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Subject: Objection to Planning Application by Chase New Homes (S62A/2024/0057)

Dear Sirs,

Submission: Objection to Planning Application by Chase New Homes (S62A/2024/0057)

We wish to formally oppose the planning application by Chase New Homes for the development at Former Friends School Field, Mount Pleasant Lane, Saffron Walden (Application S62A/2024/0057).

In accordance with the then Community User Agreement, WaldenTRI (WTRI) was a very regular user of the school playing fields and for many years made great use of the sports facilities throughout the year

Walden Juniors (WJNRS) the junior section, used all the facilities to great effect, including the school swimming pool (also used by Saffron Seals the local swimming club)

These facilities were a vital springboard for the club as;

- a) they were central with easy access and within walking and cycling distance
- b) provided for all three tri disciplines in a single convenient location
- c) WJNRS grew rapidly and is now one of the largest and most successful junior clubs in the country (with a long waiting list!)
- d) WTRI (seniors) used the 400m grass track each week throughout the summer, including the school holiday period

In addition, the very successful Saffron Walden Primary Schools cross country league involving ten North Uttlesford primary schools used the complete area of the playing fields regularly for their winter events

All this was lost with the sale of the school.

WTRI now utilises dispersed facilities, some of which are outside of Saffron Walden and the Primary School Cross Country League was forced to disband

The Chase proposal will not replace these important facilities and the current offer has been deemed not fit for purpose by the two governing bodies involved

We therefore object to this proposal

Derek Jones on behalf of
Walden Triathlon club (WTRI)