling traffic situation in Stansted Mountfitchet (Chapel Hill, Grove Hill etc) where cars are queued and squeezing between cars on what is essentially one lane roads with no traffic control. These areas rely on the knowledge of locals to know how to navigate them and many times I have been caught behind someone who does not know the road and has caused a gridlock. The roads around Ugley and Patmore End are becoming more and more eroded and dangerous. Damage to cars is becoming commonplace whether it is burst tyres, broken wing mirrors or dents and scratches. Chickney Road coming out of Henham is full of potholes and the sides are breaking. These areas cannot sustain hundreds of new cars daily without becoming even more dangerous and destructive to cars and property.

I know that other development proposals of only a few properties have been refused on the grounds that they would change the area, I do not understand how hundreds of houses adding traffic and a huge influx of new people would not make a significant change to these small and established communities. I have no problem with growth and I have no problem with welcoming new people to the village, but putting thousands of people into a tiny community with very little thought or support for the current infrastructure is not helpful to the UK's housing problem. All it does is puts pressure on the current community and devalues the homes that many have been unable to expand or improve due to the nature of the conservation area and historical significance of the area. Why is it that a developer can build hundreds of new homes and many residents in the conservation area cannot even put in a garage, conservatory or annex onto their homes.

The local primary schools are already full and yet providing a new primary school is not the answer. Secondary schools are already stretched to the limit and many local schools are infamously unable to deal with the behaviour problems of students mainly due to overcrowding and understaffing. Transport to the local secondary schools is beyond a joke with many parents resorting to carpooling to avoid paying up to £1000 a year for a bus pass. Although there is land, this community is already bursting at the seams with transport being the major issue.

I would further suggest that little has changed since 2016 when the original development was refused except that the traffic is even worse than it was in 2016.

I hope that you are able to see the logic in the points above and the points that I am sure will be raised by other residents.

I wish you the very best in these trying times.

Kind regards

Nicole Wilson