

# Comments for Planning Application DC/21/0110/RM

## Application Summary

Application Number: DC/21/0110/RM

Address: Land Nw Of Haverhill Anne Sucklings Lane Little Wratting Suffolk

Proposal: Reserved matters application - submission of details under outline planning permission SE/09/1283 - the means of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the construction of 127 dwellings, together with associated private amenity space, means of enclosure, car parking, vehicle and access arrangements together with proposed areas of landscaping and areas of open space for a phase of residential development known as phase 2b

Case Officer: Penny Mills

## Customer Details

Name: Mr David McCormack

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## Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Noise
- Other
- Parking issues
- Plan queries
- Residential Amenity
- Traffic or Highways

Comment: REFERENCE PLANNING APPLICATION DC/21/0110/RM

We have several objections regarding this planning application, firstly we have a very personal objection to the development, our house backs onto fields which was one of the main reasons we bought the house, we love the wildlife that visit our garden, including squirrels, we have a variety of birds with occasional visits from woodpeckers and kestrels, and we have seen deer in the fields. When we open our back door now we can hear constant construction noise, and we can see the diggers in the fields behind us, as far as we can make out these appear to be employed in areas not included in this development. Some of our local walks that we used to enjoy have been fenced off even though we believe them to be public rights of way, and again they are not in the area of the proposed development. Whilst understanding the need for affordable housing these three and four storey 'Blocks of Flats' that are in these plans are out of keeping with the housing in the surrounding area, these would be built on higher ground which will mean that they will dominate the sky line. These are very personal objections; much more importantly, we fully appreciate some new houses maybe required which leads to our second list of objections to the development in relation to Haverhill.

Haverhill does not have sufficient amenities necessary for the housing that is planned. Doctors surgeries are already struggling to cope with the current number of patients, do the schools have the capacity to cope with the extra children who will live in this development, or the roads with the extra traffic that comes from this development. Planning for these services need to go hand in hand with housing developments of this sort. Who is this housing for, I believe the majority is not for local residents working locally, and because I'm not aware of new jobs being created in the Haverhill area keeping pace with the developments being planned, this housing must be for people commuting - for instance to Cambridge, you need to consider that the A1307 is classified as a high casualty route and I have known the traffic to queue into Cambridge from Linton. Do we want to see further delays on this route and the number of fatalities to increase?

We are all asked to be greener, to recycle, to walk rather than to take the car - but we are still building huge developments like this, where people have to drive miles to work causing more pollution rather than smaller developments closer to where the work is, where the impact on wildlife would not be so detrimental.

If new housing is really required and if the amenities were put into place to support that housing then we need to consider the housing development itself and the people who will live there. Too many of the new developments are built with smaller rooms, smaller gardens and smaller access roads with little space for children to play and not enough parking.

With the constraints of the current times, and the focus on our mental health these factors should become more important. A happy and stress-free environment is vital. If you have to worry about where to park your car or where your children will play or the amount of traffic driving through the narrow roads on the estate it just adds to the stress of everyday life.

I understand it is the job of the developers to make profits for their companies, but it is the job of the local councils to ensure that the future generations who live on these developments have a good quality of life. Packing as many houses into the smallest space, with not enough green areas for your children to play or places for you to park your car will not give that quality of life, not being able to see a doctor, having to commute to work on a high casualty route with long traffic delays, will not give the quality of life we all look for.

David and Marion McCormack

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