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Subject: Planning Application S62A/2024/0057 (CB11 3 EB)

Applicants name for Planning Application:- Chase Homes
Address for the planning Application:- Former Friends School Field , Mount Pleasant Road Saffron Walden CB11 3 EB .

I am writing to state my objection to this planning proposal on the following grounds :-

1 The proposed development is located within zone 6 of the Saffron Walden conservation area, and if it is permitted to take place there will be a very significant loss of a large amount of open space . The value of this open space has been recognised by the 2018 Saffron Walden conservation Area Appraisal and Management Proposal which states :-

“1.304 The semi-circular green sward to the front of the Friends School and the associated playing fields to east of the school buildings are important in this area characterised elsewhere by tight urban form.

1.305 The grounds to the rear of the school, encompassing the avenue of lime trees and adjacent playing field are also considered to represent an important area of open space which juxtaposes the tight built form of the modern development and is relevant to the school site”.

As the open space includes a large amount of playing fields which were well used for a variety of sports,(not just football) by the community until the site was closed in 2017, it would be a great loss to the community if the majority of the fields were permanently lost . Within their application (sec 3.4 Planning Statement) Chase Homes states “ The field is not open to the public and there is no interest in re-opening the facilities. “.

I can not find within the submitted paperwork any evidence to support this claim and I not agree that this is the case. I would also imagine that Sports England would also not agree as they objected to the 2019 planning application on the grounds of lost playing field area.

2 I also feel that the impact of the new housing development immediately adjacent to a specifically protected conservation area would have a very negative effect on the wildlife there, due to the noise , light and the close proximity of humans and domestic animals. In addition to this the biodiversity within the small amount of open land remaining would be negatively affected by the development .

Please could you acknowledge the receipt of this e mail, as I would like to attend any public hearings by the planning inspector if appropriate regarding this issue.

Thank you.

Kind Regards
Maggie Howard.