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Subject: Continued opposition to APP/X3540/W/24/3352886 Land Off, Keightley Way, Tuddenham St Martin, Suffolk.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing on behalf of Tuddenham St Martin Parish Council, to reaffirm strong opposition to the proposed development at Land Off Keightley Way, Tuddenham St Martin, Suffolk. Despite previous representation and discussions, our concerns, especially in regards to safety and connectivity remain unaddressed.

In particular, we would like to draw your attention to the following points, which were discussed in detail in a letter sent to Highways in response to Independent Highways review document, reference number: 11220 TR RvO, in July 2024:

- Lack of adequate safe passage for pedestrians: The current provisions fail to provide a safe and adequate route for pedestrians. This poses significant safety risks, particularly for vulnerable users such as children, the elderly, and those with mobility challenges.
- Safe route for school-aged children: There is no safe pathway for school-aged children to access public transport. As a result, families will have little choice but to rely on car travel, which will contribute to increased congestion.
- Non-compliance with The Department for Transport's mobility guidance: The proposed measures do not align nor consider these guidelines on mobility, which emphasise the need for accessible and inclusive pathways for all users. Especially since in accordance with Policy SCLP5.8 of the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan, 50% of the proposed dwellings have wheelchair access, but there is insufficient access to the development to allow them independent travel.

We urge you to review all these issues and previous objections raised with priority and take appropriate measures to address the highlighted concerns. Ensuring safety and accessibility for all residents, which should remain a key consideration in any planning and/or development.

The Parish Council's opposition is unanimous, and our position remains unchanged. Local residents also continue to strongly object to the proposed development, and the Tuddenham residents' objectors' group, in particular has prepared a detailed report outlining specific concerns, which we respectfully request the inspectors to view and consider in detail, as they raise excellent reasons for refusal of the application and appeal. We hope all concerns will be given due consideration, as the proposal for this development is not seen suitable or beneficial for our community.

Yours faithfully,

Tilly Rampley – Parish clerk,

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