

NORTH MYMMS DISTRICT GREEN BELT SOCIETY

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AGM Monday 21 March 2016

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 21 March 2016 at 8 pm in the United Reformed Church, Bluebridge Road, Brookmans Park. This will be followed by a talk on the Local Plan given by Jed Griffiths MA DipTP FRTPI.

Make your voice heard by strengthening our membership

Annual Subscriptions (£1 per head) now due

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To 8 Bluebridge Avenue, Brookmans Park Hatfield, Hertfordshire, AL9 7RZ. Subscription forms and payments can be left with Brookmans Park News, Brookmans Park or Peter's Incidentals, Welham Green.

Please enrol or renew the annual subscription formember(s) of my family on the North Mymms District Green Belt Society for the calendar year 2016. **(Cheques made payable to NMDGBS)**

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LATEST NEWS

Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council (WHBC) Local Plan

Timetable

The Council is currently finalising their technical evidence and site assessments.

April – June is scheduled for the drafting of the final version of the Local Plan.

In **July–September** there will be a final PUBLIC CONSULTATION.

This will be **YOUR** opportunity to comment.

As usual we will provide information and advice to guide you.

The NMDGBS has been busy behind the scenes, working with our planning consultant Jed Griffiths, providing strong evidence to the Council opposing development of the Green Belt.

We are attending all the relevant planning meetings to keep up-to-date with the progress of the Local Plan and the ever changing planning policy from central Government.

We are also having detailed discussions with our local Councillors, Council Planning Officers and Grant Shapps MP.

We do intend to hold some public meetings – dates and venues will be advised.

Contact your MP

Grant Shapps is currently undertaking a survey of Welham Green residents which will be extended to Brookmans Park and Little Heath in due course. This provides a perfect opportunity to let your MP know the strength of feeling in North Mymms about this housing threat. The existing infrastructure is unable to support the proposed amount of new homes. There will be an increase in the number of cars on the roads, more pressure on oversubscribed local schools and more people waiting in doctors' surgeries not to mention flooding and sewerage concerns. If you value the green fields around our villages, have concerns about the infrastructure, now is your chance. To take part in the current survey in Welham Green visit www.shapps.com/welhamgreen, or if you require a paper copy, phone Grant's office on 01707 262632 and they will send one to you.

Incinerator New Barnfield

Success at last. In July 2015 we finally heard that the Secretary of State had refused the Appeal by Veolia to build a Waste Incinerator, Recycling and Energy Recovery Facility at New Barnfield. The Proposal was originally refused by the Secretary of State in 2014 on Green Belt grounds following the Public Inquiry in 2013 at which we appeared. Veolia have stated that they will not challenge this final Refusal. The NMDGBS were responsible for settling the New Barnfield Action Fund barrister's final costs.

HCC have earmarked the area for waste, employment and/or residential. We are opposing Waste Management on the site as it is within 500 metres of Welham Green residences.

New Chairman

We were pleased to announce last June that Nigel Matthews OBE was appointed as Chairman of the Society. Nigel is a Brookmans Park resident of long standing and has a wealth of managerial experience.

New Treasurer After serving as Treasurer for 5 years, Neil Robinson is standing down. We would like to thank Neil for his contribution to our Committee over this period and wish him well for the future. We are glad to announce that Noreen O'Sullivan, a Committee Member, is going to take over as Treasurer.

Website Postings

We have introduced on our Website a regular posting on current Green Belt issues. Our January posting was a "**Call to Arms**" to see if any of our residents with professional experience such as civil engineering would be able to help us in our evidence gathering exercise putting together a strong case on why there should be no development in the Green Belt. Please email if you are able to help.

To keep up to date with our progress please check our Website on a regular basis.

LOCAL EVENTS AND OTHER NEWS

Welham Green Day - Brookmans Park Village Day - We had a stall at both of these events to provide information and gain new membership. We will be attending Brookmans Park Village Day this year on Saturday 18 June 2016.