

Appendix 2

(Letter of representation)

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Dear Sirs

Uttlesford Core Strategy - Preferred Options Consultation

We refer to the draft Core Strategy document dated November 2007.

We write to confirm our support for the Uttlesford District Council in its conclusion to reject applications providing for all development to take place in the A120 corridor and for its decision not to pursue any option for new settlements in locations other than Elsenham.

Consistent with this support we write to object to any consideration being given to the Chater Homes/Green Issues supported application for a new settlement at Little Dunmow. We object to this proposal for the following reasons:

[PLEASE SELECT ANY THAT ARE RELEVANT TO YOU]

1. The proposed development would engulf the ancient village of Little Dunmow cutting it off from its historical landscape and destroying its local distinctiveness and historic character.
2. The proposed development would put a further and unacceptable burden on local roads with significantly increased car usage in an area where the existing roads struggle to cope with the increased traffic resulting from Oakwood Park.
3. The proposed scheme destroys and urbanises the countryside replacing its open spaces (fields, footpaths, bridleways and the Flitch Way) with a man –made country park.
4. The area has already endured substantial development whilst promised community facilities and green belt protections remain to be provided. Further encroachment of the green belt is unacceptable.
5. The proposed development would destroy green lanes and bridleways home to foxes, badgers, deer, weasels, newts, snakes, stoats, hedgehogs, woodpeckers, jays and many

other species of wild birds, animals, reptiles and insects as well as flora many thousands of years old.

6. The proposed development would put unacceptable pressure on existing services and facilities.
7. The proposed development is not self-sustaining, puts pressure on rather than enhance existing infrastructure and attempts to rely on provision of facilities long awaited but to be provided as part of the development of Oakwood Park.
8. The proposed development will result in ribbon development along the A120 which as has been acknowledged is simply a road and destroy not only the distinct settlements of Little Dunmow, Felsted and Barnston but swamp Great Dunmow itself.

Yours faithfully