

## Uttlesford Local Plan Update

As you may be aware, Uttlesford District Council are formulating their overdue Local Plan for development across the District. A blue print for housing development for future years.

You will remember that Henham Parish Council and the Save our Village campaign were instrumental in defeating the last flawed plan, defending Henham and Elsenham from the threat of further mass housing development by Fairfield and other developers.

HPC were very disappointed, last week, to learn that planning Officers had put the Persimmons School Lane development, for 36 new homes, into the draft plan, despite this scheme having been repeatedly rejected by the UDC Planning Committee and the Inspector under Appeal.

This was an outrageous decision which made the Planning Committee decision worthless and could be considered spiteful and deliberate against Henham.

Residents will remember that HPC made a very serious complaint to UDC about the behaviour of a planning officer during the close of the last planning meeting that this development was defeated.

At last nights UDC Planning Policy Council Meeting our district Councillor Petrina Lees and others lobbied successfully to get the School site removed for the Local Plan.

Please join HPC in thanking Petrina Lees [cllrlees@uttlesford.gov.uk](mailto:cllrlees@uttlesford.gov.uk) for articulating the argument which led to a 5:3 vote to remove of the site from the draft plan.

This vote means that Henham does not have any large-scale development within the Local Plan, which will go out for Consultation shortly. You must all write to support the plan for adoption. We will advise you when, and how, closer to the time.

This does not mean we are completely without a development threat going forward but is a huge step in the right direction for securing the future for our local environment.

Thanks again to all involved.

Henham PC