

Open Space



*An occasional newsletter of the
Aldborough Hatch Defence Association
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'Enough is Enough' Campaign gains wide support – but no news of planning application

With the now familiar black on yellow 'Enough is Enough' posters springing up in windows in Aldborough Hatch, a very clear and serious message is being sent out to Brett Lafarge and Redbridge Council that we will resist with all the means at our disposal any attempt to extract sand and gravel from the area bordered by Aldborough Road North, St. Peter's Church and Close, Oaks Lane, the Central Line and Fairlop Waters.

And we have support from the Big Guns! Lee Scott, MP for Ilford North, Roger Evans, Member of the Greater London Authority for Havering and Redbridge, and Paul Canal, Leader of the Opposition, Redbridge Council, all back our campaign, whilst Mitchells & Butler, owners of Miller & Carter and the Dick Turpin are on our side. The ILFORD RECORDER has carried front page editorial, photo-stories and letters backing the campaign. Walk down Aldborough Road North and you will count over 40 posters – with more going up every day all over Aldborough Hatch.

Rest assured that should a planning application be submitted, residents and supporters will be alerted and a public meeting will be called to determine how we will progress our campaign to eventual victory. This is a campaign we are determined to win and let us warn those who think that the Aldborough Hatch Defence Association members are a push-over – that we saw off the London City All-Weather Racecourse – and we will do the same with sand and gravel. Many residents are asking if we have any further news following the statement issued in July and what appears on our website – and the answer is that we do not. There has been total silence from Brett Lafarge; our ward councillors comments appear on the website; apart from that the powers that be are not showing their colours! But when they do we will be ready!

**Aldborough Hatch Defence Association
Annual General Meeting
Friday 28th November 2014 at 8pm
St Peter's Church Halls - Aldborough Road North**

Agenda overleaf

All are very welcome to attend

*We will answer your questions about the
proposed sand and gravel extraction –
as far as we are able!*

What is it all about?

The 'Enough is Enough' Campaign has been launched by the Aldborough Hatch Defence Association (AHDA) to raise awareness of the proposed sand and gravel extraction on Aldborough Hatch Farm – on the land opposite the Dick Turpin Restaurant and adjacent to St. Peter's Church and Community Halls, and homes in St. Peter's Close and Oaks Lane.

For over 50 years residents have had to suffer dust and noise from gravel extraction, as the water table has changed and ponds dried up. The proposed sand and gravel workings are to come within 100 metres of the 151-year-old St. Peter's Church and the Chapel on Aldborough Hatch Farm – both Grade II Listed Buildings. There is very real concern that these buildings may suffer irreparable damage.

Bridleway 93 – running from Aldborough Road North to Barkingside Station – is to be closed for a minimum of two years with parts of it diverted. This is used by walkers, cyclists, horse riders, those who exercise their dogs and residents who work or shop in Barkingside or are on their way to Sainsbury's at Newbury Park, and by students walking to Oaks Park High School. Closing and diverting part of it will cause chaos and could be a personal safety/security issue for local residents using the Bridleway. In addition access to Fairlop Waters could be severely restricted from Aldborough Hatch

A roadway is to be built running from Bridleway 93, skirting Fairlop Waters and the Aldborough Hatch Equestrian Centre. Dust and dirt from open lorries carrying sand and gravel out and inert materials as infill will affect golfers, riders at the Equestrian Centre and schoolchildren from the William Torbitt School, walkers and cyclists who use the permissive footpath at the Centre to access the water and land activities at Fairlop Waters.

What are your views? Please write to us at the address below, come to the AGM, or email us at viewpoint@theAHDA.org.uk

'Enough is Enough' posters are available from 37 Spearpoint Gardens, Aldborough Road North IG2 7SX (TEL: 020 8599 7250) or by email from posters@theAHDA.org.uk

The AHDA Website is at www.theAHDA.org.uk with background information and up-to-date news on the progress of the campaign, also follow us on TWITTER (@the_AHDA).

Aldborough Hatch Defence Association

Friday 22nd November 2013

Present: Ron Jeffries (Chairman), Councillor Mrs Ruth Clark, Councillor Mrs Vanessa Cole, Councillor Mrs Debbie Kaur-Thiara, John Sharrock, Chairman, Barkingside 21, and 22 members of the Association

(1) Welcome and introduction

The Chairman welcomed Councillors, members and residents

(2) Apologies for absence were received from Emma Bell, Ray and Mercedes Blake, Paula Dargis, Linda Hodges, Revd Kate Lovesey, Ben Moore, Pat and Don Squires, Debra Wood

(3) Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 30th November 2012 Agreed. Proposed by Keith Tranmer, seconded by Pat O'Grady.

