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18th April 2023

Dear Mr Bridge,

RE: HYBRID PLANNING APPLICATION NE/22/00151/FUL – LAND EAST OF HALDEN'S PARKWAY, THRAPSTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

Following the submission of additional information which has been received in respect of hybrid planning application NE/22/00151/FUL – 'Land East of Halden's Parkway, Thrapston', in my constituency, and further to my initial letter of the 14th March 2022 to North Northamptonshire Council (NNC) - a copy of which I enclose for ease of reference - I am writing again to outline, and firmly associate myself with, the strong level of ongoing local objection expressed by my constituents in respect of the above application reference, including by the community group 'STAUNCH', who I understand have raised their further objections separately.

I would like to begin in the same way I did initially; by further stressing that the scale of this proposed development in a rural location has brought about significant concerns from local people, particularly in respect of flood risk to nearby, low-lying, settlements. The nature of these concerns, expressed to me by a great number of my constituents, has been intensified when considering the proximity of the proposed development to particular sites of Special Scientific Interest.

Moreover, significant concerns remain in respect of the traffic impact of such a development on already congested nearby roads, including the busy A605, and an A14 junction already at capacity, as well as insufficient public transport networks more generally in place to service the development.

I would also just add a further observation not included in the initial letter - namely, that I understand that this site does not feature in the local plan and I would argue that this is a critically important factor. By its very nature, this development is therefore speculative and undeniably on a greenfield site.

On these grounds, I wish to state that, once again, I fully associate myself with the objections raised by local residents and urge that local wishes be respected and this application be refused.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tom Pursglove'.

TOM PURSGLOVE MP
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
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