

## COMPLAINT FORM

### Your details

1. Please provide us with your name and contact details:

<b>Title:</b>	COUNCILLOR
<b>First name:</b>	ALAN
<b>Last name:</b>	CULLEN
<b>Address:</b>	719 PRESTON ROAD CHORLEY LANCS P26 7EJ
<b>Daytime telephone:</b>	01772 628271
<b>Evening telephone:</b>	01772 628271
<b>Mobile telephone:</b>	01951 474377
<b>Email address:</b>	alan.cullen@Chorley.gov.uk

Your address and contact details will not usually be released unless necessary or to deal with your complaint. However, we may tell the following people that you have made this complaint:

- the Member(s) you are complaining about
- the parish or town clerk (if applicable)

We will tell them your name and give them a summary of your complaint. We will give them full details of your complaint where necessary or appropriate to be able to deal with it. If you have serious concerns about your name and a summary, or details of your complaint being released, please complete section 6 of this form.

2. Please tell us which of the following best describes you:
- Member of the public
  - An elected or co-opted member of an authority
  - An independent member of the Standards Committee
  - Member of Parliament
  - Local authority Monitoring Officer
  - Other council officer or authority employee
  - Other

### Making your complaint

3. Your complaint must be that the Member(s) has, or may have, breached the Code of Conduct. A copy of the Code of Conduct and frequently asked questions about the Code of Conduct are available at <http://www.standardsforengland.gov.uk/>  
Complaints about dissatisfaction with a decision or action of the authority or one of its committees, a service provided by the authority or the authority's procedures do not fall within the jurisdiction of the Standards Committee. Complaints about the actions of people employed by the authority also do not fall within the jurisdiction of the Standards Committee.  
To see the process the complaint would follow please see appendix 1.
4. Please provide us with the name of the Member(s) you believe have breached the Code of Conduct and the name of their authority:

Title	First name	Last name	Council or authority name
CUR	CHRISTOPHER	FRANCE	CHORLEY



## Appendix A (1)

Over recent weeks Councillor Christopher France has been running a campaign within his Ward of Wheelton and Withnell against 'proposed' housing development on 3 sites in Brinscall. This campaign has been by Newsletter, Flyer (copy attached), house visits and a local petition.

Claims that at the last Council meeting that the proposal to build housing on these sites was voted through are unfounded as the vote was to retain one sector of land as Open Space, one as protected employment land and a third for housing. These claims have caused a great deal of consternation in the area and Chorley Borough Council has received numerous enquiries protesting to the alleged proposals.

Following distribution of a newsletter by another Ward Councillor setting out the facts on this issue Councillor France issued a rebuttal letter to residents, copy attached, and it is against this that this complaint is lodged. The letter states 'In the proposal published in June by Chorley Council the above piece of land was included in sites suggested for housing development.' No such document has been published by the Council and the only document that relates to this issue in June was a confidential document for internal member discussion, copy attached. It was stressed at all meetings that the document was to remain confidential in order to reduce public concern during member deliberations on sites.

This complaint is made on two issues:

- 1 That Councillor France used his office as a Councillor to mislead the public by making unsubstantiated claims and that through his actions and false claims of the Council issuing documents supporting his claims he has brought Chorley Borough Council into disrepute.
- 2 That Councillor France has published details of a confidential document against the Council's wishes in his undated letter to residents of Brinscall.

## Appendix A (1)

### Only complete this next section if you are requesting that your identity is kept confidential

6. In the interests of fairness and natural justice, we believe Members who are complained about have a right to know who has made the complaint. We also believe they have a right to be provided with a summary of the complaint. We are unlikely to withhold your identity or the details of your complaint unless you have good reason to believe that:

- You have reasonable grounds for believing that you will be at risk of physical harm if your identity is disclosed.
- You are an officer who works closely with the subject Member and you are afraid of the consequences to your employment or losing your job.
- You suffer from a serious health condition and there are medical risks associated with your identity being disclosed.

Please note that requests for confidentiality or requests for suppression of complaint details will not automatically be granted. The Assessment Sub-Committee will consider the request alongside the substance of your complaint. We will then contact you with the decision. If your request for confidentiality is not granted, we will usually allow you the option of withdrawing your complaint. However, it is important to understand that in certain exceptional circumstances where the matter complained about is very serious, we can proceed with an investigation or other action and disclose your name even if you have expressly asked us not to.

