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Another move in battle for homes in Broughton

LONG awaited hopes by Broughton parish council to be given the go-ahead to build its own local homes in the village could be a step nearer to being fulfilled.

They are pressing for planning permission to build 16 houses on land they own at Salisbury Road but they have come up against stiff opposition from chief officers of Test Valley Borough Council.

But members of the southern area planning committee decided they want to look at the site to make up their own minds rather than follow the chief planning officer's recommendation to refuse the plans.

The land is in the north west of Broughton and is partly agricultural, partly play area and partly cemetery, and they want to build a mixture of two bedroom terraced or detached houses and bungalows in the bottom corner bordering the road.

Their desire for local housing is long standing. More than 25 years ago they submitted applications which were not suc-

cessful and since then they have made various informal approaches.

Backing their plans are county councillor for Stockbridge, Mr Maurice Jones, the director of the Hampshire Council of Community Service, the chairman of the county council's rural committee, the association of parish councils and several residents.

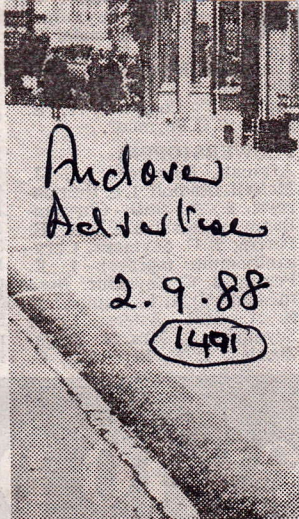
But the chief planning officer, John Pybus, feels support is not the same as justification and although he commends the parish council for their efforts he says there are now very few, even halfway, suitable locations in Broughton.

He said in his report "Despite claims of need, there is no justification whatsoever submitted and the site is most definitely in a position where policy would rightly insist on recommendation for refusal."

Chief housing officer Richard Kitson confirmed his view that the need for housing in Broughton was low.



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