



HERITAGE: The view which featured in Constable's painting, *Dedham Vale: Morning* Photo: EADT ARCHIVE

Will Dedham Vale grant end Horkesley project?

Sir, – Congratulations to Dedham Vale on the receipt of a £1,000,000 heritage lottery grant, as reported in the EADT on Wednesday.

What a really intelligent and valuable use for lottery money, to spread it through 62 different projects down the length of the valley where it will be of direct benefit to the landscape, the wildlife and the people who live here!

How very different this is from the Horkesley Park project (soon to finally face a council decision).

The Buntings' giant development would attempt to centralise versions of all these activities, for the purpose of money-making rather than for the valley and the community, at a single artificially created site.

I note a curious similarity

between individual projects named for the grant, for example the restoration of a historic Stour lighter, and ones advertised under the Horkesley Park umbrella.

Is it possible that this grant will take the last of the wind out of the Buntings' sails?

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