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**Subject:** PINS REF S62A/2023/0019 objection

Dear Sir/Madam

I hope this email finds you well. Unfortunately myself, my family and ALL of my neighbours can't quite feel the New Year happiness just yet.

Firstly, I apologise for my tone. But yet another chapter in the Weston Homes Vs The Hamlet of Smiths Green Takeley and multiple reasons to deny the building of more dwellings in this quiet, country location. I could list all of the reasons, as I have done half a dozen times in the past (as per my neighbours do) but I fear our concerns aren't being heard.

Applications get rejected after consultations.....and appealed and won time and time over. Yes, I fully understand the need for housing in the UK and support this, but despite our conservation area, environmental impact concerns including rare wildlife, ruins dug up and listed buildings and moats (centuries of years old), Weston Homes is pushing on, determined to destroy our quiet hamlet and peaceful community. Building alongside ancient woods and village green status roads? Indisputable evidence of DEER, BADGERS and other wildlife present 365 days a year? I feel exhausted for our community and plea one last time for common sense to prevail and keep the building alongside other developments where new infrastructure is being placed as well.

To make it clear, this is a letter of appeal against the application quoted in the subject matter and I hope this matter can be brought to a closure promptly. If this letter has caught your attention, please feel free to search and read previous extremely polite communications from myself and hear all the reasons again.

The open space we have is so extremely important to the residents here, and Takeley already has a Local Plan for 1500 homes planned. Since the last appeal, we have had The Smiths Green Conservation Area confirmed. The legislation on ancient woodland has been strengthened with regard to building houses nearby, and the Reg 19 has designated Bull's Field as open space and still in the CPZ. Also, corridors for wildlife have been highlighted in the NPPF as very important in the countryside.

I do hope our neighbourhood pleas can be heard and the right thing for our 'Countryside' is upheld.

I appreciate your time considering my words and that you forgive my end-of-tether frustration.

Kind regards

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