Please provide us with details of why you believe we should withhold your name and/or the details of your complaint:


### Additional Help

7. Complaints must be submitted in writing. This includes fax and electronic submissions. However, in line with the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act 2000, we can make reasonable adjustments to assist you if you have a disability that prevents you from making your complaint in writing.

We can also help if English is not your first language.

If you need any support in completing this form, please let us know as soon as possible.

This information can be made available to you in larger print or on audio tape, or translated into your own language. Please telephone 01257 515196 to access this service.

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# Appendix A (1)

## Diversity Monitoring Form

Chorley Council wants to ensure that all its customers are treated fairly and no one is discriminated against unlawfully. We ask you to complete this form so that we can monitor the services we provide to you and improve them. **The information you supply here is confidential and for monitoring purposes only**

1. **Are you:** Male  Female
2. **Which of the following age groups do you belong to?**  
Under 15   
16 to 17   
18 to 24   
25 to 39   
40 to 49   
50 to 59   
60 to 64   
65 years and over
3. **Do you have any long-standing illness, disability or infirmity?**  
*(Long standing means anything that has troubled you over a period of time or that is likely to affect you over a period of time.)*  
Yes  No
- a) **If so, does this illness or disability limit your normal day to day activities in any way?**  
Yes  No
4. **To which of these groups do you consider you belong?** *(Please tick one box only)*
- |  |                                     |   |                          |
|--|-------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| <u>White</u>                                       |                                     | <u>Mixed</u>                                    |                          |
| British  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | White & Black Caribbean                         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Irish  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | White & Black African                           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other White Background<br>(Please write in)        |                                     | White & Asian                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <u>Chinese</u>                                     | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Any other mixed background<br>(Please write in) |                          |
| <u>Black or Black British</u>                      |                                     | <u>Asian or Asian British</u>                   |                          |
| Caribbean  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Indian  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| African  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Pakistani                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Any other Black background<br>(Please write in)    |                                     | Bangladeshi                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <u>Any other ethnic group</u><br>(Please write in) |                                     | Any other Asian background<br>(Please write in) |                          |
5. **What is your religion?**
- |  |                                     |          |                          |
|--|-------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| Christian  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Buddhist | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Hindu  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Jewish   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Muslim   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Sikh     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other religion <input type="checkbox"/><br>(Please write in) |                                     | None     | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**What is your postcode?**

# LABOUR CAMPAIGN SPECIAL

Chorley Borough Council has already approved the Local Development Framework plan and it has now gone to public consultation. This plan is extremely important as it identifies potential development sites across Chorley over the next 25 years.

In Brinscall three sites have been located and are identified on the back of this flyer. **CH0169** has been identified as a housing site as has **CS0043**. **CS0030** which is currently part of Railway Park has been identified for either housing, employment land or both. This means that potentially **165 houses** could be sited there if development approval was granted for 50 dwellings per hectare.

Chris France has already called for the abandonment of the council's current approach and has previously voted against the draft. Chorley Council seeks to set the minimum dwellings per hectare rate at 16 when the national average is above 30. **This means that twice as much land must now be found for development.**

