

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: Mr Roger McNaught

Address: 1 Lime Meadows, Cole End Lane, Swards End Saffron Walden, Essex CB10 2LQ

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Many objections have been made to this development on the grounds of increased traffic on a relatively narrow and twisting road which is also subject to flooding off the fields at times of heavy rainfall. The road does at present, however, have the merit of giving the feeling of moving from the town into the country. The developers have suggested a right-hand turn lane for traffic ascending the hill which is probably the absolute minimum for such traffic but the widening will inevitably extend the feeling of urbanisation further up the hill than at present. Despite the talk of 'open spaces' and greenery I am sure that there will be further obvious evidence of development as you ascend the hill almost up to the existing housing in Swards End

This feeling of the extending urbanisation can already be seen from the footpath behind Pounce Hall where the vista of Saffron Walden Church has been despoiled by the roofs of the Linden Housing scheme and this will be worsened as the housing 'creep' up the hill towards Swards End continues with this project.

As others have pointed out, this development will inevitably lead to significantly increased traffic flows through an already congested central Saffron Walden as virtually the only way out towards workplaces and motorways.

The developers are clearly using the lack of an Uttlesford plan as an opportunistic attempt to develop a site that would be very unlikely to get approval if a plan was in existence.

Roger & Sue McNaught