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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to object to the above planning application.

This application is completely and utterly out of keeping with our village. Elmdon is a small rural village nestling in the beautiful countryside..

The site for the application is sited on high land within the village which means that it will completely overshadow and dwarf current houses. It will be very visible from numerous roads around the village and additionally from road out of the village meaning that it will be a awful blot on the landscape spoiling what is currently a very pretty village.

It is on a Greenfield site and once good land is lost it is lost for ever.

The area below the risen land, is already prone to flash flooding and building on the land will only make this worse. These floods already effect numerous cottages.

The roads around Elmdon are narrow roads in parts single track. The roads near the site are totally inadequate for any additional traffic let alone any construction vehicles.

Elmdon has already been designated an unsustainable village. We have no shops, no pub, no regular bus services, no railway station, no post office, no schools - local schools are already at capacity, and local doctors surgeries are already at breaking point. The local sewage treatment plant would certainly struggle to cope with anymore.

Elmdon has no street lighting which leads to its charm. A new development with lighting and all the additional light that would be generated would be horrendous and have a detrimental effect on the village all who live there.

There is no unmet housing needs in Elmdon.

Back in 2018 in a call for sites Uttlesford District Council already stated that it as NOT suitable for development. and nothing has changed since then.

Environmentally a great deal would be lost, there are badgers, owls and they along with a great deal of other wildlife would be lost.

**There are serious inconsistencies in the application.**

It states that neighbours have been consulted. This is NOT the case, there was a hastily called meeting without the required 48 hrs notice and no formal presentation.

It sates that there is no flooding risk, again this is incorrect as stated above.

It states that there is no reasonable likelihood of protected species and priority species being adversely affected. Again, as given above this is NOT the case.

Trade effluent and waste by soakaways and drainage system will only increase the current flooding.

Elmdon is not on a regular bus route.

No railway station

There is no informal footpath into the site.

This application would be economically, environmental and socially harmful to the current village and the residents of Elmdon.

The application presents NO benefits whatsoever and poses serious harm to Elmdon and its residents.

Yours sincerely

C Willmott