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Objection to DC/21/0110/RM, resident of Haverhill

I would like to endorse and add my objections to the planning application above for the development at Ann Suckling Lane.

I believe objections have been raised with regards to density, overall building height, parking and lack of green spaces and amenity areas. If houses have been added then I have concerns about the density of the development, and this is even more pertinent. This will undoubtedly raise the numbers of vehicles, having an impact on parking, increasing the traffic and reducing green space further. This could have a detrimental effect on the environment and resident's health.

The height of the flats has not changed, so the impact on the skyline is not changed.

On the lack of green space- firstly, there is an environmental impact. Higher density means more tarmac/concrete, and less chance for water run off. More green spaces reduces the heat island effect of areas where there are lots of the above materials. More green spaces mean more CO2 being absorbed. Secondly, green space has been linked with improving the cognitive development of children. There is also the issue of the obesity epidemic among young people, with less access to green space. The lack of green space and the increased density will have an impact on the air quality due to increased air pollution, which now has been linked to worsening asthma. Only 25% of children in Britain now walk or cycle to school according to the John Adams Institute. The development seems to have no cycling provision or any access to the town other than via Wrattling Road.

The lack of amenities, and a suitable infrastructure to support the proposed amenities means that residents will have no options but to travel into Haverhill, increasing already pressured services such as schools and health services like the GPs. It will also increase traffic on Wrattling Road.

Kind regards,  
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