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IFIELD - A PARISH IN QUIET, VERY ENGLISH, REVOLT AT CHRISTMAS

'Ifield - 1000 years of Parish [c.1026-2026]'

Dear Editor

At Christmas we are encouraged to be patient and reassured. But in Ifield this Christmas, patience and reassurance has given way to a quiet, very English, revolt.

Across the ancient Parish there is a growing, lawful resistance to the way Homes England's West of Ifield masterplan is being pursued. This is not a revolt against homes, but against a process that appears increasingly detached from democratic planning, local consent and financial transparency. There is a democratic deficit and the cost of that deficit is high.

Recent national announcements about Homes England's proposed National Housing Bank - 'a public bank for private developers' - have sharpened these concerns. We are told that [REDACTED] of public money will be used to "unlock" up to [REDACTED] of private capital and deliver a "step change" in housing delivery. Yet there is no public information explaining whether — or how much — of this public finance is intended to support Homes England's own controversial land strategy at West of Ifield, including the much-quoted [REDACTED] land deal dating back to 2019.

That absence of clarity matters. If public money is being used to de-risk or accelerate a speculative, developer-led scheme that lacks a sound Local Plan, faces formal objections from Crawley Borough Council and Gatwick Airport Ltd, and is opposed by the local community, then residents are entitled to know. Public finance does not confer public consent.

Ifield is not simply a development site on a balance sheet. It is an ancient parish with a living landscape — meadows, brooks, footpaths, heritage and memory — still actively used and cherished. Treating such a place as a land bank to be "unlocked" by state-backed finance is precisely what has triggered this moment of revolt.

If public money is being used to make contested developments “inevitable”, then something has gone badly wrong. Parliament and the Treasury have a moral duty to ensure that billions of pounds of public finance are not used to silence communities or override lawful planning. If any part of the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] National Housing Bank is supporting the [REDACTED] West of Ifield land strategy, that must be stated openly and justified. Until then, this parish will remain in quiet revolt — in defence of fairness, stewardship and trust.

Yours sincerely,

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The Ifield Society

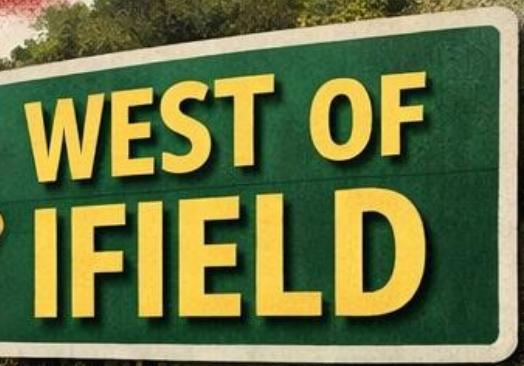
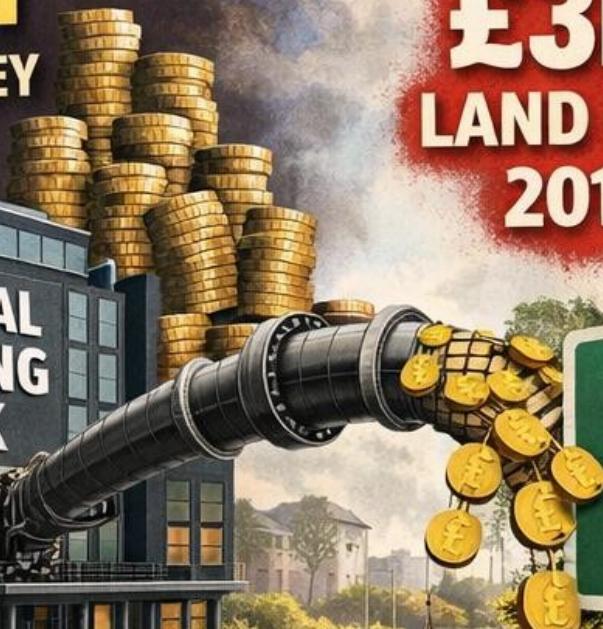
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NATIONAL HOUSING BANK & WEST OF IFIELD: FOLLOW THE MONEY

£16bn
PUBLIC MONEY

£3bn
LAND DEAL
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**DEMOCRATIC
DEFICIT**

