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Dear Mr Rand

As per your letter dated 1 December 2015 re: application no. DC/15/2151/OUT, I write with my comments objecting to the proposals for Great Wilsey Park as follows:

1. As a resident on the Great Wilsey development I would say that our area has already taken its fair share of development and I am extremely disappointed that such a beautiful part of the countryside next to and behind us has been earmarked for yet more houses. The plans are a disaster and unsustainable in a place of great beauty where farming is of such excellent quality.
2. The project, including 2500 homes, would fill in the majority of the land between Haverhill, Kedington & Calford Green with the loss of prime agricultural land. I feel that Haverhill has many more sites far more suitable than Great Wilsey Farm and feel that this is the wrong location and they should look elsewhere. Building here is highly intrusive into the homes and lives of hundreds of people who chose to live here

because it is on the edge of such wonderful countryside, not because they wanted to be penned in by 2,500 houses.

3. The area is used by a great many people, not only from Great Wilsey and Roman Way, but many locals for general walking, cycling, joggers, dog walkers, and children can play there safely because of there being no traffic. It is a beautiful area with many miles of footpaths and walks through the fields, meadows and woods with abundant wildlife - birds, deer, foxes, rabbits, hares, bats, newts and badgers to name but a few. It is a piece of heaven for a huge amount of people and to build on this land would be devastating for the hundreds of people and the wildlife that enjoy using this open space. It is also the only truly rural part of Haverhill that people can walk in and enjoy.

4. When there is so much scrubland and available land on the Cambridge side, right near the bypass and a major road, surely it makes much more sense to build here where you are not taking up land that is utilised for the pleasure and purpose of recreational use as is Wilsey Farm. Also you would not be building behind other houses and 'penning' them in as will happen to residents of Wilsey Farm and Roman Way. People bought houses there to be on the edge of the countryside, not to be placed in the middle of 2,500 other houses. What will this do to the houses prices here? There is no justification for continuing the over-development of our countryside without taking account of local people's needs. The loss of prime agricultural land, the impact on public services and the absence of any proof of need for 2,500 dwellings leaves us wondering whether St Edmundsbury Borough Council appreciate what they are suggesting.

5. The impact on public services in this area that are already stretched, and the main A143 road and Chalkstone

Way would not meet the demands of the extra traffic from 2,500 houses. Ask people who are unfortunate enough to travel to Cambridge through Linton daily!

6. There is no justification for Haverhill to build 2,500 new homes when every week we have up to 25 pages of houses of all differing types for sale in the local paper. Certainly this does not signify a shortage of housing! This smacks more of a money making scheme for the landowner and the council.

7. Access onto Chalkstone Way is already a huge problem area at peak school times and having traffic from 2,500 homes added is just unthinkable and would be a complete disaster, especially at times when the schools start and finish. As well as two schools, we also have the main Community Football ground here which is used most days and evenings and parking spills over onto Chalkstone Way. These sites are all within a quarter mile distance and already create traffic problems without one of the schools even being open yet! This road is a basic housing estate road and as such would certainly not accommodate the expected quantity of vehicular movements of this application.

8. The noise of the extra traffic and population would also cause all sorts of anti-social and behavioral problems. We already have plenty of these problems and also a Police station that is only open 'office hours'.

9. How will the needs of the people in these extra 2,500 homes (possibly up to 5,300 people) be met? Where are the plans for extra public services to be put in place first - doctors, dentists, schools, libraries? Haverhill as a town is just not big enough to support this influx of people. Doctors especially in this town struggle to cope with the population at the moment.

10. The noise and disruption of ongoing building work, including heavy machinery travelling along Chalkstone Way to this area over a long period of time would be horrendous for all the residents from the length of Chalkstone Way, Green Road, the Wilsey estate and Roman Way.

Yours sincerely

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