

WEAG

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Dear WEAG Supporters

WEAG attended the Planning Applications Committee (PAC) meeting on 21 July at which Taylor Wimpey's third application to build 85 houses on land to the North of Beldam Bridge Road (16/0323) was discussed. The main differences between this application and the previous two were some small changes to the outline drainage plan and the abandonment of the SANGS provision to the North of the site.

The Chair reminded the Committee that as they had already approved TW's previous application for this site (15/0884) the only substantive issue to be decided was the non-provision of the SANGS. Jeff Llewellyn spoke on behalf of WEAG arguing that the alternative SANGS provision proposed at Chobham Meadows 2.5 km away was unrealistic as residents on the development would be unlikely to use it, preferring instead to take their animals to Brentmoor Heath in the SPA which was only 800 metres away. The maximum time allowed for his presentation was 3 minutes during which time he raised points about the dangerous access onto Beldam Bridge Road, the fact that the site was safeguarded from development under the Local Plan and that the development was unsustainable. Diane Doney speaking for herself raised points about the ecological impacts, incomplete and unsatisfactory surveys of wildlife and drainage issues.

There was an extensive discussion amongst the members of the Committee and both our Borough Councillors, Nick Price and Adrian Page, spoke strongly against the application. Much of the argument centred on drainage aspects and the increased risk of flooding from the river Bourne. The drainage consultant from TW was insistent that there would be no increased flood risk. The detailed drainage plans will be considered at the 'reserved matters' planning application for the site. The outcome was that the application was approved by 8 votes to 7 with no abstentions. It was noteworthy that the Councillors voting against were from West End, Bisley and Chobham, wards most likely to be affected by flooding from the river Bourne. Had we been able to convince one more Councillor to Vote against the application, it would have been refused!

The WEAG Committee is now turning its attention to the 'Reserved Matters' application (16/0554) for the William Lacey development on land behind Kings Road. We have already submitted a long list of detailed objections including *inter alia* density of development, streetscape, drainage and ecological impacts.

Next up will be our presentation to the Planning Inspectorate's hearing on the refused application to build 94 dwellings on land behind Malthouse Farm. The Hearing is to be held in Camberley on 20 September. We hope that as many of you as possible will come to support us.

Thakeham Homes has now submitted a full planning application for 35 Homes on land behind the Western End of Kings Road under reference 16/0679. Details can be found [here](#) and you can make your comments/objections as always online via the SHBC website <http://www.surreyheath.gov.uk/webform/submit-planning-representation>

Regards

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