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**Subject:** Re: Section62A/2025/0107 - former Friends School, Saffron Walden, Essex CB11 3RB  
**Importance:** High

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of Walden Triathlon club and the other sports clubs based in Saffron Walden, I wish to make a strong representation regarding the above application by Chase New Homes (CNH) for the Phase 2 development at the former Walden/Friends School site.

Over many years this site was made fully available by the Friends School management to many local sports clubs

The sports facilities on site, including the sports hall and swimming pool, were regularly used on week days and at weekends throughout the year for both training and competition purposes

The wide range of sports included, rugby, football, hockey, cricket, athletics, triathlon, swimming as well as providing a venue for primary inter school sports competitions

The quality of these facilities was very good and all were well maintained

An important factor was that these facilities were centrally located in a prime part of the town i.e. within walking or cycling distance

In addition, ample parking space for cars and coaches was available, critical for matches and competitions

You will have seen separate submissions from the Saffron Walden cricket and football clubs and I do not wish to duplicate their detailed statements

However, the total loss of these exceptional playing fields has meant that the above mentioned clubs are experiencing shortages in suitable training and playing facilities.

Activities are now dispersed to locations much further afield, resulting in additional time and cost burdens to players and supporters

This loss of facilities has also resulted in lengthening waiting lists for these clubs

The current modest financial lump sum proposal from CNH towards a 3G pitch is absolutely no compensation for and in no way reflects the true replacement cost to our local sports clubs and the Saffron Walden community

Any discussion regarding this planning application and S106 compensation should take these facts into consideration

Yours sincerely  
Derek Jones

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