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TELFORD LIVE



Cllr Nigel Lumby with Mark Pritchard MP outside the Public Meeting on Friday

TELFORD NEWS

Over 200 residents rally against plans for 800 green belt homes

07/09/2026 Andy Smith

More than 200 residents gathered at the Red House in Albrighton on Friday night to oppose plans by Boningale Developments to build on 48 hectares of green belt land.

The Albrighton Development Action Group has been fighting proposals for 800 homes for nearly two and a half years. The public meeting served as a final rallying call ahead of a Public Inquiry starting on September 15th.

Group members updated residents on how they will act as a Rule six participant alongside Shropshire Council. Legal, planning and transport experts will support their case at the inquiry.

Mark Pritchard, MP for The Wrekin, joined local councillor Nigel Lumby in supporting the community. He reiterated his opposition to building on more than 119 acres of high-quality farmland.

Charlie Blakemore, Co-Chair of the action group, said: "The energy and passion in the public meeting sent a clear message to Boningale Developments that we will fight this speculative green belt grab every step of the way,"

He added: "Albrighton has already experienced significant development in recent years, with more planned. This proposal would carve additional swathes of beautiful rural green belt and valuable farmland from the area, creating a development of such scale that it would overwhelm local infrastructure, public services and amenities."

The community has raised £82,000 for the campaign so far. More than £2,500 was raised in donations on the night, with a further £2,600 collected at a weekend garden party. The group is now on course to reach £90,000.

Residents are also invited to join the Great Green Belt Walk on Saturday September 12th. The 2.8 mile family walk starts at 1.30pm and ends at The Crown public house for live entertainment.

Sharon Barker, member of the action group, said: "70 football pitches of beautiful rural countryside and award-winning farmland is under threat. Anyone who has walked around or seen the land asks one simple question...how can this be grey belt?"

More than 3,734 residents have signed a petition against the scheme. Over 1,100 people have submitted official objections to Shropshire Council.

To register to join the Great Green Belt Walk

–<https://www.givewheel.com/fundraising/18044/GGBW/>

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Mr Black

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🕒 Sat 12 Sep 11:00-15:00 📍 Hadley Cemetery **FREE**

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