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CASE REFERENCE NUMBER: 18/01502/OP

LOCATION: Land between Royston Road and Cambridge Road, Barkway

Dear Sir or Madam,

I wish to object to this planning application on the following grounds.

This will produce a non-sustainable site where the adverse effects of the development will outweigh the benefit of creating new homes. The homes should be built where there are services and amenities to support the new homeowners.

Barkway has very limited amenities and it is necessary to drive to access shops, doctors, schools etc. There is a bus service but it provides a very poor connection to the nearest towns, and very few people can use it to get to work, so everyone is dependent on private car use.

It is not possible to even use the bus to get to Royston Station to catch a train in time to get to work in London or Cambridge, and if you can, then the last bus back to Barkway is at 5pm, too early for most commuters.

A very large number of houses are proposed, but without creating any jobs to balance the very large increase of properties. The development will therefore not meet the Government's requirements for sustainability. Adding so many new properties, without creating more jobs in the village means people will have to travel, using private cars to get to work. This is against many planning guidelines, bad for the environment and sustainability.

Additionally, as has been pointed out in recent planning refusals for 25 homes, at Land next to Royston Road, the roads are insufficient to sustain the increase in traffic for 25 homes, let alone 140.

These houses should therefore be built in other locations, or towns in the area, where there is public transport, jobs, and amenities, not stuck on a small rural village.

I therefore wish to object to this planning application

Yours faithfully