

Save Our Villages Newton Longville Says NO

This letter is to make sure we are all aware of recent news, and also explains why we in SOV believe that we need to continue to make sure Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC) is crystal clear about our objections to Salden Chase, and indeed any other development that threatens our village.

So; the good news update: on 6 Jul 10 the Government officially scrapped the South East Plan: this is fantastic as it means all planning must be re-examined and re-evaluated in line with local priorities and local requirements.

This means councils no longer have to follow plans that were previously forced upon them. Milton Keynes voted last month formally to oppose the Salden Chase development. We are in a stronger position now than we ever were before.

Further excellent news was announced by AVDC after a meeting on 14 Jul 10, which was also echoed in the recent letter from our District Councillor. In brief, AVDC are going to have to rethink the entire housing strategy, and in particular they said (in relation to the planning inspector's examination of the strategy): *"We should certainly highlight the particular circumstances relating to Salden Chase. We will accept that the effect of this is that he will need to put the examination on hold until our position is resolved and any consequent technical and procedural work undertaken."*

However, although the announcement from AVDC is excellent news, they have still not said in a public forum that they will refuse the Salden Chase application. Until they do that there is still work to be done. We want to see the phrase "Application denied."

All our hard work is covered on our website: <http://sovnl.org.uk/> and our Facebook page; search for us under Save Our Villages Newton-Longville (SOV NL). The website has download areas where you can get the letters you need to make the protests we all need to make and keep on making. You can download the letter, print it, date, sign and post it. One more voice to the many. This is not wasted effort or a wasted stamp - far from it.

We need to keep pushing hard on AVDC to ensure that not only do they reject the current planning application, but also to review the whole local development framework so we free ourselves from the shadow of Salden Chase.

For once we have a real opportunity to ensure that the voice of the electorate is heard by the people that we have elected, and moreover they act in accordance with the wishes of the electorate.

Please write to our MP - John Bercow - expressing your opposition (see the website for letters and addresses) – John has already written to us saying he will do whatever he can to help - and indeed he has already written to AVDC reminding them of the Secretary of State's guidance to be followed.

Please write to our elected District Councillor and tell her what you think, and how you want her to vote; again her details are on the website.

If you register on the website we can email updates and useful information as it becomes available. We need to be speaking with one voice on Salden Chase and that one voice needs to say one word: **'No.'**

Thanks to everyone involved in the campaign to save our village.

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