



Open Space

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Aldborough Hatch Defence Association
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No news on Racecourse Public Inquiry - result could be after Christmas!

As we go to press with this issue of *Open Space* at the beginning of November, there is no clarity as to when we will hear the decision on the London City Racecourse Public Inquiry.

The Inquiry was completed in June (see *Open Space*, Issue 6, October 2001). The Planning Inspector indicated that he would submit his findings in September and the Minister's decision was expected in October or November.

We have now been advised that the Inspector's Report was received by the Government Office for London (GOL) at the end of September. We have been told that GOL may take between 10 to 20 weeks between receiving the Inspector's Report and reporting to the Minister, Lord Falconer. It is unclear how long after Lord Falconer receives the GOL's Report that the Minister will announce his decision.

As soon as the decision on the London City Racecourse Public Inquiry is known, we will stage an Open Meeting. If the decision goes in our favour, the debate about the future of the Green Belt of Fairlop Plain will continue – and residents will wish to have their input into that debate. If the decision goes against us, Redbridge Borough Council still has the last word over the lease. Also, it has to be recognised that so far only outline planning permissions have been sought and there will be the need to monitor every planning application put in by the developers.

You are invited to the Aldborough Hatch Defence Association Annual General Meeting

Friday 23rd November – 8pm
St. Peter's Church Halls,
Aldborough Road North

We have put back the Annual General Meeting to late November this year – in the hope that the decision on the London City Racecourse Public Inquiry would be known at this time. Had this been the case, the AGM would have been followed by an Open Meeting in the style of the past two years with speakers. Rather than raise the hopes of resident unnecessarily, we are, therefore, planning to run an Annual General Meeting on 23rd November without outside speakers. The Chairman will report briefly on the gravel extraction at Aldborough Hall Farm and the London City Racecourse Public Inquiry. There will be the opportunity for discussion.

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM. If you are already a member of the Association, we would be most grateful if you would please renew your subscription for the year 2001/2002. If you are not a member, we would invite you to join the Association. Residents will appreciate that the AHDA's sole source of income is members' subscriptions. Our main expenditure is the printing of *Open Space* Newsletter. If you are unable to attend the AGM, please use the form below and return this to the Hon. Treasurer, c/o 37 Spearpoint Gardens, Aldborough Road North.

Aldborough Hatch Defence Association Application for Renewal of Membership or New Membership

I wish to:

*become a Member of the Aldborough Hatch Defence Association for the year 2000/2001

*renew my Membership for 2000/2001 (*Please delete as applicable)

Name: (Mr, Mrs, Miss).....

Address:.....

Postcode:..... TEL:.....

I enclose £..... as a donation towards the Association's Fighting Fund (£5 or more per individual or family).

I would be willing to help (please tick box):

- ☐ by serving as an Officer of the Association;
- ☐ by serving as a Committee Member;
- ☐ by delivering leaflets/newsletters;
- ☐ by displaying window bills.

Signed:.....

Date:.....