

HENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Resident

You may be aware that the Draft Local Plan is presently out for consultation until Monday 4th September. We are pleased that after 10 years of campaigning the site at NE Elsenham is not included. However, this is no time for complacency, and the Parish Council urges you to take a few minutes to reply and support the Draft Plan. Should this Local Plan be dismissed Uttlesford will become a Developers heaven with any new development being granted, because UDC do not have a Local Plan. We haven't come this far to lose at this stage.

You can respond on the online consultation portal at uttlesford.gov.uk/draftplan2017 or by simply e mailing your comments to planningpolicy@uttlesford.gov.uk or writing to Planning Policy Team, Uttlesford District Council, Council Offices, London road, Saffron Walden, Essex CB11 4ER. The reasons for supporting the plan are outlined below. Please use them in your response. If you wish to cut and paste the document is reproduced at www.henham.org.

The Draft Local Plan is supported because UDC has fully taken on board the two Inspector's and Secretary of State's Reports that Elsenham and Henham are not suitable locations for development. The Plan's evidence base, including the transportation and housing assessments, fully supports the strategy now proposed.

It is to be hoped that any speculative planning applications for housing development, especially in Elsenham and Henham, will be refused permission unless the site is allocated in the Draft Plan.

North East Elsenham

This is not a proposal of the Plan but its exclusion deserves strong support, it has twice been rejected by Inspectors and the Secretary of State because of;

- wholly unsatisfactory road access within a network of rural roads.
- harm to both the landscape and to views across it.
- unsatisfactory integration between the two parts of the village.
- residents' potential use of trains is without proof -there has been some reduction in passenger use at Elsenham since 2011/12 and travel by train only accounts for a small minority of total trips.

Policies **SP9** (village development limits) and **SP10** (protection of the countryside) are supported.

Policy SP11 (Stansted) should be amended in line with Objective 2c - the Plans should not allow any further growth beyond the 35 million passengers per annum approved limit.

Paragraph 4.37 (Gypsies and Travellers) lacks clear numbers on 'need' for additional sites or any detail of where they might be located.

Please remember to respond by 4th September

Thank you

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