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

Dear Inspectorate,

I am opposed to the development of 200 homes on this agricultural field.

The land has always been farmed and grown valuable crops. I think the government should look very hard and have a clear understanding to not build on top grade arable land. We need to be able to grow our own food and not rely on importing food. If there is a problem in the world which is the case at the moment, we end up with food shortages and the food prices soaring. Developments should be built on brown field sites or empty areas in towns.

Bloor Homes have started building 350 homes with access from Henham Road known as Phase 1. I understand the development Land East of Station Road, Elsenham is Phase 2. I know they have not finished the drainage issues on the access road or the impact on Henham Road, but residents can see the problems of water running down the access road onto Henham Road, and we are all concerned how this extra water will affect our homes and gardens. I am very worried that extra water from the new estate will use the drains from Phase 1 development and we could have a situation which causes flooding. Henham Road itself does not drain well, and when it rains pools of water can be seen.

Stansted Brook floods at present at the bottom of Hall Road, and there are problems on Stansted Road and Ugley Green Road. I have known situations where the village has been cut off because of flooded roads. The road in front of Elsenham Railway station is still flooding badly when we have heavy rain, and no one has found a solution to this problem, if it gets more water draining from the new development Station Road at this point will be cut off, and people will not be able to access Elsenham Railway Station.

Once again, the question of the roads, in and out of Elsenham have to be looked at Grove Hill and Chapple Hill are a nightmare to negotiate especially at rush hour in the morning and evening.

How will the schools cope with the extra number of children living in the area? Have Essex County Council got enough money to build the new school on the Bloor Estate??

Very worried about the listed buildings on Henham Road, if more water comes from the new Estates. Elsenham Place, and Lilac Cottage and the listed barns, will not cope, and could be considerably damaged. These buildings are listed, and we are very worried about the impact on the listed properties, also the impact of more heavy traffic passing these properties.

Also, the setting of Elsenham has always been rural, now we are having more pavements, streetlights and bus stops etc. This is definitely having an impact on the village itself. Trying to accommodate so many new people is making the village seem more like a town, and it is losing its character. This has an impact on people's mental health, especially as the areas we used to walk are now being concreted over, we really need to keep some green spaces, to allow dog walking etc.

The sky larks have established themselves at the top of the field next to where the new development is proposed to be built and they will all be killed off by the cats and the movement of more dogs and people. It is such a shame as over the past few years they have really doubled in number.

I really believe that this development is a development too far for Elsenham and the people that live here. We need to keep some open spaces for the wildlife and also for the people to have a good quality of life.

Yours sincerely,

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