Statement addressed to the Planning Committee 19th January 2021 RE: Land South of Hedingham Road - 20/01112/FUL

Good evening. I support the application for an entrance allowing the Applicant direct access on to the Hedingham Road from his property. I am writing this statement in response to the proposed conditional support made by Bulmer Parish Council

I would argue that it is neither necessary nor relevant to block the existing entrance in order to allow the Applicant the proposed new entrance. In addition, I have a legal right of way over the existing entrance and such a condition may have unintended consequences affecting its enforceability. As there has been no objection from Essex Highways, I would also question the reasonableness of the proposed condition.

Factual statements for your consideration:

- We share the existing unrestricted entrance with the Applicant, which has been in existence for over 50 years. It is the sole vehicular access.
- We have a legal right of way over the entrance which if blocked could render us landlocked and result in consequential losses, both in amenity use and value.
- The existing entrance, as far as we are aware, has never been cited as the cause of any "problems" on the road, or any road traffic accident.

Attached is some information gathered from a tool called CrashMap which uses Department of Transport Information and is based on Police reporting. In summary, there were a total of 5 crashes recorded in the past 5 years, 4 of which took place in 2015. The co-ordinates are stated on the provided data. None of the crashes were caused by the existing entrance.

The crash in 2019 took place during our ownership of the Old Piggeries and was due to a driver overtaking while travelling West, colliding with a car travelling East. It happened close to the entrance but was due to dangerous manoeuvre from the driver of the West bound vehicle.

For a summary, please see the below table.

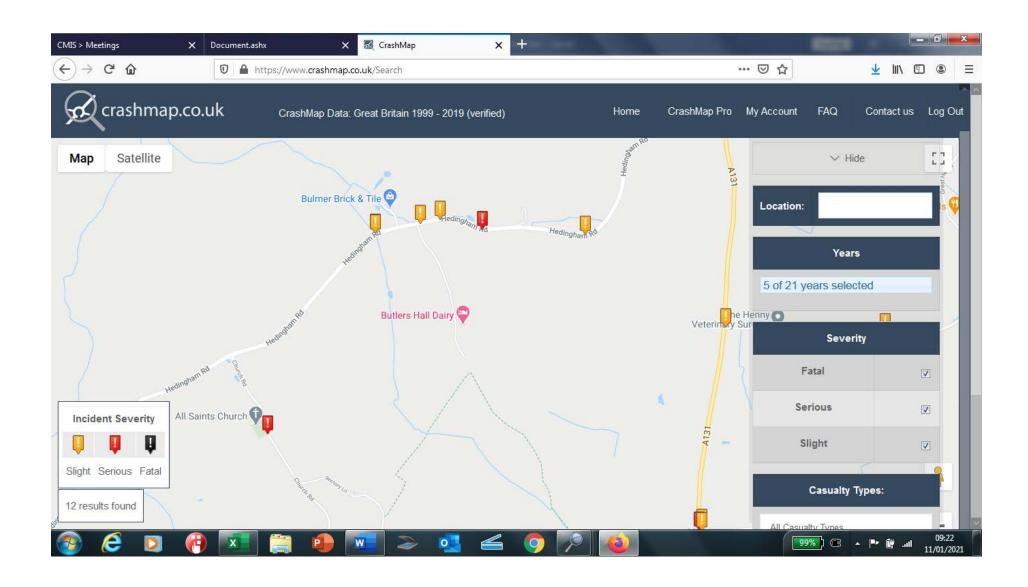
In conclusion, I would urge the Committee to support the views of their Planning Officer and Essex Highways in granting permission for the new entrance, without conditional blocking of the existing entrance.

YEAR	Date / Time	Severity	Conditions	No.Vehicles	
2015	Jan 18 th / 20:10	Slight	Dark / Icy	1	Entered ditch
2015	Jan 23 rd / 06:00	Slight	Dark / Wet	1	Nothing hit
2015	Jan 31st / 00:30	Slight	Dark / Icy	1	Hit tree
2015	Nov 2 nd / 18:24	Serious	Dark / Fog	2	Both cars damaged to front
2019	Sep 6th / 08:07	Serious	Light Dry	2	Car overtaking out of the bend

This data is provided by CrashMap.co.uk.



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Crash Date: Friday, January 23, 2015 Time of Crash: 6:00:00 AM Crash Reference: 201542I020801

Highest Injury Severity: Slight Road Number: U0 Number of Casualties: 1

Highway Authority: Essex Number of Vehicles: 1

Local Authority: Braintree District OS Grid Reference

Weather Description: Fine without high winds

Road Surface Description: Wet or Damp

Speed Limit: 60

Light Conditions: Darkness: no street lighting

Carriageway Hazards: None

Junction Detail: Not at or within 20 metres of junction

Junction Pedestrian Crossing: No physical crossing facility within 50 metres

Road Type: Single carriageway

Junction Control: Not Applicable







Vehicles involved

Vehicle Ref	Vehicle Vehicle Type Ref		Driver Gender	 Vehicle Maneouvre	First Point of Impact	_		Hit Object - Off Carriageway
1	Car (excluding private hire)	-1	Male	Vehicle proceeding normally along the carriageway, on a right hand bend	Back	Journey as part of work	None	None

Casualties

Vehicle Ref	Casualty Ref	Injury Severity	Casualty Class	Gender	Age Band	Pedestrian Location	Pedestrian Movement
•	1	Slight	Driver or rider	Male	16 - 20	Unknown or other	Unknown or other





Crash Date: Sunday, January 18, 2015 Time of Crash: 8:10:00 PM Crash Reference: 201542I025501

