

A MASSIVE EXPANSION OF OUR AREA IS BEING PLANNED WITH 18,000 NEW HOUSES RIGHT ON YOUR DOOR STEP (VIRTUALLY THE SIZE OF CORBY)

THE DEVELOPMENT WOULD DIRECTLY AFFECT SEVERAL VILLAGES INCLUDING BRAFIELD ON THE GREEN, GT HOUGHTON & LITTLE HOUGHTON

A NEW DUAL CARRIAGEWAY LINK ROAD FROM THE M1 (WHICH WILL BECOME THE NEW J15) TO THE A45 AT BILLING THIS ROAD WILL RUN RIGHT NEXT TO BRAFIELD ON THE GREEN

YOU NEED TO MAKE YOUR VIEWS KNOWN IT REALLY WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE – WE ARE NOT ALONE – ALL THE COMMUNITIES AFFECTED ARE LIAISING AND MOUNTING CO-ORDINATED CAMPAIGNS

The plans have been proposed by the West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit

HOW YOU CAN OBJECT

You can do any or all of the following and more than one person per household can object:

1. Send a letter

- Option 1 - The Brafield on the Green Action group have drafted letters which are available for you to sign and send in.
- Option 2 - Send your own letter to: **West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit, Cliftonville House, Bedford Road, Northampton. NN4 7NR.** Clearly mark your response "Emergent Joint Core Strategy Response". Some key points are listed overleaf which you may find helpful.

2. Complete a questionnaire

You can ask for a blank paper copy from the Joint Planning Unit on **01604 838681**, or your **Action Group** can provide a blank MS Word document, or you can try completing the questionnaire online at: <http://consult.westnorthamptonshirejpu.org/portal>

3. Register your views at: <http://consult.westnorthamptonshirejpu.org/portal> (where the full proposal document can be viewed).

In addition to the above, you can also Sign the Petition registered at:

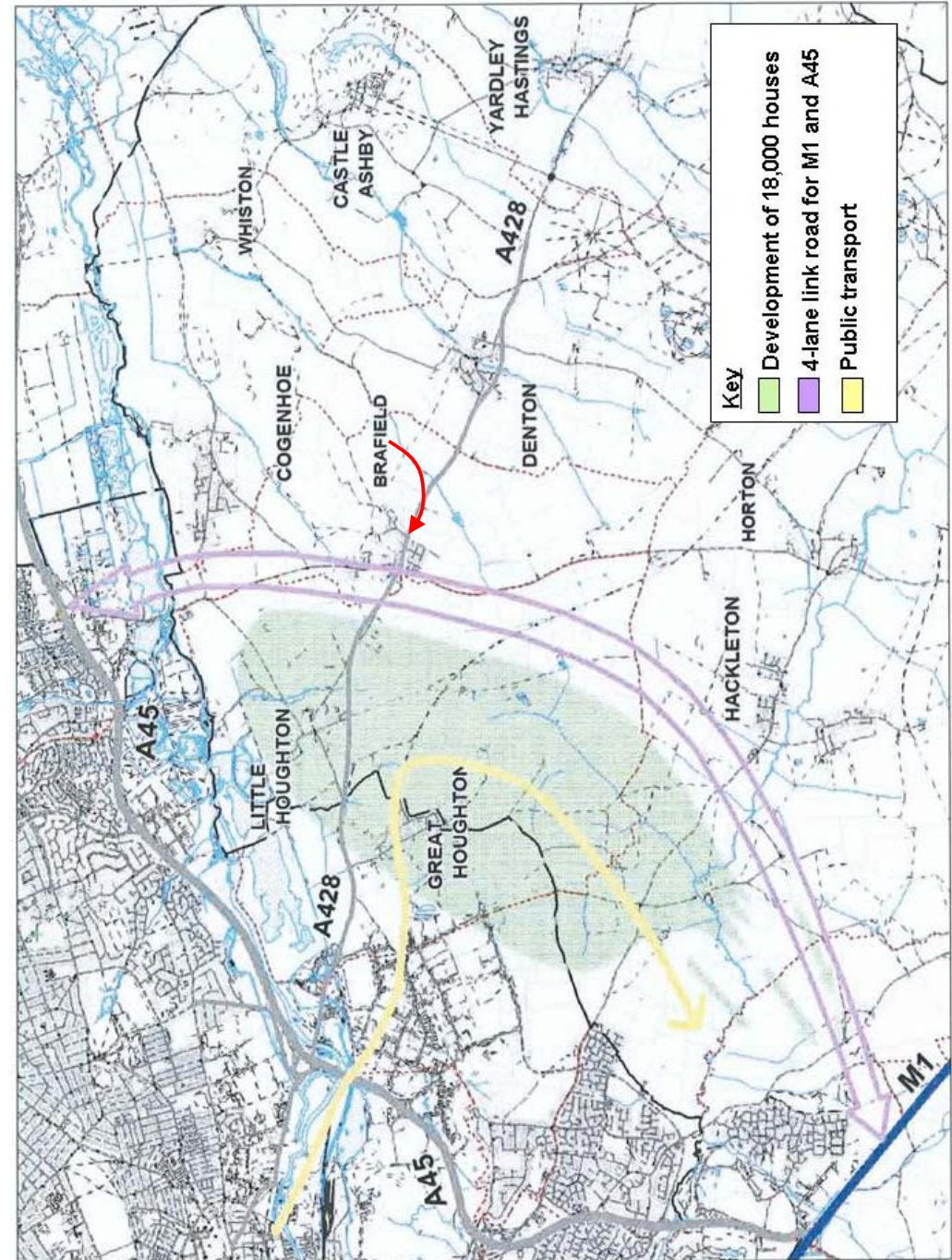
<http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/northantsexpand/sign> Type the link in your web browser to go directly to the petition. You will be asked to give your name, address and an email address. You will then be sent an email asking you to click a link to confirm that you have signed the petition. Once you have done this, your name will be added to the petition.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR RESPONSES IS 30 SEPTEMBER 2009

