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**For the attention of Case Officer - PETER QUAILE**

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Location: Fairmead, 90 Cuffley Hill, Goffs Oak, Herts. EN7 5EX

Proposal: Erection of 58 Dwellings (17 no 2 Beds, 14 no 3 Beds, 22 no 4 Beds, 1 no 5 Bed) with associated infra structure.

We have been resident in Goffs Oak for the past 28 years and notice with great concern the recent negative impact on Goffs Oak's village status, the local environment and the community from the aggressive large scale development projects in the area.

In stark contrast to all the other large scale developments presently in the pipeline, the Fairmead site is not, nor has it ever been, a Brown Field site. Current government policy is that land in the Green Belt is to be used only in exceptional circumstances which is patently not the case in the Fairmead proposal. Indeed, our reliable information is that this proposal exceeds the original Indicative Plan and building target for Goffs Oak which is already met, and is therefore superfluous to the requirements for development imposed on Goffs Oak.

In 2019 both the first and second applications for development of the Fairmead site were rejected. The current 3rd Application (Ref. 07/19/0200/F ) represents an uplift of 123% from the original plan which was rejected in the number of proposed new builds.

The plan for Fairmead is that of close density and narrow roads which raises serious questions for safety regarding free access at all times for essential services and emergency vehicles e.g., on call medical staff, carers, ambulance, fire service, police, refuse collection etc., Currently Goffs Oak's infrastructure is already overstretched in terms of over subscribed local schools and provision of GP and Dental surgeries. Already limited road space and the steady increase in local traffic, farm machinery, delivery and construction vehicles is having a noticeable negative local effect on traffic flow and available parking space. It is predictable that traffic numbers, including those accessing the B156 to and from new development sites, is set to rise steeply, bringing with it increased risk of congestion, grid-lock and stationary traffic on B156 and connecting roads. In such circumstances it is difficult to imagine how emergency vehicles could cope with "call-outs" in a crisis.

At a time of global emergency from the effects of climate change, we were shocked and alarmed to know that persons with chainsaws were recently seen on the Fairmead site of which Broxbourne Council was informed. In response to the threat of global warming, there are now many new tree planting schemes throughout the country. We are now strongly encouraged to protect and preserve established trees and green spaces in the environment which presumably must also include those beautiful mature specimens on the Fairmead site, behind the gardens of residents homes in Robinson Avenue and Woodland Way.

In addition to our stated legitimate objections, the proposed development of the Fairmead site would also contribute to rising levels of air, light, noise pollution and vehicle emissions in the local environment that are known to impact on the health and enjoyment of homes by nearby residents in the community.

Finally, we all have a moral responsibility to respect, conserve and protect our local wildlife, which includes

Muntjac, foxes, badgers and abundant species of bird life. We look for leadership from landowners and those in authority to provide guardianship of the land and green spaces for the benefit of the whole community, **which is why this proposal, to which we strongly object, must be rejected.**

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