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For whom it may concern,

I would like to write to express my concerns for the proposed developments for the beautiful village of Trowse.

It appears that our village faces a torrent of over-development, I strongly question the need for this development and the impact it will have on the community.

I am objecting to all of the developments, and I feel it necessary for my objections to be forwarded to yourselves for the part that your organisation has played in the scheme of it.

My feelings are that surely it would make so much more sense to rejuvenate empty properties and areas that have lack of facilities, areas that would welcome some investment rather than to severely disrupt and impact upon a community that already works well. The village of Trowse is facing the building of vast estates on green field sites in a historic conservation area, which will blur the village boundaries at its heart, the closing down of its outstanding ofsted rated village school, and potentially the destroying of well loved community allotments which have served generations of people in Trowse for over 100 years.

Why I ask? In my opinion because the land is lucrative I suspect, and it is an easy opportunity for developers and land owners alike to make vast quantities of money, all facilitated by the governments policy to 'assume favour of the applicant for planning'. I can see the lure of inexpensively tagging on hundreds of houses to an already established thriving settlement, however this small village will be swamped and stretched to meet the demands and needs of new housing, changing the character of it forever. It is an easy opportunity for developers but it comes at a great cost to those who currently reside in the village and who vehemently believes it deserves protecting for the special character it has managed to retain for over 100 years. The vision and product of the great industrialist and philanthropist Jeremiah James Colman.

Our South Norfolk Councillor Trevor Lewis recently commented in an EDP article that its 'a minor miracle' which that Trowse has managed to retain its model village status, in the current climate we live in. I would like to think this minor miracle has occurred because Trowse is a unique and special village and it deserves protecting. The village residents of Trowse or you could say the 'custodians' of Trowse realise that we up against a great deal in terms of power and political wranglings. However we shall continue to explore every avenue we can to uphold our will to save and preserve something that is becoming very rare nowadays a thriving village community that works

well and serves its people's needs well and in return its people look after the village. Many see it as their duty to protect the heritage of Trowse for future generations to come.

These developments are not in the best interest of the community of Trowse. The village needs to retain its model village status, rather than it being lost forever due to planning decisions made in a single heartbeat of one generation. The village has already absorbed a fair amount of development, and it is at this point of any further new developments that it tips over from being a village to just another suburb of Norwich. People that live here choose to live in a village for everything that a village has to offer, not to live in a suburb. These developments will take away the very reason why people wanted to live here at all.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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