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To: [PlanningPolicy](#)
Subject: Re: Land east of the former Creamery, south of Elm Close, Sturminster Newton
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Dear Sirs

I am resident at [REDACTED] and I am writing with regard to my concerns on your recent communication on the above subject.

I am concerned about the residential development being built on the field at the end of Elm Close and/or Friars Moor. The diagram is not detailed enough to establish whether entrance to the field will be via Elm Close or Friars Moor. Either way this access will cause traffic problems. I understand there is a possibility of 45 dwellings being built on the field which could mean a possibility of, I would estimate at least 50+ vehicles. Both roads are narrow and with the already parked vehicles would mean excessive transport journeys up and down these roads which sometimes is like a slalom course meaning you may have to drive on the wrong side of the road. A knock on effect with the general increase of dwellings in Sturminster is Station Road which could be much busier than it currently is. Due to parked vehicles on Station Road I have often waited up to 5 minutes to exit Elm Close and then the need once on Station Road to drive on the wrong side of the road due to parked vehicles - hence the delay in exiting Elm close. If Elm Close was to be used as the entrance to the new development I believe, the narrowness of the road and the parked vehicles could cause problems for Emergency vehicles to get through plus the construction vehicles if the go-ahead was given.

At present we also have people park in Elm Close next to the field to gain access to The Trailway, either to walk their dogs, cycle and run along the Trailway and this parking could be problematical to traffic entering/exiting the development.

Are the properties to be built houses or bungalows? If houses this could mean loss of privacy as Elm Close at the end near the proposed development is only bungalows. Most of the bungalows are owned by residents who are retired. These people retired to have peace and quiet in their latter life and with the noise of excess traffic and especially during construction of the development would mean peace and quiet will be a thing of the past.

My further concerns are the positioning of the allotments. At present I have had rats in my garden and as allotments generally have compost heaps I am concerned we would have many more rats in the area. The diagram given for the allotments goes across the present gate. This gate is for people to walk along the public footpath from the Trailway and across the farm. Is the gate to be moved? If so, where would the public footpath go? Are these allotments to be allocated to residents of Sturminster Newton? Further concern - people will drive, I am sure, to the allotments which will cause more traffic problems if there is no dedicated parking for people when attending their allotments.

There is quite a lot of wildlife seen in this area and of course once the field is built on I believe the majority of this wildlife will disappear - which would be a great

shame.

The other concerns I have is on the Neighbourhood Plan and the infrastructure presently in Sturminster Newton. More dwellings, wherever they are built would mean more use of the road, schools, doctor's surgeries etc which I am not sure will cope. At present the way the road is by Root & Vine is so narrow that traffic can only go in one direction at any time, therefore more traffic in Sturminster will cause more traffic congestion. This is already experienced at certain times of the day with current traffic.

Therefore going on my concerns above I feel this development would cause more problems than it would resolve. I also understand that there are other areas within the Sturminster area being considered for development which are larger than the Elm Close field - would it be possibly to have more dwelling built in these areas so all the disruption is brought to a minimum.

I await to see what develops.

Yours faithfully

B. Mead