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Sent: 19 November 2022 14:30
To: Section 62A Applications <section62a@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
Subject: S62A/2022/0012 Land East of Elsenham Station, Elsenham

Dear Sir or Madam,

My name and address is as follows:-

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I write in connection to the planning application from Bloor Homes referenced in the email title:-
S62A/2022/0012 Land East of Elsenham Station, Elsenham

As a resident of the village of Henham I am strongly opposed to this development as it is one further step toward the creation of "Hellsenham". where Henham and Elsenham become effectively merged.

I note that a proposal for 800 dwellings on land included in the current application was refused planning permission in 2016 on the grounds that it was not sustainable. I agreed wholeheartedly with that decision for a number of reasons. Henham and Elsenham each have their own character, notably Henham is a "hamlet" which is bounded by open countryside on all sides, despite recent elongation of the housing stock toward Debden Green. The gradual creep of Elsenham towards Henham will totally change the character of Henham from that of a hamlet to that of being the outskirts of a sizable town.

Since 2016 the over development of Elsenham has proven that the local infrastructure is not capable of providing adequate services. The school at start and end of the day is a traffic nightmare with children being forced to negotiate randomly parked vehicles involved in dropping off and picking up on what is now an extremely busy through road linking to Stansted Mountfitchet. This further proposed development will add many more children and vehicles into what is already a fraught and hazardous situation.

Whilst on the subject of traffic, I would note that whilst Elsenham has an infrequent bus service and a train station most residents choose to drive. The station train service features some, not many, "stopping" trains to London and Cambridge, but because of the many stops on the line, most people elect to use the stations at Stansted Mountfitchet or Bishops Stortford to get to these predominant employment areas. For convenience many residents use their cars for the full journey to Bishops Stortford, London or Cambridge as once clear of Stansted Mountfitchet there are good dual carriageway and Motorway links and parking at Stansted or Bishops Stortford is obviously avoided.

Stansted Mountfitchet has two notable traffic bottlenecks, Grove Hill and Chapel Hill, both of which only permit single file traffic. Grove Hill is controlled by traffic lights and Chapel Hill (kind of) works on goodwill alone, those at the top of the hill sometimes give way to those coming up, sometimes not. Both of these bottlenecks can cause gridlock within Lower Street in Stansted Mountfitchet and it is not unusual for traffic to suffer delays of half an hour or more, this new planning proposal for

another 200 houses will add even more vehicles to what is an already complex and precarious traffic route.

There is little in the local area in terms of employment, the new estates will become "dormitories," with new residents commuting to London, Cambridge and to a lesser extent Bishops Stortford. All of these journeys will involve the use of a car and as a result I confidently predict that Stansted Mountfitchet will be gridlocked on a daily basis.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Hughes.