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Dear Sirs

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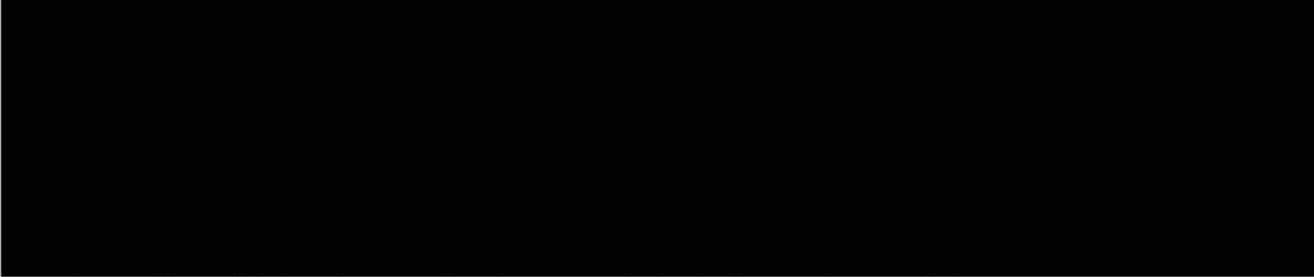
Today is Easter Sunday. During Easter weekend

[REDACTED] are known to each other and we enjoy a great community spirit. However, this happy situation is now under severe threat, not from covid-19 and its attendant restrictions, but by the fact that the original orientation of the proposed industrial units, detailed in the above planning application, has been arbitrarily reversed.


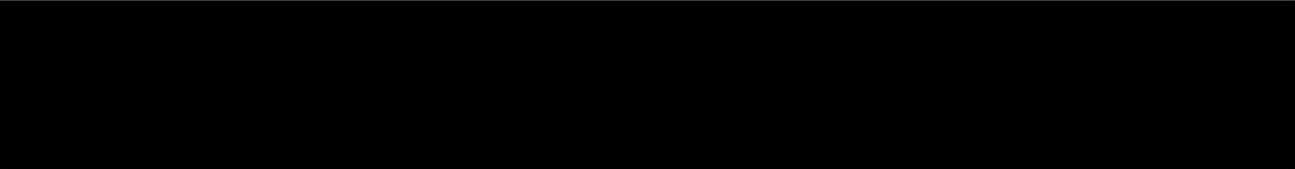
We, the residents, have known for very many years that the land to the south of our properties would be developed and most likely for industrial use. Like my neighbours, I welcomed the fact that such a development would bring businesses and employment to our town.

When the original planning application was submitted there were no major concerns expressed by residents. We were pleased that the plans showed that the buildings would act as a barrier between vehicle movements and our houses, thus significantly reducing the inevitable noise, pollution, lighting, etc. If the subsequent developers and the planning officers had stood by those original plans, there would be no objections at this late stage.

I would be interested to know who first suggested altering the building orientation. Was it the developers or was it the planning officers? Either way, absolutely no consultation took place with those most impacted by the change i.e. the residents of Bumpstead Road. I consider this to be an appalling omission. A dreadful mistake occurred somewhere in this process.



Best practice dictates that major changes likely to impact council tax payers must be open to consultation with those most affected. Indeed, common courtesy would surely suggest that consultation should take place.



Thank you for reading my comments.

Yours sincerely

Bill Taylor

