



Stour Valley Action Group

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Newsletter



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Dear Member,

HORKESLEY PARK - URGENT URGENT URGENT

We have been advised by Colchester Borough Council Planning Services that the Planning Committee meeting to decide the Horkesley Park application will be held on February 14th in the Moot Hall in Colchester - presumably at 6.00pm but this timing has yet to be confirmed. We understand that the Planning Services 'balanced recommendation will be favourable'. We fail to understand how they have reached this conclusion particularly in view of the conclusions in their own Planning Policy department's report which is crucial. The final two sentences of this say:

"The Britton McGrath Associates report makes it clear the proposal is not considered viable as proposed and therefore there is considerable uncertainty as to if the benefits would be delivered. Planning Policy object to the proposal as there is considerable conflict with national, regional and local policies as set out above in particular with regards to the proposal's unsustainable location for a major development, the high levels of unsustainable travel and the scale and impact of the development proposed."

This report is now on the CBC website (*dated 21 Dec Policy Response*) and refers to consultant reports from Britton McGrath, Nathaniel Lichfield and Partners and Vectos which have not been published for reasons we do not understand. From references in the Planning Policy report it would seem that these are all unfavourable to the Application. We simply do not understand how Planning Services can have reached their favourable recommendation in view of so much considered objection from their own experts.

We have a meeting scheduled with the Council to discuss their position in the New Year.

In order to prepare for the crucial February meeting we will hold a meeting in Little Horkesley Village Hall on January 16th at 7.00pm.

MAKE SURE YOU COME ON JANUARY 16th AND TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE ON FEBRUARY 14th.

WE WILL WIN THIS BATTLE!!!!

Will Pavry
Chairman, Stour Valley Action Group