

Ref : UTT/22/3 126/FULRe Planning notice concerning development at Warish Hall Farm, Jack's Lane, Takeley

Dear Sir,

27/10/23

In the past development has been turned down for the land in question. The reasons for refusal are still self evident : the open landscape almost unique now to the north of Stane Street / Dunmow Road. This community and residents of Takeley wish to preserve all the fields in our vicinity in order to prevent future development which would urbanise land to the north of Takeley and beyond in the direction of Great Dunmow. The land and many listed buildings in this area are of historical importance. Much of this land was gifted by William the Conqueror and has been productive farmland for decades. This planned development in Jack's Lane will be detrimental to the well-being of all residents in the area who also have particular concerns about the potential increase in traffic movements in Jack's Lane and Warish Hall Road and Smith's Green. Traffic levels here are more than they have ever been since I have lived here.

I walk through Jack's Lane almost daily and have done for many years. This is a quiet, narrow, country lane suitable only for the light residential traffic volume. Apart from other serious considerations an increase in traffic in any way what so ever will be a destructive force upon this peaceful community. We are all also concerned at the effect more building in the area will have on our wildlife. Various bird species are on the Red List of those under threat including bullfinch, greenfinch, hedge sparrow, tawny owl currently present in the area, as are red kite, buzzard, kestrel and sparrow hawk. Badgers and hares are often seen as are roe deer, fallow deer and muntjak. There is also a stretch of woodland on Jack's Lane reserved for deer and delight to us all. I understand that Takeley does not need more housing, roads are over-burdened and we would prefer to see fields used as farm land growing badly needed crops. I strongly request that this plan be turned down in consideration to those in the community who chose to live in Jack's Lane and Smith's Green because of the peaceful countryside setting and the sense of well-being the area invokes.

Due consideration must be given to those who live in the beautiful environment.

Yours,

Michael Letchford. [REDACTED]