Ref. Planning Application **S62A/2023/0015 Grange Paddocks, Ickleton Road, Elmdon, Essex**

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As a resident of Elmdon I wish to object to the above development on the following grounds;

1. Location
   The proposed estate is on a greenfield site outside the village development limits. It makes no reference to the Elmdon "Village Design Statement" which was adopted by Uttlesford District Council in 2019.

2. Character
   Elmdon is a delightful very small, rural village with a mix of housing of various sizes, styles and ages including 37 listed properties. To add a large housing estate of 18 properties would alter the character of the village and set a precedent for further development.

3. Sustainability
   Elmdon has no street lighting, shop, pubs, schools or gas supply. The nearest primary school is in the village of Chrishall and is at full capacity. To reach it without a car would involve a 40 minute walk along an unlit narrow country lane without a pavement.

4. Transport
   The only existing bus service that residents can use is the school bus that only operates during term time, leaving about 7.50am and returning around 4.00pm. The bus is full with school children. Cars are essential to reach any services.

5. Flooding
   The houses in Manor Row, Ickleton Road, located below the proposed site are subject to flooding caused by run off from the site following heavy rain. The hard surfacing of a housing estate would exacerbate this problem.

6. Wildlife
   The woodland on part of the proposed site is frequented by badgers and other wild animals and development would impact on their habitat.

   I hope that before making a decision on this development that the inspectorate will visit Elmdon so that they can fully appreciate the rural nature of the village.

   Judy Millward   13th March 2023