

Comments for Planning Application UTT/21/2509/OP

Application Summary

Application Number: UTT/21/2509/OP

Address: Land South Of (East Of Griffin Place) Radwinter Road Swards End Essex

Proposal: Outline application for the erection of up to 233 residential dwellings including affordable housing, with public open space, landscaping, sustainable drainage system (SuDS) and associated works, with vehicular access point from Radwinter Road. All matters reserved except for means of access

Case Officer: Henrietta Ashun

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Jane Sharp

Address: 25 Mapletoft Avenue, Saffron Walden, Essex CB10 2GX

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I object strongly to this development for the following reasons:

1. I cannot see a single positive aspect.

There is no point in providing 233 new homes if the negatives outweigh the positives and are detrimental to both the environment and all the existing residents of both Saffron Walden and Swards End.

2. The location would effectively destroy the separation between Swards End village and Saffron Walden and harm the distinct character of both.

3. The site would destroy agricultural land and woodland which supports wildlife habitats.

4. This is a 'water stressed' area according to Affinity Water and we are in danger of running out of water due to over-abstraction of our chalk aquifers.

5. The site is not sustainable in transport terms since Radwinter Road cannot support the existing traffic let alone extra traffic. It is not within easy walking distance of any amenity, other than Tesco and people use their car to shop at a supermarket. Roads through the town are often gridlocked and constantly full of potholes.

6. The access road is narrow and twisting and prone to flooding. Our existing drainage systems are antiquated and have suffered from lack of investment for years.

7. To provide safe access to the site, the agents state that trees would need to be destroyed. The existing dire climate crisis means we need more trees and cannot afford to lose any.

8. Saffron Walden town is mainly in a valley and already developments are gradually spreading up the slopes and altering the landscape and character as you approach the town. This site would stand out prominently from all directions as an ugly appendix on high ground..

9. Radwinter Road is one of the most polluted roads in Saffron Walden with the worst air quality. This will exacerbate the problem and affect the health of residents in this area.
10. There are insufficient schools and health centres in the area to support more families.

I would urge UDC to oppose this development. It is simply in the wrong location on the wrong side of town without any supporting infrastructure and will damage further the environment.