



NEWSLETTER December 2009

Dear Member,

Just to up-date you on Horkesley Park developments, we have continued to keep in regular touch with Colchester Borough Council Planning Office. They are still waiting for answers to questions raised by the Highways Agency in May 2009 and various other issues raised by the CBC. Until Buntings have dealt with these, the Highways Agency cannot put forward their final recommendations, Essex Highways cannot put forward their findings and the Planning Office cannot put forward its final recommendations to the Planning Committee. You may remember that the Highways Agency (which is responsible for the A12) raised issues about the traffic studies submitted by Buntings being out of date according to Department for Transport guidelines. The original deadline set for answers to these issues was November 7th. This has now been extended to May 10th 2010!

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 is on the web site.

We are advised that Buntings have written to a number of Parish Councils requesting copies of correspondence relating to the Horkesley Park Application under the Freedom of Information Act. They have now extended this to the Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Project. 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 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 erroneous impression in our letter to the ECS published on October 30th.

We must expect that the Application will come before Council for their determination early in 2010. When it does we will need all your support to ensure that it is rejected for all the many reasons that have been identified since it was lodged in February 2009 – the fourth proposal in 8 years! We will continue to keep in close touch with the Council Officers and will advise you as soon as we hear anything more definite. In the mean time, please continue to watch our web site on www.stourvalleyactiongroup.org.uk. Many of you are already on our e-mail data-base, but if you wish to be added, please contact us on info@stourvalleyactiongroup.org.uk.

In the mean time, your Committee and I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and to thank you for your continued support.

Will Pavry,
Chairman, Stour Valley Action Group.