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Subject: Land to the North of Eldridge Close, Clavering - Ref: S62A/2023/0025

Dear Sirs,

Further to your letter dated 10th November, 2023 I wish to comment further as follows :

1. I agree with the letter sent to you by Keep Clavering Rural in that they say that this application seems to form part of a 'twin tracking' approach and causes more work and expense to our local council and subsequently to us, the rate payers.
2. The applicants seem to be 'all over the place' with the numbers of homes they have applied for going back over a period of time since 2012. They are certainly persistent! How many shots are they allowed ?

We have gone recently from 9 to 32 to 28 and certainly 28 would lead to urbanisation of this area as it will incorporate the 24 homes already built in Eldridge Close which truly are urban in style. Added to a potential 28/32 plus the existing 7 houses surrounding the field this could bring this to a 'housing estate' of 59 or 63 houses which is a rather a lot.

3. 28 homes in the pattern as previously applied for not only is urban, but like the other application for 32 homes means that there is too much tarmac with regard to drainage which is totally unnecessary. As has previously been pointed out, there is already a drainage problem onto the road leading from Eldridge Close, South. I have been told that this field suffers from drainage problems anyway and who will maintain the ditch around this field once it is totally shuttered? I have never seen it dredged in the years that I have lived here. This does not appear to be accounted for in the paperwork supplied. The countryside as well as the town, needs careful attention with regard to drainage, taking account of all conditions whether flat, undulating and the porosity of the soil type etc. The early part of the 'River Stort' runs opposite this whole area and given that we are part of a chalk upland, will this be affected with all this development? Are the Planning Inspectorate working hand in hand with the Environment Department as one would hope they are?
4. Eldridge Close has already proven to be a disaster with regard to landscape. The hedgerow was ripped out by the developers and never replaced. Viewed from high ground, this is a truly astonishing sight. If the proposals go through for building behind this in Eldridge North as well as the site currently being applied for opposite the entrance to Eldridge North (Land West of Cricketers), then this is certainly going to be a 'blot on the landscape'.
5. The developers Weston Homes added the 'gateway' into the fencing of Eldridge South at the end of the build so it pretty obvious that there was determination on the part of someone to come back and build in the field. The answer given for this 'access' was that it was for farming. No farm equipment has ever passed through this gateway since that time - I am sure that the combines would be too large. We are seeing more and more developments with 'access' to fields behind which does make one wonder whether potential 'piggybacking' is in the developer's forward planning?!
6. Finally, I believe that UDC have the quota for land available needed for building homes for the next 5 years.

Yours faithfully,
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