

UPDATE ON WARNEFORD MEADOW FROM HILL TOP ROAD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Dear resident,

We now have confirmation that the Strategic Development Control Committee (SDCC) will discuss the Warneford planning applications at 2.30pm on Wednesday 25 April in the Town Hall. You are welcome to attend the meeting and Friends of Warneford Meadow are organising a demonstration, and taking members of SDCC round the Meadow this coming Saturday. The time for objections at the meeting is limited to 5 minutes and the use of this time is being co-ordinated between the local residents' association chairs and Friends of Warneford Meadow.

We also have confirmation of what exactly will and won't be decided at that meeting. The Planning Officers are recommending **deferral of decisions on the existing outline planning applications, but ACCEPTANCE of the principle of development on the three sites** (Playing Field, Park Hospital and Warneford Meadow). They are recommending that discussions should continue (on an unspecified timetable) in relation to the amount and nature of the development before outline planning permission is granted.

This is therefore a very important moment to write to the members of the SDCC to remind them of our objections to the proposed developments.

Who to write to

Write to/email everyone on this committee if you have time. The members are:

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Points to include

Application references are 06/01559/OUT and 06/01560/OUT for the Meadow, 06/01540/OUT for the Playing Field, and 06/01561/OUT and 06/01562/OUT for the Park Hospital site.

It would be helpful to include these points to express your support for the Residents' Associations' joint response which argues against all development on the Meadow.

- The Meadow is a green-field site performing important hydrological, ecological and recreational functions, and should not be lost to development. Alternative available brown-field sites exist and should be used.
- The application for "Assisted Housing" on the Playing Field is not permitted usage in the Oxford Local Plan, and evidence of need for it in this location has not been provided. The Playing Field is the most suitable site for student accommodation, closest to Brookes.
- The Park Hospital site is best used for key worker housing.
- There should be no development of office space on any of the three sites. This would generate the most additional traffic in a congested area and is not needed in this location.
- North East Area Committee councillors have already supported the joint Residents' Associations' response and recommended rejection of any development on the Meadow. The Planning Officers' recommendations appear to ignore this.

Laura Elliott (60) and Karen Spiller (64)