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

Dear Sir,

From N.J.Baker OBE
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I would like to object to the planning application referenced above. This site has a long history and was first muted in September 2007 when it was included in the then-emerging Local Plan as a possible site for housing. The community objected strongly at the Local Plan hearing and the Planning Inspector rejected the whole Plan mainly on the complete unsuitability of this development. The Developer then applied for 800 houses in 2016 and again was refused because it was not a sustainable site, on this occasion, the Planning Inspector made his recommendation to the then Secretary of State who agreed.

Meanwhile, other developments in areas abutting this development Area have been allowed taking the total dwellings not approved or in the pipeline to nearer 1000. The infrastructure has not changed in any way since 2016, indeed it has gotten a lot worse as developments have been built and completed. It beggars the question of how can 800 houses proposed in 2016 be not sustainable and substantially more houses now planned be sustainable.?

The infrastructure here is almost non-existent, the roads are narrow country roads, and most exit roads lead to Stansted Mountfiddich. which is a nightmare. Residents face delays of 30 minutes or more on a regular basis. This means that residents find very small and dangerous alternatives through hamlets to try to avoid Stansted. Everyone who lives in Henham and Elsenham uses their car to travel to Bishops Stortford or Saffron Walden to shop. There is one small Tesco's mini-store in Elsenham and that's it. Henham has a community Store run by volunteers serving very basic food and beverages. A further 200 dwellings is a developer's trick to find a way to add to the 350 already allowed by a Planning Inspector. It is a sham to get around a decision made by the Inspector. This site is Grade 1 and 2 agriculture land, does that count for nothing?

I urge the Inspector to listen to the residents that actually live in the area. They are aghast at the development at present. Enough is enough. Please reject this application.