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Dear Sirs,

I refer to the above planning application for 200 houses adjacent to the consented 350 houses currently under construction.

While I recognise the need for additional housing I believe the Elsenham/ Henham area has taken more than it's fair share of new housing over the last ten years.

Previously a proposal for 800 houses on land included in the subject application was deemed not to be sustainable by the Secretary of State in 2016 and planning permission was refused. At this time the Planning Inspector reported that the new houses would bring significant volumes of additional traffic to an area some distance from services and employment.

The existing road network is becoming increasingly crowded and dangerous particularly at the pinch points on Chapel Hill, Grove Hill and Lower Street.

Facilities in Elsenham are limited and despite the protestations from the developer that "Elsenham has excellent public transport facilities" that is not the case.

The site comprises Grade 1 and Grade 2 agricultural land which would be lost from agricultural production.

Might I suggest that these houses could be accommodated on under developed sites within the main settlements in the area such as Bishop's Stortford and Saffron Walden, where better facilities such as schools, doctors surgeries, shops, community facilities and public transport are more readily accessible.

Yours faithfully,

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