

THE COTTAGE, RECTORY END
CHURCH LANE, GRAVELEY, SG4 7LU

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Dear Mr. Greaves

CASE REFERENCE NUMBER: 24/02889/FP

*LOCATION: Land at Roundwood, Back Lane, Graveley,
Hertfordshire.*

With reference to the above Public Notice issued on 17th January 2015, as a long-time resident of Back Lane/Church Lane Graveley, I must object most strongly to the potential increase in traffic this new development will bring to our immediate locality.

As is well documented Back Lane/Church Lane being a tortuous narrow lane carved out many years ago for the use of farm vehicles and horse-drawn vehicles, is made up of very narrow stretches and sharp blind bends all the way down the entire length of both Back Lane and then Church Lane. The average width of the lane from where our cottage is placed (directly opposite The Halcyon Days Nursing Home) is approximately 12 feet.

Some years ago, a large vehicle reversing down the drive from the Home in fact hit our cottage and afterwards the Council agreed to place bollards along the front of our premises. Since then, some of these concrete bollards (as can be seen) have been bent out of shape by vehicles trying to edge past each other in opposite directions. To add to this already highly dangerous scenario is quite frankly – madness.

Horses, cyclists, and walkers as well as agricultural vehicles have always used this whole lane for leisure and over the years (we have been here 39) this has always been the case. What we have also seen during this time is a gradual build-up of traffic (rat-running), especially since the advent of Great Ashby. Some of the speeds seen have been nothing short of suicidal. Now to add to this would seem to be the height of pure negligence on the part of planners, whatever rationale they may care to use.

We are against the plan.

Carolyn and Christopher Nathan.

