



# Update on Our Legal Challenge and Fundraising Efforts

## Dear Supporters and Friends

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our cause. We are excited to share the latest updates on our efforts to ensure Hammond's Farm and the Industrial site promoted by Pigeon Ltd on the southeast of junction 18 are excluded from the Chelmsford Local Plan and therefore development. Your involvement and contributions have been instrumental in advancing our fight, and we're making daily progress.

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### Progress so far

Since our last newsletter, we have made significant strides, and besides the overwhelming response against Chelmsford City Council's (CCC) decision to designate Hammond's Farm (16a) as the preferred site for a large-scale housing and Industrial Development along with further Industrial Development (promoted by Pigeon Ltd 16b). Our specialist consultants and planning experts have worked tirelessly to build a strong case.

Here are some key developments:

- **Detailed Objection Filed:** We have submitted our comprehensive 500-page objection document, which meticulously outlines the numerous issues with CCC's decision. This document highlights the potential environmental impact, infrastructure strain, and threat to the rural character of our community. We will share it on our website as soon as it has been considered and published by CCC
- **Legal Representation Secured:** Thanks to your generous contributions, we have secured experienced legal representation. Our legal team is ready to challenge the Council's decision and advocate for more suitable alternatives.

### Fundraising Update

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Our GoFundMe campaign is making great progress and thank you to all who have donated. We still have a long road to reach our target of £55,000. As of now, we have raised £4,500 via GoFundMe with other pledges forthcoming. Every donation, no matter how small, is a step towards ensuring our community's voice is heard and our environment is protected.

**Please continue to support our campaign by donating and sharing the link:** <https://www.gofundme.com/f/No-To-Hammonds-Farm>

Your contributions will directly fund:

- **Legal Representation:** Hiring a top-tier Barrister to fight our case.
- **Expert Consultations:** Engaging leading environmental and planning experts to provide critical evidence.
- **Administrative Costs:** Covering court fees and other related expenses.

### Recap on proposal

**16a** - Hammond's Farm consists of a new garden community of 3,100 houses and 500,000 square feet of industrial and business park.

**16b** involves an additional 500,000 square feet for business park and industrial site development. This massive development will forever alter the character of our region.





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### Thank You for Your Support

We are incredibly grateful for the outpouring of support from our community. Together, we can make a difference and ensure that the future of Hammond's Farm is decided with the best interests of our residents in mind. This is a pivotal moment for our community, and your continued support is crucial. Lets keep up the momentum and show Chelmsford City Council that we stand united against their ill-advised decision. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to preserving the character and integrity of our local area.

Sincerely,

The No to Hammond's Farm Working Group

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