



TRACKS - Update 46 - MEETING WITH PARISH COUNCILLORS1 message

Stuart Pole <stuartpole@btinternet.com> 23 July 2018 at 10:46 **TRACKS' Members****Update 46 – Meeting with Aldenham Parish Councillors, 16 July**

The above was attended by committee members Judy Weisser, Alfred Boyden and Stuart Pole. Parish (APC) Councillors present were Estelle Samuelson, Viv Charrett, Gill Balen and Chris Wilkins. Invited but not present were Radlett's four Borough Councillors (Cllr. Clapper was on holiday).

The meeting was amicable, positive and productive – valuable information gained included:

1. The Borough Council (HBC) faces increasing issues, some relating to the Newberries site, others not. The collective impact is it could be impractical for HBC to proceed with any development proposal for Newberries in the near or predictable future (or, perhaps, ever).
2. In April TRACKS conducted its twelfth poll of residents – replies to the three question it asked were (a) 54% do not approve/agree with the HBC Consultative report (b) 87% approve/agree with TRACKS' Statement of Response (c) 91% oppose a major transformational development at Newberries. Responses were received from 11% of those polled.
3. APC has asked HBC to publically declare its current position and intent about Newberries, so residents may be fully, correctly and topically informed.
4. It is (has always been) the function of TRACKS to ensure no development scheme proceeds other than with the prior, positive agreement of the majority of Radlett residents.
5. It is not (has never been) the function of TRACKS to formulate or promote development schemes – this is the right and responsibility of Radlett residents.

TRACKS asked APC to repeat its request of APC (3 above), also stated it is TRACKS' request of HBC that it now either (i) announces no major development of Newberries will take place within five years or (ii) conducts a yes/no referendum of all residents: "Do you favour a major transformational development of Newberries?" (to be worded by HBC and TRACKS jointly). APC does not currently support such referendum, but will continue to urge HBC to publish its current position and intent.

N.B. Please help to ensure items 4 and 5 are correctly known and understood by your fellow residents.

Regards

TRACKS' Committee

Cc. APC Cllrs.

Cllr. Morris Bright, Leader HBC

Oliver Dowden, M.P.

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