

WHY ARE WE HERE?

WHY HAVE COUNCIL EXECUTIVES, STAFF AND COUNCILLORS AS WELL AS MANY LOCAL RESIDENTS PUT IN SO MANY HOURS IN PREPARING, CONSIDERING, INTERACTING AND DEBATING THE DRAFT LOCAL PLAN?

BECAUSE WE ALL CARE ABOUT GUILDFORD.

WE HAVE Poured over documents, attended meetings, written to councillors, MPs and ministers.

Alternative ideas for areas which could be developed have been put forward; building over car parks (UNIS, POLICE MOUNT BROWN, MADRID ROAD PARK AND RIDE ETC), brownfield sites identified, putting car parks underground, increasing housing density in the town centre, redevelopment of the railway station incorporating offices, housing and retail the list goes on.

The flawed green belt study has been re-assessed.

Housing numbers have been queried, lower numbers advised & justified.

Petitions have been signed by thousands of local residents to seek to protect specific areas of green belt.

The council local plan consultation questionnaire, even with its carefully worded questions aimed to achieve a desired response, has been completed by thousands of interested residents.

Despite all this the initial draft local plan has continued to be rolled out, barely changed and heavily promoted by interested parties.

At every opportunity for councillors to have their say and influence the draft local plan it would appear that the executive slips it through, with it not being appropriate at this stage to remove an area or amend the draft plan. **When is it appropriate for our elected councillors to have their say and influence the**

DRAFT LOCAL PLAN IN LINE WITH THE EXPRESSED WISHES OF THEIR CONSTITUENTS?

THE FINAL DECISION MUST REST WITH THE FULL COUNCIL AND THE COUNCILLORS MUST RESPECT THE WISHES OF THE ELECTORATE , THE RESIDENTS OF GUILDFORD. NOT JUST BIG BUSINESS.

HOW CAN IT BE RIGHT TO PLAN TO PUT A MAJOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT SUCH THAT IT WILL IMPACT ON ALREADY THE MOST HEAVILY CONGESTED ROADS AND ACCESS TO OUR LOCAL A&E HOSPITAL AND AFFECT AIR QUALITY.

HOW CAN WE CONSIDER MOVING THE GREENBELT IN AN AREA WHERE THE GREENBELT WAS ONLY ROLLED BACK 10YRS AGO? TIM HANCOCK OF TERENCE O'ROURKE HAS REPEATEDLY STATED THAT ONCE CHANGED IT SHOULD BE IMMOVABLE FOR 25 YEARS. He said it 10 years ago when representing the University and again this year speaking on behalf of the University RE proposal for Blackwell farm at the Guildford Society. THIS IS AN AREA PART AONB, PART AGLV CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW FOR ADDITIONAL AONB STATUS. AN AREA THAT THE UNIVERSITY PROMISED AS A COUNTRY PARK FOR GUILDFORD RESIDENTS AND NATURE TRAIL FOR LOCAL SCHOOL CHILDREN TO OBTAIN PERMISSION FOR THE MANOR FARM DEVELOPMENT. AN AREA MOSTLY OVER THE 90M LINE CRITICALLY HIGHLIGHTED FOR NO BUILD BY THE PLANNING INSPECTOR IN APPROVING MANOR FARM.

HOW CAN WE CONSIDER PUTTING A MAJOR FLOODLIT ROUNDABOUT ON THE HOGS BACK AN AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY AND THE HISTORIC OLDEST ROAD TOGETHER WITH A ROAD RUNNING ACROSS AONB AND CUTTING THE STRIP OF CONTINUOUS GREENBELT DESSICRATING WILDLIFE?

TO QUOTE TIM AGAIN "THERE IS AN EXISTING ROAD" – NO THERE IS A CYCLE AND BRIDLEPATH NO 447, A PATH THE UNIVERSITY HAVE RECENTLY TARMACED OVER AT THE JUNCTION WITH THE A31- SOMETHING SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL ADVISED ME THEY SHOULD NOT HAVE DONE! ONLY YESTERDAY I SPOKE WITH A GUY CONDUCTING LEVEL SURVEY ON AREA H3 WORKING FOR A CONTRACTOR TO THE UNIVERSITY. HE COMMENTED ON HOW BEAUTIFUL THE AREA WAS AND HOW MUCH WILDLIFE HE HAD SEEN

WHILST CONDUCTING HIS WORK. HE SAID IT WOULD BE CRIMINAL TO BUILD ON BLACKWELL FARM AND HARM THE ANCIENT HEDGEROWS AND WOODS.

"Interesting that he was surveying H3 in the AONB as it is clear that the University wants to develop beyond H1 and H2 to allow Guildford to sprawl even further along the Hogs Back. There appears to be no limit to what the University would develop - if YOU give it the chance!"

HOW CAN A ROAD IF BUILT ON ITS OWN WITH NO HOUSING WHICH THE UNIVERSITY'S OWN STUDY SHOWED WOULD NOT DECREASE CONGESTION BUT ADD TO IT BE VIEWED BY THE COUNCIL AS A RELIEF ROAD WHEN ALSO SERVING THE 6000 CARS THE BLACKWELL FARM HOUSING DEVELOPMENT WOULD GENERATE?

NO MATTER HOW CLEAR CUT SOMETHING IN THE DRAFT LOCAL PLAN IS HIGHLIGHTED AS BEING WRONG THE PLANNING DEPT, EXECUTIVE AND DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR PRESS ON REGARDLESS.

COME ON COUNCILLORS, IT IS TIME TO DO YOUR JOB, STAND UP FOR YOUR RESIDENTS, EXPRESS YOURSELVES AND EXERT INFLUENCE, COMMON SENSE AND REASON. THE PEOPLE OF GUILDFORD EXPECT YOU TO ACT CORRECTLY AND FUTURE GENERATIONS RELY ON YOU. DO NOT DISSAPOINT.

GUILDFORD HAS SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS, THE LACK OF INFRASTRUCTURE/ROADS/SEWERAGE/WATER FACILITIES / FLOODING/GREEN BELT/ A3 ETC ETC. THE COUNCIL SHOULD STAND UP TO WESTMINSTER- NO LARGE SCALE HOUSING WITHOUT INFRASTRUCTURE FIRST, NOT LARGE SCALE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN THE HOPE OF GETTING INFRASTRUCTURE. THE HORSE BEFORE THE CART.

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