

PPWG – 29 June – NG/GCPC

THANK YOU MR CHAIRMAN,

I HAVE RECEIVED COUNTLESS E MAILS FROM RESIDENTS OF GREAT CHESTERFORD DURING THE LAST WEEK. SADLY I DO NOT HAVE TIME TO READ THEM ALL OUT, THEY ARE HOWEVER ELOQUENT AND FACTUAL IN THEIR CONCERNS ABOUT YOUR PROPOSALS.

LET ME RELAY JUST A FEW TO YOU...

IN PARTICULAR THEY NOTE THAT UDC CONTINUES TO IGNORE THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL. INDEED YOU AND YOUR OFFICERS HAVE CONSISTENTLY MISREPRESENTED SOUTH CAMBS AS BEING COMFORTABLE WITH YOUR PROPOSALS. CLLR PETER TOPPING LEADER OF SCDC SAID LAST WEEK *“to date the proposals do not appear to be supported by evidence that would satisfy me that the impact on South Cambridgeshire and its Infrastructure would be manageable”*

HOW MUCH CLEARER DOES COUNCILLOR TOPPING NEED TO BE?

THE UDC PRESS RELEASE ISSUED LAST WEEK STATES THAT THESE PROPOSED COMMUNITIES WILL BE BASED ON GARDEN COMMUNITY PRINCIPLES.

THAT IS UNTRUE AS YOU KNOW FULL WELL.

THERE IS NO SUCH UNDERTAKING.

THE AGENTS FOR THE LANDOWNERS HAVE REFERRED TO THIS AS AN ASPIRATION ONLY. INDEED THEIR PROPOSALS FOR THE FIRST STAGE

OF "GREATER CHESTERFORD" ENVISAGE 500 HOUSES AND A SHOP. YES
THAT IS RIGHT A SHOP!

THAT IS THE EXTENT OF THE COMMUNITY FACILITIES PROPOSED.

WHAT YOU PROPOSE IS A HOUSING ESTATE ON THE SIDE OF A HILL
WITHOUT FACILITIES OR INFRASTRUCTURE. **WILL YOU PLEASE
CONFIRM THEN MR CHAIRMAN, FOR THE RECORD THAT THE PROPOSED
NORTH UTTLESFORD SETTLEMENT WILL NOT GO AHEAD UNLESS IT
COMPLIES WITH ALL THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING
ASSOCIATION GARDEN COMMUNITY PRINCIPLES?**

YOU HAVE NOT FULLY ADDRESSED THE ISSUES OF TRANSPORT, DUTY
TO COOPERATE, LANDSCAPE, WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT.
WE CANNOT SQUARE, YOUR ASSURANCE THAT UDC
HAVE CARRIED OUT A "DETAILED STUDY" IN PREPARING THESE
PROPOSALS WHEN YOU ADMIT THAT

*there is ongoing work in a range of areas including traffic movements
and accessibility, the environmental impact, water".*

THE VIEW FROM RESIDENTS WHO HAVE CONTACTED ME IS THAT UDC
HAVE ONCE AGAIN FAILED IN PRODUCING AN EVIDENCE BASED PLAN.

GREAT CHESTERFORD PARISH COUNCIL ASKS WHAT HAS
CHANGED SINCE OCTOBER LAST YEAR WHEN THE PREVIOUS PLAN WAS
PAUSED. THE PARISH COUNCIL OBTAINED, THROUGH A FREEDOM OF
INFORMATION REQUEST, A COPY OF THE MEDIA PACK UDC ISSUED AND
THEN WITHDREW IN OCTOBER. THIS MEETING SHOULD NOTE THAT
UDC INITIALLY REFUSED TO DISCLOSE THIS ITEM AND WE HAD TO

FOLLOW THE APPEALS PROCESSTO GET HOLD OF IT.

THAT MEDIA PACK MADE NO MENTION OF A SITE IN GREAT
CHESTERFORD. SO CAN THIS MEETING CONFIRM WHAT CHANGED?
HAS UDC SPENT THE LAST 7 OR 8 MONTHS FINDING
A WAY TO INCLUDE GREAT CHESTERFORD AS A SETTLEMENT IN
ORDER TO MAKE IT MORE POLITICALLY PALATABLE TO ITS MEMBERS ?
IF NOT, WHAT ARE ALL THE PRECISE REASONS FOR THE ORIGINAL
NON-INCLUSION OF GREAT CHESTERFORD AND ITS INCLUSION NOW?
THANK YOU
