

MARCH 2022 NEWSLETTER

AGM Wednesday 30th March 2022

Chaired by our Honorary President Gary Mabbutt, MBE

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 30th March 2022 at 8 pm in the North Mymms Memorial Hall, 36 Station Road, Welham Green

The formal notice of the meeting, agenda and financial statements are available on our website.

Proceedings will include a Q&A session on latest developments on The Local Plan with our Planning Consultant, Jed Griffiths, MA DipTP FRTPI.

Note: The proceedings will include the formal conclusion of our AGM held on 26 April 2021 which was adjourned.

Membership is Now Due for 2022

Make your voice heard by strengthening our membership by completing the form below or preferably by setting up an annual payment through our website at www.northmymmsgreenbelt.org.uk

With annual subscriptions only £1 per head, donations would be greatly appreciated to cover the extra costs of engaging professionals to help fight to protect the area we love.

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CHAIRMAN'S NOTE

It will be a great pleasure to be able to meet up again after more than two years.

For the moment the main concern remains the Local Plan, which has stuttered confusingly over the last two years. Its current claim to fame is as the longest running plan in the country!

Things have reached the stage where the Council has balked at the Inspector's demand for 15,200 dwellings and is attempting a compromise at the rather precise figure of 13,279. The Inspector has responded sticking to his previous demand but with some flexibility over the timing. He has asked for a reply by 21 March. It is likely this will be given in the days just prior to our AGM. At the time of writing we have no idea what that might be – will the plan be withdrawn; will some compromise be proposed and if so will it be acceptable to the Inspector?

Whatever the Council's response, our continued vigilance will be essential. If the plan is withdrawn or found to be "unsound", we can expect local developers to put in applications, not just for sites that have been considered for the plan, but elsewhere as well. On the other hand, if there is a compromise there will be further consultations to which we will have to respond. Either way we are likely to be busy.

Our meeting will be an excellent opportunity to bring you up to date with the latest situation. We will have a Question and Answer session with our planning consultant, Jed Griffiths.

Other than the Local Plan, we continue to monitor planning applications that affect our Parish and comment as necessary.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Our Green Belt Society has been in existence since 1976 and has at present around 600 members who pay an annual subscription and make donations. Thank you. Without you we wouldn't exist. Numbers are somewhat fewer than in recent years largely because the pandemic has prevented us from delivering our annual house to house newsletter, which many of you use as a prompt to pay your subscription. Please renew your membership using the form overleaf or more preferably by setting up an annual payment through our website www.northmymmsgreenbelt.org.uk

We have kept our members up to date through our email newsletters and will continue to do so. Please make sure we have your correct email address.

We are also moving into social media so for the latest updates as they happen, please join us on social media by following [@greenbeltsoc](https://twitter.com/greenbeltsoc) on Twitter or joining our Facebook page at [facebook.com/greenbeltsociety](https://www.facebook.com/greenbeltsociety).

But we need to draw on our membership in a more regular way; we need eyes and ears in the community and we need to strengthen our committee, which meets monthly, with two or three new members. Can you join us? If you are interested in a greater involvement in this aspect of your community, please get in touch either by speaking to a committee member at the AGM or by sending an email to secretary@northmymmsgreenbelt.org.uk.

Please join us at the AGM on 30th March 2022 (see overleaf)