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Following the site visit on the 4 March I wish to submit further comments for consideration by the Inspector.

1. The Inquiry seems to concentrate on the proposed Pump Lane development, which understandably should be the main focus, but surely some interest should be taken in other recently approved planning applications and developments currently under construction.

I do not propose to list these as I anticipate you are already aware of them but should the 1250 homes for Pump Lane be approved the actual number within a square mile will be double that ie. approximately 2500. In addition with a residential care home, a two form primary school and the new Academy under construction in Otterham Quay Lane, Rainham North will become significantly overdeveloped.

2. My point about over development inevitably brings me to the second and that is traffic flow. The site visit carried out did not give the Inspector the opportunity of seeing traffic flow at its peak. We are in the middle of a pandemic when people are told to stay at home. Schools are closed except for the benefit of children of key workers.

I would like to recommend that a further independent visit is made by the Inspector at a peak time when people are back at work and children at school. Then and only then will it be possible to get a true insight into the extent of the problem. I would suggest that the impact

of the collective developments would bring about gridlock on Lower Rainham Road, Otterham Quay Lane, Pump Lane and the A2.

The suggestion of another visit is the added factor to be considered here.

3. Finally the point about public opinion. The strength of feeling and objection to the proposed development should not be underestimated. Local people came out on the 4 March to politely express their feelings and the number of posters around the area is quite formidable. On that basis I would hope our feelings of well being and good health will come first.

I would therefore, once again, urge the Inspector to reject this Appeal.

Kind regards

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