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Subject: PINS Reference S62A/2022/0014 - Representation - Oliver Foster - 21 The Glebe - Housing Development West of Thaxted Road Saffron Walden

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to dispute the proposed large housing development to the West of Thaxted Road, Saffron Walden.

As a local resident of the Glebe, and Saffron Walden, I am concerned about the development for a number of reasons.

Firstly, Saffron Walden has undergone a number of large residential developments in the last three years which has naturally increased the town's population. This has led to increases in both people and vehicle traffic on the roads. It is evident that the town is already struggling to support the recent population increases; if you've ever visited the town centre or gone shopping in Aldi on a Saturday you will have noticed the volume of people and the difficulty to just get parked! Saffron Walden has always prided itself in being a largely unchanged, historic market town which is what brings it its natural charm and is one of the main reasons it's such a loved area and desired place to live. This is at risk of being destroyed by an unnecessary amount of housing development. Having grown up in Bishops Stortford I have seen first hand how a town can be destroyed by overdevelopment. In addition to this, Thaxted Road specifically, can already be a particularly busy road during rush hour and the introduction of a further 170 dwellings, coupled by other local developments is going to cause a large increase in the amount of traffic and pollution to the area. The development of another large residential area onto previous farmland has also impacted local wildlife, the removal of farmland and hedgerows is destroying natural habitats for the area's local wildlife.

In relation to our property specifically, I am concerned that the development drawings show a 3.5 meter wide shared footway/cycleway that appears to join up to the Glebe on the left hand side of the plans (see orange arrow in below images). This proposed walkway joins to the Glebe directly over a number of parking bays which are owned by residents of The Glebe (me being one of them). The land is owned by the residents and therefore the proposed pathway cannot be built directly over these parking spaces. I assume this has been considered in the proposed plans.

In conclusion, the reasons listed above are why I, and my partner, both oppose the aforementioned development.

Regards,
Ollie.

