



**LIBERAL
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Elsenham and Henham Focus

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Tories threaten to build a new town in Elsenham



Proposed sites for 3,000+ houses

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The Tories have:

- Pushed through a District Council proposal for 3,000 homes in Elsenham without any evidence.
- Ignored the 59% of those replying to the District Council's consultation who opposed a single new settlement in Uttlesford.
- Ignored the 87% of Elsenham residents who did not wish further expansion of the village.
- Refused to hold a Special Area Panel Meeting to tell residents about the decision.

The Lib Dems are fighting to protect your interests

- The Liberal Democrats have
- Called in the Tories' decision for review by the Council's scrutiny committee on 3rd October.
 - Argued that no specific location should be named for the houses at this stage, until further research by the Council's officers is available.
 - Demanded that a public meeting be held for residents as soon as possible (date to be announced).

Why you should oppose the Conservative proposals

- The road infrastructure is inadequate, in particular Grove Hill in Stansted, Elsenham level crossing and a rat run through Ugley Green.
- There is uncertainty about whether more roads would be provided.
- Commuter trains are already overcrowded.
- Elsenham and Henham would be effectively combined.
- The proposals are linked to airport expansion.

"The Elsenham new town plan was railroaded through at the last minute by Uttlesford Council's Conservative councillors. It ignores the views of local residents and completely fails to consider the impact on the rest of the district."

- Elsenham & Henham Liberal Democrat District Councillors Catherine Dean and David Morson.

Please sign the petition overleaf to make the Conservatives think again!

4 *things you can do to make your voice heard*

1. Sign the petition below and post it back to us. Ask your friends and family to sign it on-line at: <http://campaigns.libdems.org.uk/thinkagain>
2. Attend the meeting of Uttlesford District Council's Scrutiny Committee at the Council Offices, London Road, Saffron Walden on Wednesday 3rd October at 7:30 pm.
3. Attend the Full Council Meeting at the Council Offices, Tuesday 9th October 7:30 pm. Members of the public can address this meeting until 7:45 pm, but must give two working days prior notice to the chairman: call the Council on ☎01799 510430 for more details.
4. Attend the special meeting of the Council's South West Area Panel: details to be announced shortly.



To: Cllr. Jim Ketteridge, Leader of Uttlesford District Council and Leader of Uttlesford District Council's ruling Conservative councillors.

I/We call upon the Conservative councillors who are responsible for running Uttlesford District Council to reconsider their preferred option of a 3,000-home new town between Elsenham and Henham, or any large-scale developments options until there are proper studies on the impact on these communities.

The Elsenham new town would be bigger than Stansted Mountfitchet is today and would rely on roads planned for a second runway at Stansted Airport. Large housing numbers added to any community in Uttlesford would be too much of a burden on our existing infrastructure.

The Council should think again and plan properly where Uttlesford's new housing should be located.

The Liberal Democrats may contact you from time to time to keep you informed on issues we think you may find of interest. Please let us know if you do not wish the information below to be used for this purpose. Printed by HLPs, 26 Riverside Court, Harlow. Published and promoted by David Morson, Chantry Hall, Crow Street, Henham CM22 6AG.

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