



To Uttlesford Planning Committee,

Ref: UTT/21/2509/OP

ADDRESS: Land South of (east of Griffin Place), Radwinter Road, Swards End, Essex

I would like to lodge my objection to this application for the following reasons:

- It is wholly unwanted and unnecessary. Saffron Walden has had its fair share of new developments in recent years with several existing sites still ongoing. No further significant development should take place on the eastern side of the town as the ancient town centre simply cannot cope with any further pressure on its road system. Air quality for everyone will suffer for everyone and highway safety will diminish
- Local schools, doctors and dentists are all full and cannot increase capacity. For school admissions, the impact will seriously disadvantage children who live outside town, who will no longer be able to get a place at their local, catchment school. This is already occurring in some instances.
- Drainage and flooding issues will increase - the loss of open greenfield space will exacerbate existing problems. The road from Swards End to Saffron Walden, which would service the development site, is steep, narrow and twisting - it floods frequently, even after moderate rainfall, and run off from the fields continues for a considerable time following rainfall - the loss of more fields will only exacerbate the problem
- Coalescence with Saffron Walden is not what the villagers want, nor is it desirable for those who live in the town - the identity of both would be eroded forever if this development is approved
- The character of our local area will be destroyed irrevocably unless the Council resists further large scale developments such as this - I cannot see any merit whatsoever in this application for anyone, other than for the benefit of the profit-driven developers and landowner

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