**ECOLOGICAL
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St. Margert's Church

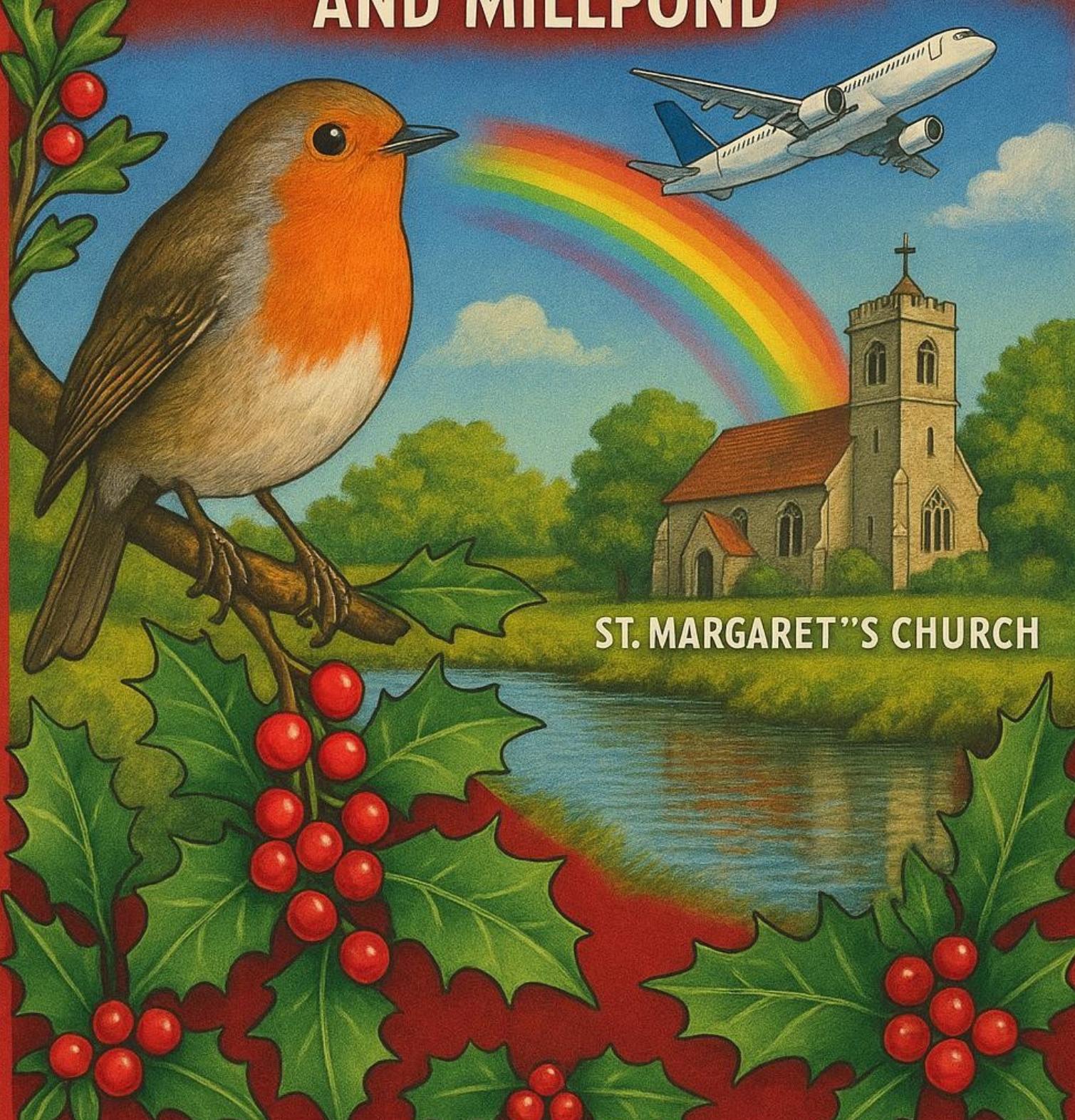
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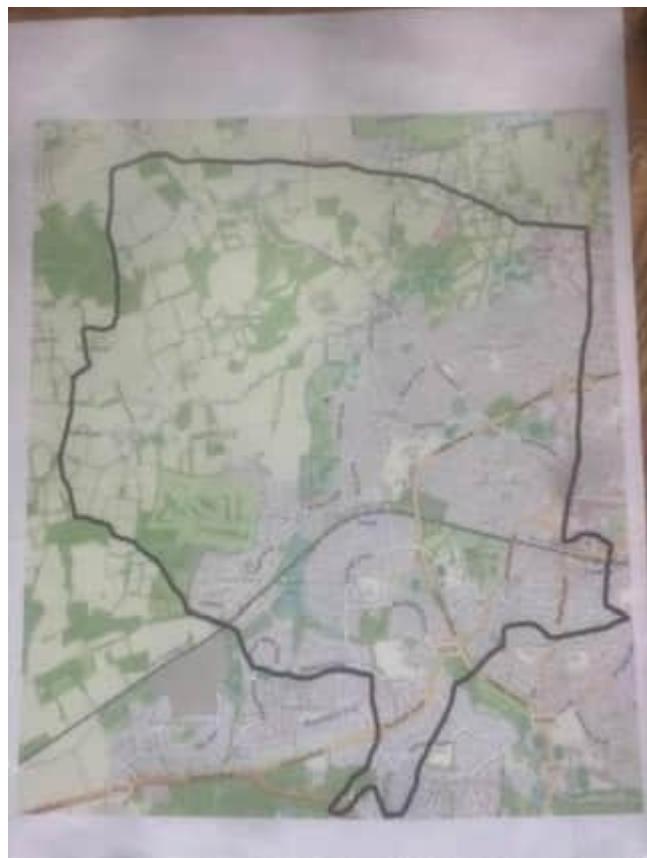
LOCAL PEOPLE VS.

