

# STAG Meeting

Date: 24th May 2000  
To: All STAG members  
From: John Allford  
RE: Notes from Public meeting

Fiona White, explained that it was intended to use existing roads and retain as many of the existing good trees as possible.

At a meeting of Guildford Borough Council, on 17th. May, the Ministry of Defence had not agreed an upper limit of 500 housing units for the site. It was considered possible that a developer may want more.

Current Government requirement for a brown field site is from 30 to 50 units, per hectare as opposed to the GBC wish for between 20 and 25 units.

The MoD was prepared to contribute to the upgrading of Stoughton Road Bridge.

Jayne Marks, after explaining the brief history of Stoughton Action Group (STAG), informed the meeting that a planning enquiry was inevitable at some time. The Mod has submitted two identical planning applications, in order to be able to go to appeal on one at any time.

The following points, were either raised by the people on the floor of the meeting, or made in response to questions from those present.

1. On appeal the decision of the Department of the Environment is final.
2. It is not certain which part of the site, if any may be required for the Territorial Army.
3. The MoD has already put the development out to tender.
4. A Public Enquiry would take between 4 and 5 months, with a further 3 months before a result. Development could start the day after the result was known.
5. The council is pressing for part of the site to be set aside for Affordable Housing This being defined as, housing affordable by those on the council waiting list.
6. The land having been requisitioned in 1938, the question was raised, as to whether there may have been a requirement for it to return to common land.
7. Would it be possible to see the Surrey County Council Traffic Survey? The extent of the Mod survey was not known, but the SCC survey was over a large area.
8. The MoD intended to use existing roads, did not feel it appropriate to build new ones and considered that through access was required for emergency vehicles. It did not therefore agree to a council requirement for no through routes to control traffic flow in the area. It was considered that perhaps STAG should have direct contact with the MoD on this matter.
9. The point was raised about the need to improve the Johnston Walk/Worplesdon Road junction.
10. There is no site available at present for a Park & Ride scheme to north of Guildford.
11. It was suggested that local residents should carry out their own traffic survey.
12. The number of new housing units in Stoughton from 1981 to 1997 was 685.
13. No maximum number of units for the QE2 Barracks site is known
14. It was agreed that, in view of government guidelines on density of housing, there is no point in protesting on these grounds. Therefore the most productive line would be on the infrastructure.
15. STAG members should look at other developments of a similar size.
16. STAG and Guildford B.C. to find people wishing to run community facilities. Community facilities should not be in centre of employment area.
17. Residents should write to Carol Humphrey, at the Planning Department, Guildford Borough Council.

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