

I am here again as Member representing The Chesterfords. Having been a member of this council for nearly 12 years, I am fully aware of the amount of work that has been put in to produce a Local Plan. As you all know, I have not supported the inclusion of North Uttlesford Garden Community at Gt Chesterford and my position on this has not changed.

Whilst I am in no doubt that UDC can do a great job of new garden communities and what is inside them, I am totally frustrated that there is no consideration given for what is happening 500yds over our border in South Cambs. The planning application for huge expansion at Wellcome's Genome Campus is now in, which increases their research space dramatically and brings with it 1500 new homes. The proposed Agritech site next door to that known as Smithson Hill for a huge employment area for 1000's of new jobs is now with the Secretary of State for a decision.

You have the Acoms new SA and this takes no account of this cross-border problem and it will be an issue because we know Wellcome will have government support, just as they did before.

How can this new SA not even consider this when it really is more than just a possibility? It could have permission for development before the inspector even looks at our LP, what then?

Without acknowledging what is going on, Udc are not doing the best for the community that I represent. Can we please have agreement that this cross border problem will be given the serious consideration that it ~~should be getting~~ and that is not in the report you are discussing this evening? deserves