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Empowering A Community: Standing up to “The Powers That Be”

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ABSTRACT As towns and cities grow the boundaries between industrial and residential zones begin to merge. Local authorities providing consents for expansion tend to favour the needs of businesses that will provide income and employment to the community - sometimes at the expense of the private residents. This article is about one such community, where the residents challenged their local authority, and a multi-national company. This was an empowering experience for the residents, who had previously felt helpless to stop the gradual encroachment of this company's operations into its community.

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