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Re: Appeal against the Council's decision to refuse the development of the Fairmead site off Cuffley Hill and behind Robinson Avenue.

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Countryside's plan for development of the Fairmead site despite being recently unanimously refused through the due process of our working local democracy.

From our address in Woodland Way, which is adjacent to Robinson Ave, there are currently five ongoing major housing developments within ten minutes walk from our property. It is widely held by Goffs Oak residents, that the ongoing local housing density has already saturated the local infrastructure beyond operability and safety. There is already a notable lack of resources, youth amenities and social welfare facilities in the area that is utterly insufficient to meet the needs of large numbers of incoming families; GP's surgeries, Dental Practices, and Schools in the neighbourhood are also heavily oversubscribed.

Over crowding, under resourcing and access roads that lead from the housing development sites onto Goffs Lane and Cuffley Hill (both historically country lanes) grind to gridlock at busy times of day caused by incidents on nearby M25 junctions (J24,J25,J26) causes the heavy motorway traffic flow through Cuffley Hill and Goffs Lane, causing major log jams in either direction and disruption to the free flow of traffic in the locality. The coincidence of a medical emergency or outbreak of fire in such circumstances, in a neighbourhood that would require immediate access for emergency vehicles, is clearly of great concern to local residents.

Countryside's proposal for the addition of 58 dwellings on the Fairmead site would inevitably contribute further to the potential for risk to public safety.

Air quality, health and safety, conservation of green spaces, are priorities in the promotion of public health and community cohesiveness which is currently under threat in Goffs Oak, and the reason local residents vigorously oppose Countryside's Appeal for the development of the Fairmead site.

Furthermore, owing to recent huge scale of over-development in Goffs Oak, wildlife and the natural environment is suffering massive insult from loss of local habitat as evidenced by local residents on a daily basis, by the dramatic increase in the appearance of wildlife species (notably muntjac deer, badgers, foxes) driven from natural habitats by local over-development of previously open land, and killed on neighbouring roads.

In a time of rapid climate change and environmental conservation emergency, citizens look for responsible guardianship of the land from landowners, business and local authorities to safeguard their environment. Very importantly, the Fairmead site is the only remaining green space in Goffs Oak and is the natural habitat and sanctuary for a wide diversity of birds and animals who live and breed there in safety.

Hertfordshire Country Council's published Green Space Action Plans seek to conserve trees, green spaces, and to sustain and improve environmental biodiversity, in contrast Countryside's plan to develop the Fairmead site directly contradicts this plan, the opposition from local residents, and the unanimous decision of Borough of Broxbourne Councillors in refusing to grant planning permission for the scheme, and we now entrust the support of the Planning Inspectorate in that decision.

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