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**Sent: 18 March 2025 11:21**  
**To: Section 62A Applications <section62a@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>**  
**Subject: S62A/2025/0077**

Dear Sir,

Re; UTT/25/0151/PINS      Alternative Ref; S62A/2025/0077

I wish to object to this application known in short as Land West of The High Street, Stebbing.

My name is Patrick Going and live with my wife in a timber framed building (dendrochronology dated to 1485) acquired when we retired to Stebbing in 2013 to escape London and its related stressful jobs. The house is our dream home and houses our collection of 16th and 17th century furniture. Suffice it to say we are both very keen on the history of our environment, so moving to the historic village of Stebbing was a joyful bonus. An added bonus was the extensive network of footpaths that criss-cross our village and have given us both as keen walkers back a sense of serenity and mental well-being, away from London.

Stebbing is an ancient village, mentioned in the Domesday Book and recorded in Manorial records held in the British Library. These are being researched by Professor Lawrence Poos of The Catholic University of America who first became interested in them when he studied at Cambridge University. He shares his work with Graham Jolliffe of Stebbing Local History Society and has given talks here so the whole village is fully aware of the important history within Stebbing, and its ancient manors.

So it was a shock to find this development application was for the two fields situated either side of the tree lined avenue to the historic Manor House of Stebbing Park and overlooking the Norman Motte and medieval ponds within the park. The Stebbing Park Manor House is Grade 11\* listed and the Motte is a Scheduled Ancient Monument.

These two fields which afford walkers excellent views of the ancient deer Park and were accordingly designated protected views within the Open Green Spaces in the Stebbing Neighbourhood Plan (SNP). They both look out over the valley containing Stebbing Brook and afford sweeping views beyond towards Dunmow. The two fields offer both beautiful and serene views. (It should be noted that the SNP was accepted at referendum on 23rd June 2022 by 534 votes to 17 with a turnout of 48% of the electorate, the highest for any plan in Essex.)

To build on the SNP designated Open Green Spaces and associated Protected Views would not enhance anyone's enjoyment of the tranquillity of the walks crossing the sites on Public Footpaths let alone respect the historic setting of the Motte and the remaining fields of the ancient deer park. My wife and I will find it most depressing to have to walk the public footpaths surrounded by housing development devoid of any wildlife.

My wife and I appreciate that living in our house and landscape we are only the custodians of these assets and this thinking should be applied to the area applicable to the proposed

**development. We are only the custodians of the Open Green Spaces and once the fields are developed the historic landscape and views will be lost to future generations forever. Tranquillity and calm will no longer be available to all. I would finally add this proposed development should not be assumed to be a sustainable development. For all these reasons I would respectfully ask that you reject this application.**

**Yours faithfully**

**Patrick Going**