

# "Woodford United" Launched

The working group, Woodford United, announced in the last WCC Newsletter, had its first meeting on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June with twenty enthusiastic volunteers including two planning experts.

The feeling was unanimous and clear - "NO to 950 Houses".

A number of action groups have been set up, which will be reporting progress back to the steering committee this week and planning for a meeting with our MP, Mark Hunter, and our local Councillors, Bryan Leck, Brian Bagnall and Paul Bellis at the end of the week.



We would like to broaden the experience within the team to include a planning barrister, traffic engineer, landscape architect, and a commercial waste expert. We would also welcome additional assistance for leafleting, canvassing and fundraising. If you can help or know someone who will, please let us know.

We would also like to make contact with former BAE employees or maintenance engineers with specific site knowledge that could be shared with the team. For example, the sites of underground storage tanks, use of asbestos in building materials and insulation, and any toxic waste or contaminated ground.

If you can assist please contact info@woodfordcommunity.co.uk

#### **SPD Delayed**

Following pressure from WCC, Mark Hunter and our local Councillors, SMBC has agreed to delay the consultation on the Woodford Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) until after the holiday period. In a letter to the WCC Secretary, Paul Lawrence confirmed that it is now the Council's intention to seek approval for the SPD on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August and to run the six-week consultation period from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2012. The programme allows for discussion at the Bramhall and Cheadle Hulme Area Committee on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2012 and for final approval on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2012.

In the meantime, the Woodford United team is working on the draft SPD we have obtained.

# Woodford residents express their opinions on the proposed Woodford Aerodrome development

Following our last newsletter, many residents took the opportunity to write to express their opinions to our MP, Mark Hunter, to our Councillors and also to SMBC. Many copied their letter to us for inclusion on our "Have your say" page on the website. You can read these letters <u>here</u>.

If you have not written yet to Mark Hunter or our Councillors yet, we would urge you to do so and express your concerns now. We would appreciate you sending us a copy which we can add to 'Have your say'.

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### Woodford Aerodrome site news

We hear that Redrow have declared part of the site a "work site, hard hat area", and work has already started as evidenced by lorries seen leaving the site full of debris. Please let us know via <u>info@woodfordcommunity.co.uk</u> if you are affected or inconvenienced by the actions of the contractors carrying out this work or removing materials from the site.

## Poynton reveal their plans for the Cheshire East end of Woodford Aerodrome

In the Poynton Update and News circulated on Friday 22 June the "<u>Draft Town Strategy for Poynton</u>" was announced. The airfield is designated as Site A and shown in Figure 6.2 on page 14.

This shows the Poynton relief road realigned in a logical route across the airstrip with access roads to (1) an extension of the Bird Estate; (2) an area adjoining the Adlington Industrial Estate; (3) and a connection via the runway to the proposed Woodford Garden Village. The comments in the report state:

"Site A Land to the west of Poynton:

- It would be a strategic mixed-use site requiring comprehensive master planning.
- The site would provide a good quality development delivering up to 1,000 homes and suitable provision of land for employment purposes."

Unfortunately this proposal, when viewed together with the current Redrow 'Woodford Garden Village' plan, could lead to the effective loss of over 50% of the Green Belt the two councils originally pledged to retain.

Already one Newsletter reader from Poynton has sent his comments to Malcolm Adams, the Poynton Town Clerk, with a copy sent to 'Have your say'. Click <u>here</u> to read his letter.

#### **Christ Church Woodford Summer Fair**

Celebrating 170 years of Christ Church Woodford At the Woodford Centre Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2012 - Official opening at 12.00 noon

#### SIGN UP FOR THE NEWSLETTER!

It is vitally important to all the communities surrounding Woodford airfield that our views carry weight and that we can react promptly to changing events. For this, we need as many as possible to be signed up for the community newsletter. If a friend or an organization has forwarded this newsflash to you, please ensure that you continue to receive copies of all future newsflashes and newsletters by subscribing here.

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