

Open Space



(Above) The entrance to Bridleway 93 from St. Peter's Church - one of the fields where sand and gravel extraction will take place opposite the Dick Turpin.

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Despite protests, gravel extraction goes ahead on Aldborough Hatch Farm!

Redbridge Council's Planning Committee approved Application 2089/16 on 29th June 2017 to extract sand and gravel from Aldborough Hatch Farm – on fields adjoining St. Peter's Church and Close, Oaks Lane and Aldborough Road North.

The public gallery was packed with an overflow in a committee room. The Chairman of the Aldborough Hatch Defence Association (AHDA) spoke to object on behalf of "the 140 or so residents whose published objections are reduced to meaningless summaries in the papers before the committee. There is anger, despair and horror among residents - who fear further years of noise, dust, pollution and the spread of cancer."

Concerns included the fact that the haul road will throw up dust onto riders at the Equestrian Centre and walkers, and that there will be no controlled crossing of the permissive footpath used by school children from the William Torbitt Primary School. Why, we asked, have objections of two highly qualified NHS cancer specialists been totally ignored? The 76-page document before the committee omitted to mention the word 'cancer' - referring just to 'health risks' - and failed to rebut the substantial research evidence of 14 recent studies over eight European countries which demonstrate that risks are significantly associated with the incidence of lung cancer. "We can only assume," said the Chairman of the AHDA, "that this omission is an intentional and deliberate cover-up to mislead Councillors on the Planning Committee and as such is shameful in the extreme and must be exposed. The objections

on health grounds are nowhere mentioned, nor is the evidence submitted rebutted. I call upon the Planning Committee to refuse the planning application as Officers have failed to take into account the overwhelming evidence of the dangers of an increase in lung cancer and other respiratory diseases among both children and adults."

The Revd Lovesey, Priest-in-Charge, was refused permission to address the committee regarding the almost certain damage to the 155-year-old St. Peter's Church. Said the AHDA Chairman: "The 'stand-off' of 100 metres from the Grade II listed St Peter's and Aldborough Hatch Chapel is totally unacceptable. I have proof from the Planning Department for a precedent for 150 metres if you wish to see it. We urge you to insist on 200 metres minimum. Noisy pumps vibrating 24/7 within yards of St Peter's Church and halls, and the Oaks Lane Mosque - will disturb services and multi-cultural community groups using these buildings."

We appealed to the committee to do the decent thing - but they voted on party lines. So much for representing the views of residents and local democracy!

The Revd Lovesey concern for the 155-year-old Grade II Listed St. Peter's Church is that it is built on mud without proper foundations as was the practice in Victorian times. Over the years the congregation at the church has raised considerable sums of money to improve the structure with metal ties in the roof and to keep the much-loved building and grounds in good order. Hundreds of visitors are welcomed at events such as the Annual Flower Festival, now in its 37th year.

Redbridge Council was required to refer the decision to the Mayor of London. The Revd Lovesey appealed to the Mayor, but the Mayor upheld the decision. Following this the Revd Lovesey received an email from the Mayor's Office with a copy of the Stage 2 Report written by Officers of the Greater London Authority on which it is claimed that the Mayor based his decision (although we have to wonder if Sadiq Khan read every word himself!).

Under the heading 'Heritage Impact' the following statement appears (it needs to be read word for word to appreciate the true horror of what is being written): 'Whilst the Council found that the development would result in less than substantial harm to the nearby Grade II Listed St Peter's Church, such harm would be outweighed by the public benefits of the scheme.' Put in plain English, harm is anticipated, less than substantial but harm nevertheless. This means that for the sake of a few tonnes of sand and gravel and money in the pockets of the developers and the council, if the church is damaged irrevocably, no one would care a damn! But many of us do care about a building so many have cherished over 155 years.

Wes Streeting MP referred the application to the Secretary of State, asking him to call it in - but this was refused in September. Aldborough Hatch has been deserted and devastatingly let down by elected councillors and politicians, who clearly put money before health. All that is left is for the AHDA to appeal on behalf of the men, women and children of Aldborough Hatch to developers Brett Tarmac to do the decent thing and leave Fairlop Plain once and for all - or stay and witness the ill health of us all.

**Aldborough Hatch Defence Association
Annual General Meeting
Friday 27th October 2017 at 8pm
St Peter's Church Halls - Aldborough Road North
Agenda overleaf - All are very welcome to attend**

Aldborough Hatch Defence Association
Abridged Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at
St. Peter's Church Hall on Friday 28th October 2016

Present: Ron Jeffries (Chairman), Councillor Ross Hatful, Tracy Scott, Senior Redbridge Enforcement Officer, Marion Moth, Redbridge Enforcement Officer, Mark Kennedy and Peter Robinson, Seven Kings & Newbury Park Residents' Association, and 48 Members of the Association

(1) Welcome and introduction The Chairman welcomed Members of the Council, members and residents.

