

The Parish Council is very disappointed that an inspector of the government's Planning Inspectorate, appointed to examine this case, has granted the developer's appeal against Buckinghamshire Council's decision to refuse the developer's application for outline permission for housing and other facilities on Green Belt land between Lodge Lane and Burtons Lane.

Little Chalfont Parish Council and the Little Chalfont Community Association have worked hard to oppose this application ever since it was made. We made substantial written and oral objections, supported by professional studies which we commissioned of landscape, roads and ecology. We took part in the public inquiry held in December 2022 as part of the appeal process, where we made both documentary and oral input. At that inquiry Buckinghamshire Council defended its decision to refuse the application, However, the Inspector decided in favour of the developer.

The parish council is considering with the community association how to respond to the situation. The result of the appeal gives outline approval to the development, and final approval to the use of Lodge Lane and Burtons Lane for access. It is therefore likely that the development will go ahead. The next stage will probably be a planning application by the developer for approval by Buckinghamshire Council of 'Reserved Matters' – details not included in the original outline application.

[A copy of the Inspector's Decision Notice](#), containing reasons for the decision, can be found on the [Little Chalfont Parish Council website](#).