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To: Section 62A Applications <section62a@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
Subject: Land to the north of Roseacres between Parsonage Fields and Smiths Green Takeley

Dear Sirs

I wish to object in the strongest possible terms to yet another application from Weston Homes - who , because their overall planning objection has been refused, are now breaking their planning into smaller pieces.

The land known as Bulls Field , which abuts Priory Wood has been open space for many years within the village of Takeley - Priory Woods is a wonderful small wood with delightful walks and habitat for all kinds of animals including deer.

Smiths Green is a village green for Takeley with walkers, cyclists and residents wandering along to Jacks Lane - which is a single track lane with enclosed woods on one side (land that has been purchased by a resident for animal habitat) and so that nothing can be built on there.

It's a delightful and safe walk.

The footpath from Smiths Green through to Bulls Field is a single track unlit footpath Weston Homes have made great play of the fact that they would like to upgrade this footpath so that it becomes a cycle track etc with all that that entails (lights, speed, noise etc) there is an associated footpath leading from the bottom of Jacks Lane (which is opposite where Weston Homes "upgraded" footpath would exit and abuts the moat) again this is a safe walk for children and animals and doesn't need to be upgraded Weston Homes have made great play that "new residents" in Bulls Field would use these footpaths to access the local shops.

In reality they won't. whilst it is a nice stroll to walk the dog etc in summer months - Takeley residents use their cars to access the few local shops

The B1256 which is the road down from J8 M11 was downgraded from the A120 - it is already constantly busy due to the sheer weight of traffic accessing the three new building sites just before the Dunmow roundabout (adjacent to the enlarged Tesco site) and is now far busier than the A120 ever was - during rush hour it can take over 30 mins to get from J8 to the Four Ashes with queues stretching right to J8 (the road is a single lane) This road needs to be used to access Smiths Green. There is also the traffic lights for the crossroads at The Four Ashes - the site of many accidents - as drivers consistently jump the lights in order to turn into Parsonage lane from both directions couple this with the fact that Weston Homes have planning permission for four industrial units behind their offices and car park in Parsonage Lane and you can only imagine just how much extra traffic the B1256 will be forced to take. and how dangerous this road will now become Children access the school and local shops on their way to and fro - I can see this as a recipe for disaster with industrial traffic mixed with school children and the residents of the 90 houses (most of whom will have two or more cars each) all trying to get to the same place at the same time

can we not preserve what is left of the village of Takeley and leave our village green as it is. please let's leave this ancient wood and its footpaths as they are - they don't need lights and concrete paths to be enjoyed - we need our ancient footpaths au natural to be enjoyed by the animals including the bats - to ramble along and enjoy the countryside Yours Janet Cleaves
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