BIG MONEY PLANS

THE IFIELD SOCIETY
CHRISTMAS WALK
TO IFIELD BROOK MEADOWS
AND MILLPOND



ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

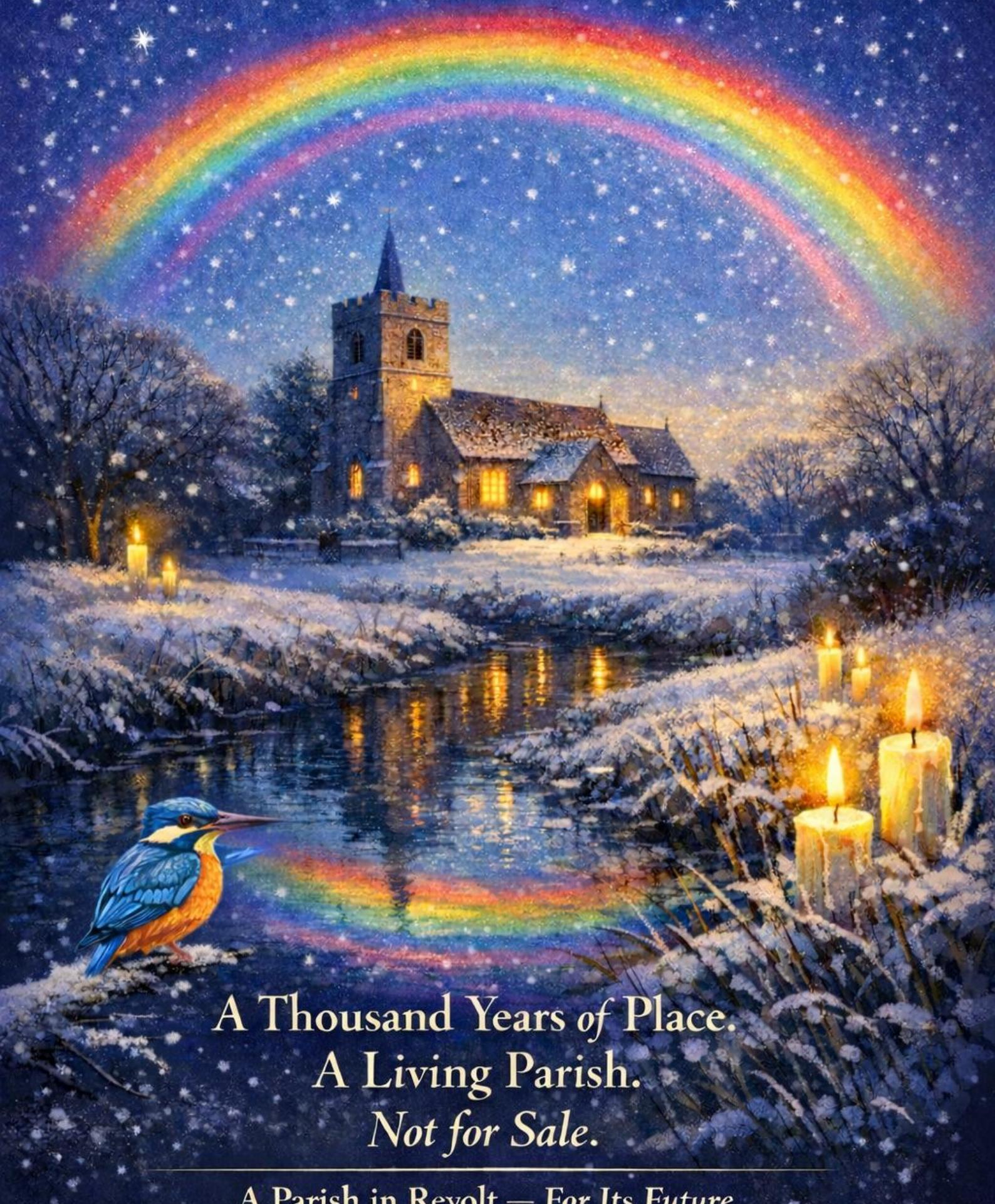




IFIELD c. 1026–2026



An Ancient Parish at Christmas



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PUBLIC MONEY. MORAL DUTY.

— *Ifield — A Parish in Quiet Revolt* —



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not silence communities or pre-empt democratic planning.

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