

We are delighted that the Dudsbury Homes Appeal was dismissed on Friday 6th September.

The Parish Council and Action4Alderholt put forward a strong case against the Appeal in support of Dorset Council.

The Inspector's dismissal was based on the location of the development and distances that would need to be travelled to access employment, retail and social facilities and the effect on the highway network. The Inspector carried out site visits to experience the local road network and agreed with evidence given at the Inquiry that the roads are not suitable for such a large development. He noted that it is a poor rural network and the proposed development would result in serious negative consequences for highway safety, congestion and inconvenience.

We cannot express how happy and relieved we are with the decision to dismiss the Appeal and that the rural character of Alderholt remains protected.

Our huge thanks go to the whole community for their support through crowdfunding which enabled the Council to benefit from invaluable guidance and input from our barrister, planning and transport consultants. We also need to thank Action4Alderholt for their valued contribution as a fellow Rule 6 party, the support of neighbouring parishes and towns and all those who took the time to submit their comments throughout the whole planning process, a team effort resulting in a dismissal!

THANK YOU EVERYONE!