Highest Injury Severity: Slight Road Number: U0 Number of Casualties: 1

Highway Authority: Essex Number of Vehicles: 1

Local Authority: Braintree District

Weather Description: Fine without high winds

Road Surface Description: Frost or Ice

Speed Limit: 60

Light Conditions: Darkness: no street lighting

Carriageway Hazards: None

Junction Detail: Not at or within 20 metres of junction

Junction Pedestrian Crossing: No physical crossing facility within 50 metres

Road Type: Single carriageway

Junction Control: Not Applicable







Vehicles involved

Vehicle Ref			Driver Gender	 Vehicle Maneouvre	First Point of Impact	· ·		Hit Object - Off Carriageway
1	Car (excluding private hire)	10	Male	Vehicle proceeding normally along the carriageway, on a right hand bend	Front	Other	None	Entered ditch

Casualties

Vehicle Ref	Casualty Ref	Injury Severity	Casualty Class	Gender	Age Band	Pedestrian Location	Pedestrian Movement
1	1	Slight	Driver or rider	Male	36 - 45	Unknown or other	Unknown or other





Crash Date: Saturday, January 31, 2015 Time of Crash: 12:30:00 AM Crash Reference: 201542I028101

Highest Injury Severity: Slight Road Number: U0 Number of Casualties: 2

Highway Authority: Essex Number of Vehicles: 1

Local Authority: Braintree District

Weather Description: Fine without high winds

Road Surface Description: Frost or Ice

Speed Limit: 60

Light Conditions: Darkness: no street lighting

Carriageway Hazards: None

Junction Detail: Not at or within 20 metres of junction

Junction Pedestrian Crossing: No physical crossing facility within 50 metres

Road Type: Single carriageway

Junction Control: Not Applicable







Vehicles involved

Vehicle Ref	Vehicle Type Ref		Driver Gender	 Vehicle Maneouvre	First Point of Impact	· ·		Hit Object - Off Carriageway
1	Car (excluding private hire)	-1	Male	Vehicle proceeding normally along the carriageway, not on a bend	Front	Other	None	Tree

Casualties

Vehicle Ref	Casualty Ref	Injury Severity	Casualty Class	Gender	Age Band	Pedestrian Location	Pedestrian Movement
1	1	Slight	Vehicle or pillion passenger	Female	16 - 20	Unknown or other	Unknown or other
1	2	Slight	Vehicle or pillion passenger	Male	16 - 20	Unknown or other	Unknown or other





Crash Date: Monday, November 02, 2015 Time of Crash: 6:24:00 PM Crash Reference: 2015420031302

Highest Injury Severity: Serious **Road Number:** U0 **Number of Casualties:** 2

Highway Authority: Essex Number of Vehicles: 2

Local Authority: Braintree District

Weather Description: Fog or mist - if hazard

Road Surface Description: Wet or Damp

Speed Limit: 60

Light Conditions: Darkness: no street lighting

Carriageway Hazards: None

Junction Detail: Not at or within 20 metres of junction

Junction Pedestrian Crossing: No physical crossing facility within 50 metres

Road Type: Single carriageway

Junction Control: Not Applicable







Vehicles involved

Vehicle Type Ref			Driver Gender	Vehicle Maneouvre	First Point of Impact	_	Hit Object - On Carriageway	Hit Object - Off Carriageway
	Car (excluding private hire)	16	Female	Vehicle proceeding normally along the carriageway, not on a bend	Front	Other	None	None
	2 Car (excluding private hire)	6	Male	Vehicle proceeding normally along the carriageway, not on a bend	Front	Other	None	None

Casualties

Vehicle Ref	Casualty Ref	Injury Severity	Casualty Class	Gender	Age Band	Pedestrian Location	Pedestrian Movement
1	1	Serious	Driver or rider	Female	21 - 25	Unknown or other	Unknown or other
2	2	Serious	Driver or rider	Male	46 - 55	Unknown or other	Unknown or other





Crash Date: Friday, September 06, 2019 Time of Crash: 8:07:00 AM Crash Reference: 2019420875156

Highest Injury Severity: Slight Road Number: U0 Number of Casualties: 1

Highway Authority: Essex Number of Vehicles: 2

Local Authority: Braintree District **OS Grid Reference:** 583470 238051

Weather Description: Fine without high winds

Road Surface Description: Dry

Speed Limit: 60

Light Conditions: Daylight: regardless of presence of streetlights

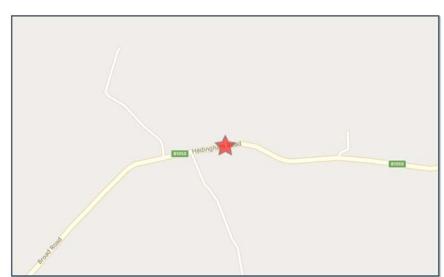
Carriageway Hazards: None

Junction Detail: Not at or within 20 metres of junction

Junction Pedestrian Crossing: No physical crossing facility within 50 metres

Road Type: Single carriageway

Junction Control: Not Applicable







Vehicles involved

Vehicle Type Ref			Driver Gender	 Vehicle Maneouvre	First Point of Impact		Hit Object - On Carriageway	Hit Object - Off Carriageway
•	Car (excluding private hire)	15	Female	Vehicle proceeding normally along the carriageway, on a left hand bend	Offside	Other	None	None
	2 Car (excluding private hire)	13	Female	Vehicle proceeding normally along the carriageway, on a right hand bend	Front	Other	None	None

Casualties

Vehicle Ref	Casualty Ref	Injury Severity	Casualty Class	Gender	Age Band	Pedestrian Location	Pedestrian Movement
2	1	Slight	Driver or rider	Female	36 - 45	Unknown or other	Unknown or other

