



Open Space

*An occasional newsletter of the
Aldborough Hatch Defence Association*
Issue 15 – November 2005

London City Racecourse Planestation in administration – but Public Inquiry goes ahead!

Last July the Stock Exchange announced that Planestation – the company wishing to develop a racecourse at Fairlop Waters - had gone into administration following the collapse of its budget airline EUjet. Any rejoicing at the news was soon brought to an abrupt halt by the statement from the Administrator that it was “business as usual” as far as the planning application for the racecourse is concerned and that they will go ahead with their appeal against the Council’s decision to reject the latest proposals! Six years on from when the development was first mooted, we are back where we started!

It would appear that Planestation is the parent company for Tomorrow’s Leisure which, in turn, holds all the shares in Norham Multi Leisure Limited, the business that owns the lease for Fairlop Waters and which is not in administration. The local press quoted the Administrator as stating that the public inquiry will go ahead and that as far as Planestation are concerned, it is “business as usual” with the racecourse development.

Property Week (2nd September 2005) carried a story stating that Grant Thornton, the Administrator, is “reviewing the options on the site” (of Fairlop Waters) “which is going through a public inquiry into its use as a

racecourse. The administrator plans to go ahead with the public inquiry and then either to continue to manage the site as a going concern itself, find a joint-venture partner, or sell off the asset.”

The good news is that the Borough has set aside £135,000 to continue its legal fight against the racecourse. The signs are that the Public Inquiry will be held in Redbridge next year, possibly commencing in April.

As with the previous Public Inquiry, the Aldborough Hatch Defence Association will be working closely with other residents’ groups – specifically Barkingside 21 – to resist the development and will request the opportunity to speak at the Inquiry.

London City Racecourse - Revised Planning Application

We set out in *Open Space*, Issue 14, April 2005, changes that had been made in the revised planning application that was heard – and rejected – by the Redbridge Regulatory Committee at its meeting on 22nd November 2004. These were:

A reduction in capacity of the grandstand from 20,000 to 8,500

(with capacity for a further 3,500 spectators);

Parking reduced from 1,773 vehicles to 1,105;

Height of the grandstand reduced from 37 to 29.8m;

Length of the grandstand reduced from 1,015 to 400m;

Two ancillary buildings removed;

Potential for racing at bank holidays and weekends in addition to the 31 Thursday evening race fixtures envisaged in the first application.

Aldborough Hatch Defence Association

Annual General Meeting

Friday 18th November 2005 at 8pm

St Peter’s Vestry Room, Aldborough Road North

All are welcome

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 2005 to 2006

* renew my Membership for the year 2005 to 2006

**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*

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Aldborough Hatch Defence Association

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held
on Friday 18th November 2005 at 8pm in
St Peter's Vestry Room, Church Halls,
Aldborough Road North

Agenda

(1) Welcome and introduction

(2) Apologies for absence

(3) Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 29th October 2004 (see next column)

(4) Matters arising

(5) Chairman's Report

(6) Treasurer's Report

The Accounts for the Year from 1st October 2004 to 30th September 2005 are shown below and are for adoption at the AGM.

(7) Election of Officers and Committee

The following have been nominated:

Chairman: Ron Jeffries

Vice-Chairman: Graham Clarke

Secretary: Vacant

Minute Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: Paula Hems

Committee: Vivien Bendall, Linda Brill, Michael Brill, Jan Butler, Shirley Cox, Harry Eley, Linda Hodges, John Ketley, Ron King, Doreen Neun, Pat O'Grady, Gerald Padfield, Balvinder Saund, Amanda Schlotter, Jean Sibbald, Joan Sullivan, Keith Tranmer, Debra Wood

(8) Election of Auditors

The following has been nominated: Shirley Rudge

(9) Any other business

Ron Jeffries, Chairman

October 2005

Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Period from 1st October 2004 to 30th September 2005

Income

Balance brought forward from the year
ended 30.9.2004 £521.00

Donations and interest £344.16

£865.16

Expenditure

Printing including Open Space Newsletters £165.53

Postage and Sundries £ 66.98

£232.51

Income £865.16

Less expenditure £232.51

£632.65

Cash on Deposit in Building Society £562.26

Cash in hand £ 70.39

£632.65

I have examined the book, receipts and vouchers of the Aldborough Hatch Defence Association for the period ended 30.09.2005 and I certify that the above statement is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed: Shirley Rudge, 10th October 2005

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

held at St. Peter's Church Hall on

Friday 29th October 2004

Present: Ron Jeffries (Chairman), Paula Hems (Hon Treasurer), Linda Perham, MP, Councillor Laurence Davies, Councillor Elaine Norman, Councillor Hugh Cleaver, Roger Evans, GLA, Councillor Vanessa Cole, Councillor John Coombes, Councillor Lee Scott, and some 160 Members and Residents

(1) Welcome and introduction

The Chairman welcomed members and residents.

(2) Apologies for absence

Councillor Graham Borrott, Councillor Lorraine Sladden, Councillor Morris Hickey, Councillor Glen Corfield

(3) Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 28th November 2003

The Minutes were accepted and signed – proposed by Councillor John Coombes, seconded by Graham Clarke.

(4) Matters arising

There were no matters arising

(5) Chairman's Report

To allow maximum time for the Public Meeting, the Chairman did not give a report but spoke during the Public Meeting and offered to meet with individual members at the close of the evening.

(6) Treasurer's Report

The Accounts for the Year from 1st October 2003 to 30th September 2004 were adopted – proposed by Vivien Bendall, seconded by Harry Eley.

(7) Election of Officers and Committee

The following were elected – proposed by Babs Sinclair, seconded by Mercedes Blake:

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Vice-Chairman: Graham Clarke

Secretary: Vacant

Minute Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: Paula Hems

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(8) Election of Auditors

Shirley Rudge was appointed – proposed by Martyn Stewart, seconded by Michael Brill.

(9) Any other business

There was none.

Ron Jeffries,

Chairman

8th November 2004

Public Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was followed by a Public Meeting to inform residents on the planning application for the London City Racecourse at Fairlop Waters and to enable local politicians to address residents and to answer questions. The Chairman outlined the Association's response to the application. The speakers were: Linda Perham, MP for Ilford North, Councillor Laurence Davies, Leader of the Council, London Borough of Redbridge (LBR), Councillor Elaine Norman, Leader, Labour Group, LBR, Councillor Hugh Cleaver, Leader, Liberal Democrat Group, LBR, Roger Evans, Greater London Assembly Member, Councillor Vanessa Cole, Aldborough Ward Councillor, LBR, Councillor Lee Scott, Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for Ilford North. A number of residents spoke and questions were put to the speakers.

Members and residents were encouraged to attend the LBR Regulatory Committee on Monday 22nd November when the Planning application will be considered.