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DEAR MS. CAWTHORNE,

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CO4 - EXAMINATION OF SITE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS
- SUITABILITY & SOUNDNESS

Encouragingly, our new Government acts decisively and quickly after thirteen reckless, wasted years. In this particular context:

"We have promised legislation to scrap top-down building targets that are eating up GREEN BELT" further "regional strategies will soon be history."

Well done! Mr. Pickles, who continues:

"It will no longer be possible to concrete over large swathes of the country WITHOUT ANY REGARD TO WHAT LOCAL PEOPLE WANT."

Good news for Britain, if not Cromer where the largest number of objections (some 800) lie disregarded.

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A) ACCESS, TRAFFIC, ROADSPACE, PARKING, SAFETY

Traffic and parking pressures continue to increase in Cromer and our own immediate vicinity for known reasons:-

- 1) Dwellings sanctioned here by NNDC depend upon ONE narrow entrance road to four complexes.
- 2) Double parking on Overstrand Road by out-of-towners, visitors and holiday-makers.
- 3) Centralisation of GP and Health Services at Cromer Group Practice, resulting in much increased parking and turning in Warnes Close and Overstrand Road.
- 4) Extensive development of Halsey House brings extra traffic and parking to Cromwell Road and into Overstrand Road.
- 5) The "nightmare" of Mill Road continues to exacerbate with 70 - 90 vehicles regularly parked up daily; There are shops, post office, school, football ground, Tuesday car boot sales and Cromer Hospital with forthcoming re-build and development which will provide additional services.
- 6) The widest of splays at the entrance to our ONE narrow entrance road invites continual turning with vehicles allowed to park on the roadside opposite, creating a danger-zone.

B) TOURISM & IMMIGRATION

Predictable economic constraints for our country and a period of continuing austerity have and will continue to bring more visitors to the North Norfolk coast, now favoured over increasingly expensive holidays abroad. Noticeably, the east is absorbing higher numbers of immigrants. There are MORE people in town; congestion is the result.

A notion that Cromer does not already have traffic problems would demonstrate under-estimation and short-sightedness for the future, and where Britain suffers from any malady - short-sightedness can usually be accounted.

An extra sixty dwellings here would bring some 90 + residents and more vehicles, all adding to existing pressures upon roadscape and infrastructure.

After five years, I still question both sustainability and soundness of proposals backed by NNDC, for they have notably failed to take account the very LARGEST NUMBER OF OBJECTIONS submitted in North Norfolk to any further build whatsoever, CO4 being the case in point.

HOW CAN SUCH A NUMBER OF OBJECTIONS GO UNHEEDED?

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C) VISITORS USING OUR ONE NARROW ENTRANCE/EXIT ROADWAY

In addition to residents of Sutherland House, Sutherland Court Gardens, Barclay Mews and Swinton House, increasingly wide numbers of visitors and vehicles come to an elderly community:-

Ambulances, Anglian Water, British Gas, Care Workers, Charity Buses, Chiropodists, Cleaning Services, Delivery Vans, Doctors, Furniture Vans, Gardeners for four complexes, Hairdressers, Handymen, "Ironing Ladies", Maintenance Workers, Meals-on-Wheels, Nurses, Removal Vans, Refuse Collectors, a stream of Taxis and, of course, VISITORS.

There can be neither wisdom nor foresight in continuing to ignore issues and problems bequeathed to existing (and future) residents and to the town by over-building and persistent cramming.

FURTHER CRAMMING here- this time, right up to a beautiful woodland fringe in an AONB would disrespect our North Norfolk coast and countryside. Imagine what would happen to the wood itself?

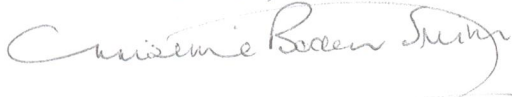
Visitors to three nearby holiday establishments would not welcome concrete replacing green and open space which they have overlooked. Indeed, the few green and open spaces east side of town ought to be protected and preserved. Concreted over, they will be gone - FOREVER.

Readers will recognise ^{petition} ~~repetition~~ of argument yet, importantly, should not overlook changes which are undoubtedly taking place here, nor should readers disregard weight of public opinion.

This whole exercise will have produced considerable cost to taxpayers, indeed, I wish to know its precise cost.

My final plea to NNDC, to The Inspector, Mr. Paul Dobsen, is to most carefully consider the future of CO4. My thanks in anticipation of so doing.

YOURS SINCERELY,



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