

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

HELP TO SAVE OUR COUNTRYSIDE

Takeley and the surrounding villages are continuing to be under siege from “predatory” companies who are seeking to build on our open countryside. At the moment there are several possible sites for development including those for 180 homes identified by Weston Homes. The cumulative effect of all the proposed development around Takeley could be well over 500 new dwellings.

Since 2001 our area has had an unprecedented house building programme and Takeley has grown by over 120% since then with little or no improvement to the village infrastructure or amenities.

This is your village and to influence the decision makers it is very important to have your say. The Parish Council does not support the continued erosion of the countryside around the village and urge you to write your objections to the proposed Warish Hall Development directly to Weston Homes at Weston Homes PLC, Parsonage Road, Takeley, Essex CM22 6PU.

In addition please send a copy of your letter to the Planning Department at Uttlesford District Council, Council Offices, London Road, Saffron Walden Essex, CB11 4ER. The following list contains a number of relevant points that you may wish to consider when reaching your own conclusions.

- **Loss of agricultural land and the negative effect on the Countryside Protection Zone (CPZ). This proposal is outside the accepted development limits of the village. Any new buildings should be considered in the context of the new Local Plan being currently constructed by UDC.**
- **The harm to the character of our countryside outweighs the lack of land supply in the district.**
- **There will be a disproportionate strain on our local schools and health service provision.**
- **We need to protect against further coalescence between adjacent villages and the airport.**
- **The substantial harm to our listed heritage assets such as those in Smiths Green and Warish Hall which is of national historical importance.**
- **The impact on the local road infrastructure, particularly at the Four Ashes Junction.**
- **The effect of building new homes in the countryside and the wider impact on climate change.**
- **More homes will put further strain on the water pressure which in some areas is only just above the legal minimum.**

This information is posted on the Takeley Parish Council website as well as the STOP Warish Hall Development Group on Takeley and Canfield Matters. There is also a map posted showing all the proposed sites that have been targeted for large scale housing development over the past 5 years.

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