



GREAT CHESTERFORD PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Resident

Please do respond to the consultation which you have received from Uttlesford District Council in the last few days.

Some residents and the Parish Council expressed their views in favour of Option 4 in 2007. It does not follow that the District Council will automatically favour this option again.

In the meantime we strongly advise that you respond to the consultation so the planning authorities are clear about your views and your continuing preference for the adoption of Option 4.

Please send your comments to UDC before 9 April 2010 and, if possible, share them with the Parish Council. We would like to be in a position to reflect your views.

Peter Fentem

Chairman
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Housing options - Local Development

Please help to ensure that Great Chesterford's growth is appropriate

In the last few days you will have received a letter and a response form from Uttlesford District Council setting out the Housing Options for the Local Development Framework. In order to meet government housing targets, Uttlesford District Council must provide 10,150 new homes between 2001 and 2026. More than half this number already have planning permission or will be on already identified sites. This leaves sites for around 4,000 homes still to be allocated.

There are four options listed. Option 4 is currently preferred by both the UDC and Great Chesterford Parish Council i.e. - a new settlement at Elsenham (3,000 homes, with limited development in other towns and villages). Of the remaining 1,000 homes, it is suggested that 30 homes would be built in Great Chesterford. This is a reasonable number especially if it includes an adequate proportion of affordable homes.

Under the heading "Where we are now" there is also a reference to land north-east of Great Chesterford, - as the paper indicates developers have suggested alternative sites for a new settlement. Whilst there is currently no outline planning request and this is essentially a developers' "wish list" the Parish Council will monitor the situation closely and update the village as necessary and at the Annual Village Meeting.

We believe Option 4 offers the best chance of preserving the best features of our community with a good infrastructure whilst protecting the rural environment in which we live.