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Comments have been submitted regarding proposal [DC/15/2151/OUT Outline Application \(Means of Access to be considered\) - Residential development of up to 2,500 units \(within use classes C2/C3\); two primary schools; two local centres including retail, community and employment uses \(with use classes A1/A2/A3/A4/A5, B1 and D1/D2; open space; landscaping and associated infrastructure at Great Wilsey Park Wilsey Road Little Wratting Suffolk](#). The following objection was made today by Not Available.

*comments on line on Great Wilsey Park 8.12.15 I am writing on behalf of Sturmer Flood Action Group to object to the development of Great Wilsey Park. We believe development of this area will increase flooding risk to the village of Sturmer and increase traffic through the village to the detriment of the residents. We do not believe the developers have addressed our questions raised during public consultation as follows: on whether extra water will flow into the Stour Brook because of sewage from the Great Wilsey Park development being treated at the Western Haverhill Recycling Centre: Extra water in the Brook will cause flooding here – in 2001 seventeen properties were flooded and gardens and outbuildings are flooded every year; they have not responded to our request that the condition requiring information on the Suffolk County Council flood register will have the word "construction" reinstated or at least "FIRST occupation": We want to see information on flood alleviation schemes on the register before construction so the appropriate body can be held accountable for any failures which occur and damage property in Sturmer; Residents need to know who they can go to to rectify these failures and the register should provide this. We would like the condition recommended by Suffolk County Council to be included on the planning permission as follows: "Construction shall be prevented until SCC have received and approved a completed electronic copy of the asset register template – information supplied to include location, ownership and maintenance agreement details of drainage including SuDs, water basins, swales, soakaways, pipes carrying surface water and ground water and exceedance paths SCC will add SuDs records to a GIS system in order to assist with its duty to investigate and report flooding instances. If necessary its records will be used, maintenance plans investigated and enforcement action taken" We would like to be assured that drainage alleviation methods are adequate to prevent flooding in Sturmer and details of them and the company responsible will be on the SCC Drainage Assets Register before construction begins. Members will see from plans that the drainage ponds filter into a stream which runs into a ravine across Haverhill Golf Course and into the Stour Brook behind houses in Sturmer. Failure of these ponds will result in flooding of properties in Sturmer. We would like the SuDs team at Essex County Council to be consulted on the drainage alleviation scheme so that we can be satisfied that the effects of the development on Essex have been considered. We would like Essex Highways to be consulted on the extra traffic which will be generated in the village from vehicles wishing to travel to Braintree etc. We have asked to be included in consultations as our Group formed in 2014 after further serious flooding and has been working in co-operation with all agencies to improve flooding. We were dismayed to find out on 8 December that the application had been received on 22 October and the developers and planning authority had not told us. A member attended a Parish Council meeting in Sturmer on 2 December where a document on drainage for the development was discussed. The Parish Council seemed unaware of the application at that time. It was only upon making our own enquiries that we found the application had been submitted. We think this is most unhelpful and discourteous. It seems very convenient for the developers that the consultation is just before Christmas when members of the public are preoccupied with holiday arrangements. We hope the application will be refused but if not would like conditions imposed to ensure adequate measures to control flooding from surface water and water resulting from treatment of sewage; information on these measures and who is responsible for them to be publicly available and traffic measures taken to alleviate*

*Highways problems in Essex as well as Suffolk. Linda Bevan on behalf of Sturmer Flood Action Group ENDS*