

# Developer rethinks proposals

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A DEVELOPER previously refused planning permission to build 127 homes in Bampton has submitted a new planning application.

Gladman Homes is seeking consent from West Oxfordshire District Council for 116 homes in Aston Road.

The developer has also appealed against the council's decision in January to reject the original proposal, due to concerns about flooding and the impact on the village's conservation area.

The council has approved a separate scheme for 160 homes off New Road, despite a petition signed by 330 residents and 100 letters of objection.

Resident Lesley Campbell, of the Save Bampton's Future campaign, said: "It's an almost identical application to the first.

"Flooding is a major issue and it's not a sustainable proposal on any front."

## In brief

# Appeal hearing on homes plan begins

**BAMPTON:** A public inquiry into a decision to refuse a plan to build 127 homes in the village began yesterday.

West Oxfordshire District Council rejected a planning application by Gladman Homes for permission to develop a site off Aston Road in January.

The developer appealed against the decision to the Government's Planning Inspectorate.

The inquiry, at the council's offices in Woodgreen, Witney, is expected to last six days.

# **Inquiry adjourned**

**BAMPTON:** A decision into whether 127 homes will be built in the village may not be made until June next year.

A six-day public inquiry was adjourned on Tuesday last week.

The planning inspector carrying out the inquiry visited the site, off Aston Road, last week.

The inquiry is due to resume on Tuesday, April 21, next year. A decision is then expected to be made within two months of the end of the inquiry.

The inquiry is being held after Gladman Homes appealed against West Oxfordshire District Council's decision to refuse planning permission for the development.

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## **STOP THE GLADMAN LANDGRAB IN BAMPTON**

Gladman, a land speculator from Cheshire, want to build 127 houses on the Aston Road fields that flooded in 2007. This is in addition to the 160 houses already approved for New Road - a 30% increase for Bampton.

### **IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO STOP THEM!**

The Society for the Protection of Bampton is vigorously fighting the appeal and has a good chance of winning, with your help. But, it is an expensive business. Gladman spend upwards of £300,000 on each appeal.

The SPB has set up a fighting fund to pay for experts to argue our case. We have already raised £5,000 and now need to raise at least as much again.

**Please join us on Wednesday 11th February from 7pm to 8pm at Bampton Village Hall  
Find out more about the appeal and how you can help**

187 Bampton homes were flooded in 2007

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- **Multi-millionaire land developer David Gladman lives in rural tranquillity**
- **But his firm is accused of inflicting 'unwanted' housing on countryside**
- **Gladman Developments offers to cover huge costs of planning consent**
- **It boasts it has won permission for 41 out of the last 43 rural schemes**
- **Sites include Peak District, Stratford-upon-Avon and PM's home Witney**

**By Sue Reid and Robert Hardman for the Daily Mail**

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Along a private road backing on to fields, multi-millionaire land development boss David Gladman lives in tranquillity in a wealthy area of Cheshire. His sumptuous farmhouse has a large garden, a tennis court nearby, and is the sort of place that reeks of prosperity.

It is the kind of area that 59-year-old Mr Gladman would ordinarily view as perfect for a development of new homes. As he said himself in an interview: 'For too long, preserving the view of a rich man over the fields behind his house has prevented a nurse from owning a decent place to live.'

The self-made businessman has gained notoriety because of his spectacular success at getting planning permission for housing on greenfield sites adjacent to towns or villages. When the site is sold on to a builder, he splits the profit with the landowner.

His company's website states it is targeting plots of greenfield land between seven and 50 acres on the edge of 'settlements' across the UK.

The same site boasts that Gladman Developments, with a £200 million turnover, is a 'formidable, skilled and highly professional land promoter, obsessed with winning (planning) consents'.

Its current projects include a site for 107 homes within view of the summit of the Peak District's hauntingly beautiful Kinder Scout plateau.

There are plans for 1,500 homes near historic Stratford-upon-Avon, and 270 homes on David Cameron's doorstep in his constituency of Witney in Oxfordshire.

Under Government reforms, councils must show they have enough land to meet housing targets for the next five years. If they do not, they lose key powers to ward off predatory planning applications. This has resulted in a flood of requests to build on greenfield sites.