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Appeal for application – Care Homes off School Road APP/W3520/W/25/3364061

Reasons against application:

- Close to Elmswell Church (Doomsday Book) and Almhouses built in 1614.
- Extra traffic would create problems at the very busy Church Road junction close to church and almhouses.
- The village already has 2 retirement homes – Manns Court and Hannover Court.

Infrastructure

- Woolpit Health Centre already oversubscribed – takes 3 weeks for an appointment. A care home with elderly patients would not help.
- Problems with roads, drainage and sewerage problem because of the increasing traffic and additional homes.
- This beautiful vista point looking over the fields could be lost forever – I compare this to the Sycamore Gap Tree which was cut down. If approval is given, the village will have lost this magnificent view for life.
- Primary School already full and children have to look at other village schools SCC building school at Woolpit where Elmswell primary aged children will be bussed over the A14. This is crazy with Elmswell being the much larger village.
- Have Suffolk Country Council or Mid Suffolk District Council asked for care homes – No. Landowners once again have used their powers and influence to use land to make money. Does not seem as if they are interested in the village.
- Although not affecting this area presently – the level crossing at Elmswell Railway Station, traffic stretches back for almost a mile at busy times. Over 96 trains use this line in a 24-hour period.
- The area concerned was used to dump rubbish by the Local Council in the 60/70s – the drainage is very bad with the stream at the bottom overfull in the winter months.
- In building terms since 2016, 900 extra homes have been built in Elmswell – a 47% uplift in that time.

















