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Cc: Heather Stone, Wyre Forest District Council

Good afternoon,

I have sat through Councillor David Thomas' statement on the land at Fold Farm, Chaddesley Corbett my clients (the owner Chris Rowberry) wishes me to make the following statement in response and I should be grateful if you would forward this to the Inspector in response.

Firstly, I would like to correct Councillor Thomas on a number of points – the live application on the site IS accompanied by a Heritage Impact Assessment and moreover, the conservation officer does not object to the proposals currently before them.

Secondly, the application is accompanied by a transport statement demonstrating that these diminutive proposals will not have any harmful impact in highways terms. Fold Lane is a shared lane – for pedestrians and vehicles, but, unlike Cllr Thomas' view, that does not make it in any way dangerous. Indeed, an independent road safety audit is underway to reinforce this. Something we typically don't do for such small sites.

The parish council's 'preferred' sites at Mustow Green and Harvington (the former garden centre) are incredibly isolated and not within walking distance of any services and facilities such as a school or shop and one of which is occupied by a client of mine who has no other site to move to, together with his 20 employees. As a scheme for affordable homes, neither are sustainable locations for such development.

I would also like to remind Councillor Thomas that the Neighbourhood Plan is not the vehicle by which local parish and town councils should be seeking to deviate from the development plan. The plan as submitted carries significant weight.

Best wishes,

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