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## P R E S S   R E L E A S E

### **East Leake gets even more new houses – inspector allows appeal**

Lantern Lane is the latest location for 195 more new houses following a public inquiry into an application by Gladman Developments Ltd.

Rushcliffe Borough Council refused the application but Gladman successfully appealed to the Planning Inspectorate, so the development will now go ahead.

East Leake Parish Council spoke robustly against the appeal, arguing that the site was not appropriate and that the infrastructure of the village just can't cope already! The village is growing explosively and in an unplanned and uncontrolled manner, without providing the necessary infrastructure to support the new residents. They say "development here is developer-led, not plan-led, and this needs to change".

The Parish Council also argued strongly against the proposed access to the site, on behalf of residents fearing danger from further traffic along Lantern Lane, particularly when children are making their way to and from school.

Rushcliffe dropped their objection to access arrangements on the advice of Nottinghamshire County Council, whose "Departures Board" decided to allow access via a road that is narrower than their guidelines specify.

East Leake Parish Council debated at its July meeting whether to apply for a Judicial Review to challenge the appeal decision, but realised there is very little chance of success and potential high costs. Regrettably, although they are aghast at the decision they can't do any more about it.

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Chair of the Parish Council, Conrad Oatey said, “We place the blame squarely in the court of Rushcliffe Borough Council. The inspector made it quite clear that the fact that Rushcliffe does not have the required five year housing land supply outweighed other planning considerations. East Leake is one of just a very few areas in Rushcliffe outside the green belt that is besieged by developers, placing unacceptable strain on local infrastructure and destroying our village.”

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Details of the Application and the full text of the appeal decision by the Planning Inspectorate can be found under Planning Application 17/02292/OUT on Rushcliffe Borough Council Planning Portal at <https://planningon-line.rushcliffe.gov.uk/>