

## PLANNING COMMITTEE – 12 JANUARY 2021

### PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

#### Item 8 – 210 Hullbridge Road, South Woodham Ferrers – Planning Application 20/01156/FUL

1. The Ward Councillor, Councillor R Massey, has submitted the following statement on behalf of the residents of 2 Chamberlains Drive

Mr and Mrs Bayford are concerned that the proposed development will have considerable impact on their property:

- The proposed house of plot 1 will have a side elevation wall 2 metres from their boundary fence and just 14 metres from their back door. Said wall being 7.80 meters tall to the gutter with a maximum ridge height of 11.65 meters visible. This, they contend is in conflict with SPD 92008 'Making Places' that states that to ensure the privacy in a new development it is important that buildings have a reasonable outlook and do not produce an overbearing impact on new or existing dwellings.
- The potential risk to their property of 'clay heave' caused by additional moisture following the removal of a mature 'Cracked Willow' Tree. Willow trees and notoriously 'thirsty' (up to 450 litres per day in summer) and South Woodham Ferrers is equally notorious for being built on clay.
- The documents provided state no impact on local wildlife, while Mr Bayford has photographic evidence of common lizards on his property, which abuts the proposed development, in June 2020.

Finally, Mr & Mrs Bayford question whether there is a need for further large 2.5/3 Storey, 4 bedroomed houses in the area when the prevailing demand is for bungalows and smaller properties.

They, and I, respectfully request that Committee members undertake a site visit to review the potential impact on their property.