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**To:** Section 62A Applications <section62a@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Land West of High Street, Stebbing, Essex

Dear sir,

Plans to develop this parcel of land have already been rejected by Uttlesford District Council as well as the local Stebbing Parish Council in response to the overwhelming condemnation from the majority of residents who object to this development. I am surprised that this plan has been allowed to proceed to the Planning Inspectorate in view of the strength of local feeling.

This area is not designated in the Local Neighbourhood Plan as land suitable for possible development - on the contrary, it is one of the areas protected as Local Green Space (the nearest equivalent to Green Belt) and as such hosts a variety of wildlife including butterflies, slow worms, grass snakes, toads, deer, birds etc, all of which would come under threat if building work goes ahead.

The proposed development is also very close to Stebbing Mount, a heritage site that should remain protected from the impact of housing development.

The local area is already over subscribed for GPs and dentists and the local village school is at capacity. Many of us moved here for a village life, not to live in a town environment. Adding more homes will have a detrimental effect on our village setting.

Stebbing and Uttlesford do not need this development - Uttlesford already has over 5 years supply of housing on the books. It was notable that this application was received just before the Local Plan was ratified and I would suggest that the timing was such so that it would pass through without scrutiny.

I believe that a scheme of this size is inappropriate for Stebbing. It does not bring any benefits to the community but increases the population and squeezes the existing amenities and services and, if allowed to go ahead would change the dynamic of the village in a negative way as it would begin the process of transformation from village to small town. I would find this unacceptable and believe this to be the sentiment of the majority of residents.

Yours sincerely,

Colin Mason (Stebbing Resident).