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Subject: S62A/2023/0028 Location :- Land to the West of Chelmsford Road Hartford End Felsted

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Planning reference:- S62A/2023/0028 Outline application for construction of up to 50 dwellings (Use class C3) and associated access and bus stops with all matter's reserve apart from access.

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Dear Sirs

I write with reference to the above planning application. These are our representations on this application.

1. Safety Issues

Increase in traffic from new development (at least 100+ cars). Joining Chelmsford road from new road access.

This is extremely dangerous as several near fatal accidents have already occurred on this stretch of road. (Camsix Chase Lane to present development at Ridley Green) This road was a relatively quiet country lane that has become a cut through to Chelmsford from all the recently completed developments in Felsted and Little Dunmow. As a dog walker we take our lives in our hand's every time we go out for a walk. There are no footpaths or lighting and nowhere to get out of the way of speeding traffic. Further traffic would only compound this issue.

As for bus stops on that part of the road that's an accident waiting to happen. The road slopes and meanders the traffic speeds down the hill. The cars would never stop in time to avoid a stationary bus.

2. Flooding

At least five drains are already blocked along Chelmsford Road from Camsix Chase Lane to Ridley Green, this produces large volumes of water to accumulate on the road. This can cause potential danger to traffic from aquaplaning and in freezing conditions sliding into oncoming vehicles.

The field just after Hop House has been adjusted in height this leads to increased flooding issues at the junction with Ridley Green as the water pours across the road towards Little Park Lane.

The junction with Chelmsford Road and Little Park Lane is already hazardous to add another junction to this road is ridiculous and will only add to the road traffic accidents.

3. Natural Environment

There will be a great impact on the local habitat in this field and surrounding area.

There are a number of deer, bats (protected),owls ,bustards ,kites and various other animals will be scared away because of this development.

Deer can still be seen crossing the road south of Hillside house.

Damage to the landscape. The field just after Hop House has been adjusted in height this leads to increased flooding

4. Heritage

Hartford End was a beautiful little hamlet with its own brewery total residents 25 now it has changed beyond recognition there is no employment here.

There are various protected buildings in the area. Keepers Cottage and Mill House to name two.

The Old Brewery was sympathetically designed so as not to ruin the look of the river valley a further housing estate would take the focus away from this and would make it look like any other estate in a town.

5. Countryside

Promises were made by [REDACTED] to the original Hartford End residents that no more houses would not be built in Hartford End once the original brewery site was redeveloped. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] often commented on how lovely the countryside around Hartford End was. So lovely that they would not want to cause any further harm to the area.

6. Amenities

Only two buses per day

No schools, Doctors or shops within sensible walking distance.

The schools and Doctors are already at full capacity.

To go to the shops you've got to use a car.

7. Historical setting

The original Victorian building (that housed the malt, hop storage area and steam boiler) is still standing and represents the history of Hartford End.

As are the Pill boxes from World War 2 that you can find on a walking trail along the river valley and fields in Hartford End.

We therefore request that this planning application is DECLINED

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