

**This is a special newsletter about the Bradmore Way planning appeal.**

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**What's happening**

As previously reported, a local developer, Aurora Properties, has applied for outline planning permission to build 122 houses, a care home and a scout hut on the open farm land at the end of Bradmore Way, Brookmans Park. The developer wanted this site (BrP12a) to be included within the Local Plan but it was rejected and is not included in the most recent update of the Council's proposals.

The planning application was firmly refused by the Council's DMC on 28th July.

The developer is appealing against the Council's refusal. An inspector from the government's Planning Inspectorate has been appointed to hear the appeal. This will be a five-day public hearing taking place at the Council Offices commencing on 7th February 2023.

The Society objected to the application and along with other local interests, is taking part in the appeal process. We have combined with CPRE Herts and new local residents action group, Brookmans Park Action Group, to form a Combined Objectors participant in the appeal proceedings. We shall be represented by legal counsel Mr Joe Thomas of Landmark Chambers supported by CPRE Herts' planning manager Chris Berry together with our own planning adviser Jed Griffiths.

You can see the documents in the case on the Council's website [here](#).

You can follow the case on the Planning Inspectorates' website [here](#).

**How you can help**

We need help with the costs of paying our professional advisers. We anticipate costs of around £25,000 depending on how long the hearing lasts.

There were more than 500 objections against this application. Don't let it succeed now.

This appeal has huge implications.

If successful:

- it would destroy an important area of attractive open, agricultural, Green Belt land that serves a vital function in separating the villages of Welham Green and Brookmans Park;
- lead to unmanageable traffic dislocation and overwhelm local services;
- severely damage the Local Plan process which, though far from perfect, at least attempts to set a structure for local development and safeguard the bulk of the Green Belt for the future.

Please don't leave it to others. However small, your contributions will make a difference

Contributions can be made:

- through the Just Giving page, set up by *The Brookmans Park Action Group*, where over £5,000 has already been raised:  
<https://justgiving.com/crowdfunding/brookmans-park-appeal>
- Alternatively you can give via *CPREHerts* by following the link [here](#). Giving via CPREHerts is especially valuable if you are able to do so using Gift Aid:

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A regular newsletter will follow**

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