

Great Wilsey Park Development Ref DC/15/2151/OUT

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Sirs

I write in response to your flier received today, hopefully to support the proposals and to register a few of my concerns.

2500 new homes should involve an increase in population of at least 5000 people. The breakdown is obviously unsure however there should be a significant increase to that figure when you factor in children. An already overburdened local education system will need to be enhanced to accommodate the increase either by providing new schools or substantial infrastructure alterations to those existing facilities.

2500 new homes would, I suggest, increase the traffic count by some 2500 vehicles, on the assumption of (a not unreasonable) one vehicle per household. Two exit points I suggest is inadequate and another exit/entry point should be considered at Calford Green thus allowing access and egress for the Braintree and Essex bound traffic without clogging up the town routes. Pedestrian lights need to be installed on Chalkestone way at or near to the School crossing areas and signage needs to be in place designating the potential hazard of young children. The infrastructure of the road is adequate providing another exit is made at Calford Green.

From my personal point of view the main road serving my own would become busier especially at peak hours however I do not see this as a particular hazard but all access and egress roads will need to show signage and road markings appropriate to a main thoroughfare.

The relief road must become a priority for traffic Cambridge bound and an upgrade to the already heavily used Cambridge road needs to be urgently applied. A roundabout should be installed at the College cross roads in Linton doing away with the constrictions imposed by the unwieldy traffic light system already installed thus allowing better traffic movement through the village.

Haverhill is severely under supplied with QUALITY shops and efforts will have to be made to rectify that situation we need more competition in the town as well as a greater number of outlets to keep our public as home shoppers. This situation will only be worsened by the proposed increase in people if no corresponding increase in facilities is instigated.

How will Haverhill be able to support employment for the increased population? We need to be self reliant and not just a holding base for Cambridge, Braintree or Bury St Edmunds employers.

I am fully in favour of the development, some of my reservations are detailed above and I sincerely hope that consideration can be well and truly discussed by Council and represented to the current populous before being instigated.

Sincerely RJ Smith