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No To New Houses in Elsenham say Lib Dem Councillors

The Uttlesford Local Development Framework needs to locate and build more than 3,000 new homes.

District Councillors have received a brochure from the Fairfield Partnership, with proposals for a sustainable development on the land to the East of Elsenham Station that they control. The Partnership puts forward various advantages:

- It is located on the North/South M11 corridor.
- The controlled land adjoins the railway station
- It is within easy reach of the airport.
- Employment opportunities will exist if the airport expands



The land has capacity for 7-8,000 homes, sufficient to support a new primary school and shop. Cllr. David Morson stated, "I am totally opposed to the proposal by Fairfield. Two years ago the Elsenham Parish Council canvassed residents on proposed expansion for the Village Plan and 87% were opposed to any expansion outside of the village limits. The Parish Councils of both Elsenham and Henham are also opposed to such developments and the recent consultation by Uttlesford for the local framework showed overwhelming opposition to the Fairfield proposal for Elsenham."

Cllr Catherine Dean reminds residents that "Fairfield's proposal is simply that, a proposal. It is one of many by developers throughout the district who are looking to gain opportunities from the development framework".

No To New Roads for New Runway

A second runway at Stansted Airport will mean that Elsenham's Hall Road will close as it will fall within the new airport boundary.

A replacement road would be built from the entrance to the Quarry, going South through the Elsenham Business Park to connect with the A120.

Catherine Dean says "residents are rightly concerned that this road will attract more traffic through the village. It's a fact that 'better' roads are used by more vehicles, and this major road will add to the urbanization of the area. The District Council is still firm in its opposition to the second runway."

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BIG SWITCH OFF ?

Essex County Council has switched off some street lights during the night in a pilot scheme.

The aim is to save energy and money. However, there are concerns that there could be a rise in crime, fear of going out at night and danger from falling on uneven pavements.

Catherine and David would like to hear the views and experiences of residents. They will pass on their findings to the County Council.

Question Mark over Local Post Offices

Because of heavy losses the Government initiated a national consultation which ended in March. After necessary closures, it aims for 95% of the population to remain within three miles of a post office. As far as is known, no consultations have been made with any interested parties in Elsenham or Henham. However David Morson is aware that an interview has been set up with the Post Mistress at Henham regarding its future.

Once a decision has been made, there is no appeal, the whole process is totally undemocratic. Residents should write to their MP, Sir Alan Haselhurst, to express their concerns (at House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA).



Power Cuts in Henham



In response to residents' concerns about recent power cuts in Henham, Cllr. David Morson arranged for three members of EDF Management to attend the Henham Annual Parish Meeting.

The Chief Engineer for the Henham district, Paul Habbin, outlined the way in which the village receives its bulk supply from Thaxted, and stated that tree problems have been the main cause of faults.

He confirmed that a full and comprehensive survey had been completed and that a tree cutting programme was now under way. This would mitigate future problems.

Regional Manager, Mary Treece, apologised to residents and offered a sum of £25 as a gesture of goodwill to all residents who wish to claim for inconvenience caused.

Cllr Morson hoped that the meeting would ensure a more efficient service to the village.

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