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Objection to Proposed Planning Ref S62A/2025/0077 - Land West of High Street, Stebbing

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to formally object to the proposed housing development – Section 62A Planning Application: S62A/2025/0077 – Land West of High Street, Stebbing – due to its detrimental impact on the setting of heritage assets, listed buildings and the nearby conservation area. The proposed development poses a significant threat to the historic character of the area. The site is in close proximity to heritage asset – the Motte, Grade 11 listed buildings at Stebbing Park and the Lime tree avenue and conservation area. The introduction of a large scale housing estate in this sensitive location would undermine the character and setting of these assets, in direct conflict with national and local planning policies designed to protect heritage.

The scale of the development is inappropriate for the location putting significant strain on existing infrastructure, including roads, schools etc which are already under pressure. I would invite the planners to visit at school drop off and pick up times not at 11am as was the previous site visit. They will then be able to witness how dangerous the site is with a blind bend with many cars parked therefore making it a single lane. This has to be a serious safety issue.

The environmental impact of the development is of great concern - loss of green space will have negative consequences for local wildlife and biodiversity. The area is home to various species that could be displaced by this construction. This area was designated as "protected" by the Neighbourhood plan as it is the last remaining open space on the west of the village.

The proposed design and density of the development do not align with the existing neighbourhood plan which was seven years in production.

Importantly, we have already met the requirement of new buildings and there are a number of new builds in the village that have remained empty for many months and not yet been sold – where is the demand ?

I urge the planning inspector to consider these objections seriously and reject this application. I would appreciate being kept informed of any developments regarding this application.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours faithfully

Cathy Beaven