



SENSE4CSP RECEIVES JUDGE'S APPROVAL FOR ITS LANDMARK CHALLENGE AGAINST THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE EPILEPSY SOCIETY TO BE HEARD IN THE HIGH COURT!



**Today, we want to share an exciting and important milestone
in our campaign to protect Chalfont St Peter's Green Belt.**

Following the Secretary of State's disappointing decision on **29 June 2026** to approve the Epilepsy Society's planning application for a controversial 975-home development on Green Belt land - which will have a negative impact on the infrastructure across the whole of our village - SENSE4CSP formally launched a **High Court challenge** against both the Secretary of State and the Epilepsy Society under Section 288 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. The Judge has reviewed our preliminary evidence and has determined that SENSE's legal arguments have sufficient merit to warrant a full judicial evaluation at an oral hearing in the High Court. We are delighted with this news and the Court will list a date for the hearing in due course; this is expected to be by the end of this year.

**This is a significant and pivotal step and one that has only been
possible because of the determination of the SENSE team and the
generosity of our supporters.**

Whilst it is a high bar to achieve, we have been given positive feedback from our legal team, and we feel confident that our supporters would want us to continue the fight to protect our village until all options are exhausted. Therefore, since we received notification of the decision earlier this week, we have been working tirelessly behind the scenes reviewing the Court Order, gathering evidence and working closely with our specialist planning barrister to prepare a robust legal case.

It is important to remember that this is not an appeal on the planning merits of the development. A Section 288 challenge asks the Court to determine whether the decision was made lawfully. If the Court agrees with our arguments, it can quash the Secretary of State's decision, requiring it to be reconsidered.

Our Barrister, and the SENSE team, believe the Public Inquiry Inspector's and the Secretary of State's decision reports were legally flawed. A Statement of Facts and the case outlining the five grounds where we contest 'errors in law' was submitted to the High Court on 5th August. This document can be viewed on the SENSE website www.sense4csp.org.

The SENSE challenge is about more than one planning application. It is about ensuring that decisions affecting Green Belt countryside are made lawfully, transparently and in the public's interest.

The Secretary of State's decision to release Green Belt for development on the grounds of speculative research benefits and preventing a charity from becoming insolvent sets a precedent that any charity owning land could exploit.

TO ACHIEVE OUR GOAL, WE REALLY NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

First and foremost, **thank you**. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who has donated, volunteered, attended meetings, written objections, shared our campaign and stood alongside us over past years and months. Without your generosity, we simply would not have reached this stage. However, launching a High Court challenge is a costly exercise.

As part of our case, we have achieved protection from costs under the **Aarhus Convention**. This protection is designed to limit our potential liability to £10,000 should we lose the challenge. Even with that protection in place, **SENSE4CSP does not have sufficient reserves to fund the legal work required to pursue the case to its conclusion**. Whilst we are reluctant to ask supporters again, we urgently need additional financial support to supplement the remaining donations held in our account.

We believe we need to raise a minimum of **£25,000** to see the case through and ensure SENSE4CSP has the funds to continue with its objectives long term. This is not a huge amount if we receive the same level of support from Chalfont St Peter residents as we did for the Public Inquiry.

If you feel as strongly as we do that the Epilepsy Society's planning application **must be stopped** and you are able to help, no matter how large or small your contribution, by working together your donation will make a real difference. Every pound brings us one step closer to ensuring that this case is fully argued before the Court and hopefully put a stop to this development.

Please donate what you can via the **donate button on our website** or **notify us by email sense@sense4csp.org.uk** and one of the team will collect **cash or a cheque**. **Alternatively, a direct bank transfer can be made to the SENSE4CSP bank account; please email requesting the details.**

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Please pass this on to your friends and neighbours. With your continued support, we can give this final challenge the strongest possible chance of success. It would be a massive shame if SENSE can't continue its battle to protect Chalfont St Peter, on behalf of you all, due to lack of funds.

Thank you for standing with SENSE.

**With best wishes,
The SENSE4CSP team**