



## Cherish Chilbolton

### Who we are, what we're doing, how you can help

We're a group of villagers who've come together to raise awareness amongst the community of James Painter's planning application for 75 houses on farmland he owns in Chilbolton. We love our village and fear what the scale of this development would do to our small rural community and quality of life. **We say No to this proposed over-development of our cherished village.** The site is close to the Conservation Area and conflicts with both the Neighbourhood Development Plan, which the community worked so hard on, and the Village Design Statement.

Quite simply, the scale of development planned outside the settlement boundary is not needed, justified or sustainable; particularly in terms of the huge increase in traffic that would be generated through our narrow village lanes with few pavements and on access roads including Station Road, Branksome Avenue and Drove Road; the demands on services and infrastructure already at capacity; and the damage to the natural environment (the list goes on). We fear too that this is just the beginning, with further development on a similar scale likely in the next field, threatening the historic heart of our village and causing irreversible harm to the Cow Common, River Test and wider biodiversity, as well as village life as we know and love it.

**Cherish Chilbolton** is here to support as many members of the community as possible to have their say and respond to Test Valley Borough Council with their feedback on the planning application, ideally by **12<sup>th</sup> December 2025**; we understand comments can now be made up until **12<sup>th</sup> January 2026**, which is the Parish Council's deadline to respond, but encourage residents to have their say pre-Christmas! **Remember every person in the household can comment and individuals can send multiple objections** (sending your comments by email doesn't restrict word limit and you can attach supporting photos e.g. of congestion).

### Resources we've created to help you respond and make your voice heard

- 2-page leaflet 'No to the Painter Family Over-Development of Chilbolton' delivered door-to-door in the parish with help from volunteers
- Poster for display in windows, cars, on gates, wheelie bins
- Leaflet and poster are available to download from Chilbolton.news
- Cherish Chilbolton Facebook group - 100+ members and rising
- Looking into large format signage for gardens and key spots around the village
- Sourcing Cherish Chilbolton mugs which we're hoping to sell in the village shop - perfect Christmas gifts!
- Cherish Chilbolton Instagram page to show in a visual way just what we cherish about the village

**See over for how you can help...**



### Get involved - how you can help

- Help spread the word - speak to your neighbours, friends and family
- Display a poster (laminated posters are available too) or sign at your property
- Join the Facebook group and share your views and ideas
- Follow and interact with the Instagram page and tag us in your photos
- **Attend the Parish Council meeting on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm** in the village hall and hear from Caroline Nokes MP and others; come and say hello to Cherish Chilbolton (mugs may be available to purchase by bank transfer or cheque)
- **Make your objection by 12<sup>th</sup> December ideally** - contact us if you need any help
- If you can, take photos of any road/traffic or other issues that help support your planning objections and attach them to your planning response email
- Individual responses within households are key; we recommend you don't use AI-generated responses; use your own thoughts/language and the available resources
- We're setting up a Fighting Fund - if you can't give your time, please consider making a donation to support our campaigning costs:
  - Account number 34171029
  - Sort code 56-00-23
  - Account name RevoltaNM - this account has been set up by Cherish Chilbolton and is solely for Cherish Chilbolton's campaigning costs

### Other resources to help you respond

- We recommend Chilbolton.news for the latest news and updates and links to useful resources to help you respond (e.g. Comment of the Day is very useful)
- The Committees - Planning section of Chilbolton Parish Council website have ideas and guidance too
- Reading other comments on Test Valley Borough Council's website (Planning Services – Planning – View Planning and Building Applications)

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