

# The Stop Heath Place Action Pack

## What is this Pack??

CJC Development based in Leicester have decided to use our precious greenbelt land to turn a quick and very tidy profit. Thurrock Council have already put a plan in place to accommodate sufficient housing in the entire borough to both meet the government guidelines and the practical needs for the next 5 years. Despite this, and despite other, far more acceptable sites being available, CJC developments are trying to get permission to concrete over perfectly good greenbelt land in an Chadwell St Mary, an area that cannot cope with the expansion. This needs to be stopped and this pack contains some of the facts, and tools to help do that... If you care about the future of Chadwell St Mary, please read on and try to help us stop this from happening...

## Why is this Important to you and me??

Anyone living in or around Chadwell st Mary will be seriously affected by this development if it is approved. We already have insufficient roads, schools, doctors, hospitals and public transport most of which CANNOT be expanded to accommodate one thousand more people or 500+ cars (this is direct from the local school headmasters..). You will have to send your children to schools outside of Chadwell st Mary, Traffic will get much worse, as will air pollution which is already well above the national average. Doctors are already at capacity and there is a national shortage of good GPs. Local emergency infrastructure is already overstretched and in the current climate this will shrink further rather than

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## **Why This is Important to me?**

This is a list of some of the ways in which you will be directly and indirectly affected if you live in Chadwell St Mary if this development goes ahead

- There is seriously inadequate Road infrastructure which cannot expand to accommodate this increase and will not cope with this many new homes, houses and people. Your journeys will be longer and more fraught and cost more in fuel. The roads will be less safe for all of us.
- There is inadequate School facilities in the area now. Existing schools are already at capacity and physically cannot expand further. This has been verified by the local schools. Your children will likely have to travel further or be in larger classes. Your choices will be less and the quality of teaching will likely be diminished.
- There is inadequate Doctors, hospital facilities in the area. Basildon Hospital for example can barely cope with demand now. A further thousand people will mean we will all suffer in terms of healthcare treatment. Longer waiting times at Hospitals, at GP surgeries and for emergency treatment. Local hospitals cannot cope now and are not planning to expand, in many cases they physically can't.
- There is inadequate Sewerage or water supplies in the area to meet the increased demands. Let your mind consider water shortages and too much sewage waste for the system to cope with, a very unpleasant combination.
- Air pollution levels in the area are already over the government suggested guidelines, and this is directly evidenced by an increase in pollution related diseases and illnesses in this area. And we are going to add 500 more vehicles to the area?? No Maths required on this subject..
- There is insufficient transport infrastructure to support the increase in population. Either we wait longer for buses or cant get on them, or we have more buses causing yet more air pollution (see above)
- This will destroy Horsnby Lane, which has listed buildings and associations to the days of pilgrimages to Canterbury.
- This land is not included in the Local Development Framework by Thurrock Council. Thurrock council already have a plan that sets out more than sufficient housing growth for the next five years. This is unnecessary and driven by greed and the demand for a fatter bottom line.
- Five years' of lorry traffic during construction on inadequate roads; The development will take approximately five years to build during which time, heavy machinery, thousands of lorries, trucks and a range of large vehicles will trample through Chadwell st Mary Carrying all manner of building materials to complete the development. All on an existing, inadequate road infrastructure. This will generate a very unsafe area, will see massive air pollution, dust and dirt among many other things. If you are a window cleaner I am sure you see a hike in your business, as for the rest of us...
- The Land is Grade 2 Farmland, England has only 14% of this land left.
- This will concrete over archaeological remains
- Local Wildlife will be devastated
- Local ancient walkways will be destroyed
- It is an area of Natural Beauty, which will be destroyed.
- There will be a Loss of amenities (footpaths) and destruction to the environment
- The outlying roads in Chadwell could *NOT* cope with extra traffic on top of that generated by the new estate being built on the Woodview college site. At peak times Riverview is already jammed with long tail backs;
- There is a 7.5tonne weight restriction in operation in Chadwell which people fought long and hard for, This will have to be lifted for the development. Yet more damage to our roads and thus to our cars and then your pocket.

As you can see, from just a few of the ways you will be affected, there is good reason for all of us to come together to try to stop this happening. It is a venture driven purely by greed and profit and at your expense, both in financial terms and in terms of your standard of living, long and short term. PLEASE try to help the future of yourself and your community and do what you can to help stop this from happening.

