

I have lived in Cuffley for over 20 years and, during this time, have seen a gross increase in the volume of traffic using the single main road through the village. This is due to previous large developments which have essentially gridlocked the main road through Cuffley at peak times. The queue to drive through Cuffley from the Cattlegate Road direction often extends out of the village, as far back at Wells Farm, the site for the current planning application. It has to be noted that, while the current plans are for a limited number of dwellings, it is well known that this is simply the beginning. Based on previous planning applications and submissions, I believe that this development, if allowed, would pave the way for future submissions, adding many hundred additional residences over a period of time.

My objections are several-fold

- Cuffley is and always has been a village. The proposed expansion will ultimately destroy the entire nature of the current village and make it a 'metropolis'
- The current infrastructure is already stretched to capacity and will, in no way cope with any future expansion
- The area around Cuffley has one of the highest levels of Green belt grading and I am not aware of any exceptional circumstances to justify removal of any of our current Green belt
- Over the years Cuffley has had a disproportionate amount of development compared to similar villages