

GREAT WRATTING PARISH COUNCIL

Great Wilsey Park development

FURTHER SUBMISSION BY GREAT WRATTING PARISH COUNCIL

re: DC/15/2151/OUT Great Wilsey Park Wilsey Road Little Wrattling Suffolk


Further to the submission of comments by Great Wrattling Parish Council, we would wish to add a further submission based on the latest developments relating to the A1307 corridor.

The Parish Council made the point previously that the figures provided by the Great Wilsey Park developer of the number of residents who are likely to commute along this corridor are unrealistic. Although they suggested that their figures were based on Suffolk County Council figures, it is generally considered that the 8.2% of residents they suggest will commute to the Cambridge area is far too low.

Thus there is strong support among local councillors, action groups and residents in Cambridgeshire and Suffolk for the provision of both major road and rail solutions for the A1307 corridor in order to deal with a major growth in traffic. However, three major transport interventions (rail, bus and road) have been the subject of a high level assessment to understand estimated costs and likely benefits in terms of passenger numbers, journey time improvements and vehicle flows. These were assessed as offering poor value for money (i.e. a benefit:cost ratio of less than 1.0). So there is considered to be little merit in undertaking further detailed assessment of them within the Cambridge City Deal programme or in the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan period to 2031.

This means that there will be totally inadequate road infrastructure to deal with the growth in traffic between the Great Wilsey Park development and the Cambridge area for potentially at least 15 years, meaning that drivers will seek alternative routes. This reinforces Great Wrattling Parish Council's concerns that if the Great Wilsey Park development went ahead the B-road and minor roads through Great Wrattling would be likely to be subjected to an unacceptable increase in traffic, which in turn would cause safety, environmental and pollution issues for the village.

Unless the road infrastructure is upgraded to a level at which it can handle the extra traffic which would be generated by this development, particularly towards Cambridge, Great Wrattling Parish Council urges the Borough Council to refuse outline permission.



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(on behalf of the Parish Council)
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