## Frequently Asked Questions

Q: [When is the development going to Happen?](#)

A: Planning permission is being sought by CJC Developments in November

Q: [Isn't it a foregone conclusion that they will get their own way?](#)

A: NO, definitely not.. If we pull together and fight this we have a chance to stop it, if we don't then they may get in by default..

Q: [What Can i do to stop it?](#)

A: See the relevant pages in this pack

Q: [How will this affect me?](#)

A: Please see the section in this pack

Q: [Why can't I just leave it and let everyone else fix this?](#)

A: Unless we all fight this as a community, they may get their way..

Q: [Won't this actually be good for the area? More business etc?](#)

A: The proven negative impact this development will have will far outweigh *ANY* possible positive impact that this development will have. Overall, it will devastate the area..

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# What Can I do and when should I do it??

## *What You Should do NOW!*

- If you haven't done so yet, sign the petition. This can be found at the Chemists in Defoe Parade.
- Write a letter to Eric Pickles
- Write a letter to Jackie Doyle Price asking for her active help and participation to prevent this development
- Write a letter to CJC development asking them to stop their plans as they are unwelcome
- Attend any meetings relating to the issue. (see the website)
- Watch for updates on the website [www.stopheathplacedevelopment.co.uk](http://www.stopheathplacedevelopment.co.uk) and the Facebook page [www.facebook.com/stopheathplacedevelopment](http://www.facebook.com/stopheathplacedevelopment)
- We will need some funding to fight this development, so any ideas on how we can raise money for the campaign are appreciated. Please email the campaign at [info@stopheathplacedevelopment.com](mailto:info@stopheathplacedevelopment.com)

## *What You Should do Soon!*

- Once the application has been entered by CJC development (early November), Write a letter to the Thurrock planning office officially objecting to the proposed development stating the reasons for your objections. (see template letters.. )
- The local council are likely to reject the proposal, but CJC will definitely appeal to the government. When this happens, we need to write further letters to government. We also need to attend any public enquiries that take place in government and we must all ask to be heard, even if all we do is stand up, say our names and state that we object to the proposal.
- Eric Pickles is in favour of using greenbelt land despite all the valid and sane reasons against it. We must lobby him to stop this going any further.

## Template letters, Posters, flyers etc

- ***Letter to David Bull, Planning office***
  - This needs to be sent once the planning application has been sent in. If sent earlier, it won't be counted as an objection to the planning application itself. We ONLY have a two week window to send these letters in, so it is vital that you check the website and Facebook page regularly or check the local papers so you know when to send this letter. I believe that a letter of this kind has more power if it is hand written, but a printed template letter has more power than no letter at all...
- ***Letter to Eric Pickles***
  - This is to simply demand he stops concreting over our greenbelt land when there are sufficient brownfield sites available
- ***Letter to Jackie Doyle Price***
  - Jackie Doyle Price has loyalties to Eric Pickles so is in conflict with this issue. Unless pushed to do so, I do not believe she will fight this cause for us. So we MUST write to her to fight our cause..
- ***Flyers, Posters etc***
  - Please print and post these where you can to get the message out
- ***Letter to CJC development***
  - This can be a simple letter stating you wish them to stop the pursuit of the development

## Other Organisations

### ***Campaign to protect rural England***

This Group campaign to protect and enhance the towns and countryside  
[www.cpre.org.uk/](http://www.cpre.org.uk/)  
[www.facebook.com/pages/Campaign-to-Protect-Rural-England](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Campaign-to-Protect-Rural-England)

### ***Save the Greenbelt***

This group are fighting a similar battle in East Renfrewshire  
[www.savethegreenbelt.org/](http://www.savethegreenbelt.org/)  
[www.facebook.com/SaveTheEastRenfrewshireGreenBelt](https://www.facebook.com/SaveTheEastRenfrewshireGreenBelt)

### ***Natural England***

This Group are trying to preserve Natural England  
<http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/>

### ***Essex Wildlife Trust***

The Country's Leading conservation trust in Essex.  
<http://www.essexwt.org.uk/>  
[www.facebook.com/essexwildlifetrust](https://www.facebook.com/essexwildlifetrust)  
[twitter.com/EssexWildlife](https://twitter.com/EssexWildlife)

### ***The Wildlife Trusts***

The Country's Leading conservation trust.  
[www.wildlifetrusts.org/](http://www.wildlifetrusts.org/)

### ***The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds***

The Country's Leading nature conservation group .  
<http://www.rspb.org.uk/>  
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