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Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2024 9:02 PM  
To: Section 62A Applications <section62a@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>  
Subject: Section 62A Planning Application: S62A/2024/0057 Former Friends School Field, Mount Pleasant Road, Saffron Walden, CB11 3EB

Dear Sir/ Madam,

We are writing to formally object to the planning application (S62A/2024/0057) by Chase New Homes concerning the proposed development. Our concerns are rooted in the following key issues:

- 1. Loss of Playfields and Sports Facilities:** The proposed development would result in the loss of essential community playfields and sports facilities. Saffron Walden, as a growing town, already has limited spaces where children and adults can engage in physical activities. These spaces are critical for community well-being, and further loss will diminish the town's capacity to support sports and recreation, especially for young people.
- 2. Increased Traffic Congestion:** Our town's roads are already overburdened during school drop-off and office rush hours, causing significant traffic congestion. The addition of new residential units will exacerbate this issue, as there is no clear infrastructure plan to manage the inevitable increase in traffic.
- 3. Inadequate Infrastructure Support:** There is no accompanying plan to address the need for additional schools, GP surgeries, or road improvements that would support the influx of new residents. The lack of local infrastructure to accommodate further development will put undue strain on existing resources, reducing the quality of life for current and future residents alike.
- 4. Minimal Material Changes from Previous Application:** This proposal shows minimal material changes compared to the previous application, which was also met with considerable local opposition. The development does not appear to have addressed the key concerns previously raised by the community, and as such, the objections remain relevant and unresolved.
- 5. Saffron Walden requires thoughtful planning that considers the needs of the current population, especially in providing spaces for children and the local community to engage in sports and recreational activities. We urge the council to reject this planning application in favor of a development plan that genuinely benefits the town's residents.**

Best regards,  
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