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Subject: S6SA/2022/0014 Land to the West of Thaxted Road, Saffron Walden

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I am opposed to the planning application S62A/2022/0014.

My main objections and reasons are as follows:-

DRAINAGE

All surface drainage from the east of the town centre runs downhill, westbound, mostly under the town centre to the River Cam.

All the land in the proposal is free draining agricultural land which allows most water to percolate or be taken up by growing crops. Flood water from the land above and adjacent to the proposal, which is clay soil and pipe drained, flows in surface ditches through the planned area, which in the past has caused flooding on and around Thaxted Road.

My main concern is that this development, with its hard non permeable surfaces, will cause more flooding, some in the historic town centre. Flooding, which was once thought to be a 1 in a 100 year event, is now happening more often as our climate changes.

This proposal, added to recent developments to the north of Thaxted Road, will be a step too far unless water can be made to flow uphill.

TRAFFIC CONGESTION

The congestion in this part of the town and the town centre is already intolerable and should not be made worse.

Please acknowledge receipt of this representation and note that I would like to speak if a hearing takes place.

Hugh Wiseman
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