

Shikha Kataria- Interested Party Statement

I am a resident at Colney Heath Villiage. My property is one of the cottages to the south of the proposed site.

Me and my husband own our home and live with our three young children. Sadly we were not able to get a place for our children at the local school. Therefore I use my car to get the children to and from school in a different area. I do not see a bus in the village. In fact there are no real facilities other so again we travel by car to get to the shops, work, GP and Dentist.

It raises concern about the noise that any construction and building could make to not only my children but that too of the children in the village and the school. Any such project would affect our daily life. The site is too close and we would be overlooked and lose our privacy. The site is open countryside and beautifully green. The land is natural habitat. Then there is the concern of the Health and Safety aspect to our household as well as those surrounding the land, the noise, the hazards and more.

We live on a quiet cul de sac, surrounded by cottages and character. This makes Colney Heath a Village that is so special.

There are limited parking facilities and causes difficulty on the school run too. The village cannot handle any more traffic. I have road safety concerns too - I don't believe a crossing by the post box would be safe. Children would have to look left, right, into park lane, into the cul de sac and into the access road before crossing. The pinch points discussed cannot be widened as there are brick walls and property boundaries in the way.

The football club does its best to manage parking and last night ensured that as many people as possible parked safely. There were 26 cars on tarmac's land when I looked - this is standard for a football match as the parking Marshalls park all cars perpendicular to the kerb. There is no more room for 26 cars to park on the local roads.

Colney Heath is a car-dependent village surrounded by green fields and because of its unsustainable location is not a suitable place to build a housing estate. The green belt is important for it's openness and this development would be overbearing and completely out of scale and density with the rest of the houses in the village.

I hope you refuse this appeal and protect the green belt.
Kind regards

Shikha