PANSHANGER PEOPLE

Current news and issues, Feb 19th 2013

Local people have come together in opposition to the council's proposal to build 700 homes across the aerodrome site. It was apparent to many of us that a large proportion of Panshanger residents knew nothing of these plans and so were not in a position to object to them.

A band of dedicated local people came together to raise awareness of the issue and help people get their voices heard.

The consultation is now closed and we are told that 3000 responses were submitted.

But it doesn't stop there!

We formed a new local group that will continue to challenge the council's proposals.

For example:

- Why are the council promoting only Panshanger and Hatfield, when they also found several other suitable sites around the borough? Why can't development be spread more evenly across the borough?

- Why was the decision to put 700 homes on this site taken before key background information, intended to facilitate decision making, even published to council members?

- Why were residents views, last canvassed in 2009, ignored this time around?

- Why were nearby homes not leafleted by the council at all?

In other news...

Walkers on the Hillyfields meadow might have noticed that the wooded area has recently been thinned out. This was planned work , designed to stop the canopy overshadowing the woodland floor, thus encouraging growth of smaller plants and shrubs. This should lead to a great diversity of both flora and fauna. Red Kites have been seen regularly swooping above the airfield and Hillyfields meadow. Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust are carrying out an egg hunt, looking for signs of the Brown Hairstreak butterfly on the 25th Feb.

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