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Subject: Friends School fields phase 2, Saffron Walden

To whom it may concern,

Whilst I understand the need for new homes in the town of Saffron Walden and think that the design and look of the site is in keeping with the Victorian school origins and similar sites around; I have concerns in relation to the overall plan.

The current phase was for 96 dwellings, a swimming pool and changing facilities. My understanding is that Chase homes have back tracked on this and are no longer providing a pool but simply a community hall.

As a local resident who is renting, as a teacher who is teaching at the local secondary school I would like to know more about what the affordable housing and be assured that it will be built. Second to that, often the affordable housing is sometimes obviously different and can lead to a them and us scenario.

When I enquired about the current phase of homes I was shocked to discover that a 4 bed home was over £700,000 - far above the average even if you understand that new homes often are priced up.

Further to this, unless the former council offices or other planning to build or include another GP surgery, a new dental surgery, an improved bus service to and from the station at Audley end and buses into Cambridge we simply cannot manage the additional footfall.

Thanks, Amy Popple