

I am here again as UDC Member representing part of my ward, The Chesterfords, I again acknowledge the amount of work that has gone into this Local Plan but I still can not accept the inclusion of North Uttlesford Garden Community for all the reasons I have expressed here before. But tonight I would like to draw your attention to a few of the points raised in the Heritage Impact Assessment concerning this site.

I quote:

The proposed site is identified in the East Anglian Chalk Natural Character Assessment (NCA) which is described as "a visually continuous, open landscape, with occasional long views over the lower land to the north and west." The NCA defines the northern boundary as being clearly defined by the base of the north-west-facing chalk scarp slope". Both these statements sum up the character of the landscape that the proposal is located within.

The proposed site sits on a landform that is visually dominant.

Views between the scheduled monuments (Roman Town, Roman Temple) and the Great Chesterford Conservation Area make a major positive contribution to its significance.

A Major change as to the setting and significance of the scheduled monument Temple and its relationship with the Roman Town and the wider landscape.

These are just a few of the comments brought up. The visual impact should not be ignored, this is on top of a hill and will be seen for miles and miles. And not just by the community in Uttlesford but across South Cambridge too.

The relationship of Great Chesterford, the Roman Town and Temple is something that Historic England have gone to some lengths to protect, I am only too aware of this when we were trying to find a site for a new village nursery. We had to move the building to gain planning permission but that now seems to be of no importance. How can that be?

Finally I would like to remind you that I brought up at the last PPWG the massive development proposals on the other side of the border in South Cambs, I may have missed it but I don't seem to have seen any comment anywhere that shows that this has yet been taken in to account. I do believe that this all needs to be given serious consideration. Thank you for listening.