**GNLP 3003 (preferred site off Mill Road and Holly Farm Road, Reedham**

**Further objections to any proposed housing development.**

**This site should never be developed for housing. It is within the 3,000 metre buffer zone of Halvergate Marshes as designated a conservation area by the Broads Authority – SSSI (Site of Special Scientific interest, SPA (Special Protection Area) and a RAMSAR area (a wetland site of international importance, helping to keep our planet alive. No consent should ever be given to build on this field, it is imperative that any request to develop the area for housing is forever refused. I cannot begin to understand why Broadland District Council have even considered it a viable proposition and declared it to be a ‘Preferred Site’ in our village. It is definitely NOT. It is also outside the designated settlement boundary.**

**I live in XXXX and have taken great delight in the amazing wildlife seen just in my garden. New house building will impact adversely on the unique character of this area (including the GNLP 1001 site) and the village and our beautiful riverside as a whole. Harm has probably already been done to the environment with the development off Station Road (Barn Owl Close) which was a habitat (and I hope still is) of the Great Green Bush Cricket to name just one threatened insect. I am hoping to attach a photo of one taken in my garden in XXXX recently. Is this now to be a threatened habitat also?**

**We all benefit from our ‘Dark Skies’. Light pollution is non-existent – enabling wildlife to flourish and we see a wondrous sky at night. This of course will not improve with the building of additional housing for which it seems there is no need or demand (and bringing with it traffic pollution and congestion on our unsuitably single narrow roads) and increasing our carbon footprint which I see the Council are saying should be protected in the GNLP?? How can the Highways Dept. APPROVE our village for new house building when they say the narrow roads (a few with passing places in Mill Road and Pottles Lane) are UNSUITABLE and UNSAFE for pedestrians (particularly infant and primary school children who have no safe off-road walking access to the school) and, say Highways - WITH NO SCOPE FOR IMPROVEMENT?? Mill Road in particular is used daily by heavy agricultural machinery, large delivery vans and lorries, an everyday threat to residents and other pedestrians. Also in summer months it is usual to see carers from Joseph House Care Home trying to take their residents for outdoor excursions in wheelchairs along Mill Road. They often have to cram into one of the passing places to enable a car to pass on the single roadway. How can any of these issues (and many more in Reedham) be completely ignored by the GNLP in which states in its summary that there will be PROTECTION and ENHANCEMENT for the environment? What happened to the protection for rural villages statement in the Joint Core Strategy? It was said that one of the reasons the NDR was being constructed was to give access to new housing developments WITHIN ITS BOUNDARY to protect the environment and character of rural villages – an issue now apparently being completely ignored in current GNLP proposals.**

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