

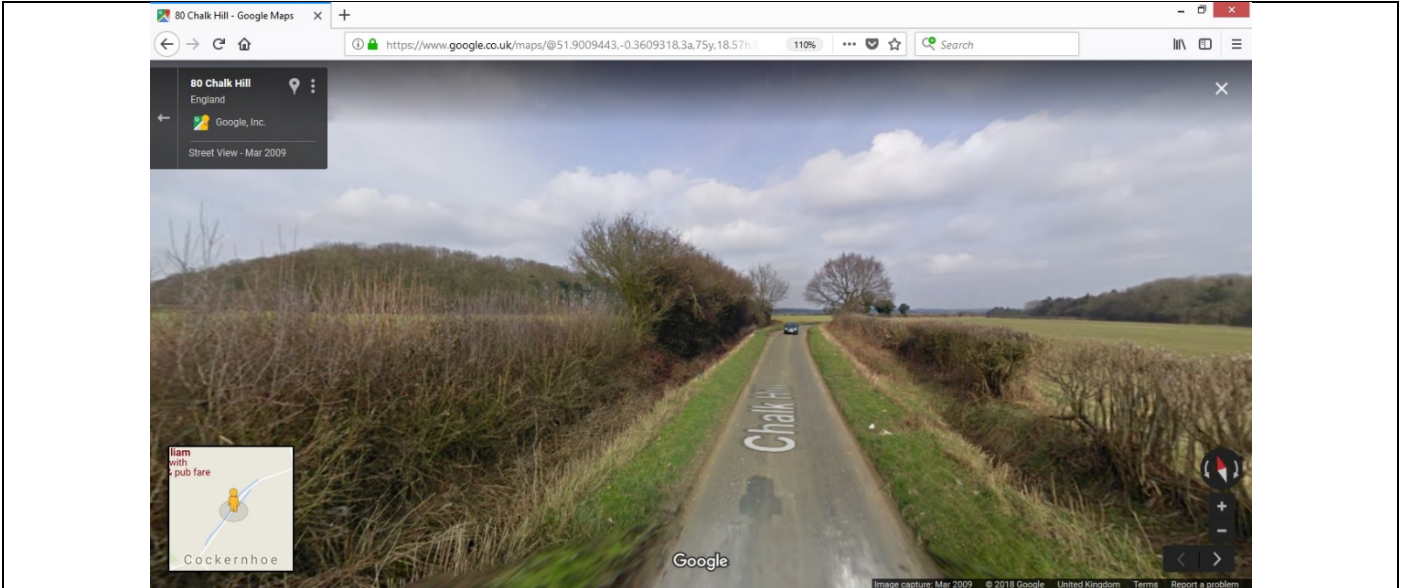
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Hearing Matter Statement: Matter 10 - Luton & Cockernhoe - North Hertfordshire Local Plan 2011-2031

APPLICATION FOR THE AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY FOR EAST OF LUTON



Above – The official designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty that is Lilley can be seen in the surrounding area top Chalk Hill Lane, making widening this very long single lane road a problem.

| Planning Projects | | | |
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| Consultants for extending boundary of Chilterns Area | 20,000 | | 20,000 |
| Economic Development Officer | | 52,000 | 52,000 |

EAST OF LUTON → LILLEY BOTTOM.

Budget for extending the Chilterns Area of Natural Beauty will need to be carried forward again to 2017/18. The decision on whether this work takes place is with Natural England, the application has been submitted by the Chilterns Conservation Board on behalf of NHDC and the Board is waiting to hear their decision on whether the application has been successful. Officers will continue to track progress and engage positively with the Chilterns Conservation Board and Natural England on how this proposal is progressed. No timeline has been given by Natural England when they will process the application. Should the application be successful then work on extending the boundary will commence.

The Council appointed its Economic Development officer on 01 December 2016. The carry forward together with the reserve will be used to facilitate the adopted Economic Development Action Plan.

51 Q. Why does the Council, on one hand, support, including financially the extension of the AONB, yet propose 2,100 houses to be built on the same land?

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How can they have simultaneously paid to progress an application with Natural England for AONB status and also applied to build 2,100 houses on the same piece of land?