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The EFFRA Committee

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April at 8pm

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Enclosed residents'
window poster against
Appeal

This has been another busy year for the Residents Association committee and the next few months will be equally busy.

Two major Planning Inquiries will be held in the next six months affecting Effingham. The outcomes of these could have important repercussions. The Berkeley Homes/Howard of Effingham School Inquiry will be held from Tuesday 16th May to Friday 2nd June and the Wisley Airfield Inquiry from Tuesday 19th September to Friday 13th October.

EFFRA and the Parish Council objected vigorously to both planning applications as both would have major adverse effects on the village. Given that residents are strongly opposed to these proposed developments it is important that this is publically demonstrated during the Inquiries as residents' views will be taken into account. Enclosed with this Newsletter is a poster which residents can place in a prominent window of their house to show their opposition to the Berkeley Homes proposed development. Further details of both Inquiries are given overleaf. Both will be important topics at our AGM to be held on Thursday 24th April. Please come and find out how you can make your views felt at the Inquiries.

In March the Parish Council submitted the draft Neighbourhood Plan to Guildford Borough Council for Regulation 15. This is when the Borough Council puts the draft Plan out for a six week consultation period. You may find this confusing as the Parish Council has already put it out for consultation and circulated a questionnaire. This time the Borough Council will be consulting on whether the draft Plan meets something called the Basic Conditions (ie national planning policies and EU laws). It then goes to the Inspector who will decide if it can go to referendum in Effingham, after which, if passed, it is confirmed as Effingham's Neighbourhood Plan.

EFFRA has supported the production of the Plan and three committee members have actively contributed to it. Residents will know that EFFRA has concerns about the housing policies in the Plan. These relate to whether the Plan has the authority under national planning regulations on the Green Belt to propose building on three of the four sites proposed. We are relieved that this will now be resolved by planning professionals and ultimately the Examiner and we can now concentrate on the many areas where we are in agreement with the Parish Council.

EFFINGHAM RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL & PUBLIC GENERAL MEETING

will be held at

ST LAWRENCE CHURCH HALL

on Monday 24th April 2017 at 8pm

Focussing On:

BerkeleyHomes/Howard of Effingham School &
WisleyAirfield Planning Inquiries

All residents welcome – Refreshments provided

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Last September, EFFRA sponsored and co-ordinated Heritage Open Day in Effingham and Little Bookham for the first time. Linking the properties that were open for the day and providing a Heritage Trail covering the Effingham properties in the Conservation Area and a Bishop's Walk linking the Little Bookham properties with Effingham increased interest and visitor numbers. We will be building on last year's success this year on Saturday 9th September. Three more properties – St Teresa's School, Effingham Golf Club and the Catholic Church of Our Lady of Sorrows have also agreed to open. In August you will receive a leaflet about the event and you will also be able to pick up the Guildford and Mole Valley Heritage Open Weekend booklets from mid-summer in some local shops and at the libraries. Please take the opportunity to appreciate the historic buildings in our two villages and of course in others too.

Our website www.effinghamresidents.org.uk has been redesigned this year by our new editor and committee member, Harry Clarke. He is planning further improvements to it to make it easier to use. Residents have told me how impressed they are by how quickly he posts up any news about Effingham and what a useful source of information it is. It will be particularly important over the next few months with the forthcoming planning inquiries. It is also an easy way of getting in touch with the committee and expressing your views. Both the website and Newsletter contain advertising from mainly local firms whose support means that we do not currently have to charge subscriptions.

I would like to thank the committee for their hard work and support over the last year, particularly David King our long serving and efficient secretary. Below you will find some brief information about the committee members who have agreed to stand for re-election this year. I am lucky to have the support and help of such a diverse and talented committee.

I would also like to thank the Road Wardens who will have delivered this Newsletter (along with earlier ones and the surveys) to you and who help us keep in close contact with residents' views.

Lastly, I hope to meet many of you at our AGM at 8pm on Monday 24th April at St Lawrence Church Hall.

Vivien White
Chairman

THE EFFRA COMMITTEE

The following committee members are offering themselves for re-election at the AGM.

James Brennan has been a member of the committee since April 2015 and is Road Wardens Co-ordinator. He has lived in Effingham Place for nine years. A retired Master Mariner and Company Director, he is married with four children and seven grandchildren. He has been a Church Warden at St. Lawrence Church since 2014 - 2017.

Harry Clarke has lived in Norwood Road, Effingham since 1999. After retiring early from the IT sector, he takes a keen interest in nature conservation, and is County Butterfly Recorder. He was a co-author to the book *Butterflies of Surrey Revisited*. He joined the EFFRA committee in 2016 and edits the EFFRA website.

David King is EFFRA's Honorary Secretary. He joined the EFFRA committee on retirement from his work in a major engineering company, primarily involved in Power station construction in an international sales management role. Born and brought up in Epsom, he has lived in Orchard Gardens in Effingham for 47 years. He is married with a son, two daughters and six grandchildren. His children were educated at St Lawrence and the Howard School as are two of his grandchildren.

Howard Manton has lived on Browns Lane for five years. Married with three sons, he works as an insurance broker. He has been a committee member since April 2015.

Juliet Newton Smith has been Honorary Treasurer of EFFRA since May 2014. She has lived in Effingham on the Guildford Road for seven years. Self-employed for 23 years with a background in financial research she has two grown-up children and two grandchildren.

