

Dear WEAG Supporters

**REMINDER** - The Annual Parish Meeting is an important village event. It is also the anniversary of the re-establishment of the West End Action Group (WEAG). We look forward to seeing you there, this Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 in the Sports Pavilion.

***The Five Year Housing Land Supply 2015 - 2020*** This document makes it clear that land on the reserve sites in West End does not need to be drawn upon in order for the Borough Council to achieve its housing targets in this period and beyond. However, we must be aware that planning applications currently with the Borough Council will go forward and be decided by the Planning Applications Committee.

We must all be on alert and informed. If in advance of a WEAG note you spot anything on the SHBC website that may have implications for West End do advise us on [Contact@weag.info](mailto:Contact@weag.info).

***Encouraging response from our MP*** Once again, we have written to the Rt Hon Michael Gove MP advising on the results of the exit poll following the Southern Heritage Developments exhibition on the proposal for 95 houses on land at Malthouse Farm. His response was encouraging in that he referred also to the exit poll following the Taylor Wimpey consultation, both of which reflect the strength of opposition in our community to large scale developments. He promised to write to Jenny Rickard, Executive Head of Regulator at SHBC, about our concerns.

A copy of Michael Gove's letter of response is placed on the WEAG website, [www.weag.info](http://www.weag.info)

***Spotlight on Community Services: Bisley & West End*** Guy Consterdine, WEAG Secretary, and I participated in this community consultation evening last Wednesday, along with a few other WEAG supporters. We took the opportunity of emphasising to Jenny Rickard and Jane Ireland in person the scale of local opposition to large housing estates on the reserve sites in West End. Jane is responsible for planning policy in Surrey Heath, and reports to Jenny. They already knew about WEAG's views, of course, because we have written to them a number of times, but we felt a face to face discussion with them would usefully underline the points. The breakout group in which we took part agreed that it is not a case of opposing all new housing; small-scale in-filling, particularly if it provides smaller homes, would be welcomed.

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