

North West Farnham Residents Association Autumn Meeting and Talk

‘Hampshire and IOW Air Ambulance’

Thursday 19th October 2017 at 8.00 pm, St Francis Hall (off Three Stiles Road)

Dear Members and Local Residents

This year the talk at our October meeting is given by Hampshire and IOW Air ambulance. This should be both interesting and informative so do come along and support them.

As usual there will be an open session afterwards so that we can hear your views on other matters and discuss the latest news. This should start at around 8.45 – 9.00 pm. The cost is £2.00 per head including refreshments. Anyone who would like to come but needs some extra help or transport can phone the chairman, Penny Marriott, on 01252 714489.

Chair and Committee Report

Local Plans

The Farnham Neighbourhood Plan has now been passed by the planning inspector as a material planning document. Coxbridge is in the plan as a development site, but there are no other greenfield development sites in the Plan in NW Farnham which should protect other areas from development.

However as usual Waverley's actions seem to be putting the plan in jeopardy immediately. The Inspector of Waverley's Local Plan said that changes were needed before it would be accepted – including an extra 1349 houses in Waverley (believe it or not to meet the shortfall in Woking's numbers in their established plan). In amending their plan to cope with these extra houses Waverley have proposed that 450 more should come to Farnham, and NO more to Dunsfold aerodrome - continuing to plan for only 2600 there when 80% of respondents to Waverley's own consultation in 2014 supported 3400. Waverley has launched a consultation (open to Oct 20th) on these proposals which is on their website at http://www.waverley.gov.uk/info/1004/planning_policy/188/current_planning_consultations so please logon as soon as possible to put in your comments. You will need to put in references to proposed amendments ('MM..' below) and policies (/ references below).

We suggest the following points in particular:

1. (MM3 / ALH1) Dunsfold Aerodrome should take at least 3400 houses as was overwhelmingly agreed (80%) in the previous 2014 consultation. Farnham should take no more than in the original plan put to the inspector. Farnham already contains the largest number of congested roads in the borough and extra housing will make things worse; Air pollution in Farnham is already above legal limits; and Farnham will be affected by large number of new houses planned for in adjacent Boroughs.
2. MM3 / ALH1 Woking should be required to change its plan number to meet its own shortfall.
3. MM1 / 6.24 Farnham Neighbourhood Plan should be followed for at least 5 years; if there eventually a need to adjust the total housing number for Farnham it should be done after 5 years.

The Hopfields development

Amendments have been received from Taylor Wimpey to their detailed plans ('reserved matters' application – ref WA/2016/2455). We have just been told that small additional changes (relating to the public footpath) have still to be received and that the decision meeting will be in November – meaning that comments can still be sent until mid October (best via the Waverley Planning Applications website).

The developer says that the changes cover changes to the elevations and detail of the flats; changes to amenity space for the flats; some changes to architectural details of houses and distances between some dwellings; some changes to parking spaces

The Residents' Association Executive has still to review some of the detail, but has already written to object that its previous comments on flooding, trees and the inclusion of some bungalows have been ignored and that the Council is still refusing to require that critical building materials are identified before approval is granted. Also that it is still pressing for conditions to be attached related to traffic in Crondall lane, 20 mph limits, school places, the open spaces and the public footpath.

Other matters

On another subject, we are experiencing increasing difficulty in finding deliverers for all the areas in our patch. If you can spare some time to deliver in your road, two or three times a year, please contact the chairman as above or on the website and you will be very gratefully received.

If you have any other matters you would like to raise at the meeting please let us know and we are looking forward to seeing you all on October 19th.

Penny Marriott

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