

# West End Action Group (WEAG)

January 2019

- **PROPOSED HOUSING ON WEST END'S GREEN BELT**
- **WHAT YOU CAN DO**

Dear WEAG supporters,

2019 starts with West End's Green Belt land being attacked in two places. One is a proposal by developer Fairfax for up to 74 houses on land south of Fenns Lane; this is at the public consultation stage before a planning application is submitted. The other is a current planning application for four houses in Fairfield Lane. Although only a relatively small plot, if this application is approved it will breach the principle of not building on the Green Belt, which will weaken the defence against the larger proposal at Fenns Lane, and any other proposals that would be likely to follow such a breach.

While the several housing estates currently being built in West End were approved after going to appeal, the appeals succeeded because the estates were on Reserved Land – land identified for building at a later date, but brought forward. A key difference about the Fenns Lane and Fairfield Lane sites is that these are on Green Belt land, where no building is supposed to take place ever.

## Fenns Lane proposal

The scheme has not yet been published in detail: it will be revealed by Fairfax at an Open Evening on Tuesday 29 January, to which everyone is "cordially invited", in the Sports Pavilion from 5.00pm to 7.30pm.

WEAG wishes to establish residents' opinions after they've seen the exhibition, because this would be very valuable in responding to the planning application when it's put in. Accordingly we plan to conduct an exit poll as residents leave the building. However we need some volunteers to ask the questions – an easy and sociable task, for a half-hour shift per person. The simple instructions, question sheets and full support will be provided. Can you help please? If so, contact us by emailing [contact@weag.info](mailto:contact@weag.info) as soon as possible.

Another date for your diary is Monday 11 February when WEAG will hold a public meeting to discuss the Fenns Lane proposal; the result of the exit poll; the challenges to our Green Belt; the Committee's considered reaction to the situation; and to obtain reactions from our supporters. The meeting will also serve as WEAG's AGM, a formal necessity that will only take a few minutes. This will be held at the Sports Pavilion, Benner Lane, from 7.30pm.

## Fairfield Lane

Planning application 18/0863 is the first to apply to build new houses on the Green Belt around West End. At present the land is a grazing paddock, backed by fields and open countryside. As mentioned earlier, although it is only for four houses, approval would breach the long-held principle of not allowing building on the Green Belt. Once that principle goes, the rest of our Green Belt land will be at great risk, and not just the Fenns Lane site.

It is therefore in the interests of everyone who believes West End should not expand into its Green Belt that the Fairfield Lane application should be rejected. To this end, WEAG encourages you to submit a formal objection, even if only a single sentence saying there should be no building on Green Belt land. To see details of the planning application, and how to object, see the footnote below. The deadline is 4 February.

Regards

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*How to see and object to Fairfield Lane planning application 18/0863:*

You can find full details of the planning application on the Surrey Heath Borough Council (SHBC) website: [www.surreyheath.gov.uk/residents/planning/planning-applications-search](http://www.surreyheath.gov.uk/residents/planning/planning-applications-search)

Click on the green Search heading, then in the dialogue box enter the application number: 18/0863.

Alternatively, click [here](#) and you will go straight to the submission.

Objections may be made in several ways:

- On SHBC website. The main search link above also has a heading 'Comment or object to a planning application'; clicking on that explains how to do it or click [here](#) to go straight to it. When it asks for the location of the planning application use *LAND EAST OF SHANGRI-LA, FAIRFIELD LANE, WEST END, WOKING, GU24 9QX*
- By email: development.control@surreyheath.gov.uk
- By letter to: Regulatory Services, Surrey Heath Borough Council, Surrey Heath House, Knoll Road, Camberley GU15 3HD

Be sure to quote the reference number 18/0863. The deadline is 4 February.