



NEWSLETTER
November 1st 2009

Dear Member,

I last wrote to you in September on the Horkesley Park developments. Since then there have been very few developments in the public domain.

We continue to keep in close touch with the Colchester Borough Council Planning Office and I have spoken to Mr Davies several times. I am advised that the revised traffic data requested by the Highways Agency in their letter of 7th May is still outstanding from Buntings. When this has been submitted, it is anybody's guess how long it will take the Highways Agency, Essex County Council Highways and Suffolk Highways to present their comments to Colchester Borough Council. Following that, the Planning Office still has to prepare its recommendations to Council and I understand from Mr Davies that there are still a number of other issues outstanding that need to be resolved to the Council's satisfaction by Buntings. The directions in the letter from the Highways Agency remain valid until 7th November 2009 and we have written to the Council to ask for clarification as to what happens if the matters raised in the letter are not resolved by that date.

We have written to all Councillors on the Planning Committee again to remind them of the key issues about which we are concerned. A copy of this letter will be put on the web site.

We are advised that Buntings have written to a number of local Parish Councils requesting copies of correspondence relating to the Horkesley Park Application under the Freedom of Information Act. We cannot imagine what is behind this request and what they hope to achieve by it.

You may have seen the recent article and correspondence in the Essex County Standard concerning the £1M bid by the Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Project for Heritage Lottery Funding. A quotation from Sula Rayska of Rayska Heritage Consultants in Shrewsbury in the ECS article appeared to imply that planning permission for Horkesley Park would be granted. We wrote to correct this impression in my letter to the ECS published on October 30th.

I think we all felt that the Horkesley Park issue would have moved on to the next stage some months ago. There is still no clear date for it to be considered by the Colchester Borough Council Planning Committee. When we know this date, we will let you know and will need all the support we can muster at the Council hearing.

Thank you for your continued support.

Will Pavry
Chairman, Stour Valley Action Group