

Cllr Julian Hudson

Chair of Chilbolton Parish Council

16th August 2025

Dear Cllr Hudson

I write to you as a matter of courtesy with regards the subject of housing on my family's land situated next to the Village Hall and Drove Road.

Following TVBC's response to the Parish Council's (PC) recent Pre-Application and after taking professional advice, my family will now be submitting an outline planning application for part of this land along with details of the first 25 homes.

The outline application will associate with the designated area of the proposed Draft Local Plan's development area for Chilbolton. We feel it is important the application for this area now goes ahead given the recent Government Directive to TVBC requiring them to allocate more land for new houses; with the new situation whereby any sustainable housing proposed in the parish, including speculative commercial development, now has a presumption of approval.

We believe this area of land represents the best site to accommodate the long term needs of the village, along with my family's long term Commitment to their community by contributing generous provisions for community facilities.

The detailed work for the 25 homes draws from the basis of the scheme for the Pre-Application which has been discussed for some time between myself and the Strategic Working Group. I hope to continue to work with the PC on this scheme to identify the Community's needs and how best we can help to achieve these.

I will also want to work with the PC and Utility providers – sewerage, water, electricity and so on – for these Services to be provided in the best way reasonably available.

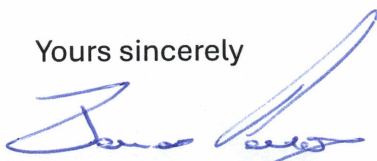
I would like to mention my family have been based at Chilbolton Manor Farm since 1949, being a generational farming family and generational villagers, we feel fortunate to have deep roots within the community and are hopeful this continues for our children and beyond.

Our land at Drove Road was last considered for development in 1998, when my family gifted land for the new Village Hall and Affordable homes at Eastman's Field.

I hope most would agree this was confirmation of my family's Commitment to the Community and our approach on such matters.

I hope this letter is welcomed to provide clarity of my family's intentions and assists in some positive conversations to move forward in the interest of the village.

Yours sincerely



James Painter