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Dear Annette,

Whilst Colney Parish do not wish to speak at the hearings, they asked I pass the following onto the Inquiry Team if possible. I would also be grateful of being sent the You Tube link when it is available.

Kind regards, Nicola  
Clerk to Colney Parish

To the Planning Inspector overseeing the Examination in Public of the Greater Norwich Local Plan Inquiry

Submission by Colney Parish Meeting

Colney Parish occupies a very small area of the Greater Norwich Development Area. But it is confronted by the many developments associated with the Norwich Research Park, the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital, the Colney Global Clinic, and the Colney Woodland Burial Park.

These activities lead to a constant stream of major planning applications which have considerable bearing on the traffic movements along the B1108 Watton Road and Colney Lane in Colney/Cringleford.

These applications also impinge on the precious open spaces of the Yare Valley with its widely respected wildlife corridors, and the flood sensitive Yare River north of the Watton Road, where localised flooding is very commonplace.

The Parish is regularly asked to comment on planning applications which materially contradict the provisions of the South Norfolk Local Plan. In every case the objections by the Parish, based on meticulous interpretation of the planning regulations, have been overridden by the South Norfolk Development Management Committee which have

chosen to interpret their Local Plan to the convenience of development and job creation.

Colney Parish has suffered as a consequence from overbearing traffic congestion which has been exacerbated by large new housing schemes in Cringleford and Hethersett, as well as Little Melton.

The Parish believes that this is the inevitable outcome of the perspectives offered by the proposals in the GNLP in favour of spreading housing and economic development across the region to the detriment of precious open space, wildlife safeguard, and lower overall traffic movement.

Colney Parish Meeting asks you to consider the priorities for the coming 30 years favouring lower greenhouse gas emissions, and especially carbon based fuel emissions, the consequences for less well off people of the expensive alternatives of electric vehicles and charging points, and the loss of very precious open space with considerable wildlife value which future residents of this critical “lung” of western Norwich will value more and more in future years.

For all of these reasons we support the submissions being made by the Norfolk Branch of the Council for the Protection of Rural England to your Inquiry. We humbly request that you recommend a limitation on unnecessarily spreading of housing and associated development in favour of peaceful and more natural living by local communities encouraged to make the most of their surroundings in a prosperous and collaborative manner.

This surely should be the vision we all share.