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To: Section 62A Applications <section62a@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
Subject: Application: S62A/2023/0016 Warish Hall Farm, Smiths Green Lane, Takeley, Essex, CM22 6NZ

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you to express my concern and to strongly object to the Weston Homes application for the Warish Hall Farm proposed development in Jacks Green field.

I have a number of concerns that the proposed development would negatively impact our area and local surrounds.

Firstly, there would be a huge effect on the local wildlife especially with regards to Jacks Green field. There is a large deer herd that roam those areas. Many other wildlife has also been spotted in and around those areas such a snake, red kites, bats to name a few. The pandemic has greatly shown the importance of nature to the local community and people's mental health. My family and I regularly walk along the public rights of way, which are around this development. We enjoy the quiet surrounds and being close to nature. The impact of building on such a scale next near an ancient woodland and coppice next to Jack's Lane is very worrying.

Secondly, there is already a lack of local services to support the local community without an additional 40 houses. Local doctors and schools are already at capacity. There are only two small convenience stores in the local area, which are already quite busy. The nearest supermarkets are Dunmow and Bishops Stortford, both of which towns are already facing extra demand on such services due to their own massive house building developments.

Thirdly, the development would spoil the rural setting of our local area. Smith's Green, Jack's Green/Lane and Little Canfield would lose their own identities. This development would have the impact merging all these areas into one.

Lastly, Smith's Green and Jack's Lane have many historic and unique buildings. Many are Grade II listed and there is an ancient monument. The character of their setting would be negatively impacted. Further, part of the road from Smith's Green to Bambers Green is protected and will definitely not be suitable at all for the construction and continued use of potential residents of the 40 houses.

In summary we are losing our village identities and soon it would feel like a town but without the appropriate infrastructure.

Yours faithfully

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