

## **June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017 Great News, Fairfield not in new Local Plan**

UDC have, this afternoon, published their new draft local plan and you will be delighted to know that Fairfield and their ridiculous settlement at NE Elsenham is not included. There are to be three new settlements, one at North Uttlesfield, one at Easton Park and one West of Braintree. There are a number of smaller developments scattered around Uttlesford.

This fight has been ongoing since 3rd September 2007 when the then draft local plan allocated 3200 homes in NE Elsenham on Henham Parish land. This plan changed in numbers, up to 5300 and eventually settled on 2100 homes in the Local Plan examined by an Inspector in 2014. The Plan was rejected in 2015 mainly because the NE Elsenham site was found to be unsound. This was a great victory for the Save Our Village Committee (SOV) who work tirelessly to get the development rejected. It cost the residents and community some £250K to fight this plan. It cost UDC over £2million of our money!!

This new Local Plan has been going for 2 years and surprise, surprise Fairfield put themselves up for inclusion again. The SOV committee have been engaged with our experts again for over 2 years presenting evidence on why NE Elsenham is the wrong location. Well finally today the draft plan rejects Fairfield, The Plan now goes through a process of consultation and Council agreement before going before an Inspector next year for adoption.

Well done to all those who have helped to achieve this splendid result.

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