

Call to Residents to take Action to protect their Communities from the Threat of EHDC's Emerging Plan

Bentley Parish Council and A31 Alliance (Dec 2025)

Recommended Steps, if you are concerned:

- **Go to our website:** <https://www.savejaneaustencountry.org>
- **Sign the petition, which has already been signed by >22,500**
- **Write/email to EHDC:**
 - **District Councillors (local ward and Leader):**
 - david.ashcroft@easthants.gov.uk
 - phillip.davies@easthants.gov.uk
 - richard.millard@easthants.gov.uk
 - **Copy to local Hampshire County Councillor and local MP:**
 - antoniaforyourvillage@gmail.com
 - mark.kemp-gee@hants.gov.uk
 - damian.hinds.mp@parliament.uk
- **Points to make re EHDC Emerging Local Plan:**
 - EHDC should consult again at Regulation 18 given the massively increased Housing Targets (up to 20k), new LAA sites (155 with >8k more new houses) and their concentration along the A31 corridor
 - What (and where) are the supporting infrastructure plans – transport, education, health, sewage, water etc?
 - How will the natural environment (eg rivers) be protected?
 - How do these plans deliver remotely “sustainable” development?
 - To move directly to Regulation 19 (where EHDC does not have to listen to residents) and not consult further under Regulation 18 would be profoundly undemocratic (out of line with the new EHDC constitution) and contrary to plan-making obligations, given the major changes
 - Why is EHDC planning to adopt a plan which will “allocate” (irreversibly) sites for up to 20k new houses, when EHDC is to be abolished in 2028 and replaced by a much bigger, more strategic Unitary Authority with >5 Year Housing Land Supply and a much greater “canvas” on which to fight speculative development and plan for/support the much-needed new housing in the longer term?
 - Residents on the A31 do not want their communities changed forever by a Local Plan which delivers ribbon development/urban sprawl
 - As EHDC council tax payers (and your electors) we need to be properly consulted, to have our say and be listened to.....
- **Spread the word to friends/neighbours:**
 - Let others know what is going on
 - Use social media
 - Signpost to websites at: **Bentley PC, SaveJaneAustenCountry**