




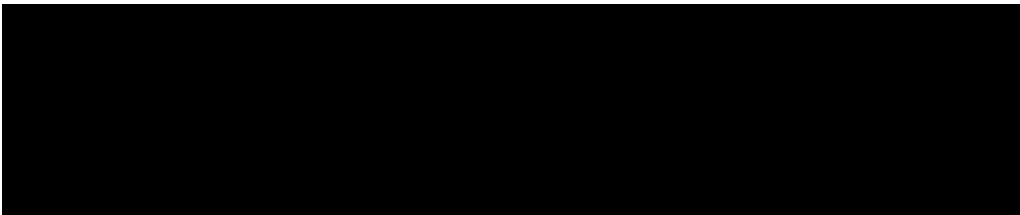
Your ref: TR010060/S56

4th November 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write with reference to the above, and in response to your letter dated 21/09/2022.

Our property, , occupies a unique position in relation to the A12 as, unlike other properties in the vicinity, the plot and boundary runs parallel to the dual carriageway. As such the road widening as proposed impacts us significantly. The position is as illustrated below in the published plans:-



I previously provided feedback to the proposed plans in December 2021 – my concerns remain broadly the same and I believe are still relevant. Please advise if you require a copy of this correspondence. No response was received.

Our main concern regarding the proposed plans is the absence of any meaningful noise mitigation proposals for our property and those similarly affected. This would potentially impact the future habitability of the property. I note the following comments made previously by the Planning/Project Team, as published:-

'We received lots of feedback on our proposals for a noise barrier during statutory consultation, with many responses asking that we consider better mitigation for houses on the northern side of the proposed scheme. We have considered this in more detail, and are now proposing to provide improved road surfacing with better noise performance on the A12 as it passes through Hatfield Peverel. This allows us to remove the noise barrier we were proposing on the southern side of the A12 while at the same time reducing noise levels for more properties than our statutory consultation design would have done, as well as reducing construction impacts.'

The merits of the proposed solution of 'improved road surfacing' as a substitute for a physical noise barrier would be very limited and do not take account of the actual sources noise pollution from the road, the effects of which would be greatly increased by the proposed development. Passing traffic produces noise from the following sources –

- Tyres/road noise
- Engine
- Exhaust

- Wind noise

The road surfacing would only mitigate tyre/road noise, where a physical sound barrier would mitigate noise from all sources so I would suggest would be the only effective option.

Again in relation to sound mitigation, the property currently benefits from substantial natural screening and protection from hundreds of trees along the Southern side of A12. No indication has been given that these trees would be preserved, indeed the expectation is the widening would reduce this protection, which serves both to mitigate both the noise and air pollution from the road. Please could full details on this element of the plans be provided?

I look forward to hearing from you in respect of these matters.

Best regards,

Mr & Mrs S Carter