

Objection to DC/21/0110/RM

Further to our previous objections, we wish to reiterate those objections for the latest proposals, which differ on design, but do not address our previous objections to density, overall building height, parking and lack of green spaces and amenity areas.

Density

The only change to density has been the addition of two houses. This change has in turn led to other detrimental changes affecting parking, pathways and waste management.

Building Height

Although the height of the flats has been reduced from 4 storey flat roof to 3.5 storey pitched roof which is more aesthetically pleasing, it does not reduce the overall height on the skyline at the highest point of the development and is contrary to the original Master plan. The additional two houses are 2.5 storeys and placed right against

Parking

The numbers of available spaces probably match the number of dwellings. However, there are many instances of parking spots being some way away from the actual dwelling, causing possible problems with neighbours. Parking for visitors is located around the periphery of the development, some on areas designated as private driveways.

Green spaces and Amenity areas

These again are sadly lacking. Whilst Stuart McAdam advised Haverhill Council that they would be bringing forward plans for the area designated as football pitches and a children's play area, this is surely a priority at this moment in time over the additional housing.

Infrastructure

All plans for community facilities are "in the future". These are required now and should be planned before we reach a situation where there is limited or no room for them. We believe there is an obligation in respect of the school, that the proposed location is suitable and of sufficient size upon the completion of the 100th dwelling. Has this threshold not been achieved and where are the subsequent plans? School places are required now, not some time "in the future". Where are the additional health facilities which will be needed? When will the local centre be built? Again, if after all the housing, there will be a long period when community facilities are sadly lacking. If you want to build a sense of community, surely it should be there as people move in. Many will not come from the local area and it is important that facilities are available.

This development, along with the current Redrow development is changing the character of Haverhill and certainly not for the better. The concentration of housing and the lack of amenities will cause problems in the years to come, if they have not already done so. If this is building for the future, it is a very sorry state.

