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Subject: Land East of Station

Dear Sirs

Ref S62A/2022/0012 Land East of Elsenham Station, Elsenham

I wish to register my objection to the above planning application.

I have lived in the area for over 30 years and have witnessed the rapid increase in housing development in Elsenham, the village has doubled in size due to house builders seizing on an opportunity to get their plans through without any barriers to their applications. We have seen an higher proportional increase in housing than anywhere else in the area, what happened to levelling up that the Government keeps talking about.

The infrastructure has not changed during this time, in fact it has got worse, with one of the roads from the village being shut for 3 years funnelling traffic through small hamlets along almost single track roads which were never meant to cope with the sheer number of cars & lorries using them. One of the roads has no footpath or street lighting to Ugley Green so it has become very dangerous for walkers & cyclist when you have a stream of lorries navigating the double bends at speed.

Another of the main roads goes into Stansted where there are traffic lights as the road is very narrow and the houses are close to the road. This road has a weight restriction on it of 7.5 tonnes but that is ignored by all the lorries too, there is residents parking on the hill therefore you can queue for over 15 minutes or more just to get through the lights, it's an absolute nightmare. The transport assessments that have been done bear no relation to what it is like for the people who live here and the roads cannot satisfactorily accommodate any further growth.

The Developer states that Elsenham has excellent public transport links but I have seen no evidence of this! The buses are limited to hourly, the trains run at full capacity in the morning & evenings meaning that residents need to use their cars for most activities. The Doctors surgery and the local Primary school are at full capacity so where are all these extra people supposed to go to access these facilities?

A Secretary of State considered a proposal for 800 dwellings on land included in this application that was deemed as not sustainable in 2016 and refused. They believed that this amount of homes would bring significant volumes of additional traffic to a village which would be at a significant distance from employment and services. How

is it possible that this was deemed unsustainable but the piecemeal developments of, potentially, over 1000 dwellings is?

These homes will not be for local people as they are unaffordable for our children/grandchildren.

Regards

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