

HVRA PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Rural Affordable Housing

All residents in the Parish will have received the leaflet produced by HVRA in association with Naphill & Walters Ash Residents Association, Residents of Gt. Kingshill and Widmer End and ex Parish Councillors. The leaflet outlined important information to assist residents when completing the Hughenden Parish Council Housing Needs Questionnaire which was delivered at the end of September. Many residents found the questionnaire confusing particularly questions 1 and 2. We are disappointed that there was imbalance; households with more than one occupant wishing to make their views known on development in the Green Belt AONB were refused extra copies of the questionnaire whilst households with members interested in expressing a need were granted extra questionnaires with the first section on Green Belt AONB issues crossed through. We await the results with interest.

HS2

The latest announcements from the Government favour Route 3 as the preferred option and it seems less likely that Hughenden Valley which is on Route 2.5 will be affected. HVRA will continue to lobby against HS2 in the Chilterns AONB; we liaise with the Speen HS2 Action Group and are members of HS2 Action Alliance and the Chiltern Society. Whenever possible a representative attends local HS2 meetings and rallies.

Interestingly, at a recent meeting organised by the High Wycombe Society there was a presentation by Chiltern Railways about the 'Evergreen3' project with plans to increase line speeds to Birmingham and along the route mainly by track improvements to allow 100 mph running. Evergreen 3 will save 20 minutes on the journey time between London and Birmingham at a cost of £250 million whilst HS2 will save 30 minutes on the same journey at a cost of £17.8 billion (1st stage).

The Harrow

The planning application to build one dwelling in the grounds of the Harrow was decided at the WDC Planning Committee meeting at the beginning of November. There was much discussion regarding the new 'garden grabbing' planning policy statement by Eric Pickles and the proposed shared access. The vote was close; permission was granted on all matters apart from the shared access, this will be investigated further under deferred matters.

Greenacres, Cryers Hill

As reported in the last issue the developers made changes to the property which did not have planning permission; these included the insertion of windows in the roof at the front which have now been removed.

Binders Yard, Gt. Kingshill

The HVRA Planning Sub-Committee objected to a planning application for a proposal to significantly increase operations at Binders Yard, doubling the number of lorry movements to over 80 daily. This application was dealt with by Bucks County Council and sadly, permission has been granted.

This is totally unacceptable in a Green Belt, AONB village and in close proximity to Gt. Kingshill C of E Combined School. We have grave concerns regarding the detrimental impact this proposal would have on the environment, the village community and the implications for the health of the school children and residents.

Chemical Smell on A4128

Several residents have noticed a strange chemical smell (not unlike TCP) near Church Farm. WDC Environment Services are not 100% sure where it is coming from although an obvious source is nearby cattle sheds which are periodically heavily disinfected; this has been monitored for a couple of weeks. WDC will continue to monitor, if anyone is directly affected please let us know so that we can pass the information on.

Cats Eyes

We have reported that many of the Cats Eyes along the A4128 between Cryers Hill and High Wycombe are faulty or missing. This is being investigated by Bucks County Council and we hope for some feedback and action as soon as possible as it is particularly hazardous now that the nights are drawing in.

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