

Your Community Needs You

Join Chalton Parish Council

Help Shape the Future of Chalton!

Chalton Parish Council plays a vital role in representing our community on both local and strategic issues that directly affect village life. We are currently dealing with an unprecedented number of major developments and consultations that could shape Chalton for decades to come.

Major Planning and Infrastructure Issues

The Parish Council is actively engaged with:

- **The proposed 500MW Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) at Luton Road** – one of the largest of its kind nationally, raising concerns about cumulative impact, safety, traffic, farmland loss, and environmental risk.
- **Chapel Farm (Luton Road)** – proposals for a large Gospel Hall, with concerns around scale, traffic, drainage, and landscape impact.
- **Amazon Data Centre at Linnere Island** – including ongoing concerns about environmental permits, diesel backup generators, and wider impacts on neighbouring parishes.
- **Proposed warehouse developments** (including Vauxhall and Aviva sites) on Luton Road.
- **Multiple energy and infrastructure schemes** connecting into the Sundon Substation, with Chalton bearing a disproportionate share of the impact.

We are also preparing to engage with **NESO and the Strategic Spatial Energy Plan (SSEP)**, alongside ongoing correspondence with **National Grid**, to ensure Chalton's voice is heard in national and regional energy planning.

Other Important Council Matters

- **Community Governance Review (CGR)** – Houghton Regis Town Council requested a boundary change that would remove several hundred Linnere homes from Chalton Parish. The current recommendation is *not* to change the boundary, but this remains subject to consultation and requires strong parish representation.
- **Footpaths and Rights of Way** – including FP46 (Chalton to Toddington) and liaison with Anglian Water to clear up the flooding that has left the footpath closed for another 6 months.
- **Highways and Traffic Safety** – Could we have a 20mph speed limit and double yellow lines on Luton Road? New bus stops for the reintroduced **Service E bus** to Dunstable and Houghton Regis are being consulted and discussed.
- **Local Green Spaces** – Central Bedfordshire Council asked the Parish Council to submit for sites that could be designated as Local Green Space in the new Local Plan. It took many hours to research and complete but areas have been proposed and submitted in time for the deadline before Christmas 2025.

Your voice matters!

- **Chalton in the Chilterns** – A project to install information boards around the village footpaths that will share knowledge about the local history, people, geology and flora and fauna in Chalton Parish. Do you have other sustainability/biodiversity projects that could enhance the village surroundings?

Why We Need You

Our current councillors are already stretched managing these complex and time-sensitive issues. With **two Parish Council vacancies**, we urgently need residents willing to step forward and help protect Chalton's interests.

As a Parish Councillor, you can:

- Help influence planning decisions affecting the village
- Support traffic safety and environmental protection
- Help manage the parish budget
- Liaise with Chalton Lower School, the Village Hall Committee, Community Police, and neighbouring councils
- Represent Chalton in discussions with Central Bedfordshire Council and other authorities

Make a Difference

If you care about Chalton and want to help guide its future, please consider joining the Parish Council.

Every bit of help counts.

 **For more information**, please contact the clerk or to express interest. Contact Chalton Parish Council Clerk, Sorcha. T: **07939 419 377** or by email at **clerk@chalton-pc.gov.uk**

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