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To: Section 62A Applications <section62a@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
Subject: Fwd: Ref S62A/2024/0032 - Land to the West of Mill Lane, Hatfield Heath, CM22

Dear Sir or Madam,

Ref S62A/2024/0032 - Land to the West of Mill Lane, Hatfield Heath, CM22

I am writing to OBJECT to the above application for the following reasons:-

1. Applications on this site have already been refused on numerous occasions including once by the Inspectorate.
2. The application is the same as the one most recently refused by Uttlesford District Council.

I see no reason why the Inspectorate should approve the application on the basis that the applicant refuses to accept the valid decisions that have already been made.

Once again, I reiterate that:-

1. Mill Lane is a country lane, enjoyed by local people for its quiet tranquillity. There are deer, badgers, rabbits, and many birds to be seen and enjoyed. We would like our village to retain its rural, unspoilt beauty. Keeping Mill Lane as a quiet country lane is essential to that end.
2. There is zero demand for holiday housing in Hatfield Heath. It's clear that if planning permission were granted, the 8 'holiday cottages' would soon be turned into residential properties.
3. The development is a green field site. The only buildings on it were only constructed during WWII to house prisoners of war. Buildings constructed during wartime do not constitute a brown field site as planning laws were put aside during this time.
4. Mill Lane is wholly unsuitable for the increased traffic the development would generate. At its narrowest point there is not room for two cars to safely pass.
5. Mill Lane has no pavements and is used by children walking to catch the school bus on Stortford Road (outside our property). Without any pavements and with increased traffic, it would be dangerous, particularly in Winter when children walk home along Mill Lane in the dark.
6. The development would put the houses on the mouth of the lane in danger as they need to be able to reverse their cars out of their driveways, across the bell mouth of Mill Lane, onto Stortford Road. Cars coming up Mill Lane do not expect to encounter cars reversing across the mouth of Mill Lane. They have already experienced a couple of near misses where they have narrowly avoided cars hitting the passenger side of their cars.
7. Hatfield Haven Dementia Home regularly has ambulances and minibuses reversing into their front entrance. This is already a very difficult manoeuvre for them. The increased traffic generated by the development would exacerbate the situation, making it very difficult for the residents of the home to get in and out.

8. This development will not provide affordable housing or benefit local people in any way.
9. I do not wish to see the destruction of the Prisoner of War Camp. It is of historical interest and once destroyed, will be gone for ever.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Valerie Gauntlett

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