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By Planning Services

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12/7/17

Dear Sir/Madam,

**RE: PROPOSED NEW BUILD REF.: POLICY SAMU5,
DEVELOPMENT SOUTH OF THROPE ROAD WEELEY**

I want to register my objection to the proposed building of 280 new homes. There are several reasons why, and I would like to explain:



- Spatial Portrait (2:1) Such a development would be detrimental to Weeley Village because although it states that '... Weeley is a broadly sustainable location, with both strategic road and rail links', etc (Sec 2 Plan SA). This is simply not the case. The local roads are already congested especially at rush hour times with frequent long tailbacks. There have been several recent fatalities which have included a cyclist. There is a poor rail service with no trains at times, and sometimes can only be described as a local shuttle service between villages rather than a link to London. The railway station has no parking facilities, and sometimes the ticket machine isn't working meaning that tickets cannot be purchased, thus meaning that passengers from Weeley will be travelling illegally.. When trains do run there is only one per hour.
- Policy SP3 (Sustainable design shall make a 'positive contribution) The only contribution such a proposal would make would be a NEGATIVE one. Such a development would completely change the face of the village and is against the general interest of existing villagers who take an active interest in retaining the villages' character rather than it being just another dormitory village in Essex.
- Policy HP1 (Improving Health and Wellbeing) – Such a development would almost certainly be detrimental and prove to negatively impact on Weeley village with total disregard to local residents' wellbeing. Currently the village doesn't have a

pharmacy or a GP surgery and it is widely known that the NHS are unable to fund a GP. Even if the developers are prepared to make a financial contribution to providing a GP, this wouldn't be until any new houses are occupied and these new people would probably go elsewhere to find immediate care: impacting negatively on GP's in nearby villages. It is worth noting that 65% of Weeley residents are over 65.

- Policy HP2 Green spaces – Weeley is proud to have a lot of green space. Indeed this is why we moved to this village. If this proposal is given the green light, these green spaces will disappear forever.
- Policy HP2: Such a proposal will impact negatively, and will be detrimental to the Local Plan Policy and NPPF criteria.
- 'Assets of Community Value'. If the proposed site was agreed then this will be detrimental to NPPF paragraph 70.
- Policy LP3Detrimental to current local scene and nearby areas of beauty. Weeley also has amongst it's jewels an historic wood 'Weeley Hall Wood' which could potentially be destroyed by the amount of users such a development would make.
- This proposed development would gobble agricultural land where cows are currently grazing. We read in the press daily that farmland is disappearing under bricks ,and mortar and that because of this food costs will rise. Weeley will be contributing to this if this proposed development if allowed.
- One of the proposed fields is of historic significance: Battle Field. If this field is built on this link with the past will be lost.

Please think carefully before allowing such a development. I am aware that people need to live somewhere and that Weeley needs to do it's share, and needs to encourage young families to settle here in order for it continue to live. However, you are at risk of destroying the very things that people would move to Weeley for i.e., it's tranquil countryside, way of life and difference from other parts of rural Essex.

Yours faithfully

  - Bailey

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