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

Dear Sir / Madam

My name is Ben Langley and my address [REDACTED]

I am writing to express my significant concern and OBJECTION to planning application ref: S62A/2022/0012 Land East of Station Road, Elsenham

This application from Bloor Homes is to build a further 200 residential dwellings, in addition to the ongoing development of an already approved 350 houses on this site. I have lived in the adjacent village of Henham for over 25 years and cannot believe that I am having to write, yet again, to object to another ill considered proposal for yet more dwellings in the area.

It is not clear why this application even being considered... In 2016 the Secretary of State refused planning permission for 800 dwellings on this land, as it was not sustainable especially with the significant increased volumes of traffic extra dwellings would bring to the villages. However, with all the 'piecemeal' developments that have already been allowed to progress or be considered we are now in the position of having potentially an extra 1,000 dwellings in this area far exceeding the number that the Secretary of State previously considered was "unsustainable".

Local people are already struggling with the excessive traffic and road situation at Grove Hill, Lower Street and Chapel Hill in Stansted Mountfitchet. Extensive queues and delays are already completely unacceptable. Rural roads through Ugley and Ugley Green suffer from poor highway alignment, no footpaths or street lighting. The roads just cannot satisfactorily or safely accommodate any further growth.

Facilities in the small villages of Elsenham and Henham are limited and inadequate to meet the needs of any extra dwellings. Public transport is very limited with an infrequent bus service. So residents will have to resort to using a car to travel to Bishops Stortford or Saffron Walden, putting even more strain on our crowded roads which are already dealing with severe traffic congestion and roads being unable to cope.

Elsenham Primary school is already full - where will the children living in these dwellings be educated? Secondary school pupils already have to travel out of the area to attend schools. Lack of local schools will put even more pressure on our road networks.

In addition to all of the above, the site is Grade 1 and Grade 2 agriculture land. In our current climate with increased cost of living and global pressures that have impacted supply chains. Surely it is not sustainable to lose this high grade productive agricultural land?

Please do not make your decision WITHOUT visiting the area. You will then be able to see the consequences of any additional dwellings will have on the area and its impact on local resident's daily life.

Please do the right thing & REFUSE this application.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Regards
Ben Langley