Response from Iain Irvine - Resident of Trimley St Martin on behalf of KATCAG

I have previously submitted a written submission in February 2019.

Proposed developments of Land at Howlett Way, and Land at Reeve Lodge is in such close proximity to the roundabout at the junction of the High Road and Howlett Way and when added to the recent development of 66 dwellings at Cavendish Grove circa 2017 (access from the roundabout) plus a development of 70 dwellings scheduled for Land opposite the Hand-in-Hand pub (less than 500m from the roundabout) brings to mind ‘saturation coverage’.

Approx 650 additional will produce in excess of 1500 additional persons and in excess of 900 vehicles and notwithstanding the accompanying number of vehicle movements within a heavily congested area.

The far majority will take to the road and commute. This flies in the face of the Council’s objective to reduce carbon emissions.

The of Howlett Way farmland together with that adjacent to Reeve Lodge and replaced with concrete will totally change the character of Trimley St Martin forever.

Concreting over huge tracts of Grade 1 and 2 food producing farmland land defies logic. The need to feed an ever increasing general population is paramount.

Local residents have voiced serious concerns about the existing sewerage and waste water infrastructure.

The following examples of incidents involving the flooding of homes including sewerage and incidents of surface water flooding which have occurred since at least 2008:


Langer Road, Felixstowe - 4 x domestic properties flooded internally

Residents have shared records of flooding at location since 2007. SCC have records of highway flooding since 2011

Flooding still occurs in Langer Road as at October 2019
The High Road Trimley St Martin between the junction of St Martins Green and The Sausage Shop the road was flooded due to rain that fell overnight.

As at December 2016 works to deal with flood management near to the Sausage Shop, close to St Martins Green had commenced. **Whilst there has been some improvements the underlying problem persists to this day and was evident following the torrential downpour in October 2019**

Heavy rain causes flash flooding in Walton, Felixstowe

Visitors to Felixstowe Ferry are being greeted by a wretched smell and reports of seeing a black stain on the picturesque beach and it is believed the culprit is an **overflowing septic tank**.

I have also spoken with the owner of the Sausage Shop who advised works to resolve the flooding of the High Road near to his shop have not been fully successful for the recent October deluge led to further flooding with water being swept into his rear yard caused by waves when vehicles pass through at speed.

It is apparent from the these published incidents there are waste water issues taking place stretching from Felixstowe Ferry in the East through to Trimley St Martin in the West that have occurred since 2008 through to October 2019.

I urge you to re-read my earlier submission (para 62 onwards). I refer to future infrastructure issues identified by Roger Tym & Partners under the auspices of the **Felixstowe Infrastructure Study 2009** which was to underpin the Spatial Development Strategy of the Core Strategy. I feel the following points made in my submission are worthy of repeating:

We are now a further 10yrs on from when the report was published.
Given the list of the above incidents it does appear there has only been ‘tinkering and limited maintenance’ with the infrastructure. The full impact from the effects of Climate Change (warmer and wetter winters) has yet to be felt. The above ‘red flags’ identified by Roger Tym & Partners are clear indicators of the potential for massive problems and a failure to address these soonest could lead to significant consequences for the Peninsula.

I refer to Library Document D23 - Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Prepared by: Sarah Betts Graduate Water Consultant AECOM Limited AECOM House 63-77 Victoria Street St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 3ER UK – April 2018

“Surface water flooding occurs when high intensity rainfall generates runoff which flows and ponds in low-lying areas. It is generally associated with intense rain, saturated soils and insufficient drainage capacity of the surface water system. Surface water flooding is becoming an increasing issue due to urbanisation (increased impermeable area) and climate change (greater rainfall intensity). Typically, surface water flooding follows the natural topography of the land, accumulating in topographic low points”

The significant amount of proposed development in such a small concentrated area of Trimley St Martin cannot be compared with any other proposed development in the District.

The effects of Climate Change (warmer and wetter winters) will undoubtedly have a detrimental effect. This infrastructure situation referred to by Roger Tym & Partners cannot be ignored and must seriously be taken into account when considering the identified developments described in the Local Plan.

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