

Ref: S/2647/15/OL Land to the East of Old Pinewood Way and Ridgeway, Papworth Everard

Dear Ian,

As you may already be aware, I (along with many others in the village), am a strong objector to the proposed housing development on the Ridgeway.

I understand from speaking with fellow villagers that only one 'objector' can speak at the forthcoming planning committee meeting which is a shame as a number of us had planned to speak in opposition.

Nevertheless, I understand that I can add an additional objection letter, which can be included within the discussion material and therefore I am submitting this email for that purpose. I have previously sent communications to oppose the development and I hope you already have record of these. Therefore, here, I would like to focus on one aspect that I find deeply upsetting and which would have a huge impact on my family, and all other families in the village, if the proposed development went ahead: our children's schooling and welfare.

Being a working Mum with young children I find the proposed development ludicrous given the time that I already need to wake up my children (aged 5 and 7) so that we are all out of the house by 7.30am in the morning, for an 8.30am start at work on the Cambridge Science Park. The Out of School Club itself only opens at 7.30am and therefore any more traffic on the roads will mean that myself, and all working mothers who I see toing and froing on our commutes to work, will need childcare to open earlier and earlier. This is something that I do not wish for! I do not wish for my children to have even longer days in childcare than they have already.

To add to this, the only way that this development could even be proposed at all is by a huge, large scale expansion of the primary school in the village, Pendragon Community Primary. Again, this thought is hugely upsetting as it will change the school beyond recognition and will alter the format of using communal areas such as the canteen and the school's hall, for sports and assemblies. Already there are restrictions on using the canteen at lunchtime (which means that my two children are separated as they are in different years) and all but the Friday assemblies have been recently split so that, again, my children don't see each other. Any development of the school to cater for further children (beyond those already planned with the completion of new houses on the Summersfield site and the Church Lane site) will drastically alter the school for the worse. And let's not forget that this school is already over subscribed year on year since the Summersfield development was initiated.

To add to this, the only way that the school site can expand is by building on the school's playing field. It could almost be laughable (as it's such an incredibly ludicrous idea!) if it wasn't so tragically deleterious for the children! At a time when we're seeing the ever increasing rise of the Type 2 diabetes epidemic and projects such as 'walk to school' created to tackle this exact issue, this development proposes to slash the school's playing field to a fraction of its current size to build more classes. Who in their right mind would think this to be an acceptable and feasible suggestion? Not only is this a fantastic area for the school children to exercise and run around during the school day but it is also a valuable resource for exercising pre-school and after-school children, such as mine.

Based on the above, and the wealth of additional reasons to oppose this development such as previously expressed concerns on the topics of increased traffic, insufficient site drainage, increased sewage, insufficient highway safety (for school children in particular), detrimental effect on nature/conservation, insufficient parking, and a jarring feature on the landscape that will be seen for miles and miles, I strongly object to this development.

Please ensure the committee members review my objection as part of the Committee Meeting next Wednesday. Many thanks

Yours faithfully

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