

Richard Fuller MP



HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON SW1A 0AA

Mr Nikolas Smith,
Planning Department
Central Beds Council
By email only

9th September 2020

Dear Mr Smith,

Re: **CB/19/02827/PAPC**

I am writing with regard to the Development Brief for 416 properties on Land North of Biggleswade, as submitted by Hallam Land Management, and further to my objection to the outline planning application. I attach a copy of my initial objections on behalf of constituents and I wish to provide additional arguments on their behalf, against this development.

There are a number of significant concerns about this Development Brief, as follows:

1. The access to the site is down a single carriage way. The applicant has failed to demonstrate how an emergency vehicle would access the site if the road is blocked. This is unsafe for future occupants.
2. The site is home to a wealth of archaeological remains which development in this location would disrupt. Merely referencing this in the Development Brief does not make it acceptable.
3. The impact to the surrounding road network would be severe, including the impact to several key junctions, most notably the entrance to Stratton School.

Finally, the applicant has failed to mention their dependency on the 1500 homes to the east of Biggleswade - without Biggleswade East going ahead, I understand that the Housing Infrastructure Fund will not pay out and the level crossing will be unable to close due to no other funding being available for the bridleway bridge. The Development Brief fails to mention this obvious dependency.

The case for approval seems to rest on "sufficient consultation" by the applicant – even if that is the case, those are pretty weak grounds given the strength of public feeling against development on this site – I would hope that members give the content of this document the scrutiny it deserves.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Fuller".

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