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Society's support for residents fighting burial plan

Plans for a green burial site spanning nearly 100 acres of Suffolk countryside should be thrown out – until local residents are given more detail about a proposal which would adversely affect the tranquillity of their rural homes.

The call comes from Suffolk Preservation Society (SPS) as Suffolk Coastal District Council prepares to discuss the application for land at Grundisburgh Road, Tuddenham St Martin.

Several local residents have already contacted the society asking them to intervene following growing concern about the scheme, which many feel could pave the way for further development which would alter the shape and character of the landscape.

And SPS has also urged the council to reject the proposal, saying there is currently so little information available that it would be impossible for planners to make a considered decision.

“Local residents are deeply suspicious about this proposal, primarily because there is currently so little detail available,” said Richard Ward, society director. “That, in itself, makes it extremely difficult to assess the potential impact of this huge development properly.

“The planning application merely asks for a change of use but we, and nearby residents, suspect there may be more to this proposal than meets the eye, and that further development may follow. This possibility is making people extremely distrustful of the application, and concerned as to what may follow in the future.

“We would urge the council to seek more detail from the applicants before this matter is even considered so that all of the facts are out in the open before a decision is made.”

The society also said approving the application would see increased volumes of traffic using the rural roads system around the site – which could be dangerous unless major improvements were made.

“Any such improvements would be necessary should this application get the green light,” added Mr Ward.

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"But we strongly feel that such improvements would adversely affect the character of these narrow, rural roads and of the wider countryside.

"In addition, the proposal would swallow up nearly 100 acres of valuable agricultural land – which is essential if the county is to meet the government's objective of becoming self-sufficient in terms of food production.

"We suspect this development would have nothing but a detrimental affect on both the character of the area and its tranquillity, with noise and light pollution likely to also increase.

"We feel very strongly that it should be thrown out without further delay, and will continue to support local residents as they fight for its refusal."

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Note to editors:

SPS, founded in 1929, originally worked to protect the county's buildings and landscape. Today, the society has broadened its focus to help shape Suffolk's future, largely campaigning for sensitive and appropriate development, more and better quality affordable homes and to ensure sustainable infrastructures are in place to support the county's communities.

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