



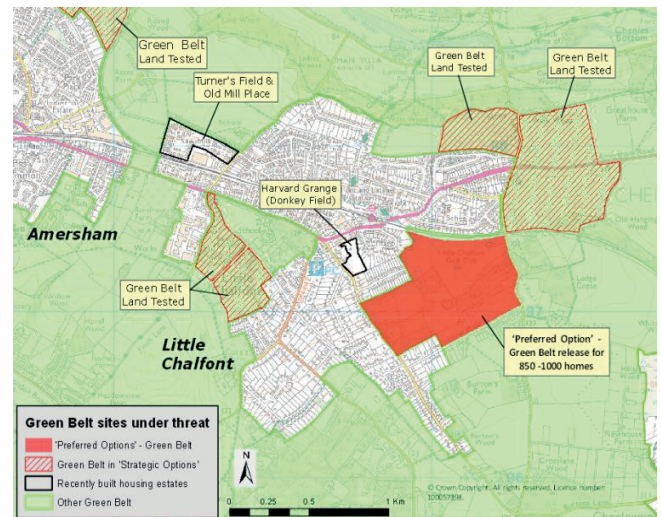
# SAVE LITTLE CHALFONT



## UPDATE – POTENTIAL EFFECTS – CALL FOR FUNDS

### WARNING NOTICE – OUR VILLAGE REMAINS UNDER THREAT

It remains likely that Chiltern and South Bucks District Councils will propose releasing the orange coloured site in this map from the Green Belt, for the construction of up to 1000 homes, when they present their Draft Local Plan for consultation. This consultation could occur in October, followed by a government inspector's decision in summer 2018. As well as the loss of a fine area of green belt, such a development would **completely change the character of Little Chalfont.**



### Why you should be concerned:

- How could our infrastructure, already overstretched, meet the needs of what could be a 30% increase in our population?
- Even if fewer than 1000 homes are built, where are all the cars visiting the shops and other facilities to park? Many of the new residents will not be prepared to walk.
- We are a village. Large developments like the one proposed should be located by large towns, which have more capacity to absorb the impact on their communities.
- How congested will our main road become with cars from the new estate, plus the extra traffic from other large developments planned in the neighbourhood?
- With little or no prospect of more or longer trains, how are the additional commuters to be accommodated? Finding a seat on a train at rush hour is already difficult.
- In addition to commuters from the new estate, there will be others from the developments elsewhere in the District who will choose to use our station. Where are they going to park, when the existing station car park is already generally full?
- The two District Councils have not produced evidence to show that there are no satisfactory alternatives to building in the Green Belt. Yet they appear determined to pursue the destruction of this fine countryside with its biodiversity, ancient woodland and fresh air.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

**(SEE OVER FOR DETAILS)**

The Community Association and Parish Council are against the potentially huge increase in the size of our village and, as a matter of principle, the release of our Green Belt. We are convinced that the assessment undertaken for the release of the parcel of Green Belt land is incorrect. Although we have already made a strong written submission to that effect, we now need professional help to continue our fight for the land to remain in the Green Belt and free from development.

Along with other professional advice, we will need to produce our own independent evidence. **We seek the community's support at this juncture by asking for funds, large or small, to be pledged.**

### The targeted fund:

There is uncertainty regarding the final amount that will be needed but we are targeting **£30,000**. This would cover the following:

- The cost of an independent report that challenges the assessment which purports to justify the release of the land.
- Continuing professional fees that could well be needed as the Emerging Local Plan progresses and particularly at the final stage when representations may need to be made to a Planning Inspector at the 'Examination in Public' of the plan.
- Any further independent reports that could prove necessary as further evidence documentation is produced by the District Councils.
- Replenishing the planning reserves of the Community Association that have, to date, been reduced by some £9,000, through expenditure on public meetings, leaflet printing and professional fees.

### How do I make a pledge?

1. Send an email to [pledge@littlechalfont.org.uk](mailto:pledge@littlechalfont.org.uk) that advises your agreement to pledge support, quoting the amount of your pledge.

or

2. If you do not have an email, complete a pledge form that will be available from the Parish Council office at the village hall, in the Community Library and on the stalls of both the Parish Council and the Community Association on Village Day (17 June).

(All the emails and forms will be held by the Community Association in confidence and any subsequent email circulations will be on a 'blind copy' basis.)

### When will we call on the pledges?

Before we embark on commissioning any independent report or commit to further fees, we wish to know that sufficient financial support will be available.

Once this position has been reached, it is likely that consultants will be commissioned and, at the same time, all of those who have pledged support will receive a request for the funds. Full details of the nature of the commission and other potential expenditure will be supplied at that time, together with guidance on how the payment should be made.

Little Chalfont Community Association

Little Chalfont Parish Council

5 May 2017