It is crucial that your response is sent well before the closing date

We have formed an **Action Group** to provide help if you need it!
More details, including who to contact, are on the reverse of this sheet

More details about the plans are on the village web site at: www.brafieldonthegreen.org.uk



Brafield on the Green – ACTION GROUP

The **Action Group** has been formed to provide help to those who want it so that they can respond to the proposed plans. With your help we aim to stop the building of any developments and new major roads on the SE of Northampton that encroaches on the villages of Little Houghton, Great Houghton and Brafield on the Green.

The group is separate from Brafield on the Green Parish Council, who are actively working to oppose the plans in their own right, but working alongside them so that both are kept informed of each others activities.

We hope to ensure that as many objections are submitted opposing the proposed plans by the closing date, by:

- Recruiting *champions* who can act as knowledgeable and informed lay people who are able to write letters or provide advice to others
- Providing help with writing or submitting an objection to those who request or require it
- Having information about the proposed development and potential objections
- Asking all residents of Brafield on the Green whether they intend to object and whether they require any support or assistance
- Encouraging all residents to submit an objection
- Publicising the groups existence and its activities amongst the residents of Brafield on the Green

Drop-In Sessions

We will be holding some drop-in sessions where you can **just turn up** and discuss how you can submit your objections, and get advice or help with compiling your response. We will have computers available so that we can write letters for you there and then! Alternatively your local contact can arrange for somebody to visit you, or contact you by phone or email.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Times</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Saturday 12 th Sep	11am to 4pm	Brafield Working Mens Club
Sunday 13 th Sep	11am to 4pm	Brafield Working Mens Club
Saturday 19 th Sep	11am to 4pm	Brafield Working Mens Club
Sunday 20 th Sep	11am to 4pm	Brafield Working Mens Club

You can contact the person below if you require any help:

Your local Action Group contact is _____

Contact details _____

Alternatively contact the chairman of the **Action Group**, Keith Crompton, Oak House, 14a The Green, who can be contacted on 891277, or 07990 597411 or by sending an email to keith.crompton@btinternet.com.

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At this stage the best way you can help prevent these proposed plans from becoming a reality is to **send in an objection**. The Action Group can provide help if you need it.

If you want to respond then below are some key points that will help you - you can include them in your response if you wish. Providing some alternative proposals will help make your response more credible.

KEY POINTS FOR OBJECTION:

Planning Process

- This new plan is NOT aligned with the approved Regional Plan
- This plan has not been adequately presented to the communities that would be affected

Agriculture

- The proposed development area is prime agricultural land
- Government policy promotes full utilization of existing land for food production
- The Government is preparing to recover land for more food and bio-fuel crops

Policy

- There is ample capacity to expand the number of houses in Northamptonshire by utilising brown field sites and vacant properties
- Northampton has already grown by 89% whereas the national average is 11%

Infrastructure

- The plan glosses over the need and cost of the huge amount of infrastructure that would be required including private and public transport, medical centres and NHS capacity, education, all utilities, emergency services

Environmental Issues

- Noise and light pollution, carbon emissions from the new road link and the additional vehicles associated with 18,000 new households
- Increased vehicle movement and related congestion (away from Northampton)
- Increased flooding risk and lack of a full flood risk assessment
- Detrimental effect on wildlife and natural habitat, archaeology etc.

Employment

- Northampton is known as 'shed town' - a location for distribution centres/warehousing with a low employment ratio
- The vast number of houses will create even more dormitory areas, suburbs & swamp existing communities and villages without creating sufficient new jobs

Funding Stream

- Where is the money coming from?

Alternatives

- If new houses are to be built in Northamptonshire, they should be kept in line with the natural population growth of the County
- the new houses should be distributed in small areas throughout the County to avoid the need for huge infrastructure improvements, to reduce the loss of rural identity for the County and to keep the already over-polluted air from becoming worse