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I believe I am allowed to call in this application for review being (a) the ward member for the adjacent ward to the claimed parish of Withersfield and (b) that this site covers more than one ward including my own and that of the member for Kedington. For such a large and controversial development I am surprised that this is being recommended for approval by delegation alone.

This application has not been discussed with ward members, despite promises to the contrary, nor that any of the concerns raised/accepted at Sustainability and Full Council have been taken into account particularly around transport strategies. I am also surprised to see a new transport plan document that was not made available to us when considering the master plan even though I specifically commented on the lack of it at the time. That document alone has some very controversial and suspect statements in it about traffic flows, including changes to roads elsewhere in the town which have never been discussed previously, nor have we had the promised ANPR survey as a baseline for this and other developments in the town. Statements such as "installing traffic signals at the Cangle Junction" or "widening of the existing roundabout at junction of A143 and Chalkstone Way" have come as a great surprise and should have been presented to committee as part of the Sustainability review.

In addition no attempt has been made to address the concerns about the means of access onto the development from Chalkstone Way which, in its current form, is unacceptable in view of its closeness to existing properties, noise from pelican crossing, and other environmental issues. It was recommended that the access be moved to opposite Millfields Way and land registry documents were found that proved the land was owned by the Borough Council despite the claim by the developers they did not know who owned the land. That area of land has more than sufficient splays and other technical requirements.

I therefore reiterate that this application needs to be called before delegation with a view to having full committee discuss and decide upon its merits.

Thanks & regards

John Burns

Haverhill East

Borough & Town Councillor