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Comment: I attended the presentation at Cuffley Hall and spoke to some of the representatives of the developers. The site is a natural extension to the village and the proposed development appears to be well considered and well designed so that it does not significantly alter the character of Cuffley. However, the problems of the already totally inadequate transport systems are of great concern. The trains are already overcrowded to bursting point at rush hour times. The bus service is extremely limited - in fact non-existent unless you want to go to Cheshunt or Potters Bar. The roads were not designed to cope with the volume of traffic that is using them now. There are very long tail-backs in the directions of Potters Bar, Enfield and Cheshunt during rush hours. The road surfaces are severely damaged, particularly since the increased numbers of heavy lorries due to the planning consents at Cattlegate Farm, causing numerous potholes which are inadequately patched from time to time that result in damage, wear and tear to cars. At the very least, the commercial enterprises that benefit from using these roads and that are responsible for most of the damage should be required to keep them in good order, rather than the local ratepayers having to bear the cost.