

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 Hazel Mack

Address: 1 Walden Road, Swards End, Saffron Walden, Essex CB10 2LE

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment:1. The proposed development will result in Swards End becoming a suburb of Saffron Walden. Although the developers maintain there will be a defined space between the boundary of the development and the village, I cannot see that one small undeveloped field between the two qualifies as such.

2. The main road through the village to Saffron Walden is a small, narrow winding country road which already suffers from very heavy traffic and is completely unsuitable to take any additional load. In addition it floods frequently and there are severe problems in very bad weather when the water which drains off the fields turns to very thick ice which has caused several accidents over the years.

3. It is currently difficult to find a doctor or dentists's surgery which has the capacity to take on new patients - how are the existing facilities going to cope if another 200+ families need help?

4. The situation regarding schools is the same - not enough places for local children now.

5. The plans suggest the drainage issues will be addressed. But this was not done by the developers who built the houses behind Tesco. The main road floods frequently in heavy rain - and the developers have not been held to account. I can guarantee the same thing will happen again - and the drainage/flooding will only get worse and the developers will walk away with their profits but not be held accountable for the problems they have caused.

6. Why can't every developer be forced to build something for the community as a pre-requisite of getting planning permission? The area needs more health, school, recreational facilities. Every development should be forced provide something to benefit the community before any planning permission is granted.

All in all, this development is just a money making scheme for the developers with little thought as to how it affects the local community. And frankly I have no faith in the planning authorities taking any notice of the very real concerns of the residents of Swards End who will be badly affected.