# NO TO THE PAINTER FAMILY OVER-DEVELOPMENT OF CHILBOLTON

The harm it will bring to our cherished village outweighs the benefits that the Painter family is claiming it will deliver



You will have recently received a leaflet from 'Southern Planning Practice' who are supporting the Painter family in the development of 75 houses in Chilbolton. This leaflet, produced by a group of concerned villagers not affiliated to Chilbolton Parish Council, seeks to point out the harm that a development of this scale will do to our cherished village.

We're not 'NIMBYs'. We accept that some development is needed. But Chilbolton shouldn't be expected to bear a disproportionate burden of new development and to satisfy a **developer's greed over need**.

#### Are they really benefits..?

#### "Up to 75 houses...40% affordable homes"

Is this justified? The Chilbolton Parish Council response to the recent TVBC local plan indicated that 20-25 houses might be required but there are not waiting lists that even justify this number at present. Is there even a market for 75 houses in Chilbolton? An increase of c.280+ residents would represent a c.30% increase in the village population.

## "The scheme includes a doctor's surgery, a local shop/café and a parish office"

There's no evidence that a medical practice is ready to move in. Does the current village shop/café really want competition? Is a parish office necessary in a village which has a sizeable village hall?

#### "Community green space"

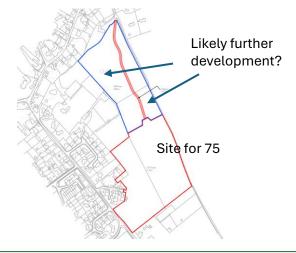
Chilbolton is already blessed with Cow Common, the River Test and West Down, all precious to many. Can the harm of a development of this scale really be justified by it providing more green space for the village whilst damaging historic landscape and ecosystems?

## "Safe and accessible...a new priority junction on Drove Road...traffic calming"

All great for the development itself, but 75 houses means 200+ additional cars generating a huge increase in traffic passing through the single lane roads – many without pedestrian footpaths – of our village on a daily basis. More houses mean more delivery drivers for groceries and parcels further adding to the increase in traffic. The danger to community safety will inevitably increase.

## "Improved footpath and cycle connections linking the village centre to Cart Lane."

The likely first step in expanding Cart Lane to support further development



## Why should you OBJECT to this proposed over-development by the Painter family?

Previous generations of the Painter family have been supporters of the Chilbolton community including gifting the land on which the current village hall has been built. But is the developer, James Painter, risking his family's legacy by pursuing this over-development and harming village character?

- Over-development: 75 houses is not justified based on local demand.
- This is not a 'community led' proposal. Chilbolton Parish Council's response to the recent TVBC Local Plan suggested there might be community support for around 20-25 houses.
- There is no proven demand for the community facilities e.g. additional shop, proposed as benefits.
- In a village that enjoys the benefits of Cow Common, the River Test and West Down, additional green space is not a justification for further development.
- There will be a massive increase in traffic in a village with narrow, single lane roads and few pedestrian footpaths resulting in a significant increase in danger to vehicles and pedestrians.
- There are few jobs in Chilbolton, no public transport and no school. 75 houses will result in hundreds of car journeys in and out of the village on a daily basis.
- Significant additional burden on already inadequate utilities, particularly sewage.
- A developer who believes 75 houses can be justified is unlikely to stop at 'only' 75 houses.

#### PLEASE HAVE YOUR SAY

Current deadline for feedback to Test Valley Borough Council is **Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> December**. If you wish to join us in objecting to this application contact TVBC using the reference 25/02680/OUTN. You can submit an objection using the email planning@testvalley.gov.uk or via the TVBC planning portal <a href="https://view-applications.testvalley.gov.uk/online-applications">https://view-applications.testvalley.gov.uk/online-applications</a>. The more objections received by TVBC the weaker the case will be that this development is sustainable and 'community led'.

Chilbolton Parish Council is holding meetings with villagers at Chilbolton Village Hall:

10am on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 10am on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November 3pm on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December

All are welcome

