

District Councillor Report
Cottered Annual Parish Meeting
11 May 2026

1. Planning Issues

(i) Planning Application 3/24/0966/OUT – Land north of A507 and west of A10

Subsequent to the refusal of this planning application by East Herts Council in October 2025, an appeal has now been lodged by the applicant and will be decided by an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State at a Public Inquiry. The inquiry will be held in the East Herts District Council Chamber, Wallfields, Hertford. The dates for the inquiry have not been published yet.

Any comments on the original application for planning permission (unless they were marked confidential will be sent by the Council to the Planning Inspectorate and they will be taken into account by the Inspector who decides the appeal unless they are subsequently withdrawn. If you wish amend your comments or make any new ones, please contact the Planning Inspectorate quoting reference 6008238 by 4th June 2026. You can make a comment to The Planning Inspectorate at <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>.

(ii) Planning Application ref: 3/24/1255/OUT - Land South Of A507, West Of A10 Buntingford

Outline planning application for development of employment land (flexible use B2, B8, E(c) and E(g)), informal open space, associated works and infrastructure including a new access from A507, with all matters reserved except for access.

This application was refused by East Herts Planning on 6 May 2026.

Main reasons:

Siting and location - The proposals by reason of scale, form, visual impact and siting on the west side of the A10 outside of the Buntingford Settlement Boundary, would intrude upon and have a significantly harmful urbanising impact upon the 'Cherry Green Arable Plateau'

Poor quality and unsafe active travel connections and unsafe environment for pedestrians, cyclists and other highway users.

The proposed development results in a conflict with Policies BUNT3, INT1, DPS2, GBR2, DES2, ED1, TRA1 and TRA2 of the District Plan (2018) and Policies ES1 and BE2 of the Buntingford Community Neighbourhood Plan (2017). Thus, the proposals fail to comply with the Development Plan as a whole

(iii) Beane Valley Solar Farm application

No updates received.

2. New FiveDinners Scheme is launched

The new Five-Dinners scheme is now available through East Herts Council. It offers a simple, easy-to-use meal planning service designed to take the stress out of weekday cooking and provides a weekly plan of five healthy, family-friendly meals, along with a ready-made shopping list, helping you to save time, reduce food waste, and make the most of seasonal ingredients.

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The scheme helps you to:

- Try new recipes using fresh, in-season produce
- Cut down on food waste and unnecessary shopping
- Spend less time planning and more time enjoying meals together

The scheme is available free to residents, more information and sign-up details can be found on the provider's webpage.

<https://fivedinners.com/my-community-food-hub/mycommunity/>

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