

Stop this land grabbing

Cheshire East Council is currently being deluged with enquiries and applications for the building of new housing estates in Sandbach. Most of this is on agricultural land such as the area off Congleton Road towards the motorway, Hind Heath Road and Zan Drive in Wheelock, Abbey Fields in Elworth and Elton Road in Ettiley Heath. There are several areas of brown field sites, such as the old Fodens Site, that already have planning permission granted but these are about to expire without any building taking place.

The current applications for Abbey Fields (ref.10/3471C) and Hind Heath Road (ref:10/2608C) are the start of the complete infilling between Sandbach, Elworth, Ettiley Heath and Wheelock, which will be completed by further applications for the remaining Abbey fields site and the area toward the canal behind Elton Road and Hind Heath Road. Are you aware of the proposed changes to Middlewich Road and Abbey Road including the removal of many of the trees?

These building schemes represent a huge expansion in the size of the town with no change to the available infrastructure nor facilities and the loss forever of our green field areas. We are told that we need new homes in the area but why does it have to be green field sites and why do we need thousands of new homes? Developments are already underway on Chapel Street and the football pitch behind Homebase amongst several others.

What can be done?

First of all, the residents of the town need to be made aware that this is going on. Talk about this with your friends, relatives and neighbours, this will affect everyone in the town. Sandbach councillors have voted against schemes such as the new football pitch development on Hind Heath Road in a bid to try and protect the town but these applications were voted through by councillors elsewhere in Cheshire East. Sandbach fields are being built on instead of other areas in the county. Contact details for councillors are over the page, please let them know how you feel. We need to nip this in the bud now or it will be too late.

Object to the Abbey fields proposal which is due before council later this month. Keep an eye on the local press or our website and let's try and save our town from being overrun by greedy developers.



The view of Abbey Fields House across the fields that will become a housing estate.

Ways to object:

You can submit an objection on the Abbey Fields planning application in a number of ways. Anyone, even children, can object, four people in a household means potentially four objections; we need thousands and doing this will increase our chances of stopping this destruction. **Please always quote the Ref, 10/3471C.**

- By email to planning@cheshireeast.gov.uk
- write to: Head Of Planning and Policy, Planning Development Management, Town Hall, Macclesfield
Cheshire SK10 1DP

Objections:

Loss of amenity, inappropriate development, traffic issues, lack of infrastructure, loss of agricultural land, must use brown field sites first that already carry planning permission, contravenes Planning policy, town identity, village identity.

As well as objecting to planning please let your councillors know how you feel. Address all letters to Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach and they will be passed on but email is preferred. If you can, write individually to them all!

All addresses are ...@cheshireeast.gov.uk

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**PLEASE HELP US STOP THIS TOWN BEING CHANGED FOREVER BY THOSE WHO
DO NOT LIVE HERE.**

DEADLINE DATE IS 21 OCTOBER 2010.

WWW.ABBEYFIELDS.ORG

Email: friendsofabbeyfields@gmail.com

Personal and individual letters of objection are better but if you prefer please use the slip below; either post it to the address shown or drop it off at Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach.

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Head Of Planning and Policy
Planning Development Management
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Macclesfield
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SK10 1DP

Dear Sir

REF: ref.10/3471C

Please register my objection to the above planning application on the grounds that the development does not comply with the local plan nor planning policy. The town will begin to lose its identity once all the villages are merged.

Yours faithfully

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