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Subject: S62A/2023/0030 Land west of The Cricketers Clavering

Dear Sirs

We are writing, yet again, to voice our opposition to the development proposed for the above site. This part of Clavering is still managing, just, to resist the urbanisation of the village that we have witnessed over the 40 years that we have lived here.

To develop it will remove yet another area, in this case a large attractive corner, where the countryside still very much forms part of the village and adds to its appeal. Further, unlike most of the residential development in Clavering, it is not linear but rather introduces an "estate" type of housing ostensibly even more densely laid out than the former brownfield site - now Eldridge Close - across the Stickling Green road (and which, incidentally, we didn't object to in principle, but only to its density).

This part of the village is considerably distant - getting on for a mile - from its "main" area - the school, the shop and community centre - which will mean additional traffic using Clatterbury Lane (the B1038) to reach it. There is no public bus service and to walk is especially hazardous, not to say dangerous, since the footpath narrows considerably in parts. Moreover, the proposed access to the site is located on what is largely a blind bend, at least approaching it from the Cricketers end, so the prospect of all the additional vehicles using the access concerns us and no doubt other residents of Stickling Geen greatly.

It need hardly be said but there is also the impact of such a large scheme on services and amenities generally to consider. We understand the village's mains drainage is already at full capacity and the school is fully subscribed, as is the surgery in Newport. Clavering is at risk of losing its rural character altogether, becoming an urban satellite of the neighbouring towns and yet with none of the infrastructure necessary.

Yours faithfully

Stephen and Gail Elvidge