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Part A

Making representation as Resident or Member of the General Public

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Part B

REPRESENTATION

To which part of the Pre Submission Epping Forest District Local Plan does this representation relate?

Paragraph:

Policy: P 4 Ongar

Policies Map:

Site Reference: ONG.R6

Settlement: Ongar

Do you consider this part of the Pre Submission Local Plan to be:

Legally compliant: Don't Know

Sound: No

If no, then which of the soundness test(s) does it fail? Justified, Consistent with national policy

Complies with the duty to co-operate? Don't Know

Please give details either of why you consider the Submission Version of the Local Plan is not legally compliant, is unsound or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate; or of why the Submission Version of the Local Plan is legally compliant, is sound or complies with the duty to co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. Please use this box to set out your comments.

I wish to make my representation in relation to site ONG R6. I do not believe the site is suitable for the proposed 33 homes for the following reasons:-

i) Proximity to Grade II listed property 'Dyers' and Grade 2* listed 'Marden Ash House'

These two important properties, on either side of the A113, have for centuries served to mark the entrance into Ongar from the south, and are a reminder of Ongar's historical importance as the gateway to East Anglia from the City of London. Building on land adjacent to Dyers would remove this status and have a hugely detrimental effect on the uninterrupted views to the south west currently commanded by both properties.

ii) Safety of pedestrians and road users

Site ONG R6 is one of the furthest of those proposed in Ongar from local amenities and infrastructure (e.g. supermarkets, primary and secondary schools, health centre, leisure centre). Public transport can only be accessed further into the town on the A128. There is no path on the eastern side of the A113 and the proximity of Dyers, The Coach House and Gate Cottage to the road mean that it would not be possible to construct a path of sufficient width to offer pedestrians the protection needed. Thirty-three households, unable to access services on foot, will generate considerable traffic in and out of the development.

In March 2015 a five day speed survey conducted by Essex Police outside 'Dyers' found average speeds coming out of Ongar (southbound) to be 37mph as vehicles approached the blind bend on which site ONG R6 is positioned. Additionally on 14th May 2015 a speed limit enforcement operation by Essex Police over a two hour period resulted in over 150 motorists receiving penalty notices/orders to attend speed awareness courses. An example of how dangerous siting an additional junction on this bend would be is provided by events of 19th March 2015. Traffic lights for roadworks led to a build up of stationary traffic southbound on the bend. A five vehicle collision ensued, with speed and impact being enough to deploy all of the airbags in one of the vehicles (Police Incident Number 499 19/03/15). Significant mitigating measures would have to be put in place in order to make any access safe, again impacting on the integrity of the historical buildings adjacent and incurring significant cost.

In summary, it is difficult to see that development of such a relatively small site can be justified given the damage to Ongar's historical fabric, road safety implications and cost.

Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Pre Submission Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified in the question above (Positively prepared/Justified/Effective/ Consistent with National Policy) where this relates to soundness.

You will need to say why this change will make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

I consider site ONG R6 to be unsuitable for development and that it should therefore be removed.

If your representation is seeking a modification, do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral part of the examination?

No, I do not wish to participate at oral examination

If you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

Please let us know if you wish to be notified when the Epping Forest District Local Plan is submitted for independent examination

Yes

Signature: Joanne Roberts Date: 2018-01-27

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