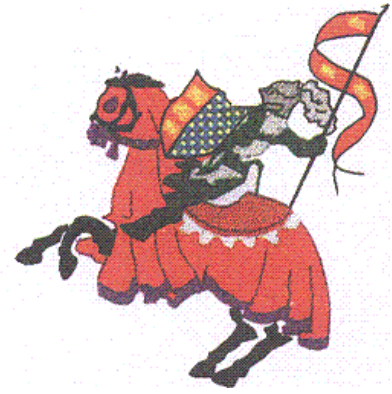


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PRESS RELEASE

CHAMBER GAINS RIGHT TO APPEAL

Our Chamber is delighted that our Legal Team were successful in our application at the Court of Appeal before Lord Justice Keene to overturn the two earlier refusals by more junior judges to allow an Appeal.

We challenged the failure by South Kesteven District Council to honour its publicly stated promise to save Local Plan Policy T1.

This provided a Protection Corridor to protect from development all the land needed for a future Ryhall Road Link, to join the A16 Uffington Road with the A6121 Ryhall Road. Instead of acting as promised, South Kesteven District Council Officers acting alone and in secret, deleted the Protection Corridor, without even consulting elected South Kesteven District Council Councillors. Our Chamber had no opportunity to put its case to South Kesteven District Council as there was no publicity or Committee involvement in the South Kesteven District Council decision. We considered that the South Kesteven District Council acted wrongfully.

Our Chamber is now permitted to have our case re-heard, by a panel of senior judges, who may be mindful of the supportive comments of Lord Justice Keene.

In any event, our Chamber will continue to press for the essential new roads which will help provide our town with relief from its traffic nightmare.

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