(4) Matters arising There were none

(5) Treasurer's Report The audited Accounts for the Year from 1st October 2012 to 30th September 2013 showed expenditure during the year of £294.50 and balance in hand of £617.15. These were agreed – Proposed by Brian Barnard, and Seconded by Ashley Briscoe

(6) Election of Officers and Committee

The Chairman thanked Paula Dargis, who is moving from the area next year, for her service as Hon Treasurer, and asked that two Treasurers be elected to assist with the handover. The Chairman also thanked Vivien Bendall and Ron King – both founder members of the AHDA – for their service to the Association.

The following were elected – Chairman: Ron Jeffries; Vice-Chairman: Nicholas Smith Secretary: Emma Bell; Treasurers: Paula Dargis and Ken Morgan; Committee: Shirley Cox, Linda Hodges, Pat O'Grady, Ben Moore, Balkrishna Savant, Jean Sibbald, Joan Sullivan, Keith Tranmer, Debra Wood Proposed by Jenefer Allen and Seconded by Jean Smith The Chairman thanked John Coombes for his many years' service on the Committee and as Vice-Chairman, and welcomed Ben Moore to the Committee.

(7) Election of Auditor Shirley Rudge was nominated – Proposed by Shirley Cox and Seconded by Joan Sullivan.

(8) Chairman's Report The chairman thanked Ward Councillors for their unfailing help. The chairman reported on following issues – a full copy of the report is available on request: Sand and Gravel extraction (no news of proposed extraction from Area E); the saga of Newbury Park Station access free; no buses run from Fullwell Cross to Forest Park Crematorium; vehicles parked extending over the footway; gardens strewn with litter; the closure without adequate notice of the Surgery at 1 Spearpoint Gardens and its move to King George Hospital; the flagrant abuse of planning permission; the good news that Abury House will not be sold but will be used as a hostel for the homeless; the successful Litter Pick in May; developments at Fairlop Waters Country Park; work on Oaks Lane/Chase Lane/Bridleway 93 and the invasive Japanese Knotweed; concern over the state of Cuckoo Hall. The chairman tabled a report on speeding in Aldborough Road North - this was referred to the Committee, whilst thanks were expressed to Ben Moore and Quality Traffic Surveys Ltd for carrying out the work at no cost to the AHDA.

Ward Councillors Clark, Cole and Kaur-Thiara commented on some of the issues raised by the chairman, expressing support for the work carried out by the AHDA. John Coombes commented that emergency and council vehicles are often responsible for speeding. Brian Barnard expressed concern at speeding in Leyswood Drive. Councillor Clark said that a survey had been carried out but the road was too narrow for sleeping policemen to be installed. John Sharrock said that the liaison between the AHDA and Barkingside was much valued, inviting members to attend their Coffee Mornings and confirming that the rejuvenation of Barkingside High Street is going ahead.

Ron Jeffries, Chairman

30th November 2013

Aldborough Hatch Defence Association Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Association
will be held on

Friday 28th November 2014 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 22nd November 2013 (see first column)

(4) Matters arising

(5) Treasurer's Report

The Accounts for the Year from 1st October 2013 to 30th September 2014 will be tabled at the AGM

(6) Election of Officers and Committee

The following have been nominated:

Chairman: Ron Jeffries

Vice-Chairman: Nicholas Smith

Secretary: Jean Smith Treasurer: Ken Morgan

Committee: Emma Bell, Vanessa Cole, Shirley Cox, Chris Gannaway, Linda Hodges, Pat O'Grady, Ben Moore, Balkrishna Savant, Jean Sibbald, Joan Sullivan, Keith Tranmer and Debra Wood

Nominations please for new members of the Committee to the Chairman before the meeting or at the AGM.

(7) Election of Auditors

The following has been nominated: Shirley Rudge

(8) Chairman's Report

(9) Vision for Aldborough Hatch Farmland

(10) Any other business

Ron Jeffries, Chairman

November 2014

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 2014 to 2015
* renew my Membership for the year 2014 to 2015
*Please delete as applicable

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

Address:
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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

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