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Subject: RE: Persimmon Homes proposed development, Phase 2, on land north of Anne Sucklings Lane, Haverhill.

[THIS IS AN EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Penny

Below, is a copy of an e-mail which I sent to Haverhill Town Council over the weekend. I received a reply from Vicky Phillips (Assistant Town Clerk), this morning, in which she suggested I should forward my comments about the above mentioned Persimmon Proposals to you, since you are the Case Officer.

I live at "The Willows", Anne Suckling's Lane, Little Wratting, Haverhill, CB9 7TA.

My husband, Bill Reynolds, did make comments regarding the Persimmon Homes proposals via the West Council Planning Department website last week, and although I did not read his comments, I think they will mostly cover the same points as I made.

I realise that the closing date for comments to be made directly to West Suffolk District Council Planning Dept. was last Thursday 21st May, but I am following Vicky's advice anyway. I hope that maybe you can add my concerns to any others you may have received. Thank you!

My original e-mail follows!

My husband & I live in a new build house up a track off Anne Sucklings Lane/Road, adjacent to Boyton Hall.

We have always been aware that housing development on the fields nearby, would take place at some time in the future. We had also been given to understand that Anne Suckling Road itself, whilst attracting more traffic, once these homes had been built, would never be made a "through road" for traffic towards the western side of Haverhill.

As nearby Owners/Occupiers of the planned development, we received notification from West Suffolk Council of the Persimmon Homes Planning Applications nos: DC/20/0614/RM and DC/20/0615/RM. These were of course long & complicated documents to try & make sense of, though we had points to raise regarding possible implications affecting our site & that of our neighbours.

However, when 2 of our local Councillors, Joe Mason & Elaine McManus called on us last

week, they pointed out proposals are contained within the application documents, which appear to drastically threaten the nature and use of Anne Suckling Road, should full planning be granted.

Here are some of my objections, to any plans to link Anne Suckling Road to Hales Barn Road by a road. These are mainly based on road safety issues, although the impact on what is currently a fairly quiet access road to the surrounding houses, would be detrimental to the neighbourhood.

- 1) IF Anne Suckling Road is to become a through road to Hales Barn Road, this would soon make it into a major transit route for anyone wanting to cross the town, avoiding the main road through the town.
- 2) The junction between Anne Suckling Road and the A143, is already busy at the usual school run peak times, so an increase in traffic would impact on this causing possible queuing along the road & creating delays.
- 3) The road at this point is already regularly narrowed by up to 12-14 parked cars between the Wrattling Road and Boyton Close, which is on a slight bend, resulting in limited visibility, and increasing the possibility of accidents.
- 4) The probability of increased parking along various parts of Anne Suckling Road will inevitably occur, once the new housing is completed. New housing estates appear to usually allow very limited visitor parking within the estate. Therefore visitors and residents will likely use the Anne Suckling Road for parking if it suits them!

If the link between Anne Suckling Road and Hales Barn Road was purely a pedestrianised and cycle route, that would be a different matter.

However, in principle, I would object to Anne Suckling Road becoming a cut-through or "Rat Run," especially as the By-Pass planned for the NW of Haverhill is just 200-300 yards up the road. Surely the greatest priority for dealing with the traffic management needs, is to get the By-Pass built as soon as possible.

Who is responsible for making this happen?

My second objection, is to the proposal by Persimmon Homes to build TWO 4-storey blocks of flats in the lower part of the present field adjacent to Anne Suckling Road.

I feel these would be totally out of keeping with the nature of the surrounding housing areas, and especially so, being close to the edge of the town. This is a small town, not a city. Blocks of flats will provide a greater number of dwellings than the number of houses built in the same space, so that inevitably creates a greater need for convenient parking space! eg in the main road!

My husband has already made our objections to these & other matters via West Suffolk Council Planning site.

Thank you for reading this and all your work as our local Council.

Yours faithfully
Rachel Reynolds

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