

CIL Compliance Statement

Safeguarding of the Relief Road Land.

My understanding from Uttlesford District Council is that a package of highway evidence for Reg 18 of the Local Plan will be published shortly, in advance of the release of the preferred options for consultation in November. Part of the work for the local plan includes an emerging master plan for Saffron Walden, this include options for growth which would have to be facilitated by a relief road, which included walking and cycling facilities due to the current and forecast capacity issues within the town . There are limited options for the position of this road and the land on which the appeal site is situated is the most logical place for the northern end of any relief road.

(a)necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms;

If the corridor were not to be safeguarded options for future growth in Saffron Walden would be severely limited, therefore this development would not be acceptable as it would curtail any future growth in in Uttlesford's largest town.

(b) directly related to the development

There are very limited options for the location of the relief road and this site is in a key position to allow connection to the northern part of the highway network so the safeguarding is directly related to this the site.

(c) fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development

It is recognised that although the Local Plan is progressing, preferred spatial options have not yet been released or consulted on, therefore highway authority deems that it reasonable that the land is safeguarded so as not to prejudice possible future growth but at this point it is not reasonable to provide additional infrastructure. The appellant has not intimated that the viability of the site is threatened by the safeguarding of the land.

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