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Subject: Planning application S62A/2023/0017 - Land at Tilekiln Gree, Start Hill, Great Hallingbury

I am writing to make an objection for the above planning application submitted by Wren, for Start Hill, near Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

The site is totally unsuitable and, in some aspects, extremely dangerous.

Wren have seemingly proved that they think themselves above any laws – they chopped and cleared far more trees than permitted, on a Bank Holiday weekend when they knew no-one could be contacted to come and stop them. They then had an environmental survey done. Once much habitat had been destroyed. They have planted only a few of the replacement trees that they should have done, and of these, only 87 are still alive as no aftercare has been given. This is demonstrably the attitude of a company that does not care for the law or any environmental concerns.

Their proposal not only continues to ensure habitat is permanently lost, but also involves water pollution (run off from all of the tarmac into the adjacent stream), noise pollution for wildlife and neighbours and light pollution for wildlife and neighbours.

These things are bad enough, but possibly insufficient for any planning authorities to take action over. The aspect that cannot be ignored is the DANGER to this site, with the greatly increased traffic it will bring.

The M11 Junction 8 roundabout is already struggling to cope with the level of traffic. The least little thing in Stortford or on the A120 or M11 and the roundabout becomes gridlocked. There are tail backs along the A120 from the airport, and along the B1256 from Takeley. The proposal states that 'right turns' will not be permitted to exit the site – does anyone, for one moment, think this will be enforced? The least sign of congestion and the smaller vans will turn right and head along the B1256 eastbound (Takeley does not need any more traffic, especially thru a 20mph zone) or thru Great Hallingbury. Great Hallingbury is a rural village. It does not even have footpaths along most of its length. There is no verge, so walkers, cyclists, horse riders etc have nowhere to go (Other than in a hedge or a ditch) when confronted with a high volume of, often speeding, traffic. The road is quite narrow and anything above a small car has to pull over to ensure safe passing. I doubt these speeding commercial vans will bother. There WILL be increased accidents!

The other dangerous aspect is the 'turn right' lane, eastbound on the B1256, from the M11 roundabout. The lane that is already in place is dangerous as vehicles come off the roundabout and sometimes have to screech to a halt if more than a couple of cars are waiting to turn right towards Great Hallingbury. The proposal makes this worse! There will be large lorries, some with trailers, plus smaller lorries and vans waiting to turn. The lane is also shown as moving more west, closer to the roundabout. This is most definitely a detrimental step as more, larger vehicles will be queueing back closer to the roundabout, so people exiting east will almost certainly run into the back of the queue, or brake / swerve and cause accidents behind them. This change is asking for trouble, increased volumes of larger traffic on an already dangerous portion of road. It must not be permitted!

Yours

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