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Sent: 22 November 2022 16:31
To: Section 62A Applications <section62a@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
Subject: S62A/2002/0012 Land east of Station, Elsenham

To whom it may concern,

I am emailing to object to the potential expansion on the current Bloor site on the land east of Elsenham Railway Station.

There are already multiple housing developments/small areas of new builds in existence in the Elsenham/Henham area, each of which is gradually ruining the rural life style that residents have chosen to live. I would like to raise the following points for consideration;

The loss of farm land is detrimental to agriculture, to wildlife and also increases the risk of flooding with the change in our climate and exposure to extremes of weather a real risk.

On a day to day basis the volume of traffic in Elsenham in particular is causing increasing issues, particularly with the bottle neck at Grove Hill, on Lower Street and also Chapel Hill as these routes are simply not suitable for the quantity of cars that need to use them. This problem will only get greater once the current Bloor homes are inhabited, let alone any further builds. Road surfaces are poor and many require repair/replacement. The state of the roads through Patmore End (caused by the closure of North Hall Road for such a long period of time) are a prime example of the effect an increase in traffic has on the road surface and also highlights the damage that is easily caused by lorries and such large vehicles, the type of damage that will occur with an increase in the size of the Bloor Homes build.

Public transport links are poor, for example it is currently not possible for us to get all the way to Saffron Walden town centre on a single bus journey, bus services are limited, especially so at the weekends. This makes it very difficult for residents who do not drive to be able to work in some locations. Many of our roadways do not have a footpath or street lighting, making walking highly dangerous in poor visibility and at night.

Where will these potential residents work, shop and/or be educated. How will their health needs be met? The primary school in Elsenham is already at capacity, increasing the number of pupils in already full classes will have a detrimental effect on the children as the teachers will be unable to meet the individual needs of all them all. Schools are already struggling with funding.

In 2016 the Secretary of State refused planning permission on an 800 dwelling proposal on the current land and agreed that such a development would cause significant traffic issues. In 2022 this remains a concern and the traffic issues have been proven by the problems already experienced following the recent developments in Elsenham.

The impact of these developments are never felt by the developers who are only interested in their profits. It is the residents that are left with the legacy of these poor planning decisions. This proposed development must not be permitted.

Kind regards
Mr & Mrs Ryan

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