

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 Janet Procter

Address: 6 Dragons Green, Swards End, Saffron Walden CB10 2GP

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I very much object to this application as it will further increase the amount of traffic travelling through the centre of town in order to reach the main roads out of Saffron Walden, particularly the M11, roads to Bishops Stortford, Cambridge as well as Audley End railway station. At the moment, traffic is regularly queuing back to Tesco and the town is unable to sustain a further increase in vehicles. If more housing is really required, it would make sense to build around areas such as Great Chesterford.

Further building on the east side of Saffron Walden would significantly increase the levels of pollution with vehicles queuing to get through the town. Pollution levels are already high at peak times and an addition of approximately 500 cars will affect the health of residents in town and surrounding areas.

The proposed location and access road increase the danger to vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians. The road from Swards End to Saffron Walden is narrow and contains blind bends. It is already dangerous, particularly for cyclists, and having vehicles and pedestrians going in and out onto this road will most certainly raise the risk of further serious accidents occurring.

The hill leading from Swards End to Saffron Walden regularly floods following heavy rain and turns to ice in cold weather.

In terms of schools, doctors and NHS dentists, there are already waiting lists for these services. As far as I am aware, there are no plans for additional services in the town so any extra housing

will put even more pressure on current residents accessing essential services.

Sewards End is a village which values its identity, providing activities and services to its residents to foster a community spirit. The agriculture land provides green space and contributes to the economy. Building on the land will remove these important parts of life.

Overall, this proposed development is in the wrong location and will adversely affect the residents of both Sewards End and Saffron Walden.