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Subject: Grange Paddock Ickleton Road Elmdon

Consultation on S62A/2023/0015-

As residents of Ickleton Road, Elmdon, we write to object strongly to the planning of an 18 dwelling housing estate on the Ickleton Road.

This is far far too big for a village of this size and would be quite unsustainable and out of proportion. Ickleton Road is a small road running through the village with pavement only on one side. At some points it becomes very narrow where cars are parked so the inevitable increase in traffic would be very dangerous for pedestrians, children on bikes etc.

The application states that the new residents would be able to walk to the village centre for “day to day activities”. What are these? We have no shop, no daily bus service, no school, no pub, no health services, no daily activities. New residents would be forced to use their car to find these amenities in other villages or towns.

In a village of this size, houses are added “organically” on brownfield sites but a development of 18 houses in one place would be so disproportionate and also not in line with our Village Design Statement agreed in 2019.

Also to be considered is the impact on wildlife. Deers, foxes, owls, muntjacs, hedgehogs and badgers are all very prevalent in this area. There are some badger setts very close. Deer roam through gardens and thence on to the road. The planners do not mention it but they may well be intending to put in street lighting which would have a negative impact on the wildlife in Elmdon.

We are a very rural village. Please help us to keep it that way for the benefit of future generations to see and enjoy. Stop this unnecessary urbanisation in the wrong place.

Crista and John Steele