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Subject: Correction to Pettistree Parish Council address to ExA
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Dear Michelle Gregory

I realise that I have made an error in my first paragraph in the numbers I quoted in the first paragraph of my address to ExA and the text I sent yesterday. I had made an underestimate.

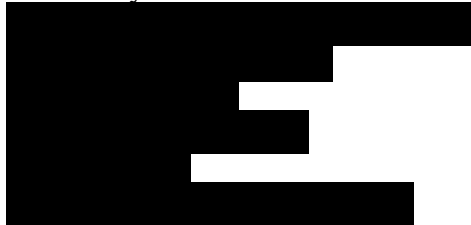
I had said that the new development on Pettistree land that has been approved by East Suffolk Council would almost double the population of Pettistree. It is much more than that. The present population (from 2019) is given by East Suffolk Council as 194 in 86 dwellings. 136 new homes have been approved (against our wishes) and each is likely to average 3 occupants (allowing for younger families). This gives 408 people so the total population will be about 602 so the new population will be in excess of tripling of the current population.

The relevance of this is that the new residents will naturally want to use the lanes in and around Pettistree for exercise and recreational walks and will therefore be at risk from the Rat Runners.

I hope that this clarification will be helpful. I enclose a revised version of my statement.

Regards

Mr Jeffrey Hallett



Begin forwarded message:

From: suffolkhorse <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Pettistree Parish Council address to ExA
Date: 20 May 2021 at 15:29:28 BST
To: sizewellc@planninginspectorate.gov.uk
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Dear Michell Gregory

I enclose the text of my address to Sizewell C ExA Open Floor Hearing this morning at 10.00 AM in Session 1.

I have added further information requested by the Inspector in the form of two illustrated maps.

The references for the Hopkins Homes Development to which I referred are the so-called duplicate applications:-
DC/20/3361/FUL and DC/20/3264/FUL

Please let me know if further information or comment is needed.

Regards

Mr Jeffrey Hallett
Chairman, Pettistree Parish Council.



Address to Examining Authority (ExA) of the Planning Inspectorate on Sizewell C project.

Jeffrey Hallett, Chairman of Pettistree Parish Council

Thursday 20th May 2021 at 10.00 AM. Session 1.

Pettistree is a small village between the B1078 and the A12 just to the south of Wickham Market which is in turn just south of the Southern Park and Ride for Sizewell C construction workers. The current population is about 194 in 86 dwellings (East Suffolk Council 2019), but this is soon to be tripled when a newly approved housing development is built (against the wishes of the local parish councils).

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At the request of ExA I am including a plan to show the location of the new housing development of 136 homes that has been approved by the East Suffolk Planning Committee. It is taken from the Planning Design and Access Statement by Armstrong Rigg Planning on behalf of Hopkins Homes. It is dated August 2020 and has Reference 02519/S0001. I have added three road names in yellow.

