

Site objectors take protest to the roads

CAMPAIGNERS are planning to take to the roads to protest against plans for the new Horkesley Park heritage centre.

Members of Stour Valley Action Group will add to traffic along the A134 on Easter Monday by highlighting their concerns about the proposed Horkesley Park Heritage and Conservation Centre.

Applicants Bunting and Sons say the £25 million development is estimated to create 270 jobs and attract 485,000 visitors.

But opponents believe it will

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put extra pressure on the A134, as well as the country lanes which wind through Nayland, Boxted, Eight Ash Green and West Bergholt.

The campaign group plans to drive up and down the A134, between Nags Corner in Nayland and Coach Road, Great Horkesley, between 11am and noon on Easter Monday.

Will Pavry, group chairman, said: "The intention is to inconvenience the travelling public as little as possible while demon-



■ Will Pavry – traffic fears.

strating what the impact of traffic on the A134 might be like if this were to go ahead.

"The A134 is already heavily congested and this proposal will just make things worse.

"We are also very concerned

about the loads on the minor roads in the valley which are narrow and cannot take the additional traffic in our view.

"This is the first time we have held a rally of this kind to demonstrate the traffic impact, but it's only one of many concerns we have."

Stephen Bunting, partner in the family firm, said: "It's just a big publicity stunt. They are entitled to do, within the law, whatever they like, but I do not think it will have much bearing on the professional independent assessments that have been meticulously undertaken."