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Subject: Re: Ref. Land to the north of Eldridge Close, Clavering - ref S62A/2023/0025

Hello

We would like to register our objection to the above planning, those being and in no particular order:

We moved to this area 8 years ago because we desired a quieter, more rural existence. Since we've lived here we've become aware of constant attempts made by developers to gain planning applications apparently anywhere there appears to be some open land. It's not right villagers are expected to live with this constant threat looming over everything and causing undue stress. The small housing development we now live on was built on brownfield land that had been left in a state of disrepair for a considerable time before it was taken over and transformed into something beneficial. In contrast, this new housing proposal would be built on beautiful agricultural land that is used on a daily basis by villagers as a popular walking route. If MORE houses are built, the infrastructure of the village simply will not cope. Locally there is one GP surgery and one primary school, and both are already over-subscribed. The bus service no longer exists. Additionally more cars on the road will cause an immediate issue for residents who are already struggling with this. For the most part the paving in the village is very narrow or non-existent and cars passing through often do so well over the speed limit, which means walking around is already somewhat hazardous, especially for adults with children and OAPs. We frequently see dead animals in the road, some of which have been family pets, more cars on the road brought about by more housing will only worsen things.

Eldridge Close is a narrow road, as it is there are already problems relating to how cars are parked. With cars parked outside resident's houses it's only ever possible for one domestic car to pass at a time. If you expect Eldridge Close to facilitate the lorries that will be required to deliver the building materials for these homes, you will be creating an impossible situation whereby residents will most likely be completely unable to park their cars on the Close. If residents cannot park on their drives or outside their homes, there is nowhere else for them to park, this would be entirely unacceptable. Allowing large construction vehicles to take over poses a serious danger and I strongly suspect most parents would not feel comfortable allowing their children to go outside and play. The proposed development will undoubtedly attract families. Where do the children/teenagers of those homes go for social development in a village where there are already extremely limited options?

Sewage issues; as residents we have faced many continual problems with the sewer we are forced to use. Manhole covers positioned on the house drives have a tendency to lift up and spill sewage creating unsanitary conditions that obviously have to be cleaned up and monitored. More houses will only add to this problem.

Last, but by no means least, there are bats breeding and nesting on the surrounding area and proposed site for housing. The residents of Eldridge Close will all attest to seeing the bats on most evenings, especially in the Spring/Summer months when they emerge in the evening and fly around the houses feeding on insects which also rely on the rural surroundings. Aside from the building of houses almost certainly destroying the bats habitat, the installing of street lighting would make it virtually impossible for them to remain in the area as this effects the way bats are able to hunt. All bat species, their breeding sites and resting places are fully protected by law as a European protected species. Property developers who have irresponsibly and selfishly tried to flout this legislation have been found to have committed a criminal offence and have been subsequently punished for doing so. The surrounding trees protecting the bats are also home to dozens of breeds of bird, including tawny owls who use the trees to nest and rear their young. If the trees are torn down, as they almost certainly would be, the local wildlife would be eradicated in the process, we are all aware of climate change, our diminishing wild life and the building of these homes will contribute further to this, it is truly sad.

It saddens us greatly that Clavering is once again being targeted for building, changing forever the appearance of this beautiful village. If developers are consistently allowed to keep building in places like this, villages stop being villages and an important way of life is continually being lost in the process.

Yours faithfully

Debra and Kevin Carolan

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