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

Dear Planning Inspectorate,

Ref S62A/2002/0012

Please reject this planning application for 200 houses on this site.

This site has been considered for development before, and for very good reasons it was turned down by the Secretary of State. The surrounding area has very specific bottlenecks of traffic and this application would further increase the size of a 350-house development which in itself will hugely increase the traffic problems in Stansted and Bishop's Stortford.

Bishop's Stortford is our local market town and is currently having thousands of new houses built. This application under consideration will have further impact on Bishop's Stortford's already beleaguered traffic and parking situation and should not be ignored.

This Uttlesford area has been subjected to massive development recently, superseded only by the East London developments on the Olympic site. We are not against all development, but this is too much. Our local infrastructure, roads, schools and surgery are already overloaded and about to be further stretched by the current 350 houses now being built. There seems to be no common sense in knowing when an area will be overwhelmed. We really feel we have done our bit.

Already we are used to having to think about the time of day in order to drive into Stansted. At school collection times the queue can be hundreds of yards long approaching Grove Hill. Gridlocks are not uncommon if a long vehicle is involved or a car not used to the problems involved tries to go down to the lights alongside parked cars, totally blocking the road.

Elsenham does have a railway line and there is an hourly bus service to the airport and into Bishop's Stortford, but rural people always need cars, and we don't just need to go to the Airport or Bishop's Stortford. Not taking car traffic into consideration is short sighted at best.

Please would you be respectful of village and rural life and be mindful of our stewardship of the countryside in this area. Please do the noble thing and reject this application.

Yours faithfully,

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