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Site Address: Former Friends School Field, Mount Pleasant Lane,
Saffron Walden, CB11 3EB

Representation:

Primerially the area of the proposed development is greenfield land (quite literally in this case) and is designated as a "protected open space" - what is the point of having protected open spaces if they are not actually protected as open spaces?

This planning application is a bad faith application from Chase new homes who have already reneged on a comittment to restore the schools swimming pool and previous plans to leave the school field as open space - this was clearly a cynical ploy to get permission for half the development then just ask for more later while they are already at it.

The development as designed is also extremely car-centric with 2 off street parking spaces per dwelling - this is excessive for the urban core of a town, in addition the additional car traffic this will place onto mount plesant road (which already has incredible congestion) is unacceptable. The proposed development would be more tolerable if it was largely car free with no allocated parking - and the developers made a substantive comittment to improving public transport (fully funding a shuttle bus to Audley End train station?).

But primarily Saffron Walden will be losing a "protected open space" and a great opportunity for high quality green space and nature (maybe even some woods and adventure playgrounds?)

Many Thanks

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