



## **SOS FURTHER UPDATE END SEPTEMBER 2025**

As we wrote to you in early September, Hampshire County Council informed TVBC, in response to the draft Local Plan 2042, that the school land at Danebury was not available for development as part of the proposed Stockbridge site. The Andover Advertiser then wrote an article suggesting that TVBC had dropped the Stockbridge 100 house allocation completely. We wrote to the leader of the Council to clarify the position and he wrote to say:

“In light of the change in circumstances, the council will need to consider its next steps, including assessing whether or not there is still an option to deliver homes in Stockbridge. This includes looking at alternative sites and reviewing other wider options...”

I wrote again to ask for reassurance ‘that the normal process will be followed by the Planning Department and that no corners will be cut now that Stockbridge’s previous allocation is no longer available’.

He responded ‘...we will now review all comments received [on the draft local plan] and determine how best to take the local plan forward’.

It therefore seems that while the Danebury School site and its playing fields are no longer available for development as planned, other parts of the site may be – although as we know access to those parts is not straightforward. Hence the Council will be looking at other sites as well but, as we understand it, the next consultation on the final version of the Local Plan will not be until June 2026. If other sites in or near Stockbridge, or other parts of the original site near Danebury School, are to be included in the revised Local Plan, we would hope that SOS and everyone else will get a chance to make their representations and objections if necessary.

So I'm afraid things are not clear cut. We may have won a battle but not yet the war!

Jean Boney

Chair of SOS