Land between High Street and Chapel Lane, Pettistree
Hopkins Homes

Planning, Design and Access Statement

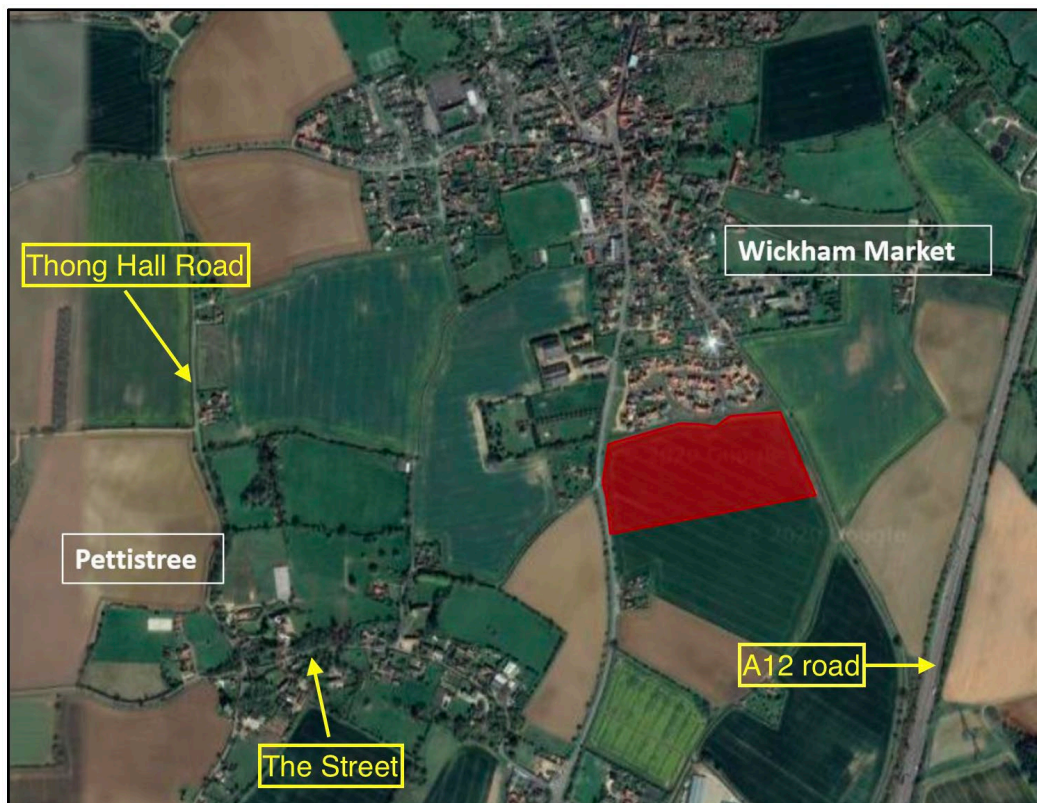
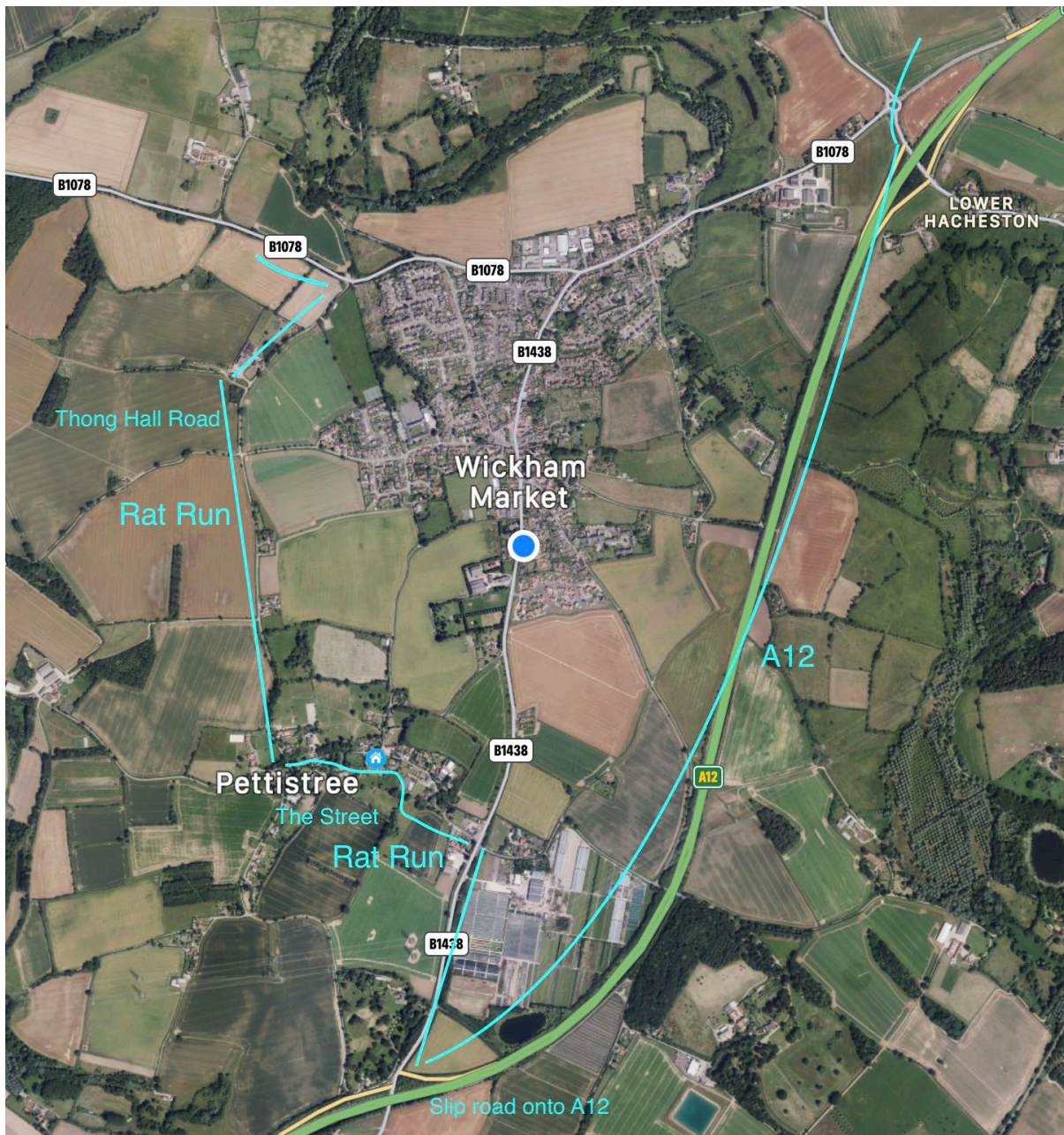


Figure 1. Site Location

On the map below I have drawn the route of the Rat Run as a turquoise line beside the lanes and added relevant road names.



