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To: Section 62A Applications < section 62a@planninginspectorate.gov.uk >

Subject: Application S62A/2025

Re Application No: S62A/2025/0077

Site Address: Land West of Hight Street, Stebbing.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am not at all surprised that this application has been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in an attempt to overturn the decision made by Uttlesford District Council on the 19th September 2024. This is nothing more than an attempt to abuse the strategy set out by the Deputy Prime Minister to build more housing. It is clear that this is nothing more than a ruse to make a fast buck out of land purchased on the cheap and has nothing to do with improving the village or providing homes.

The Deputy Prime Minister made it clear in her announcement that applications for development would only be approved if the infrastructure was able to support the scheme and the public facilities were sufficient to support the increase in population. Neither of these criteria are met by this application and therefore it must be refused once more. In particular:-

- There is only one road through the village and when children are being dropped off at or collected from the school, vehicles are parked for a considerable distance. This leaves moving vehicles to navigate a single carriageway on a blind bend, which is extremely dangerous.
- 2. Access to the village (at both ends) is also restricted, at most times, to a single carriageway, due to the parked cars which again, is also dangerous.
- 3. The village is unable to sustain increased traffic based on the points made in 1 and 2 above.
- 4. There is no provision in the planning application for increasing the capacity of the village school, which was never designed to support a large population. This school not only serves the needs of the village but also the surrounding area. It will not be able to support the increase in numbers which would result from this development.
- 5. There are very few facilities in the village other than one pub and a community shop. Furthermore there is no GP Surgery which will be needed if the population increases. This means that people need to regularly travel outside the village adding further to the congestion.

These objections have nothing to do with NIMBISM and are based on reality. If a developer was to submit a professional application which included development of the infrastructure and facilities then I would feel duty bound to support the deputy prime minister. As it is, this is no more than a group of opportunists trying to use the Deputy Prime Minister's objectives to feather their own nest and it must be refused.

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