Ian Smith is a resident of Orestan Lane and has lived in Effingham for the last 30 years. He lives with his wife, Jill, and has three grown up daughters. Ian retired from a private accountancy practice in 2014. He joined the EFFRA committee in 2016 and is Vice-Chairman and handles press and advertising.

James Wetenhall has lived in Beech Avenue for 25 years, and previously in High Barn Road for 4 years. He retired in 1992, after a career mainly in the textile industry and latterly in human relations. Married, with 5 children and 12 grandchildren, he is a member of Effingham Golf Club. He was a Parish Councillor from 2004 – 2016 and joined the EFFRA committee after retiring from the Parish Council.

Vivien White is EFFRA's Chairman and has been a committee member since May 2014 being previously Vice-Chairman from May 2015 until elected as Chairman in May 2016. She has lived in Manor House Lane on the boundary with Little Bookham for 17 years. She used to work in corporate strategy in the pharmaceutical industry and is married with a 25 year old son. A qualified historian, she researches local history and is currently writing a book on Fetcham Park.

BERKELEY HOMES/HOWARD OF EFFINGHAM SCHOOL PLANNING INQUIRY

**Starting 16th May for 12 days until Friday 2nd June (first day at G Live then at Council offices at Millmead)
No Monday sittings or on Wednesday 17th June. Tuesday start at 10 am and Wednesday to Friday at 9.30 am**

Planning Inquiry before an Inspector to hear Appeal by Berkeley Homes against Guildford Borough Council's refusal on 9th March 2016 of planning application 14/P/02109 to rebuild the Howard of Effingham School on Effingham Lodge Farm, paid for by enabling development of 295 new homes. The reasons for refusal included:

- Inappropriate development in the Green Belt, with an insufficient case for very special circumstances, and effectively merging Effingham with Little Bookham
- Damage to the rural character of Effingham village, to the Conservation Area and to the setting of Listed buildings
- No provision of affordable housing
- Possibility of a severe impact on local highways

The Inspector will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Planning as the Secretary of State has "called in" the Inquiry ie decided to take the decision himself as the "appeal involves proposals for significant development in the Green Belt."

Effingham Parish Council has been granted 'Rule 6(6)' status at the Inquiry, meaning they will be a full party to the Inquiry, supporting the Borough Council's refusal of the application. EFFRA will submit a statement to the Inquiry. We will both reflect the opinions of residents against this development which were overwhelmingly expressed to EFFRA in 2014 and which residents have repeated to us since. Arrangements for attending the Inquiry and demonstrating residents' views will be discussed at our AGM, as these will contribute to the result of the Inquiry. If you cannot attend the AGM please consult the EFFRA website for details.

WISLEY AIRFIELD PLANNING INQUIRY

**Starting Tuesday 19th September 2017 for 16 days until Friday 13th October at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre
(No Monday sittings)**

Planning Inquiry before an Inspector to hear Appeal by the developer against Guildford Borough Council's refusal on 8th April 2016 of planning application 15/P/00012 to build 2,068 dwellings on the former Wisley Airfield and other Green Belt land at Hatch Lane, Ockham.

This development if it goes ahead is likely to have a major adverse impact on Effingham and the whole local area, particularly seriously affecting roads and stations as this site is not close to a railway station and Horsley and Effingham Junction would be the closest stations. It will be a major development on Green Belt land and adversely affect the Thames Basin SPA at Wisley and Ockham Commons SSSIs, due to the large increase in people, dogs and cats, and lead to a further reduction in air quality, which will have a particularly negative impact on ground nesting birds which are of importance on the site.

Both the Parish Council and EFFRA will be making statements to this Inquiry. Shortly you will receive a joint questionnaire through your door from EFFRA and the Parish Council asking for your own views about this. We appreciate that you have had a number of questionnaires recently but the questionnaire results will be important for us both to represent your views at the Inquiry. We would be very grateful if you would complete and return it.



Wisley Common

The Effingham Residents Association was formed in the 1960s to:

- Safeguard and promote the interests of residents
- Assist the just, efficient and economical government of Effingham
- Render assistance in all matters for the benefit of the residents
- Encourage residents to take an active part in local affairs
- Investigate reasonable complaints regarding village related matters
- Secure the return of members to the Borough Council and Parish Council who support our aims and objectives
- Communicate directly with Councillors and Councils on a range of village related matters.

All Effingham residents over the age of 18 years are considered to be members, unless they decline membership. Currently membership is free of charge. A company with premises in Effingham is also entitled to nominate a representative to become a member by applying to the Executive Committee via the Secretary.

An electronic copy of the Constitution is available free of charge by email upon request to the Secretary or can be read on our website. The EFFRA website is at www.effinghamresidents.org.uk It is dedicated to everything Effingham and is the place to go for information and find out what is on. To submit articles, comments or request advertising the editor can be contacted at editor@effinghamresidents.org.uk

The Secretary can be contacted at 01372 454003

EFFRA Committee

Vivien White *Chairman*
 David King *Secretary*
 Juliet Newton-Smith *Treasurer*
 James Brennan *Road Wardens Co-ordinator*
 Harry Clarke *Website Editor*
 Howard Manton
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