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Subject: ref S62A/2022/0012 Land east of Station, Elsenham

To Whom it may concern,

I am writing today to object to the application for the 200 'Bolt on' houses on the site stated above.

I cannot help but feel frustrated and irritated by the ongoing development on what was once, a beautiful place to live. I have seen more development in our area than many others since we moved to Henham 8 years ago. It seems to be one continued drive to put houses into an area that simply cannot handle the by-products. Since moving here the quality of the roads, the vast volumes of traffic and the destruction of natural habitat have all lessened the appeal of living in the countryside which is what I thought I was signing up too when we moved in.

The pressure this area is under is vast. A Secretary of State considered a proposal for 800 dwellings on land included in the current application was not sustainable in 2016 and refused planning permission. The Secretary of State also agreed with his Inspector on traffic issues, which if any of the planning committee would like to experience, then they should head to Stansted during the busy periods. The situation at Grove Hill, Lower street and Chapel Hill is already completely unacceptable with extensive queues and delays. The rural roads through Ugley, Ugley Green suffer from poor highway alignment, have no footpaths or street lighting and cannot satisfactorily accommodate further growth. The heavy good vehicles and trucks that come with development continue to do significant damage, not only to the roads but to cars themselves and pot holes and wingmirror breaks take their toll.

How is it possible that 800 dwellings are not sustainable, but, that piecemeal developments already allowed, or applied for, of potentially over 1000 dwellings is? Piecemeal development has been allowed and considered to be sustainable. If this development is allowed the total will exceed the number that the Secretary of State considered unsustainable.

Having lived here for a while now, I know how reliant you are on your own vehicles. I am already extremely worried about what effect the existing development will have on the area, let alone the bolt on! Elsenham does not have the infrastructure to support all of this. You are in danger of overwhelming an area by flooding it with houses.

I can't emphasize how frustrating it is to see a wonderful area continually be developed and developed to a point where it will completely lose its appeal and its charm. I understand the need for development. I understand the desire for businesses to prosper. I can't understand however the desire for this much development in such a small area in such a small time frame.

Best regards,

Ryan Hunt