

Comments for Planning Application DC/15/2151/OUT

Application Summary

Application Number: DC/15/2151/OUT

Address: Great Wilsey Park Wilsey Road Little Wratting Suffolk

Proposal: 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

Case Officer: Chris Rand

Customer Details

Name: Mr Nick Webb

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Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments neither objecting to or supporting the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Traffic or Highways

Comment: The development in its current proposed form misses a clear opportunity to connect up the perimeter roads around Haverhill. This would allow for a circular route around the town which would make use of the existing A1017 to the South and East; the A1307 and the consented route running to the North West of the town as far as the A143. This road which is to be delivered as part of a planning consent would reach the A143 at a point opposite The Fox public house. If this route was to be continued to the East of the A143 with a view to connecting to the A1017 on the Western edge of Haverhill.

The current proposals would miss this opportunity which could help to alleviate traffic congestion in the town, and also go some way to create a clear settlement boundary.

It is appreciated that there has been considerable development allocated to Haverhill. For this to be integrated into the town in a way which minimises the impact on existing residents it would seem to be logical to look at enhancing the road infrastructure and increasing public transport options. Few ideas for achieving this would seem to present a clearer benefit to the community of Haverhill and the surrounding villages than requiring the applicants for the Great Wilsey Park site to include the final section of an otherwise ready-to-go ring road for Haverhill.

It is not our intention to obstruct the development of new homes, but this is a unique opportunity to complete a ring road for Haverhill as part of a commercial development. If the development is brought forward as currently proposed it will remove any prospect of an extension which would run directly from the new road being built to the West of the A143. If this opportunity is overlooked, any

future ring road proposal would be likely to require exclusively public funding and could only occur by further extending the settlement boundary.

Following input from local business, we would advocate that thought is given to completing the ring road.