

Monday 21st January, 7.00 pm Rutland County Council Offices.

You may have read in local papers this week that an important Rutland vote took place at Catmose on Monday 21st January.

Rutland Parish Councils were contesting Rutland County Council Cabinet's motion to apply for £30 Million of Government (HIF) housing infrastructure funding which would pave the way for the new town development of 2,315 houses and a commercial business park at the MoD. St George's Barracks site when the Army vacate in 2021.

The funding will be used to enlarge some local roads & create new roundabouts to cope with the volume of traffic. The money will also go towards clearing up the pollution left by the MoD including significant quantities of asbestos which is expected to cost at least £15 Million.

Public attendance at this important meeting was so large at over 180 that the Council Chamber was full to capacity and the proceedings were linked by T.V. relay to an overflow in the Museum. There was a Morcott presence at the meeting: Our Parish Council Chairman, two Parish Councillors and seven residents.

The Parish Councils' case against the motion were made in speeches by; -

Sharon Ashworth (Edith Weston), Neil Newton (St George's Advisory Group), Andrew Johnson (St George's Advisory Group), Mr Edward Jarron (St George Advisory Group), Paul Cummings (St George's Advisory Group).

The motion was narrowly carried by 12 votes to 11 with 2 councillors absent and so the application for Housing Infrastructure Funding will be made by mid-March.

It is time for Rutland to wake-up and object to the threat of this new town that is in a remote location, too large for its surroundings and will change the face of Rutland for ever. Local villages are concerned for road safety in the area as 4,600+ new vehicles will appear on the drives of 2,315 new homes and be used for commuting to work, school, and shopping. Passing through the surrounding network of lanes and nearby villages that will feed them onto main roads.

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