

RENHOLD PARISH COUNCIL

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Borough Hall
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Dear Officer,

APPLICATION NO:- 26/00724/MAO Outline application for up to 330 dwellings, open space, drainage, footpath improvements and vehicular access with all matters reserved other than access at Land Off Hookhams Lane

Renhold Parish Council for the avoidance of doubt would like to put on record a response to the applicant's Planning Statement (Manor Oak Homes) for the proposed 330 Homes off Hookhams Lane/Ravensden Road, and in particular refer to paragraphs 4.5, through to 4.11. In chronological order:

Renhold Parish Council received a communication from the application in July 2025, stating an intention to submit a planning application, notifying the Parish Council of a letter going to local residents. In response, the Parish Council after sighting the letter sent by Manor Oak Homes to Salph End residents, which contained inaccurate information, the Parish Council expressed by reply that they were disappointed with some of the statements within the letter. To confirm, the Parish Council had no involvement with the collation of the letter that was sent to local residents.

The applicant representative in the July 2025 communication stated they '*would be happy to discuss this matter by phone or meet at your convenience*'. The Parish Council responded looking to have an informal meeting to learn more about the proposals.

At both informal meetings held with the applicant representatives, Parish Council representatives and the Clerk made it clear that the meeting was being held without prejudice.

During both informal meetings, at no point did any individual on behalf of Renhold Parish Council give specific direction to the applicant in regards to total housing numbers or buffer measurements relating to this site.

In addition, to confirm Renhold Parish Council do not have a Planning Committee.

Yours sincerely

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Lizzie Barnicoat, Renhold Parish Clerk