

Dear WEAG Supporters

*15/0844 Taylor Wimpey Land North of Beldam Bridge Road West End Woking  
“Outline planning application for the erection of 85 dwellings with **new access** and change of use of land to publicly accessible recreation space (SANG), car parking, landscaping and open space. (Details of access only to be agreed)”.*

Many of you will be aware, having received a letter from SHBC, that Taylor Wimpey have re-submitted their planning application for the land north of Beldam Bridge Road in relation to access and change to the SANG area.

The original planning application 14/0594 which was refused by the Borough Council went to appeal and is to take the form of an Appeal Inquiry, probably in April 2016. Since the key documents appear to be unchanged in this repeat application, all of the reasons for that refusal by the Borough Council still stand as do the 167 refusal representations by residents.

**Why** have Taylor Wimpey re-submitted more or less the same planning application following its refusal by SHBC? It is in accordance with legislation and means, in effect, that if the Planning Inspector reviewing the William Lacey appeal for 84 houses behind Kings Road determines that the development should go ahead, Taylor Wimpey will already be in position to have their own application approved quickly – more quickly than if they waited for their own Appeal Inquiry in April.

### **The objections made to the original application**

The objections put forward by WEAG and individual residents included, among others:

- housing targets can be met without building on this ‘reserve site’;
- building on green fields rather than on brown field sites as recommended by the Government, and the associated impact on biodiversity;
- Holy Trinity CofE school and Gordon’s are oversubscribed;
- the GP Practice is overloaded and may have to close the books;
- increased traffic on an already busy road;
- access on the sharp blind bend on Beldam Bridge Road would be dangerous.

In spite of the new application being labelled ‘Details of access only to be agreed’, our careful examination of the old and new plans shows that there is no change to the access. It remains the case that access on Beldam Bridge Road is very dangerous in our estimation. Indeed it is difficult to see where access from that section and side of Beldam Bridge Road could be considered safe.

### **The importance of making objections to the new application**

You will fully appreciate the importance of responding to the Borough Council on this resubmission.

- If you made representation on the previous application 14/0594 we suggest you confirm that your reasons for objection still stand. Reiterate the most important reasons and the fact that you believe the proposed access is still dangerous.
- If you did not make representation to the previous application 14/0594 we urge you to do so on this re-submission 15/0884. This can be done in writing or online.

To access SHBC planning applications and review the documents, go to: [www.surreyheath.gov.uk](http://www.surreyheath.gov.uk) and click on the ‘Search Planning Applications’ link in the Top Tasks section, then click on ‘Search current and historical applications’, then enter planning application ref: 15/0844 in the search box and click ‘search’.

To comment on the planning application online go to:

<http://www.surreyheath.gov.uk/webform/submit-planning-representation>

You can also e-mail [development.control@surreyheath.gov.uk](mailto:development.control@surreyheath.gov.uk).

Alternatively, you can mail or hand deliver your comments to Development Control, Surrey Heath Borough Council, Surrey Heath House, Knoll Road, Camberley, Surrey GU15 3HD. For those who received a formal letter from SHBC, a form was enclosed for sending in comments.

Please ensure that you quote the application reference number 15/0884.

The deadline for comment is 25<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

### **The 2014 Petition - IMPORTANT**

Last year WEAG and supporters mounted a very successful petition against the Taylor Wimpey planning application, attracting more than 830 signatures. This was a substantial task to accomplish and we do not plan to repeat it this time. Instead may we suggest you mention the petition in any submission of your own, to help give the petition a second life.

Best regards

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