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The end of the year is in sight and there's still no news on the outcome of the Epilepsy Society's planning application to build 975 homes on their Green Belt land in Chalfont St Peter. The application was submitted over 16 months ago and the latest internal target date for the planning officer's determination is the 24th January 2024, although this seems to be an evermoving target. Whatever the recommendation, the final decision will be made by councillors on the Strategic Sites Committee. SENSE4CSP will have a voice at that meeting, as will our CSP Buckinghamshire Counsellors and the Parish Council, who also strongly oppose the application. The SENSE4CSP core group are continuing to work hard on your behalf by preparing for all possibilities.

SENSE4CSP STILL NEEDS YOUR HELP PLEASE!!!

Thank you to everyone who emailed photos or video footage of traffic congestion on the lanes adjacent to the Epilepsy Society site following our request in the last newsletter. We've received some amazing and shocking images which highlight how unsuitable these lanes are for the volume of traffic and heavy goods vehicles.



Please keep sending your photos or dashcam footage to

sense@sense4csp.org



WE'RE ALSO STILL ASKING FOR YOUR HELP WITH THE FOLLOWING:

The NHS have acknowledged that the proposed Epilepsy Society development will put a significant strain on the already stretched NHS services in the area. A 40% increase in population will undoubtedly make obtaining a timely hospital, GP or dentist appointment even more difficult than it is now.

In preparation for a possible appeal by the Epilepsy Society, SENSE4CSP would like to collate evidence of people's personal experience when trying to obtain a NHS appointment.

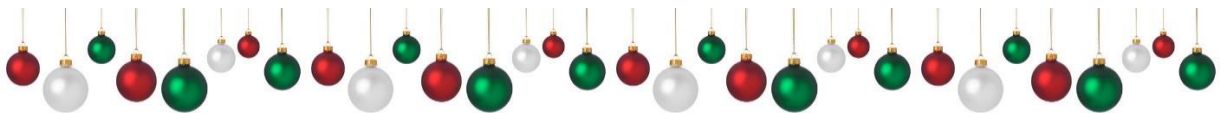
We are kindly asking members to send a short email to sense@sense4csp.org giving brief details of your experience, naming the surgery and the date. Please don't include any personal details about why you're seeking a medical appointment and we will redact your email address on the evidence retained. Thank you to those who have already sent a response.



Epilepsy Research Institute

SENSE4CSP fully supports the need for research into Epilepsy, which is a dreadful and debilitating condition. We are delighted to share the news that 'The Epilepsy Research Institute' was launched at the British branch of the International League Against Epilepsy's annual scientific meeting. The Institute will play a key role in bringing the research community and charities together under a shared vision and mission. The Institute's partners include Epilepsy Action, Young Epilepsy, Epilepsy Scotland and the International League Against Epilepsy, who will form a driving force in Epilepsy research.

We find it interesting that The Epilepsy Society in CSP isn't identified as a partner, which brings into doubt their claim that without a research facility financed through the sale of their land, a cure for Epilepsy may not be found.



Motorway Service Station (planning application PL/22/1411/OA)

The second planning application for a Motor Way Service Area (MSA) on the M25 by the HS2 tunnel entrance, in our Parish, has been refused by Buckinghamshire Council. The reasons included were, that it is harmful to Green Belt and would result in the loss of agricultural land. Both reasons apply to the Epilepsy Centre development plan. At the same meeting, the planning application for an MSA at Iver Heath was recommended for approval. These decisions have now been submitted to Central Government.

Lastly....

The SENSE4CSP core group and communications team would like to wish you all good cheer for the festive season, and we thank you for your ongoing support. 2024 is going to be a busy year, as the outcome of The Epilepsy Society's planning application will undoubtedly be known in the new year. Whatever the conclusion, SENSE4CSP will continue in our quest to do all we can to protect Chalfont St Peter village from inappropriate development.

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Many thanks,
The SENSE4CSP communications team