Our first objection to the current plans for Sizewell C involves traffic Rat-Runs. This is why I need to explain more about the village of Pettistree itself.

Pettistree is not a holiday or tourist centre but has a residential population rather than holiday homes whose occupants would only be occasionally affected by the rat-run problems. Our windy lanes are very narrow and mostly single track with only occasional passing places. There are no footways along these lanes and there is no street lighting. The Street is the principal road and this is lined with very old timber-framed listed buildings with only minimal foundations. There is no shop and only one pub, “The Greyhound”, which is at a narrow point of The Street. There is no pub in the much bigger Wickham Market.

COVID lockdown has shown just how many people from Pettistree and surrounding villages rely on walking in our network of lanes and footpaths for healthy exercise and mental diversion. The new residents will naturally want to use the pub, and the lanes in and around Pettistree for exercise and recreational walks, and will therefore be at risk from the Rat Runners.

Pettistree houses are surrounded by farmland and this means that large farm vehicles have to use our lanes at all time of the year.

Rat-Running will develop because traffic on the B1078 approaching the Southern Park and Ride will want to avoid the congestion that I am sure Sonya Exton described leading to and from the Park and Ride when she spoke on behalf of Wickham Market Parish Council on Tuesday. The traffic will turn off the B1078 and go along Thong Hall Road until it reaches Pettistree Village Green, where it will turn left to go up The Street until it meets the B1438. It will then turn right to go south for about half a mile until it can turn left onto the slip road onto to the A12. There will then be a reasonably clear run along the A12 as it by-passes Wickham Market. Sizewell construction workers' cars and some delivery vans will leave at the next junction to enter the Park and Ride where the occupants will transfer to busses for the onward journey to Sizewell C. Workers coming off shift will of course travel the route in reverse, probably with worse congestion as the car park has to accommodate the cars of both starting and finishing shifts.

We have welcomed the news that HGVs suppling Sizewell C will be banned from using our small lanes, and fitted with trackers to enforce this. However, there will be nothing to stop non-Sizewell lorries from Rat-Running along our lanes as they try to avoid the congestion in Wickham Market and thus compound the damage that we expect from the cars and vans to our verges, corners, and especially nearby buildings.

Our second objection is that the current project plans for Sizewell C do not include any workable solution to this threat from Rat-Running vehicles. This is despite me and many others pointing out this and similar problems right from the very beginning of the heavily-managed, Community Forum part of the public consultation. Even at this late stage, Sizewell C is trying to come up with a solution by a meeting with Wickham Market and neighbouring parishes next Monday to discuss the local congestion and traffic problems.

A third objection is that the expected congestion, that I am sure Sonya Exton described at the Post Office in Wickham Market and in the northern part of the High Street, will prevent our easy access to the shops and services in Wickham Market upon which we rely.

A fourth objection that we have pointed out, and to which we have heard no solution, is that of light pollution of the night sky from the lighting at the Park-and-Ride. The site is fairly high so even if lights are directed downwards, we expect spillage of light that will spoil our enjoyment of the night sky that is one of the joys of living in an otherwise 'dark' village. We note that this a question to which the Planning Inspectorate requires an answer.

We share the concerns of other villages near us such as Ufford, Marlesford, Hatcheston, Campsea Ashe and Little Glemham who are all worried about the effects of increased heavy traffic on their roads, buildings and residents. The rejection of the 4 village bypass has made this worse.

We share general concern about the capacity of the A12 to cope with the increase in heavy traffic going to and from Sizewell C and the way that this will hinder our access to Ipswich for schools, hospital and other services that are only available in town. We are al familiar with the congestion that already occurs at the roundabouts on the A12 at Martelsham and all along the Woodbridge bypass.

We have learned to live with the large pylons that cross parts of Pettistree but would not want to see more pylons erected at Sizewell to further damage the seascape. We are not convinced by the arguments that they cannot be routed underground at the Sizewell C site

At each stage of the consultation process we have said that more use of rail and sea transport should be made to reduce the load on our roads. We were disappointed when we were told that the plans to upgrade the railway line adjacent to Pettistree had been cancelled at an early stage, with part of the blame being put on British rail for saying that it would take too long.

Pettistree is not itself a tourist attraction, but we are concerned that the reduction in tourism numbers predicted by local experts as a result of the effects of Sizewell C, on the local environment and traffic congestion, will make it harder for the local attractions that we enjoy, to continue as profitable enterprises.

We recognise that there will some employment opportunities in the construction phase but many of these will be for relatively unskilled labour, with the long term, more professional jobs, going to outsiders with higher qualifications.

The mood in our village has moved from acceptance in the early planning stages, to concern as the plans developed, and now objection to what we fear will be an expensive project that will be obsolescent before it is completed in at least 12 years' time.

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