

Save Barton Farm Group

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Dear Supporter

PUBLIC MEETING – 7.00 FOR 7.30 PM, TUESDAY 24 APRIL 2001 VARLEY HALL, PETER SYMONDS COLLEGE - WINCHESTER

There has been much activity since our last Newsletter. We are holding a Public Meeting at Varley Hall, Peter Symonds College on 24 April 2001, to inform you of the latest events and to remind you that the threat of mass development north of Winchester is very much alive. However, we are fighting, cajoling and consulting to ensure this does not happen, **but we still need your continued support.** Some of the events over the past few months are:



Winchester City Council (WCC) is defining an area of search for the siting of the proposed Major Development Area (MDA), north of Winchester. This defines the area as follows: **north to South Wonston; west of Littleton to the Stockbridge Road; east to Kings Worthy to the M3.**



Initial tentative sites for the MDA have already been identified by WCC to include: **Barton Farm; Littleton; South Wonston; Kings Worthy.** Developers have interests in all the land north of Winchester to South Wonston and beyond.



SBFG is involved with the drafting of WCC's Local Plan as part of the Stakeholder Group of consultees. The draft Local Plan should be published in October 2001 – **YOUR SUPPORT** will influence the outcome.



SBFG is already the largest community group in Winchester but we aim to increase our membership to **10,000 – NUMBERS COUNT.**



Central Government's revised housing figures threaten Hampshire's countryside and Winchester's unique setting.



Flooding – The Environment Agency asks for evidence of flooding north of Winchester – SBFG provide the evidence.

Developers are impervious to the increased pressure on public services, schools, hospitals, roads and transport, etc -

Profit before the needs of the people of Winchester - this is the reality we are fighting against.

We need you to attend the public meeting – please see draft agenda overleaf

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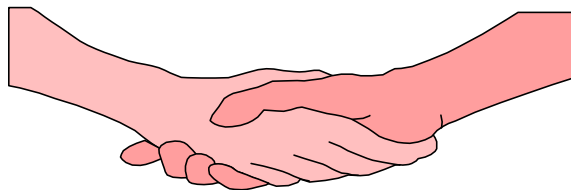
1. What has the SBFG been doing?
2. Where are we in the local planning process?
3. The draft Local Plan – a layman's guide
4. What an MDA would mean to Winchester
5. Launch of the SBFG Website
6. Fundraising – how much and what for
7. Urgent action - how you can help
8. Open forum – we welcome your views

The meeting is crucial. We need your views, advice, feedback and support to help us meet the Local Plan deadlines. We look forward to seeing you there.

To help us...

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**WINCHESTER GUILDHALL CONFERENCE
TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2001**



SBFG hosted a Conference at the Guildhall attended by: our MP; the prospective Parliamentary candidates; City and County Councillors; Parish Councillors; Chairpersons of national and local community groups. The aim of the Conference was to draw together the delegates' expertise and to harness these in order to:

1. Influence the outcome of Winchester City Council's Local Plan to ensure protection for the City of Winchester and to avoid the proposed Major Development Area (MDA) at Winchester North
2. Make a concerted effort to protect Winchester City from ANY threat of development that would destroy the balance between the historic City and its landscape setting.

The meeting was a great success - everyone had Winchester's best interests at heart. In the absence of a Town Council for Winchester, this forum drew together all the relevant representatives. Invaluable support and advice was obtained from the Conference. The main points were:

- If an MDA is to be built anywhere in the Area of Search, then Winchester as we know it today would be destroyed
- The plight of Winchester needs to be aired at a national level – Winchester is part of our nation's heritage
- Frequent and vocal opposition is needed to fight the threat of an MDA.

Following this successful Conference, it was agreed to hold similar events to shadow the progress of the Local Plan. The Conference showed that the SBFG is a respected community group both within and beyond the City of Winchester. We intend to go from strength to strength – **but we can only do so with your support.**