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Mill Lane Development, Hatfield Heath

An already strained village infrastructure, with electricity outages, due to adverse weather conditions. With further strain to sub-station, how many 'outages' will the rest of the village endure. Also, the water and waste water systems are under strain. What will water pressure be like? With a smaller bore than modern waste water pipes, how will the effect of waste water and rain water drainage have, on our already strained systems?

Further to infrastructure problems of our utilities, Parking in the village, is also very limited. With problems parking near the local convenience store, more trips to further away stores are likely, creating more traffic on the road and so therefore, more pollution.

Mill Lane, is a small one lane track, which comprises of one lane and joins the A1060, near a main junction. With a possible 30+ cars, exiting and entering the lane at peak times and through the day, there will undoubtedly be some tailbacks and problems entering and exiting the turning, unless a traffic flow system is put in place, which will then have an effect on traffic, leading to further traffic build-up on the entrance to Mill Lane, where Hatfield Haven, a retirement home for the elderly is located. What danger and disturbance will the extra traffic create for our elderly residents, if there is a build-up of traffic along this stretch of the road? Already, since the new M11 link, there is extra traffic passing through the village on its way to the airport and in the future extra traffic generated by the proposed new housing estates, that will be built around Hatfield heath and the local area. For people to access the M11 link/ Harlow in one direction and the airport/ Chelmsford and proposed new villages, in the other direction, Hatfield Heath will turn into a 'Rat Run'. This has been proved when the M11 is closed, there is always a major increase in the vehicles coming through the village. Along with another new development, north of Cox Ley, another 12 homes, with the possibility of a further 25+ vehicles added to the traffic flow through the village and only a few hundred metres from the proposed development at Mill Lane.

Mill lane is a quiet lane, with lots of wild trees, bushes and shrubs, which act as a local haven for hedgehog, deer and Owl, along with a whole host of other flora and fauna, both land and aquatic. It is a wonderful place for quiet walks, for young and old. The extra buildings built on the prisoner of war camp will generate further traffic going in and out of the village. Possibly 40+ cars that are in and out of a one lane road, trying to access the larger road. A roundabout, or traffic lights will need to be put in place, to allow the users of the new dwellings to exit the lane. As this lane is on the main road to Bishops Stortford and Stansted Airport, there will be tailbacks generated through the village. Combined with traffic in and out of the lane all day, for tourists using the proposed new dwellings, there will be a massive change to the character of the village, with extra pollution generated in our wonderful village. Mill lane at the moment, is a quiet location, which is great for local walkers and part time strollers and just an area for people to walk and view an old prisoner of war camp, with several historic Prisoner of war camp buildings, which will be demolished and removed from the public eye, or altered to accommodate holiday makers. This is a historical site and buildings could be restored and act as a wonderful location of historical tutorage for local school children and adults. It would be a fitting homage to the memory of the 2nd world war.

As a resident of Hatfield Heath, I am totally opposed to the development proposed for the Mill Lane site. It's a shame that the developers of the site have paid no attention to the villagers and previously turned down planning applications.

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