

CHESTER GREEN BELT ALLIANCE PETITION

on behalf of

**Christleton, Great Boughton, Guilden Sutton,
Littleton, Mickle Trafford, Rowton
and Waverton Parish Councils**

WHAT WE WANT THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO DO:

We the undersigned petition the Borough Council to focus its planning resources on promotion of urban regeneration, brownfield development and place making within its existing urban areas so as to protect our valuable green belt. This would include:

- 1. Promoting new housing in areas of highest need and regeneration which are close to existing employment areas**
- 2. Updating the brownfield land register to maximise development on suitable, mainly urban brownfield sites**
- 3. Rejecting speculative and premature applications, on the green belt to the east of Chester, which prejudice the outcome of the Local Plan**

This approach would discourage speculative solely profit motivated planning applications from developers that:

- seek to bypass the development of the Local Plan;
- result in unrestricted urban sprawl and removal of countryside;
- damage our rural communities in green belt and open countryside;
- damage the historic setting of Chester;
- stretch highways and other infrastructure already operating beyond capacity; and
- expose schoolchildren to even more unacceptable accident injury rates and air pollution.

This urgent need to prioritise resources in response to growing numbers of speculative applications requires the attention of the appropriate scrutiny committee.

BACKGROUND

Wealth and prosperity within Cheshire are currently unfairly distributed with marked difference in life expectancy and quality of life. In order for the Borough of Cheshire West and Chester to thrive, prospective developments should look to address this imbalance by improving and investing in areas which need it most. The Campaign to Protect Rural England's review and extension of the Borough's brownfield register is underway and is the right starting point.

Speculative development to date

The Borough's land availability assessment identified proposals for more than 5000 homes on the east side of Chester which are not adjacent to employment. The area has already seen the completion of over 200 homes over the last few years, and many are unoccupied. We have seen speculative applications for over 1000 homes, that are not required, over only a few months:

- 200 homes behind the Mercure Hotel in Christleton in post code CH02
- 500 homes behind the Doubletree in Guilden Sutton in post code CH02
- 100 homes in School Lane Guilden Sutton
- 160 homes and 9 homes in Mickle Trafford
- 32 homes on Brown Heath Road in Christleton
- 27 homes between the Cheshire Cat and Rowton Bridge Road in Christleton
- 9 homes next to the Cheshire Cat in Christleton
- 32 homes on Moor lane in Waverton

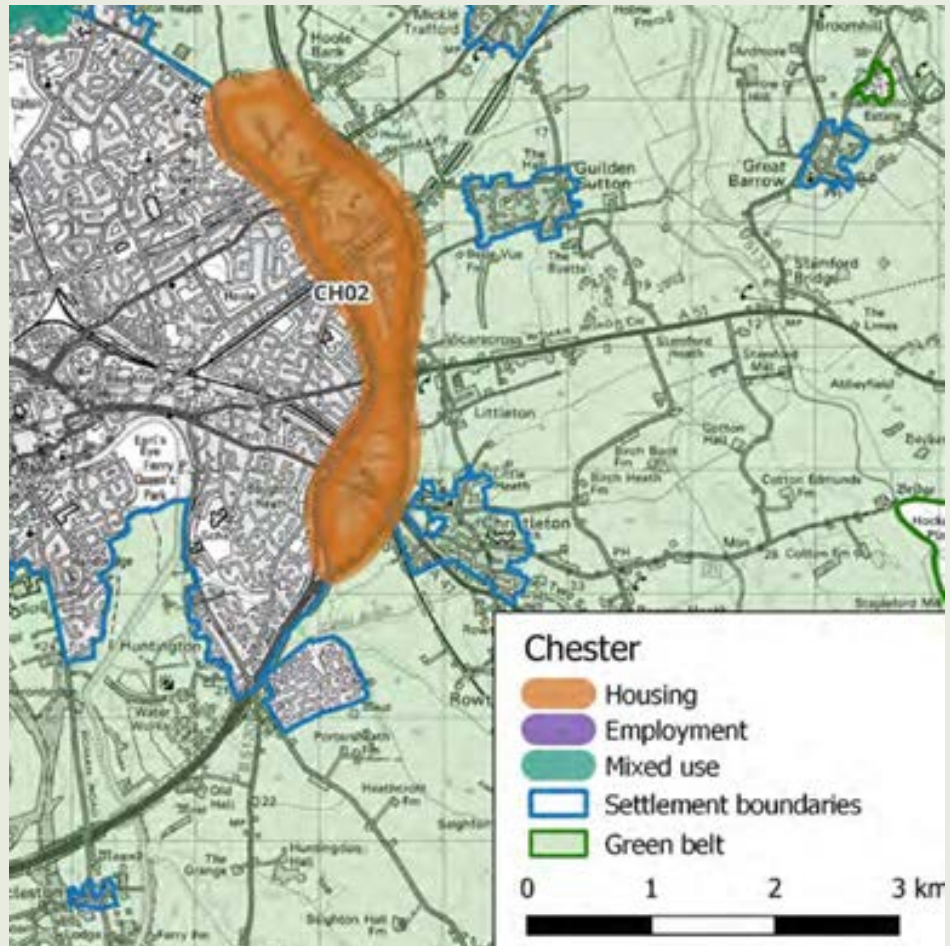
These speculative applications are disruptive to the Borough's planning approach and consume resource which should be focused on proactive place making to achieve regeneration, brownfield and new community development.

SIGN UP FOR

New housing with planned urban regeneration, brownfield development and NOT premature, speculative housing

Over the next few months, Cheshire West and Chester Council will be deciding where new houses should be built by developing a new Local Plan. One option is to release some of the Green Belt around Chester to allow expansion of the City Eastwards. This could include the land east of Great Boughton, including the land between the A41 and the A55/ M53 (CH02). This is the brown CH02 area referred to in the Local Plan issues and options document

The seven Parish Council are working together to ensure that Cheshire West and Chester Council is focused on proactive place making to achieve urban regeneration, brownfield and new community development.



We would encourage you to sign the petition:

ON LINE AT: <https://forms.office.com/e/q1Vff5RVRm>

OR SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE.

The petition will close 1700hrs on Nov 30th