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Planning Department  
Central Bedfordshire Council  
Priory House  
Monks Walk  
Chicksands  
Beds SG17 5TQ

By email

4<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Planning application **CB/19/04301/OUT**. Location: **Land North of Biggleswade SG18 0HB**

I am writing with regard to the above application.

When this application was first made in 2020, I made representations to Central Beds Council and set out my objections on two separate occasions. I objected when the application was considered initially in January 2020 and again when it was considered by the Development Management Committee in September 2020.

I attach a copy of my previous letters to the Council regarding this application. The application has since been re-submitted and I remain concerned about the application for the reasons that I outlined previously.

In particular, I remain concerned about the following issues: pressure on local infrastructure, road/pedestrian safety and the impact on local roads given the location of the site and the concerns expressed previously.

I support Biggleswade Town Council's concerns about the following specific aspects of the application:

1. The application would place considerable pressure on the Shortmead St/Sun St mini-roundabout with unacceptably long queues.
2. The London Road / Drove Road junction would be operating over capacity and as I indicated in my representations in 2020, there remain concerns about the hundreds of pedestrian movements made by students at Stratton School, which continue to raise concerns about safety.
3. As I indicated in my representations in 2020, sole access to the site is along Furzenhall Road, which is a narrow residential street with blind corners and limited off-street parking.
4. This will place further pressure on Potton Road - a narrow road with shops and limited off-street parking.
5. It will place added pressure to the A1 north roundabout.

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6. Finally, I understand that the queues in the traffic modelled were last measured in September 2018. Since then, an additional 600 homes have been built in Biggleswade which will inevitably have an impact on the situation with traffic.

Finally, I wish to record the concerns of the constituents who have contacted me about this application and in doing so, I note that in 2020 more than 1,400 constituents objected to this application.

I join with local residents and the Town Council in strongly opposing the application. I would be grateful if you would arrange for this letter to be considered as a submission against the application and placed before the Committee in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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Richard Fuller MP



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By email:

21<sup>st</sup> January 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: planning application number - **CB/19/04301/OUT -Land North of Biggleswade, Bedfordshire, SG18 OHB.**

I am writing on behalf of a number of my constituents who have contacted me to express their concerns about the above planning application.

I have also considered the submissions made by Biggleswade Town Council.

I share the concerns of my constituents and the Town Council regarding this application. There are a number of significant concerns about the application, as follows:

- 1) The application does not demonstrate that the scale and location of the development would be sustainable.
- 2) The application does not demonstrate that highway and public safety has been considered. The general location of the site, the limited access to the site and its proximity to a school have led to concerns being raised with me that the safety of pedestrians and road users cannot be guaranteed. This should be a paramount consideration and I am aware that the Town Council has instructed its own independent transport consultant to undertake a full technical audit of the Transport Assessment.
- 3) I support the Town Council's comments about the Transport Assessment. The Town Council has come to the conclusion that the applicants modelling formula does not adequately represent the difficulties which would arise at some of the road junctions and that there has not been a risk assessment of the dangers inherent in the location of the proposed housing.



I join with local residents and the Town Council in strongly opposing the application. I would be grateful if you would arrange for this letter to be considered as a submission against the application and placed before the Planning Committee in due course.

Yours faithfully,

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Mr Nikolas Smith,  
Planning Department  
Central Beds Council  
By email only

9<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Mr Smith,

Re: **CB/19/02827/PAPC**

I am writing with regard to the Development Brief for 416 properties on Land North of Biggleswade, as submitted by Hallam Land Management, and further to my objection to the outline planning application. I attach a copy of my initial objections on behalf of constituents and I wish to provide additional arguments on their behalf, against this development.

There are a number of significant concerns about this Development Brief, as follows:

1. The access to the site is down a single carriage way. The applicant has failed to demonstrate how an emergency vehicle would access the site if the road is blocked. This is unsafe for future occupants.
2. The site is home to a wealth of archaeological remains which development in this location would disrupt. Merely referencing this in the Development Brief does not make it acceptable.
3. The impact to the surrounding road network would be severe, including the impact to several key junctions, most notably the entrance to Stratton School.

Finally, the applicant has failed to mention their dependency on the 1500 homes to the east of Biggleswade - without Biggleswade East going ahead, I understand that the Housing Infrastructure Fund will not pay out and the level crossing will be unable to close due to no other funding being available for the bridleway bridge. The Development Brief fails to mention this obvious dependency.

The case for approval seems to rest on "sufficient consultation" by the applicant – even if that is the case, those are pretty weak grounds given the strength of public feeling against development on this site – I would hope that members give the content of this document the scrutiny it deserves.

Yours sincerely,

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