

Mr.Roy Foster MA MRTPI and Assistant Inspector Mr. Mike Fox BA (HONS) DIPTP MRTPI

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Gentlemen

I am the Chairman of the Concerned Residents of Hethersett

Hethersett is a substantial parish in South Norfolk and home to over 4000 residents and many businesses. Substantial development is planned in my parish.

Starting as a small settlement Hethersett has grown over the years with the addition of major developments in the 1970s and, more recently at Steeple Towers. We are prepared for more development. But not so much development which will swamp our village and unbalance it.

It is essential that Hethersett remains a village with its own identity and with a strategic separation from our neighbours, especially Cringleford and Wymondham, but also surrounding villages like Great Melton. An amorphous urban sprawl with settlements merging together is not the way we wish to see Norfolk develop, let alone for Hethersett. It's not good for the community. It's not good for our environment.

Whilst we would prefer to see fewer houses developed in Hethersett than currently planned, we understand the dilemma facing the council and can understand the reasons why 1000 homes have been allocated. But under no circumstances will an allocation greater than 1000 homes be accepted.

And there is no reason why more than 1000 homes should be allocated. We also recognise that Hethersett sits along the A11 and are concerned that developers seem hell-bent on developing thousands of houses in other linked communities including Wymondham, Attleborough & Thetford. I am concerned that the undue focus by developers on the A11 means that the Thickthorn Roundabout will become overwhelmed [just like the Costessey one] and that the plans for the much needed Long Stratton bypass may be overlooked. The opportunity for houses to be built at Long Stratton, which in turn will pay for a bypass, will help that community to be freed from the ghastly traffic misery inflicted upon it each day and mean that any increase for Hethersett is unnecessary.

Due to work commitments I am not able to attend the proceedings but trust that the views presented above will be taken into account on Thursday.

Kind Regards

Trevor Radley