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Chris Rand,
Planning and Growth,
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Dear Sirs,

Having talked with local residents and regular users of the A143, concerns have been raised about Planning Application DC/15/2151/OUT. These objections have been brought up previously with the development consultants, but no reasons for them being ignored have been forthcoming.

Firstly, there is particular unease over the proposed roundabout on the A143 directly opposite a number of Little Wratting homes. Over many years, much time has been spent persuading Little Wratting residents to accept a major roundabout opposite the 'Fox' pub as an essential link for the north-western bypass, something that is generally seen as an overall benefit to the area.

To now ask long-term locals to accept a second roundabout off the A143 – and so close to the one opposite the 'Fox' – is unreasonable to say the least, especially as this additional roundabout would appear to be unnecessary. Apart from that, the added pollution, both to air and noise, produced by such a double roundabout arrangement cannot be best practice.

As has been pointed out by both laymen and professionals alike, the more realistic road option is to link directly to the roundabout opposite the 'Fox' by re-locating the pub's car park. In this respect, senior planners have made clear that, where strategic roads are concerned, they are prepared to use compulsory purchase when agreement cannot be reached with individual property owners.

Secondly, for so large a development of 2,500 residential units, there is concern that its proposed eastern access linking to Coupals Road has been removed from the plans. Apart from other problems this might cause, it will put excessive strain on the remaining two accesses.

I hope the above is of some help in your deliberations, and that both these matters will be taken fully into account.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Maidment
Chairman Little Wratting Parish