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**Subject:** Planning application objection

**Re: Proposal S62A/2024/0057  
Erection of 91 dwellings on the Former Friends School Playing Field, Mount Pleasant Road, Saffron Walden.**

I am writing to express my objection to this proposal on a number of accounts.

- Given that this development will sit alongside the current ongoing development by the same developer, of 96 new dwellings on the old school site, the combined scale of the development will be too large for the surrounding area and existing road capacity. All additional traffic will be joining already busy residential roads which already takes a large amount of traffic from one side of town to another (recently increased by another development with another due to be started on).
- The original application for developing this site was rejected - one reason being that it was a sports/recreation site, much needed in town. The reason that it has not been used for such is only because the developers have owned and secured it for the past number of years. The argument for it to go through due to its non-use is a disingenuous one. The developers have already gone back on their original promise to keep the existing and much loved swimming pool on the school site, so even though this application proposes to create some recreation space, their previous record suggests that this will not necessarily be honoured.
- The current proposal places new dwellings very close to the existing site boundary. This will impact considerably on existing houses in the area.
- Whilst I recognise that new housing is needed nationally, the current infrastructure of the town, (roads, schools, GP surgeries etc.) will be unable to operate with the additional demands being placed upon it. This proposal needs to be considered alongside the recent additional and planned developments within a very small area .

Yours sincerely

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