

Open Space

An occasional newsletter of the
Aldborough Hatch Defence Association
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Gravel extraction planning application imminent

Following the exhibition staged by Brett Lafarge in July last, we are advised that a planning application for extraction of sand and gravel from Area E – bounded by Aldborough Road North, St. Peter's Close and Oaks Lane – is to be submitted to Redbridge Council in the very near future. When it is, residents will be advised.

In *Open Space* dated June 2011 we said that the Exhibition would be on 1st/2nd July – this was postponed by Brett Lafarge, who delivered notices in Aldborough Hatch at their expense to this effect.

Residents made a number of suggestions to Brett Lafarge at the Exhibition – for example that a footpath from Aldborough Road North to Painter's Road across Aldborough Hall Farm when restoration is complete should not be immediately adjacent to the rear gardens in Applegarth Drive/Bawdsey Avenue, but 100 yards or so distant. Also that the Bridleway running from Aldborough Hatch Farm to Fairlop Waters and Barkingside Station should not be enclosed with high fencing or hedges – people who walk, cycle or ride horses using the Bridleway prefer this to be open for safety reasons. We emphasised that a buffer stand-off of at least 150 metres would be fought for, based on the precedent set on Aldborough Hall Farm with homes in Applegarth and Bawdsey.

Protecting Aldborough Hatch

At the Aldborough Hatch Defence Association Annual General Meeting on 25th November – *details overleaf* – to which you are cordially invited, we will outline activities in which the AHDA has been involved to protect the environment – where we have been well-supported by our Ward Councillors, especially Vanessa Cole. These include: *Arranging for Redbridge Council, Transport for London (TfL) and Essex and Suffolk Water's* officials to meet with us in the Hatch to agree methods of working for water main replacement and repairs to the Central Line embankment to prevent chaos in Oaks Lane!

Liaising with TfL, North London Gas Alliance, London Buses, London Streets and the Council (among others!) over the gas main repair works at Barley Lane and the A12, and the diversion of buses 296 and 396.

Pointing out that diverting traffic at night to Forest Road was asking for an accident to happen – with a low bridge at Fairlop Station that has been hit eleven times and no right turn at the top of Hog Hill.

The continued fiasco at Newbury Park Station where incompetence by TfL has allowed some 19 dead trees to remain waving in the wind and where they refuse to move the bus stop back so that travelers get soaked when it rains and the winds blow from the north.

Alerting the Council to the fact that a 100-or-more-year-old Oak Tree, subject to the Tree Protection Order, was being damaged by a resident dumping breeze blocks and driving vehicles over the roots, and breaking off boughs.

Do come to the AGM – there's even more to raise a laugh at incompetence at the top!

Message from Brett Lafarge

Brett Lafarge would like to thank everyone who attended their public consultation on 22nd/23rd July. Around 150 attended over the two day period, with many of you completing questionnaires and asking detailed questions of our team. The information you gave us will be used, where appropriate, to review and fine tune some of our proposals. We hope to submit our planning application in the last quarter of the year and will make sure we tell you when we do so. You will find copies of all our exhibition panels on our website

www.lafarge.co.uk/community/Fairlop

Thanks again for your interest. Our Planning Information Line (24 hour answerphone) remains open at 01992 512764 for any further comments you may wish to make.

Aldborough Hatch Defence Association

Application for Renewal or New Membership

I wish to: * become a Member of the Aldborough Hatch Defence Association for the year 2011 to 2012
* renew my Membership for the year 2011 to 2012
*Please delete as applicable

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

Address:

Postcode: Telephone:

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

Signed:

Date:

Please hand in at the AGM or return to:

The Hon Treasurer, c/o 37 Spearpoint Gardens, Aldborough Road North, Aldborough Hatch, ILFORD, Essex IG2 7SX



(Above) The aerial view of Fairlop Plain showing Phase E – the area where a planning application is imminent. This will be on show at the AHDA AGM in colour.