

I object to his planning application

The government's stated intention is to build no more homes on green field sites, but instead to develop brownfield sites. This is a green field site.

The housing density proposed is higher than that of adjacent housing along Long Copse Lane, making it out of keeping with the nearby Lane.

This is a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC). Should we really be building here, given that SINC's form the basis of our Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs)? The developers propose to transplant the unimproved grasses on the site to the adjacent field, which they describe as unmanaged land. This raises many questions such as responsibility for protecting the site, who is responsible for ensuring the project is successful and which organisation will fund the costs. The ecological report provided by developers, section 3.2.2 provides a short summary of the proposal.

To date, HBC have had difficulty in enforcing developers to retain protected small hedgerows and trees despite having placed a requirement on developers to do so.

The applicants' ecological survey considered that there was a low likelihood of foraging bats on the site. However, from recent bat surveys, rare bats (Bechstein, western barbastelle) are known to forage along the line of trees on the east side of the site. These hate light, yet the nearest houses would be only 10 m from the trees. Land and Partners' plans for the adjacent site H8 (Land north of Long Copse Lane) show a buffer 30-40 m wide between trees and houses.

These houses would use the Thornham Waste water Treatment Works, which is already running near its limit, possibly stripping nitrogen inefficiently. As a result of the extra waste generated, more algae will grow in the inter-tidal zone to the east of Thorney Island."