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With reference to my previous arguments concerning the Local Plan seeking to meet objectively assessed development and infrastructure requirements and being consistent with achieving sustainable development, this is not the case and the plan has not been positively prepared. I believe this has been shown by The ELDC Planning Committee granting Planning Permission which the Planning Department put up for refusal in application number N /110/00529/17. The reason given was that "the proposal delivered much needed Affordable Housing in the area, and despite **great concerns** regarding access to the site." It is part of the section of Land that the council have refused to include within the local plan because of the risk of flooding, and which would have provided a much safer access to the whole site - it has been in use for some 25 years with no complaints or indeed accidents. It also meets all the Exceptions and Sequential tests, but is within the Flood zone. As previously stated this can be met with mitigation measures as has been done regarding application number N /110 /00529/17.

I believe the policy has not been applied consistently, and there have been inconsistencies of approach. Planning is being granted in villages with little or no social infrastructure, whilst there has been a refusal to incorporate land within the local plan where it is obvious there is a housing requirement as shown by the granting of this Planning application even though there are concerns regarding access to the site and the safety of the residents.

This can be seen on the attached plan:

- 1). Land granted Planning Permission hatched red.
- 2 ). Section of land which the Planning Dept has refused to enter in the local plan hatched in yellow and also that hatched in red.
- 3). Safe entrance to the site lined in orange.

Development surrounded on three sides by properties already constructed, and the building boundary would be a continuation of that already in place without encroaching on to the green belt.

