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Ref: Application 120965

Dear Ms Sue Jackson,

I write to you once again to voice my opposition to this Application. My views are, as they have always been, that the plans seek to ignore the position as regards the setting of the parish church of All Saints within sight of an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. This Norman church within its tranquil, quiet and beautiful churchyard has remained virtually unchanged since it was built, and retaining these unchanged areas within our countryside is a requirement covered by Government policy. I would refer you to the National Planning Policy Framework, NPPF 123 which states among other things that planning decisions "should aim to / protect areas of tranquillity which have remained relatively undisturbed by noise and are prized for their recreational and amenity value for this reason."

I am a regular visitor to the churchyard and have never been disturbed by noise apart from the songs of birds and the humming of insects in summer. It is one of the most undisturbed areas in the countryside to the north of Colchester, and its recreational and amenity value in this regard cannot be ignored.

This situation was well understood by the late Rector of Great Horkeley, Frank Martin, who strove successfully, together with my late father, Alfred Denton Russell, his churchwarden, to protect the church from the worst of earlier planning applications by the Bunting family. They drew up the Covenant, which the Bunting family tells us they cannot now locate, in which Peter Bunting agreed to return the land to agricultural use should the tomato growing business ever fail. Everyone on the Parochial Church Council at the time was involved, and this included not only my father, but my late father-in-law and me. Frank Martin's daughter remembers well the meetings and negotiations that took place between her father and Peter Bunting, and she and I feel that we owe it to the memory of our fathers to ensure that the beauty and tranquillity of the church and churchyard is preserved for future generations to enjoy. Therefore I ask you to finally reject this application once and for all.

A.P. Taylor