(2) Apologies for absence were received from: Wes Streeting MP, Councillor John Howard, Councillor Debbie Kaur-Thiara, Poppy Baker, Lillian Bartlett, Mary Garrett, Linda Hodges, Liz & David Ling, Shirley Rudge, Jean Smith, Joan Sullivan.

(3) Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 28th October 2016. These were agreed. Proposed by Vanessa Cole. Seconded by Chris Gannaway.

(4) Matters Arising. A concession to permit free parking at Fairlop Waters on Remembrance Day has been granted but refused at other times.

(5) Treasurer's Report The Audited Accounts for the Year from 1st October 2015 to 30th September 2016 were presented, showing expenditure during the year of £696.40 and balance in hand of £210.14. These were agreed.

(6) Election of Officers and Executive The Chairman presented a new structure of the Association with an Executive who would share the work load. Proposed by Ron Jeffries, seconded by Nicholas Smith. Approved.

The following were nominated: Chairman: Ron Jeffries; Vice-Chairman: Nicholas Smith; Secretary: Kristy Leach; Treasurer: Ken Morgan; Membership Secretary: Jean Smith; Sand and Gravel Lead: Ron Jeffries; Green Belt Champion: Chris Gannaway; Dick Turpin Orchard Project: Jenny Chalmers; Planning Application Monitor: Vanessa Cole.

Proposed: Graham Leach; Seconded: Val Smith

(7) Election of Auditor Shirley Rudge was nominated.

Proposed by Vanessa Cole and Seconded by Ken Morgan

(8) Chairman's Report Issues covered included the proposed sand and gravel extraction on Aldborough Hatch Farm. Copies of the full report were distributed.

(9) Restoration of Aldborough Hall Farm Chris Gannaway reported that of the 56 conditions only 10 had currently been met by Brett Tarmac. The AHDA will continue to monitor progress which has to be completed by December 2016.

(10) Redbridge Community Enforcement Tracey Scott, Senior Enforcement Officer explained the key elements of her role as environmental crime; noise nuisance; fly tipping; abandoned or over-hanging vehicles; houses of multi-occupancy (HMOs). The new service is available throughout the day and the evening. The is now a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) for Fly tipping. The charge is £400. Tracy urged members to take the registration number of anyone they see fly-tipping and report it so that the offenders are caught and fined. Members raised concerns re: firework nuisance which continues from mid- October through to January. Tracy encouraged people to report it and it would be followed up immediately. Shirley Cox raised an issue regarding a persistently over-hanging vehicle.

(11) Any other business Mark Kennedy of the Seven Kings & Newbury Park Residents' Association spoke on the campaign to have lifts installed at Newbury Park Station. Transport for London are working on a step-free access plan for the underground network. We continue to join with the SK&NPRA in lobbying TfL.

The meeting closed at 9pm

Ron Jeffries, Chairman

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Copies of the full Minutes are available on request and will be presented at the AGM

Aldborough Hatch Defence Association
Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held on

Friday 27th October 2017 at 8pm in
St Peter's Church Halls

Aldborough Road North

All are very welcome to attend

Agenda

1) Welcome and introduction

(2) Apologies for absence

(3) Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 28th November 2016 (see first column)

(4) Matters arising

(5) Treasurer's Report

The Accounts for the Year from 1st October 2016 to 30th September 2017 will be tabled at the AGM

(6) Executive Committee Report

(7) Election of Executive Committee

The following have been nominated:

Chairman: Jenny Chalmers Vice-Chairman: Chris Gannaway

Secretary: Kristy Leach; Treasurer: Ken Morgan;

Membership Secretary:

Public Relations Officer: Ron Jeffries;

Green Belt Champion: Chris Gannaway;

Dick Turpin Orchard Project: Jenny Chalmers;

Planning Application Monitor: Vanessa Cole.

(8) Election of Auditors

The following has been nominated: Shirley Rudge

(9) Any other business

Ron Jeffries, Chairman

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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 2017 to 2018

* renew my Membership for the year 2017 to
2018

**Please delete as applicable*

Name: (Mr, Mrs, Miss)

Address:

Postcode: Telephone:

Email:

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 Membership Secretary c/o 37 Spearpoint Gardens, Aldborough Road North, Aldborough Hatch, ILFORD, Essex IG2 7SX

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