

WHITTINGTON WAY
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The Bishop's Stortford Civic Federation is launching a campaign to preserve the Green Belt at Whittington Way and save it from development. We are asking the town's residents to sign our petition to East Herts Council asking it to abandon its proposal in the district plan to zone the site for up to 750 homes and associated development. The petition can be signed via a link on the Federation's website www.stortfordcf.org.uk the Federation's Facebook Page or at the Federation's stall on Saturday 19 November in the Market Square.

Announcing the campaign, Civic Federation President, John Rhodes, said

'When East Herts Council turned down the plan to relocate two schools to part of the site in 2010 and its decision was confirmed following an appeal in 2012, we thought we had saved this site as an important open Green Belt space for the enjoyment of future generations. We think it is indefensible for East Herts Council now to zone the whole of the site for development in its district plan. We want as many people as possible to sign our petition. It is not too late for East Herts Council to change its mind. And if they do not, we shall want to show the Inspector how strongly local people feel about the issue when the district plan is considered at a public inquiry next year.'

The East Herts district plan was published in 3 November and is open for consultation until 15 December. Once consultation has been concluded, East Herts Council will send the plan and all the comments received on it to the Government's Planning Inspectorate, who will arrange for the plan to be considered at an Examination in Public. The Civic Federation will be aiming to persuade the Inspector to keep this site in the Green Belt and free from development, if East Herts Council does not change its mind beforehand.

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