

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 Kathleen Hutchinson

Address: Bardfield, 4 Walden Road, Swards End Saffron Walden, Essex CB10 2LE

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I object to this planned development in the strongest possible terms, for the following reasons:

The development would, effectively, join Saffron Walden to Swards End, thus destroying forever the integrity and identity of the village and eroding the green boundary of The town. There would be no significant space left between the town and the village, resulting in unwanted coalescence.

Pounce Hill, leading into Radwinter Road, is a relatively steep, narrow, twisting main road set in a steep-sided gully. The hill floods frequently, particularly when there is heavy rainfall but also when there is prolonged lighter rainfall. Water often continues to run off the fields for a considerable time following rain. The hill ices over in the winter and is often impassable for this reason. In recent years there have been several serious accidents on this stretch of road and increasing traffic along it would be further reduce highway safety. In addition, Saffron Walden simply cannot take any further increase in traffic through it's largely medieval centre. There should be no further development of this kind on the eastern side of town, particularly when the main routes and railway lie to the west.

The loss of a significant amount of green field space would reduce natural drainage and water absorption and would increase the risk of flooding to others in the vicinity.

Services such as Dentists and Doctors are already under severe pressure and cannot provide additional capacity. Similarly, our schools are also full and oversubscribed. Further increases to

the number of houses in the town will mean that children living in the surrounding villages will not be able to get a place at schools where they live within the catchment area, resulting in many pupils having to travel much farther to get to a school which is not their choice. This is neither environmentally friendly nor sustainable and is highly undesirable. Air quality for everyone will also suffer.

This proposed development is ill-considered and purely profit-driven, submitted by developers who have little or no regard for the entirely negative impact it will have on the existing residents in Saffron Walden and the surrounding villages. I implore the committee to reject it.