I wish to object to the development of the Grainstore at Fowlmere Road. My comments are attached.

I am one of the closest Foxton residents to the proposed grainstore living on the edge of the village of Foxton at 62 Fowlmere Road.

I have strong objections to the building of a grainstore at this site for the following reasons.

This is a vast building proposed to be 1400m² (15069 ft²) and 10 metres (32.8 ft) high. For just the building alone this is the equivalent of the height of a three-storey house covering an area considerably bigger than an Olympic size swimming pool. In addition the site includes 2 x 13m high silos, which are three meters higher than the pitch of the grainstore roof.

This is all being proposed on greenbelt land in an area full of wildlife with open views from Foxton and across Thriplow and Newton the neighbouring villages.

Currently the landscape is open with some small occasional agricultural buildings and I believe that any development that drastically changes this should be refused. The proposed grainstore will be a visually prominent and intrusive feature in the currently open landscape and I believe there must be a better suited site for this development which must be explored – perhaps the originally proposed site at Newton Road should be reconsidered. Alternatively the development of the existing grainstore site in Thriplow could be explored rather than the sale of the land to build a housing development that is also unpopular with the residents of Thriplow parish.
The impact a grainstore of this magnitude on Fowlmere Road would have on Foxton and surrounding villages is irreversible – we have an obligation to protect the character of our villages and the landscape and wildlife within the area and the visual impact of this proposal along with increased traffic, dust and noise is unacceptable.

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