

## Interested Party statement by Sue Slingsby

Appeal By Vistry Homes Ltd. Ref: App/B1930/W/23/3323099 Location and Sustainability There are no services that are in walking and cycling distance of the appeal site. There is one small village shop, an Indian takeaway, a hairdresser (open some of the week), a village school and one pub. There are no doctors, dentists or additional schools within the village.

There are no cycle paths in Colney Heath. The local roads are not safe for cyclists and they create hazards for other road users.

There is hardly any public transport available and people have no other option than to use private car/taxi to reach St Albans, Hatfield, Brookmans Park, Potters Bar etc to obtain these services. The bus service in Colney Heath is almost non-existent and many of the routes do not run during school holiday periods or evenings and weekends.

Colney Fields shopping centre is approximately 2.5 miles away. There is one bus on a Monday, per week from Colney Heath. There are no paved footways to Colney Fields shopping centre or to Welham Green. One has to walk across country footpaths that are often muddy and totally unsuitable for the elderly, disabled and people with mobility problems carrying shopping.

Tollgate Road, Coursers Road, High Street are already far too congested with traffic and parked cars. Whenever there is an issue on the A1/North Orbital/M25, traffic is funnelled through the village and immediate areas. Most recently on Tuesday 27 June 2023 the A1 was closed both ways for several hours due to a lorry fire. It was complete chaos in and around the village and this is not an isolated incident.

Colney Heath does not need any more housing, it is not a sustainable location. It has already been agreed for 100 houses to be built on green belt land in Bullens Green. Further development will lead to even more congestion on village roads, thereby eroding village life along with destruction of farmlands and green spaces.

Due to work commitments, I am unable to attend the appeal hearing in person but am happy for the above to be presented and read in my absence.

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