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Subject: S62A/2022/0012.Land east of Elsenham station

As a long term resident of Henham I am horrified yet again at the relentless pursuit by developers to impose unsuitable developments in this area.

Some 12 to 15 years ago the UDC were asked to submit a local plan. There was a consultation which resulted in a recommendation to distribute of housing throughout the district. The UDC ignored this and put forward a plan that included a disproportionately high number of houses between Elsenham and Henham. The Planning Inspectorate refused the plan as unsustainable and sent UDC back to the drawing board. In the absence of a credible plan for the last 10 years Elsenham and Henham have become victims of piecemeal development and repeated applications for unsuitable developments totalling over 1,000 dwellings.

The Secretary of State considered 800 dwellings on land included in this current application as not sustainable and refused planning permission in 2016. This attempt to move towards the 800 originally proposed by stealth should not be allowed. If this development is allowed it will exceed the number which the Secretary of State considered unsustainable.

We are a small rural community. The lanes are narrow and most have no footpaths or lighting. The excessive queues in to Stansted are already unacceptable and the roads through Ugley village and to Patmore End are bordering on dangerous. These roads cannot accommodate further growth.

This housing estate is slightly isolated and beyond the walking distance most people would see as reasonable. We all know that residents will opt to hop in the car rather than walk to the doctors or shops at the far end of Elsenham or wait for the occasional bus. The Primary School at Elsenham is full so we must assume that new children to the area will be driven to schools in other villages. Similarly residents of Henham and Elsenham tend to travel by car to Bishops Stortford to shop as will new residents.

Finally I am told that this site is Grade 1 and Grade 2 agricultural land. How is it sustainable to lose such high grade productive land for good

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