

# HALSTEAD GREENBELT FUTURE GROUP



Good day and again thank you to those who attended the meeting with SDC for open consultation on 13 and 16 Aug in the village pavilion.

The consultation raised many valid points and represented an excellent opportunity to gain an understanding of the proposed developments on the green belt and at Fort Halstead, plus the ribbon of development that will potentially link the sites. What has always been an area of outstanding natural beauty and ecological diversity will be lost forever as SDC place 14%, yes 14 out of every 100 houses they plan to build will be HERE, with developers pushing to build and profit from building almost 2000 homes in and around our small community.

One developer has lobbied elite sports clubs in Sevenoaks to support them in developing on Halstead green belt. To incentivise the clubs a cash donation of £1.25 million will be made in return for their members writing to Sevenoaks District Council Planning Department, supporting the 850 homes planned for the green belt.

HGBF group needs our membership to react and write letters to defend the green belt and the benefits it brings to our community. On Wednesday 22 Aug 14:00 to 20:00 we will be holding a workshop at the village hall to help you write a letter that will make a difference. To further assist there will be stationary, typing and printing facilities available for us. We can offer you a sense of community, tea, coffee and biscuits. If you would like to make a donation to help us, that would be gratefully received BUT what we really WANT and NEED is a letter of objection and for you to spread the word.

We have over 500 members who all need to give up 30 mins to write that letter to save the green belt. We also ask you to get every member of your household to join us and join in, with regards to writing their own letter. Is this area of outstanding natural beauty worth 30 mins of your time? We think so.

HGBF will also be in attendance at Halstead Village Hall for the Autumn Fair and Horticultural Show, Saturday 1st September at Halstead 14:00 to 16:00 to provide answers to any questions you have.

## **Short term key dates**

22 Aug - 14:00-20:00 Letter Writing / Help to make your voice count for our community workshop / where to send and what else to do.

6 Sep - Last day to post letters

10 Sep - Council consultation closes at 17:00.

Many thanks

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