



STOP GREEN BELT BUILDING AROUND OTFORD

What Can YOU Do Now?



A Practical Action Plan for Protecting YOUR Village

1. Gather YOUR “Everyday Evidence”

Why: The Regulation 19 stage is about the “soundness” of the Local Plan. Your personal everyday experiences provide powerful evidence for the Planning Inspectorate that the plan is not sound.

How: See our web site for guidance on what evidence is most useful: <https://otfordsociety.org.uk/development>

2. Respond to the District Council's Regulation 19 Consultation

Why: The District Council have clearly not listened to Otford residents in the Regulation 18 Consultation, increasing houses near Hale Lane by 35% and voting for the plan to move forward. However, your responses to the Regulation 19 Consultation will go directly to the Planning Inspectorate who have the power to act where a plan is not sound.

How: Gather evidence first, then respond before 17th September using the guidance and survey link: <https://otfordsociety.org.uk/development>

3. Respond to Otford Parish Council's Resident Survey

Why: Otford Parish Council are asking for your views to help shape their own response to Regulation 19.

How: Respond as soon as possible and certainly before 28th August. The link is on our web page: <https://otfordsociety.org.uk/development>

4. Donate to the Village Protection Fund

Why: The Otford Protection Committee are 100% focused on protecting YOUR village but fighting Developers is expensive and requires Legal representation and specialist reports. Please give if you can afford to do so.

How: Donate here: <https://otfordsociety.org.uk/donate>

5. Display a Window Poster or Request a Garden Poster Board

Why: Window posters are available to download and print at home here: <https://tinyurl.com/5t4y2hsm> - if possible display them facing the street outside your property. If you'd be happy for us to put a poster in your garden please email protectotford@otfordsociety.org.uk with your name and street address.

How: Download posters here: <https://tinyurl.com/5t4y2hsm> or email protectotford@otfordsociety.org.uk with your name and street address.

6. Write to Your Elected Representatives

Why: Your elected representatives have a duty to represent YOUR views. Write to let them know what you think and if they do not support you, remember this next time they are up for election.

How: cllr.roy@sevenoaks.gov.uk

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laura.trott.mp@parliament.uk

Cllr Roy has voted to move the plan forward

Marc Logen is against Green Belt Building. KCC are responsible for Highways & Transport, Education & Social Care as well as Flood Risk.

Laura Trott is against Green Belt building and has been active in contacting Water Companies and raising other infrastructure issues.