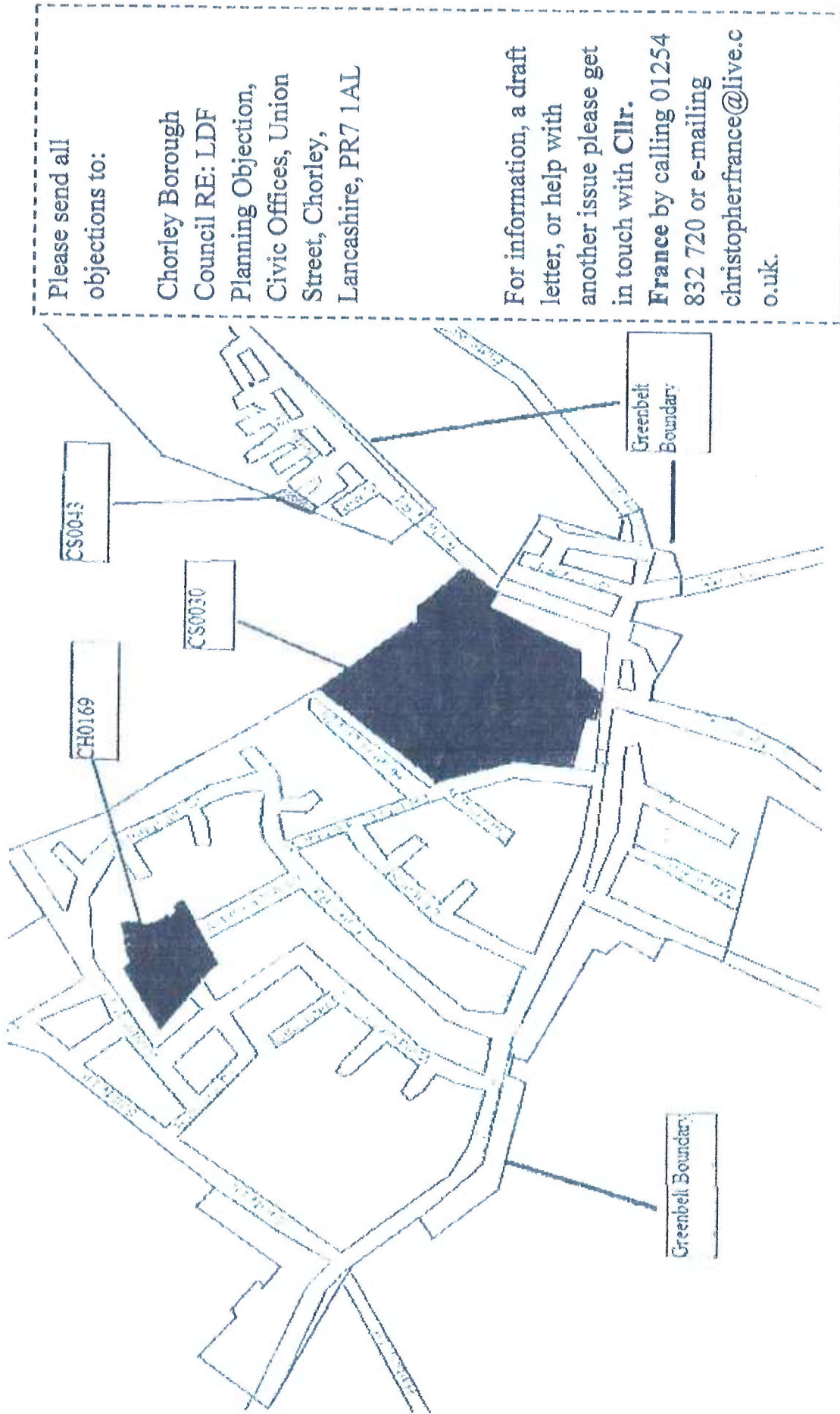
**Chris France proposed the figure be brought in line with the national average so as less sites need to be found and called for development at CS0030 to be halted immediately as it should be maintained as a nature reserve and open space.**

However, at the last full Council meeting all but one attending Chorley Conservative Councillors (including the Conservative Councillor from Wheelton and Withnell) and all Chorley Liberal Democrats, who now share power with Chorley Conservatives, voted for the plan. So although **all Chorley Labour Councillors in attendance unanimously voted against the proposal** it was approved and has now passed through to its final stages.

**We are now in the brief public consultation period and this is the last chance to stop the above sites being allocated for development.**

All residents wishing to object to any of the above sites must write to Chorley Borough Council (the address is on the reverse) with the site codes as soon as possible for the consultation period is brief. A full and more detailed layout of Chorley's proposed development sites can be found at <http://www.chorley.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=608>.

If a resident would like a copy of a draft letter or any advice then please get in touch. Chris France's details are on the reverse.



Please send all objections to:

Chorley Borough  
Council RE: LDF  
Planning Objection,  
Civic Offices, Union  
Street, Chorley,  
Lancashire, PR7 1AL

For information, a draft letter, or help with another issue please get in touch with Cllr.

France by calling 01254 832 720 or e-mailing christopherfrance@live.co.uk.

The above map is intended to provide a basic guide reference only and was created independently for copyright reasons. More detailed maps are available on the Chorley Borough Council website via the link on the reverse page.

This leaflet was printed and promoted by David Snape, 14 The Avenue, Adlington on behalf of Councillor Christopher France, 25 Larch Drive, Brinscall, Chorley.

# Cllr Chris France

Councillor for Abbey Village, Brinscall, Wheelton & Withnell



Cllr Chris France  
Tel: 01254 832720

Dear Resident

## Land at Railway Park/Brinscall Nature Trail

I am writing regarding the above area of land.

In the proposal published in June by Chorley Council the above piece of land was included in sites suggested for housing development (see plan opposite).

I can confirm that no housing development will go ahead at this stage and the land will be designated as recreational open space.

I will commit to remaining vigilant over future plans for housing in our village and ensure that your views are always heard.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely

*Chris France*

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