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## KINGS LANGLEY GREEN BELT UPDATE

• FEBRUARY 2018 •

Dear Residents and Neighbours

This Newsletter is to update you following the Extraordinary Parish Meeting of the Parish Council on the 14th November 2017 and the Village Poll held on the 14th December 2017. It is also to identify the further actions that both the Parish Council

and other action groups, specifically Kings Langley and District Residents' Association (KLDRA) are planning. Dacorum Borough Council have recently indicated that no decisions are likely to be made until the end of the year.

### • VILLAGE POLL RESULTS •

**Do you believe the Green Belt in and around the parish should be developed, as is being considered in the Dacorum Local Plan 2017 consultation?**

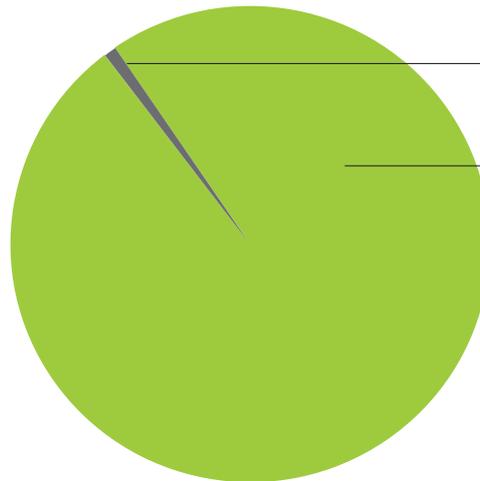
**Total votes cast 1375**

Votes Against the development 1360 (99%)

Votes in favour of the development 13 (1%)

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Eligible electorate 4063 (turnout 33.84%)



VOTES IN FAVOUR

VOTES AGAINST

**99% OF THOSE WHO VOTED WERE OPPOSED TO MAJOR DEVELOPMENT IN KINGS LANGLEY**

### • LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION RESPONSES •

**We have asked Dacorum Borough Council for various figures relating to responses to the consultations, to which their reply was:**

“Initial estimates are that we received around **600 emails** and **7,046 comments** from almost **700 people** across Dacorum. There were a handful of letters / postal questionnaires too, plus of course the Kings Langley postcards. This is a much higher response

rate than for any previous planning consultations. This final count has yet to be done as we are concentrating on inputting responses onto the online system. Once done we can then pull out the number of responses to each of the questions posed (as most emails / letters covered a range of different questions). We will let you have these figures as soon as we can, but there are still many weeks of work left to do before we can confirm total figures.”

**Our plan is to galvanise not just Kings Langley residents but also those in the directly affected areas: parts of Abbots Langley, Apsley, Nash Mills, Chipperfield, etc to contribute to the various petitions over the months of February and March.**

**> Sir Mike Penning's on-line petition at:**

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/206106>

1492 signatures on to date

Mike would like as many signatures as possible to his 'on-line' campaign in order that he can present this to the House of Commons.

**> Parish Council written petition**

532 signatures on Parish Council petition to date

Further information on the success of the petitions will be presented to the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 12th April 2018. It is proposed to make this written petition available as widely as possible on Notice Boards, various press outlets, shops, other local Parish Councils, through social media, websites etc and to encourage residents to collect signatures in their own neighbourhood. These will need to be returned to the Kings Langley Parish Council offices; a copy is also available to sign at the Parish Council offices.

I trust you feel you can support this next stage of this initiative to protect our village in a balanced and sustainable way.

## Howard Button

Chairman, Kings Langley Parish Council



### KINGS LANGLEY AND DISTRICT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

# THE FIGHT GOES ON

Firstly, a huge THANK YOU to the hundreds of people who responded to the Local Plan consultation and to everyone who donated to the fighting fund of the KLDRA, enabling us to submit our own detailed, professionally produced response.

#### CURRENT ACTIVITY

Whilst there will be a delay until the end of 2018 before the next stage (Pre-Submission), which will involve a further 6 weeks of formal consultation, KLDRA is working hard to raise funds and gather more information to support our arguments about: loss of amenity and valued landscape, lack of a suitable road and public transport network for traffic which already passes through the village from Apsley, Bovingdon, Chipperfield, Hemel Hempstead, Berkhamsted, Tring and other parts of the borough to reach London and the M25, over-subscribed schools and over-worked local GP services.

In the next few months we will be looking to address the implications of the new infrastructure which has been identified for each site. For example, on the Shendish Estate it has been suggested this would include: improved road access onto London Road and new road access from Rucklers Lane, new pedestrian links to Apsley Railway station and a new primary school. The idea that the developer would pay for this or that Hertfordshire County Council could afford to pay for this seems overly optimistic (to put it politely). We will continue to work with the Parish Council, residents and other groups to ensure we remain well informed about any developments and are best placed to protect the Green Belt in Kings Langley.

#### FUND RAISING QUIZ

Fund raising will include a quiz at 8.15pm (doors open at 7.30pm) on Friday 9th March at Kings Langley Services Club. Your team of up to 4 people (@£4 per head) can book their place by contacting Vall Lee on 01923 263563.

#### DONATIONS

To continue to fight the current proposals for large scale housing development in Kings Langley, we need you to donate; donations can be made by cheque payable to 'KLDRA' or by bank transfer:

Name: Kings Langley & District Residents Association  
Sort Code: 20-39-07 Account Number: 10394165

PayPal donations can be sent via our website. You can also find out more about KLDRA:

On our website: [www.greenbeltmatters.com](http://www.greenbeltmatters.com) (including our response to the Local Plan consultation which was paid for by public donations).

By emailing: [residents@greenbeltmatters.com](mailto:residents@greenbeltmatters.com)

On our Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/greenbeltmatters](https://www.facebook.com/greenbeltmatters)

You can drop off correspondence, KLDRA application forms and donations at the Kings Langley Parish Office, Charter Court, Vicarage Lane, Kings Langley WD4 9HR.

**NON-COMPUTER USERS** can contact Ann Martin c/o this address for information about KLDRA.