

## Open letter from Andy Wild

Further to previous correspondence and information regarding the proposed development of 120 properties on two fields to the east of Broad Road, adjacent to Scant Road West.

There have been a number of actions as a result of local activity:

The public protest/objection was held on Scant Road West on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2014. Over 70 residents attended. A photo and accompanying piece featured in the Chichester Observer on Thu 14<sup>th</sup> August, page 14.

The number of objections to this proposal has grown incredibly – now over 80 letters of objection posted on the CDC website. NB. I am in receipt of correspondence between Andrew Frost (Head of Planning Services, CDC) and Andrew Tyrie MP in which Frost states, “The application is still within the formal consultation period and the Council will accept representation letters/emails from third parties up until the date of the decision”. (The latest decision date is in early October, so residents who have not had the opportunity to do so until now **can still post their letter of objection** and it will be received).

As a result of the protest a number of residents volunteered to form an action working group to share the workload moving forward. The group has met twice (4<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Aug) and as a result of those meetings further actions have occurred:

1. Whilst it is expected that this proposal will be refused in the first instance, we anticipate an appeal from the developer. In advance of both phases of consideration, we recognise the need to compile a quick reference doc., which concisely and accurately states the technical/factual points that counter the claims of the proposer. To that end volunteers are focusing on specific areas of the proposal/application with a view to scrutinising all details and exposing inaccuracies/inconsistencies. If you would like to offer time to be part of this group activity, please contact me, details below.
  - 1a. It will be incredibly helpful to have evidence (e.g. photographs of flooding etc.) which can be used to support our case. Please contact me with any such ideas, particularly if you’ve got photos of the flooding that occurs on Broad Road at the junction with Scant Road West. Any photos of the fields themselves - flooded - would be brilliant too.
2. There is now a Facebook account titled “ Save Hambrook”  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/317636775081250/>  
If you would like to be invited to join, please send your email address to Graham Jones [graham.jones11@virgin.net](mailto:graham.jones11@virgin.net) who will be giving everyone admin status so they can add new members themselves and post any comments they wish.
3. We are encouraging **everyone** to write to Andrew Tyrie to express their thoughts. His email address is [andrew.tyrie.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:andrew.tyrie.mp@parliament.uk). It would be great if he were inundated with similar messages/concerns – and it’s all very easy to do via email. Interestingly, his own website gives headline to his support re a Fernhurst planning concern, so he can be moved

to support his constituents. He also has a Housing statement, which I suggest, might provide a few leading comments to inform your sentiments:

“Andrew is very concerned about the extra housing being imposed upon Chichester, especially when no thought has been given to its impact on existing infrastructure, including road improvements and other services. He has also campaigned against increased house building in Selsey. He remains committed to protecting the area’s natural beauty for generations to come. He is not opposed to all development but he considers Chichester and the surrounding rural areas to be a valuable part of our national heritage.”

4. We have discussed the importance of creating synergy between the endeavours of this volunteer group and the more formally constituted Hambrook District Residents Association (HDRA), which has a sub-planning committee. Two HDRA committee members are part of the volunteer working group. A number of us have joined HDRA as a result and we note the association’s AGM in September when there are likely to be new appointments to the HDRA committee.
5. The C+H Parish Council has given us permission to use the three Parish notice boards to post information and keep everyone updated. Watch this space!
6. The next meeting of this volunteer working group is Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 8:00pm in St Wilfrid’s Hall. It is an open meeting to which all interested residents are welcome. Please feel free to attend (but if you do, please understand that we’ll assume you’re happy to take on a job!).

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