Stour Valley Action Group

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Newsletter

13 February 2012

Dear Supporter,

Please find following SVAG's formal representations to CBC in relation to application 120965. These were hand delivered to the Planning Office on Friday 8th February and are now publicly available on the CBC Planning Website.

1) SVAG's covering letter:
http://www.stourvalleyactiongroup.org.uk/Files/SVAGRespLetterFeb2013.pdf

2) Planning Policy Review prepared by Pomery Planning Consultants on behalf of SVAG:
http://www.stourvalleyactiongroup.org.uk/Files/SVAGRespPomeryPolicyReviewFeb2013.pdf

3) SVAG's assessment of the Viability Issues:
http://www.stourvalleyactiongroup.org.uk/Files/SVAGRespViabilityFeb2013.pdf

4) Mark Lowe QC - Legal Advice on behalf of SVAG:
http://www.stourvalleyactiongroup.org.uk/Files/SVAGRespMLoweQCFeb2013.pdf

At the final count of supplementary letters to CBC with regards to this application, there have been only 3 letters of support and 281 letters of objection since January. The total numbers for and against since the application was submitted in 2012 are only **368 'for'** and **1108 'against'**. Thank you to all of you who have taken the time to write.

The great majority of the new objection letters respond to new information that has appeared in the various expert Consultant reports recently published by CBC. Many express anger at the lack of openness in the consultation process and at the planning officers' expressed intention to ignore the negative advice in these reports and recommend in favour of the application. Some of the new letters present authoritative new research on the subjects of the viability of the project, the flawed basis of Buntings' visitor number projections, and the doubts about their ability to put on a credible show of genuine Constables in the Chantry Gallery.

A selection of the most notable letters can be found on the "Horkesley Park Key Issues" page of the revised SVAG website **http://www.stourvalleyactiongroup.org.uk/HorkesleyPark2.html**.

REMINDER: Please plan to be at The Charter Hall, Colchester for the Council's Planning Committee Meeting to decide this application. It is crucial that we present as big a body of opposition as possible at this meeting. Badges will be provided and we need the Councillors at the meeting to see a visual display of objection. Please come.

Date: **THURSDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2013 at 6:00pm (ARRIVE EARLY!)**

Venue: **Charter Hall, Colchester Leisure Centre, Cowdray Avenue, Colchester, CO1 1YH** (**http://www.charter-hall.co.uk/contactcharterhall**).

Best regards

Will Pavry (Chairman, Stour Valley Action Group